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November
2023

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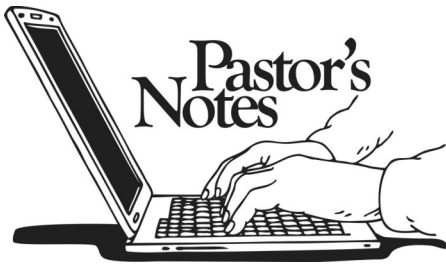
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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

In the book, "Sleeping with Bread," the authors, Dennis Linn, Sheila Fabricant Linn, and Matthew Linn tell the story of comforting separated and orphaned children during World War II by giving them a loaf of bread with which to sleep. The

children found it impossible to fall asleep because of their fears for the next day. Once the caretakers allowed them to go to sleep with a small loaf of bread, the biggest fear of being hungry the next day was soothed and they managed to fall asleep much more readily. The children could see that their needs for the day had been met, and that even if they woke to find the world changed once again, they at least knew that they would be able to eat something that day. In a world filled with uncertainty and change, we must be able to hold onto something that gives us the assurance we need to face the day.

The authors go on to talk about one of my favorite prayer practices called the Examen. The Examen, which is a form of prayer developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola, is a reflective practice designed to help individuals become more aware of God's presence in their daily lives. It is a super simple practice that can be used by anyone, even the youngest of children.

First, you reflect on your day and allow yourself to become more aware of God's presence in your life. Second it is to ask where were the moments of consolation and desolation. Those are the terms that Loyola uses. Personally, I find other words to be more helpful. Highs and Lows; Grace filled moments and disgrace moments; Positive and Negative, Easy and Hard moments; closest to God and furthest from God. The goal is to simply notice both of those types of moments in your day and to allow gratitude for both. The final step is simply to express gratitude to God about your moments of consolation and desolation; to say thank you. As you do this on a regular basis it cultivates a sense of what draws you closer to God and what pushes you away, as well as deepening your sense of gratitude that in all circumstances God is with you. This practice doesn't focus on false positivity but rather acknowledges the realness and complexity that life throws at us.

In this month where we spend time talking about "Thanksgiving" may we find ways to practice giving thanks on a regular basis. As we come to church to experience the presence of God in scripture and in sacrament may it help us to be aware of the ways our lives ripple God's love through the world. And may it be the "bread" we hold onto that gives us peace.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jen

Mark your calendars for the Advent/Christmas services in December.

Sunday, December 3 will be two services at 8:00 am with communion, and at 10:30 am.

Wednesday, December 6 will be an Advent Service "St. Nicholas Day" at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, December 10 will be one service at 9:30 am with communion and the Children's Christmas Program.

Sunday, December 17 will be one service at 9:30 am with communion and wear your Ugly Sweater Day.

Sunday, December 24 will be one service at 9:30 am with communion followed by Cookies & Cocoa from the Young at Heart Group.

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm with communion, candles, and Silent Night.

Sunday, December 31 will be one service at 9:30 am, Carol Service with no communion.



Join us for gift card shower!

In celebration of Pastor Jen, Malachi, and their faithful companion, FinnyBean, as they embark on a new journey to the parsonage, we invite you to shower them with your love and support. We are seeking gift cards to make their transition as smooth as possible. Gift cards for groceries and household items will be greatly appreciated. Your contributions will help them settle into their new home with comfort and convenience. Gift card suggestions: Meijer, Aldi, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Target, Lowes, Value City Furniture and doggie daycare. If you would like to know about restaurant gift cards, Malachi can provide recommendations for you.

Your generosity will ensure that Pastor Jen and Malachi have everything they need for their new home. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and blessings. Please place gift cards in the offering plate on Sunday mornings during the month of November. The cards will be provided to Pastor Jen following Sunday services.

Your well wishes will make this occasion even more special. Let's come together as a congregation to support and show our love to Pastor Jen, Malachi, and FinnyBean.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bango, Congregational Life Chairperson. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Youth and Family

FIRST COMMUNION

On October 29 Drew Robert Killingsworth, Emma Carol Killingsworth, Noah Robert Warner, Zane Martin Warner, Carlie Anna Wiedenheft & Ryan David Wiedenheft received their First Communion during regular worship services. Please congratulate these young members if you see them.



ON BEHALF OF ALL THE SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS, we would like to thank everyone who brought in the pods detergent containers that were used to make cute Fall decorations. And we thank everyone who participated in Trunk for Treats. The kids sure did get lots of nice treats and we appreciate you all!

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL "SENIOR MEMBER THANKSGIVING MEAL"! This year it will be held on Sunday, November 19th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall in the basement of the church. All the traditional fixins' for a Thanksgiving meal will be offered and once again will be served by our Youth group. But, **WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP** to help us in our preparation of the meal. So, **PLEASE** sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office by Sunday, November 12th if you plan to attend.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



As our worship service times are changing again this year during Advent, mark your calendars now and save the date for our **ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT THE 9:30 AM SERVICE.** The program will take the place of the sermon and this year will take us around the world to different countries to learn how they celebrate Christmas. And after the worship service, we will have different candies, cookies, and drinks from these countries for you to enjoy. The kids have already started practicing for the program so we hope you can all come out and enjoy it!

And while you're at it, save the date of December 16th for the **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** ceremony and the placing of the wreaths starting at noon. Please watch for more information on this event in the weeks to come.





PROJECT SHARE IN CASTALIA has once again asked us to help them with their gift giving this year for Christmas. As in the past, there is a small Christmas tree outside the church office that has 10 stars on it and each star has the item that is needed. You simply take a star, purchase the item, and return it to the basket by the tree. There is no need to wrap your item. But we only have until November 12th to have the items ready for pick up. So please feel free to take one or as many as you want and help us to help this great organization!



we can borrow.

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT WE need for our Sunday School Christmas program this year. We are in need of empty paper towel rolls, and we need to borrow some 2-3 foot artificial Christmas trees. There is a tote in the upstairs Sunday school department for the paper towel rolls to go in and please let Sally Warner know if you have a tree



AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE WILL BE ASKING FOR SEATS AND FEETS (underwear and socks) for Care and Share and Crossroads Homeless Shelter. Both are out of gloves/mittens this fall so we are asking for these donations earlier than normal. Watch for the tree in the back of the sanctuary.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

OUR ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE will be back again this year also. This is our annual wider church mission support event and will begin later in November.



THANKOFFERING BOXES OR ENVELOPES

Will be available soon. Trinity is once again not doing a Pork and Sauerkraut Meal this year. This event was one of our big money makers for the Community Mission Fund.

With this change we encourage you to pick up a box or envelope to put donations in for the Community Mission Fund. These funds go to the local organizations that were approved on page five of the budget.

Make a daily contribution starting Thanksgiving Day through Christmas Eve
Return on Christmas Eve

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2023

Monday, October 23, 2023

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 53,420.46 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 58,946.88 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 855.18 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 98,712.34 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 3,916.74 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 276,904.50 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 40,361.97 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 53,543.83 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 505.77 |
| Total Assets | | \$587,187.67 |
| Liabilities | | |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 240.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 190.48 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 23.40 |
| Total Liabilities | | \$453.88 |
| Fund Balances | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 74,520.48 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 2,799.76 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 39,045.57 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 102,629.08 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 36,784.80 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 505.77 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 276,904.50 |
| <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | | <i>\$455,869.72</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 53,543.83 |
| Total Fund Balances | | \$586,733.79 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | | <u>\$587,187.67</u> |



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - October 12, 2023 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft, Opening devotions were given by Carrie Wiedenheft

Visitors to Council – Dave Thornbury from National Webcasts came and gave an overview of his proposal for a video camera and the equipment to run it. Discussion followed as Old Business.

Minutes of previous meeting (September 2023) were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes with the following corrections: Under assistant to count at next meeting Millie's name was misspelled and Betsy's last name was omitted in the attendance. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for September 2023 was reviewed. Jim noted that the treasurer's report was missing an update from Edward Jones and Thrivent as they weren't received until the day of council. He stated that the funds had gone down from what was on the report that was handed out. Nancy made a motion to accept the September Treasurer's report. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie requested that name tags be worn this Sunday to help Pastor Jen to know who everyone was. Pat made a motion to accept the nomination of Gayle Thompson to the council ballot for Witness and Welcome. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jen thanked everyone for their understanding of her absence from last month's council meeting as she needed to go see her dad who was at the hospital out of state. She met with the Confirmation kids and parents and planned talked and planned out the program. There are three kids participating. P. Jen needs to get with Mariska on when she would like to do her confirmation service. First Communion meets next weekend with October 29th being First Communion during both services. P. Jen is participating in a text study for area pastors on Wednesday mornings.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – First Communion will be October 29. Classes will be on October 22 and 28 for parents and students. Trunk for Treats will be October 29 prior to Sunday School. Senior meal (55+) will be on November 19 at noon.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – Wreaths Across America met its goal for all Venice cemeteries. Jim will deliver the GWOH health kits on Saturday, November 14.

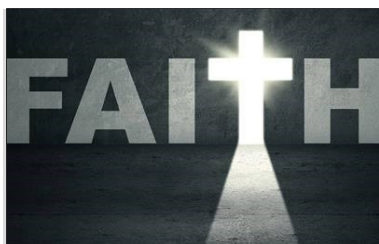
Property – Mike, Pastor Jen, Barb S., and Bonnie L. did a walk through of the parsonage and made a list of updates that need to be done. Updates to fellowship hall upstairs are on hold until the renovations to the parsonage and downstairs area are completed. The insurance adjuster was in and looked at the damage downstairs.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer – Ushers will be going back to 2 per service and for a month's time frame at the beginning of the year. It was requested that we add to our Sundays and Seasons subscription that will allow better access to hymns for printing in the bulletin. Nancy made a motion to approve this request for \$150 more per year on our subscription. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Nancy's group will discuss Unity Sundays and Communion at their December meeting. Pat made a motion to go back to continuous communion at the railing with no blessing starting in January 2024. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed. Nancy reviewed the schedule for Advent/Christmas. December 3 will be two services with communion at the 9 am service. Dec 6 will be an Advent Service "St. Nicholas's Day" at 7 pm. December 10 will be one service 9:30 am with communion – Children's Program. December 17 will be one service at 9:30 am with communion – Ugly Sweater Day. December 24 will be one service at 9:30 am with communion followed by cookies and cocoa from the Young at Heart group. December 24 (Christmas Eve) will be one service at 7 pm with communion, candles and silent night. December 31 will be one service at 9:30 am Carol service with NO communion. Barb Sessler is looking at a possible New Year's Eve celebration brunch following service. Nancy made a motion to accept this schedule. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Program was on Hobos. Nancy presented a hobo quilt that she had made and explained what each sign meant. Cider and donuts were served and 15 people attended. The next meeting is November 8 at 1:00 pm.

Old Business – The video camera quote was discussed. Pat made a motion to accept the bid with option B for the camera. The \$7259.00 for the system will be taken from Memorial Funds. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.

New Business – It was decided we no longer needed the Zoom yearly subscription. Carol will cancel this. We also do not use our bulk mailing account. We do not have over 200 people to mail to for the bulk mailing account to be used. Carol will see if our balance can be used towards stamps. Pastor Jen made a motion to accept Donna & Anthony Schoen as new members of Trinity via affirmation of faith from St. Paul, Sandusky that closed. 2nd by Millie. Motion passed. Jim had a realtor contact him about selling off the back unused property that we currently don't do anything with. Jim will call her back and let her know that we would look at a proposal if they would like to present one but that was all at time.



FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

FAITH Members (as of 10/26/23)

At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruth Sieb Apt #107 Birthday - Sept. 19

At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114 Birthday - July 26

At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Paul Wiedenheft Birthday - Oct. 11

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

At Portland House, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

Mary Ann Neidler Rm #123 Birthday - Dec 30

At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839

At Otterbein Senior Life, 9400 North Shore Blvd, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440

At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

In their homes:

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398 B: May 25 MA: July 10

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky 419-684-5627 June 6

Judy Welser 5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-684-7232 Feb. 11

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.



Crossroads Homeless Shelter Meal for November 15, 2023

**Pulled Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Sweet Potatoes Casserole
Salad
Brownie**

**Jim is still cooking monthly meals for
Crossroads. If you would like to support this
ministry please send your donation to the
church and mark it Homeless Meal.**



**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED
ATMOSPHERE!
COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!
NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

**BETWEEN SERVICES,
9:30-10:00 AM,
IN THE SANCTUARY.**



At the October meeting the Young at Heart were treated to a program, by Nancy Vollmer, about Hoboes; the history, their purpose and adventures and what they accomplished for us in this era. The program ended with a discussion about the signs and symbols they used to help them travel and keep safe. A variety of these symbols were illustrated on a quilt. Each member in attendance received a bindle filled with goodies. Jim Bertsch and Pat Wiedenheft prepared a snack of cider and donuts for the attendees to enjoy.

Next month, we'll have a Lunch Bunch at Applebee's. This will be on November 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Watch for details in the Sunday Bulletin.

NOVEMBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Marsh Schenk | |
| 2 Sam Wilcox | |
| 3 Thomas Jenkins | |
| Sally Warner | |
| 4 Jody Cooper | |
| Claire Conner | |
| 5 Zane Warner | |
| Malachi Herrmann | |
| 6 Natalie Thompson | 15 Betsy Stierhoff |
| 7 Shelby Koch | 16 Jade Stierhoff |
| Landon Palmison | 21 Daniel Strayer |
| 8 Kyleigh Hemmer | 22 Brynn Miller |
| Kathy Bango | Bob Zeno |
| 10 Jenna Stierhoff | 25 Jeff Hirt |
| Cassie Miller | 27 Susanne Lemert |
| 12 Michael Lieb | 28 Millie McCready |
| 14 Holly Miller | 30 Gabrielle Heilmann |

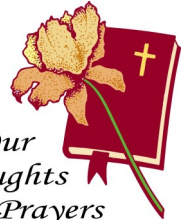


ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 | Donald & Kathy Parker - 50th |
| | Matthew & Jennifer Lesch - 22nd |
| 13 | Wesley & Betty Miller - 58th |
| 14 | Jeffrey & Jessica Hirt - 14th |
| 16 | Larry & Patricia Wiedenheft - 49th |
| 18 | Gary & Bonnie Lieb - 56th |
| 20 | Allen & Kathleen Miller - 42nd |
| 22 | Kent & Janis Miller - 26th |
| 28 | David & Cathy Wobser - 48th |



Nancy Sessler, Candy Beatty in honor of Denny & Barb Sessler's 50th wedding anniversary



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

David & Sally Warner, David & Cathy Wobser, Jim Bertsch, Bob & Alice Bertsch, Larry & Linda Velliquette, Patty Swartz, David Myers, anonymous, Fred Wobser, Vicki Obergefell, Greg Norman, Agnes Nickle, Tom Miller, Patsy & Diana Troike, Nancy Glass, David & Julia Colavincenzo, Charles & Marilyn Taylor, Christine Hamilton, Teri & John Campbell, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Cindy Norman, Jean & Jeff Smith, Charles & Sandy Paseka, David Wiedenheft, Jack & Brenda Ried, Cindy Norman, Nella Biller, Russ Stephens, Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft in memory of Shirley Miller



THANK YOU to all who cooked, cleaned, donated, set up, cleaned up and helped in anyway with Shirley Miller's funeral and meal.

The Shirley Miller Family.

On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- To Tyler, Carlie, and Ryan Wiedenheft for helping set up tables and chairs for Shirley Miller's funeral.
- To all who helped with Shirley's funeral and meal along with those who donated food.
- To Mike Markley, Bonnie Lieb, and Barb Sessler and any others what have been helping with the updates to the parsonage.
- To Jim for dropping off the health care kits from GWOH to St Paul Lutheran in New Rochester OH.



NOVEMBER 2023

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am Turn your clocks back an hour |
| 5 All Saints Sunday Communion Service 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am Pastor Jen on Vacation after services | 6 Pastor Jen on Vac | 7 Pastor Jen on Vac | 8 Young at Heart Mtg 1:00 pm NA 7:00 pm Pastor Jen on Vac | 9 Carol Off-Linda In Pastor Jen on Vac | 10 Pastor Jen on Vac | 11 NA 11:00 am |
| 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost Pastor Jen on Vacation Worship Service 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Jam Session 9:30 am Communion Service 10:30 am | 13 Pastor Jen on Vac | 14 | 15 Crossroads Meal 1:00 pm NA 7:00 pm | 16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 NA 11:00 am |
| 19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am Senior Thanksgiving Meal 11:45 am | 20 | 21 | 22 NA 7:00 pm | 23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed | 24 Office Closed | 25 NA 11:00 am |
| 26 Christ the King Sunday Worship Service 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Communion Service 10:30 am | 27 | 28 | 29 NA 7:00 pm+ | 30 | | |



HELPERS AT WORSHIP - November 2023 and December 2023

| Date | Chancel Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |
| Altar Care for November: Betty Miller & Cathy Wobser Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Gayle Thompson | | | | | | | | |
| November 5 | Rex & Charlene Stierhoff | Tim & Gayle Thompson | Sally Warner | Joyce Patterson | Tyler Wiedenheft | Barb Sessler | Cathy Wobser | Mason Russell |
| November 12 | David & Sally Warner | | Sally Warner | Millie McCready | Mya Smith | Barb Sessler | Gayle Thompson | Brock Parker |
| November 19 | Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft | | Fred Wobser | Russ Stephens | Zane Warner | David Wobser | Natalie Thompson | Eli Conner |
| November 26 | Dave & Cathy Wobser | | Fred Wobser | Carrie Wiedenheft | Lincoln Smith | David Wobser | Jim Bertsch | Claire Conner |
| Altar Care for December: Ann Strean & Sally Warner Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Millie McCready 10:30 - Barb Sessler | | | | | | | | |

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|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| December 3 1 Advent - 9:30 am | Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft | Tal & Ann Strean | Kent Miller | Sally Warner | Emma Killingsworth | | | |
| December 10 2 Advent - 9:30 am | Larry & Pat Wiedenheft | | Kent Miller | Guy Miller | Mariska Farlow | | | |
| December 17 3 Advent - 9:30 am | Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft | | Cindy Norman | Joyce Patterson | Carlie Wiedenheft | | | |
| December 24 4 Advent - 9:30 am | David & Sally Warner | | Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Claire Conner | | | |
| December 24 Christmas Eve - 7 pm | | | Sonny Schonhardt Guy Miller | Russ Stephens | Zane Warner | | | |
| December 31 New Year's Eve - 9:30 am | Rex & Charlene Stierhoff | | Cindy Norman | Jim Bertsch | Tyler Wiedenheft | | | |

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of November

November 5 - All Saints Sunday

Micah 3:5-12 - *Judgment upon corrupt rulers*

Psalm 43 - Send out your light and truth, that they may lead me. (Ps. 43:3)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 - *The apostle's teaching accepted as God's word*

Matthew 23:1-12 - *All who humble themselves will be exalted*

Prayer of the Day: O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

November 12 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24 - *Let justice roll down like waters*

Psalm 70 - You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - *The promise of the resurrection*

Matthew 25:1-13 - *The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids*

Prayer of the Day: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

November 19 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 - *The day of the LORD*

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 - So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 - *Be alert for the day of the Lord*

Matthew 25:14-30 - *The story of the slaves entrusted with talents*

Prayer of the Day: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

November 26 - Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 - *God will shepherd Israel*

Psalm 95:1-7a - We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

Ephesians 1:15-23 - *The reign of Christ*

Matthew 25:31-46 - *The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats*

Prayer of the Day: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.





CASTALIA CONGREGATIONAL UCC ROAST BEEF DINNER on Saturday, November 4 from 4:00 pm until sold out. Dine in or carryout. \$10 per meal. Slow roasted beef, home cooked mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, salad bar, dinner roll and dessert.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 203 S. Washington St., Castalia on Wednesday, November 8 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm or until gone. Drive-thru pickup in the back of the church. Menu: Shredded chicken over biscuit, fruit salad, corn, and dessert.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST. STEPHEN UCC CHURCH, 905 E. Perkins Ave, Sandusky on Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. \$1 admission to benefit food pantry for local families. Handmade items, Lebkuchen cookies, jewelry, Christmas collectables, fresh baked items, decorative crafts, multiple vendors, door prize and lunch available.



PASTORAL PARLAY!



I'd love to get a chance to meet you all individually or as couples -- so if you are interested in finding a time to stop by the church for a short (20-30 minute) conversation and introduction it would be wonderful. Please sign up for a time on my office door or give me a call so we can find a time that may work. Bring your best family stories but save the stump the pastor questions for later!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING