



# Trinity Times

January  
2024

502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, OH 44870

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

«Mailing Label»

«Address 1 (family main)»

«Address 2 (family main)»

«City State (family main)» «Zip code (family  
main)»



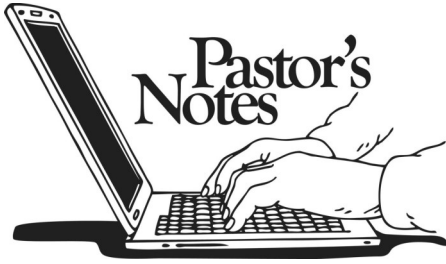
## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 - 419 626-0204 - [www.trinityelca.com](http://www.trinityelca.com)

Office...[trinityelca@bex.net](mailto:trinityelca@bex.net)

Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



Dear Trinity Members and Friends,

## Epiphany

Uncle your fists  
Hold out your hands.  
Take mine.  
Let us hold each other.  
Thus is his Glory  
Manifest.

Madeleine L'Engle

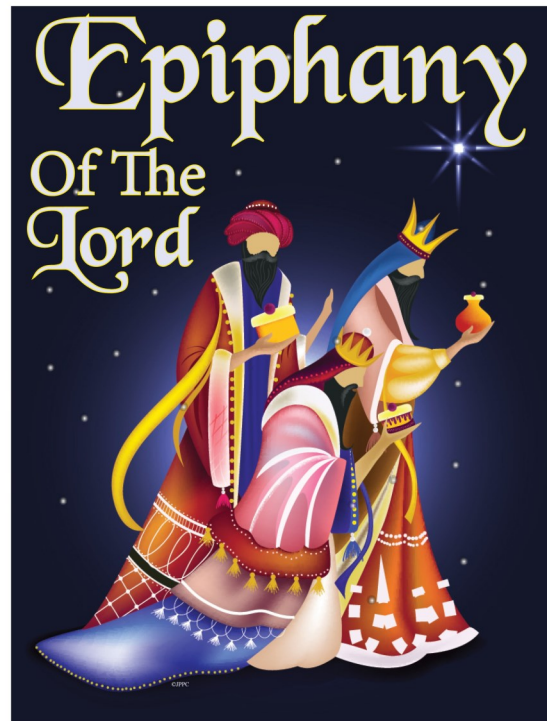
We need each other. Not just you and me, but all of us. We need each other and our connections. We need our similarities and our differences. We need agreements and disagreements – I don't mean our animosity, hate, or war – but the full spectrum of opinions, beliefs, and thoughts. We need each other because that is how we are meant to see God. You matter to the creator of the universe and you matter to the people around you. Let's start this new year with an epiphany – a recognition of God's love manifest in the world. May God's love grow in you and around you throughout the year.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jen

To the many gift givers of Trinity, Thank  
you so much for your love and generosity.

Jen and Malachi



Installation of the 2024 Congregation Council will take place on  
January 14 at both services.

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer (non-voting)

Carrie Wiedenheft (2nd year)  
(to be elected by council)  
Jim Bertsch

Chairpersons for:

Congregational Life  
Faith Builders  
Mission Service  
Property  
Stewardship and Finance  
Witness and Welcome  
Worship and Music

Kathy Bango (2nd year)  
Pat Wiedenheft (2nd year)  
Betsy Stierhoff (new for 2024)  
Bill Bertsch (new for 2024)  
Jim Bertsch (new for 2024)  
Gayle Thompson (new for 2024)  
Nancy Vollmer (new for 2024)

We sincerely thank Millie McCready for her service.

At its January meeting, the Council will select among its members a vice president for 2024.



THANK

»»»»»»»»»» YOU ««««««««««

*Your generosity  
made a difference*

**THE SEATS AND FEETS TREE**  
(underwear and socks) for Care and  
Share and Crossroads Homeless  
Shelter was a success again this  
year. Thanks to everyone who  
donated items for it.

Final count: 35 stocking hats, 155  
pairs of socks, 73 pairs of  
underwear, 50 gloves, 1 glove/scarf/  
hat set.

**THE HELPING HANDS TREE** gifts have been delivered. Thank you for your  
help in making these kids Christmas as special as we can for them this year! God  
Bless you all for showing compassion for others and doing God's work with our  
Hands!

**OUR ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE** is still up and you are still able to purchase  
items off of it into the new year. This continues to be one of our global  
outreach programs and we thank you for your support.

# Youth and Family

**The Sunday school kids** have lots of Thank You's they need to share to all the people who have shown their support for them over the past couple months.

First, we would like to thank everyone who came to our Senior Member Thanksgiving Dinner. We hope you all went home with your tummies full and we need to Thank the Guy Miller family for donating the turkey and the Dave Warner family for donating the ham. It was a wonderful meal with lots of fun and fellowship with each other.

Next, we need to thank everyone who made our Sunday school Christmas program such a big success. Thanks goes to everyone who brought in those paper towel holders so that Denise Casanova could make all the Crackers/poppers that everyone received. Thanks to Carol Dahs, Barb Sessler, Shelby Koch, Pat Wiedenheft, Rhonda Matus and Kathy Brophy for letting us use your Christmas trees for our tables that we decorated like trees from other countries. Thanks to Barb Sessler, Nance Volmer, and Pat Wiedenheft for making some of the delicious treats that were on the tables. A special thanks to Denise Casanova for helping to set up all the trees and tables and to Ken, Carrie, Emma, and Drew Killingsworth for helping to clean up after the program. Behind the scenes Koral Russel helped with the kids getting into their costumes and of course we can't forget Adele Hoffman for all her extra work in helping with the music and the musicians too and our teachers Carrie Wiedenheft and Shelby Koch for all their help with the program as well. And we all loved the TRINITY GIFT GIVER – Fred Wobser! Thanks Fred, you did a wonderful job! We pray that these people and all who support our kids are truly blessed now and always! As you can see, it takes a lot of teamwork to make things work at the church and for Sunday school, and I truly am blessed to have all of you who come forward and say Yes when I ask for help. You all are a wonderful blessing to me!

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA!** God blessed us with a wonderful day to place the 54 wreaths at the Venice cemetery on December 16<sup>th</sup>. My thanks goes out to each of you who showed up to help us honor our Veterans. If we don't honor and show our respect for our Veterans, and show our children how important these people and those who have and are still serving our country are, all respect and honor will be eventually lost and our children won't have the chance to do things like this in the future. And thank you to all of you who purchased the wreaths so that every Veteran could have a wreath on their grave this Christmas season!

**WEAR YOUR SILLY SWEATER DAY** was great fun. Supply Pastor Chris Young shared in our fun with doing a group photo. If you are able, there are pictures on Facebook you can look at.

**AS EPIPHANY QUICKLY APPROACHES** (January 7<sup>th</sup>), we will once again be collecting something special to lay at the manger of the baby Jesus. This year we are doing an ingathering of boxes of cereal that will be given to Grace's Table after the 7<sup>th</sup>. All you need to do is purchase boxes of cereal, bring them to church on or before the 7<sup>th</sup> and place them at the manger which will be placed by the Helping Hands Tree. So many children use cereal as not only a breakfast item, but also as a snack after school or even an evening meal, as this may be all they will have. So please consider buying a box or two to help those little ones that Grace's Table helps to feed in the community.

**REMEMBER:** Out of Respect, all acolytes are required to wear an acolyte robe year round whenever you are serving as acolyte. There are enough sizes to fit all. If the neck line feels tight when you sit down, loosen the zipper at the top. Thank you for your service. It is appreciated.



## Young At Heart Schedule of Events – 2024

**January 10 – 1:00 pm** Program – (tentative) – Steve Patterson - Save the Family Farm

**February 7 – 11:00 am** – Potluck

We will provide cold cuts, breads, and condiments.

Each person brings a covered dish of food.

**Activity** – we will decorate many, many heart cookies to take to our fire and police departments on Valentines Day.

**March 13 – 1:00 pm Program** – Lieutenant Tom Salmon – Senior Safety

**April 10 – 1:00 pm** – (tentative) – Painting with a Friend

**Friday May 10 – 7:00 pm** -Firelands Chorus Concert – Zion Lutheran Church

**June 12** – Mystic Belle Boat Tour – Vermillion, Ohio

**July 10** – East Harbor and Marblehead Lighthouse Picnic

**August 14 – 1:00 pm** – Assemble Cancer Kits

**September 11 – 11:30 am** - Lunch  
Downtown then Tour Care and Share

**October 9** – Tour Family Health Services

**November 13** – Lunch at the Senior  
Center – Jane Anne Cummings, leader

**December 11** – TBD



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

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

Page 1 of 1

Account #

Account Name

YTD Balance

## Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	67,766.77
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	58,833.81
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,609.22
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	97,458.41
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,923.16
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	258,970.31
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	40,320.98
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	52,428.99
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	530.96

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$581,862.61</b>
---------------------	---------------------

### *Liabilities*

2.100.200	Accounts Payable/Vendors	11.63
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	312.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	201.12
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	15.60
2.100.220	Board of Pension	8.03

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$548.38</b>
--------------------------	-----------------

### *Fund Balances*

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	54,201.80
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	4,893.76
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	44,870.57
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	101,381.57
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	64,036.27
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	530.96
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	258,970.31

<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$469,789.68</i>
---	---------------------

3,400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	52,428.99
-----------	----------------------	-----------

<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$581,314.23</b>
----------------------------	---------------------

<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$581,862.61</b>
--	---------------------



**COMPASS POINT SENIOR ENRICHMENT CENTER** is now open at 795 Bardshar Rd (the old Lutheran Memorial Home). Take a look at the brochure on the bulletin board for more information on this new service or see their website at [www.ErieCoHealthOhio.com/adult-day-services](http://www.ErieCoHealthOhio.com/adult-day-services).





# COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 28, 2023 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, Betsy Stierhoff, Pastor Jen, Kathy Bango, Carrie Wiedenheft, Secretary Carol Dahs  
Absent: Millie McCready & Nancy Vollmer

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft Opening devotions were given by Betsy Stierhoff.

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2023) were reviewed. Betsy motion to accept the November meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November 2023 was reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the November Treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie asked council to complete a self-evaluation form that she created. They need to be returned to her by January 14.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jen wanted to Thank everyone again for all the generous gifts she has received since starting here. Her and Malachi feel very loved and welcomed. There were lots of good comments on Pastor Young who filled in while P. Jen had Covid. She did funerals for Paul Wiedenheft and MaryAnn Hickman in the last month. P. Jen is meeting with confirmation students when they are here at church.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – Youth will be wearing pj's to church on Sunday as part of their New Year's Eve celebration. The Christmas Sunday School program went really well. Pat will check with Sally on if the kids are making their Souper Bowl Sub Sandwiches this year.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – The Good Gifts tree is still going on. She will get with Jim and Bonnie to see what's next.

Property – The parsonage still needs the backsplash and cabinets/microwave by the stove installed. The dishwasher is in but not working yet. Mike Sabo should be back to working on these now. Mike S. is working on the basement as time allows. The baseboard is all installed now so rooms can start to be put back together. There may be a leak behind the organ pipes under the big stained-glass window. Jim or Pat will get with Bill and have him look at this. The tile floor in the downstairs music room seems to be very loose. Carol will ask Mike Markley what we need to do with it. Is it covered under the flooding insurance? The carpet downstairs will need to be cleaned once the room is cleaned out.

Stewardship & Finance – Jim Bertsch – The 2023 finances will be finalized in time for the February audit. Carol will contact those who volunteered to help with the audit and get a date setup.

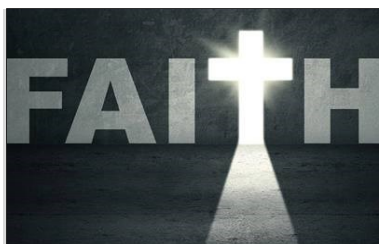
Witness & Welcome – Millie McCready – P. Jen volunteered to see if she can find some more to help with the early service communion assistance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer – Carrie has spoken with Nancy V. and Barb Sessler, and they have agreed to co-chair the worship and music committee. Council approved this decision. The committee recommended that communion be done at both services every Sunday. The altar committee person for that month would set up communion before each Sunday and someone after 10:30 service would do the cleanup. P. Jen will take care of prepping the communion between services. Kathy made a motion to accept this recommendation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Motion passed. It was also recommended that the Unity services on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays be discontinued. Council agreed. Lenten services were discussed, and P. Jen will look into those. There will be a 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service here at Trinity. It was suggested that a questionnaire be given to the congregation on what things they would like to see come back or change since Covid. P. Jen will work on this.

Young at Heart – Their last meeting was December 13 at the Cold Creek Café. Nancy gave Carol the list of activities that they are looking at doing during 2024. This will be posted in the January newsletter. The hot chocolate cocoa bar was great.

Old Business – There is a delay in the sound being in tune with the video. P. Jen will see if this can be corrected. Otherwise so far there have been good comments on the new video equipment.

New Business – It was decided to purchase 100 giving envelopes for 2025. A thank you gift card will be purchased for Ken Killingsworth for his emergency help at the parsonage. Muller was in and tuned the organ for the winter season and cleaned around the organ pipes. October 2015 was our last church directory. Kathy will look into what it takes to possibly do a new one this coming fall. A couple toilet seats in the church need to be replaced. We will have Bill look into this.



## FAITH Member Ministry

**F**riends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir  
**H**omes/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 12/20/23)

#### **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 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 Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870**

#### **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 Hickman	51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton	419-732-7398	May 25
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 January 17, 2024**

**Pulled Pork/Noodles  
Vegetable  
Dessert  
Bread**

**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.**

**JAM!**

**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC  
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED  
ATMOSPHERE!**

**COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!**

**JANUARY 14, 2024**

**BETWEEN SERVICES**



A huge Thank you to Candy Beatty and all of her kitchen helpers who have provided almost 400 meals for seven funerals this year.

Thank you to all who have baked, bought, brought food for all of these funerals. The food was always delicious and greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help in the kitchen or provide food please let Candy Beatty know.

# JANUARY MILESTONES

## BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Tarah Hershey      |                      |
| 5 Benjamin Stephens  |                      |
| Cynthia Nielsen      |                      |
| 6 Madison Stephens   |                      |
| 7 Gregory Norman     |                      |
| Nicole Heilmann      |                      |
| 9 Evan Miller        |                      |
| Robert Kurth         | 25 Bonnie Lieb       |
| 10 Beckett Freeman   | 26 David Huff        |
| 13 Abigail Trout     | Kyleigh Cullen       |
| 16 Jennifer Herrmann | 27 Courtney Orshoski |
| 17 Cathy Wobser      | 29 Andrew Warner     |
| 19 Louis Kurth       |                      |
| 21 Linda Velliquette |                      |
| 22 Tayler Pook       |                      |
| Tara Pook            |                      |



## ANNIVERSARIES

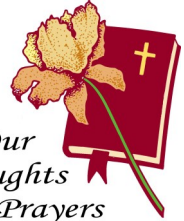
- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 42nd  
 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 25th  
 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 50th  
 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 39th



Jim Bertsch in memory of Mary  
 Ann Hickman

Jim & Marilou Neill in memory of  
 Shirely Miller

*In Our  
 Thoughts  
 and Prayers*



Roy & Joyce Patterson in  
 memory of Norm Stierhoff

Mary Anne Wiedenheft in memory of Barb Wiedenheft

David & Sally Warner, Fred Wobser, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Roy & Joyce Patterson, Richard & Sheryl Miller, Bob & Alice Bertsch, Jim & Marilou Neill, Ken & Carrie Killingsworth, Jim Bertsch, Chuck & Sandy Paseka, Venice 1 Dartball Team, Don & Alice Kuns, Bob & Dolly Troike, Anonymous, Patsy & Diana Troike, Sonny Schonhardt, Nella Biller, Gregory, Susanne, & Carrie Lemert, Michael & Susan Cullen, Agnes Nickle, Guy & Laura Miller, Larry & Linda Velliquette, Tom & Peggy Kingsborough, David & Cathy Wobser, Denny & Barb Sessler, Edward Grahl, Nancy Vollmer, Don & Denise Casanova, Jean Cline, Stanley & Sheree Miller, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Janice Roesch, Linda Gantz, Dale & Ann Cerny, Patty Swartz, Al Wiedenheft, Kent & Janice Miller, Harriet Minich & Steve Lippert, Matthew & Jill Conner, George & Bonnie Wiswell, Dave & Bev Mix, M/M Gary Borchardt, John & Joyce Lusch, Matthew & Jennifer Lesch, Cindy Norman, Alinor Stephens, Carl & Karen Schwochou in memory of Paul Wiedenheft



Jean Cline's phone number was  
 omitted from the directory please add  
 her number to your directory:

419-684-7226



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

- To Millie McCready for her service on council.
- To all communion assistants, lectors, ushers, acolytes for their help throughout the year.
- To Mark, Tyler, Carlie, Ryan, and Rob Wiedenheft for putting up and taking down the outside nativity scene.
- To Candy Beatty and her bereavement crew for all their work with the 7 funeral dinners and almost 400 meals they served this year.
- To all who have cooked/donated food for all the funeral dinners this year.
- To Jim Bertsch, Anna Dunn, Pat Wiedenheft, Bob & Alice Bertsch, and Wendy Wiedenheft for their monthly Crossroads meals.

# JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed New Year's Day	2	3 Carol on Vacation Worship & Music Mtg 2 pm NA 7:00 pm	4	5	6 N/A 11 am
7 Baptism of Our Lord 8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am Communion Service Sunday School	8	9	10 Young at Heart 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	11	12	13 NA 11:00 am
14 Second Sunday of Epiphany 8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am Communion Service Sunday School	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17 Crossroads Meal 1:00 pm NA 7:00 pm	18 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	19	20 NA 11:00 am
21 Third Sunday of Epiphany 8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am Communion Service Sunday School	22	23	24 NA 7:00 pm	25	26	27 NA 11:00 am
28 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany 8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am Communion Service Sunday School	29	30	31 NA 7:00 pm			



# HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2024 and February 2024

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
Altar Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft      Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller      10:30 - Candy Beatty								
January 7	Linda Gantz		Rich Miller Cindy Norman	Carrie Wiedenheft	Lincoln Smith	Ken Schenk Sonny Schonhardt	Candy Beatty	Eli Conner
January 14	Jim Bertsch		Rich Miller Cindy Norman	Joyce Patterson	Carlie Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk Sonny Schonhardt	Jim Bertsch	Mason Russell
January 21			Rich Miller Cindy Norman	Millie McCready	Mariska Farlow	Ken Schenk Sonny Schonhardt	Cathy Wobser	Natalie Thompson
January 28			Rich Miller Cindy Norman	Russ Stephens	Zane Warner	Ken Schenk Sonny Schonhardt	Gayle Thompson	Claire Conner
Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman      Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Millie McCready      10:30 - Gayle Thompson								
February 4			Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Carrie Wiedenheft	Emma Killingsworth	David Wobser Barb Sessler	Natalie Thompson	Malachi Herrmann
February 11	Rhonda & Dean Matus		Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Sally Warner	Mya Smith	David Wobser Barb Sessler	Candy Beatty	Natalie Thompson
February 18	Jim Bertsch	Shelby Koch	Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Erica Miller	Lincoln Smith	David Wobser Barb Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Eli Conner
February 25	David & Cathy Wobser	Jim Bertsch	Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Drew Killingsworth	David Wobser Barb Sessler	Gayle Thompson	Mason Russell

# Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

## January 7 - Baptism of Our Lord

**Genesis 1:1-5** - God creates light God creates light

**Psalm 29** - The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

**Acts 19:1-7** - *Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus*

**Mark 1:4-11** - *Revelation of Christ as God's servant*

**Prayer of the Day:** Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## January 14 - Second Sunday of Epiphany

**1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]** *The calling of Samuel*

**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** - You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20** - *Glorify God in your body*

**John 1:43-51** - *The calling of the first disciples*

**Prayer of the Day:** Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## January 21 - Third Sunday of Epiphany

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10** - *Repentance at Nineveh*

**Psalm 62:5-12** - God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31** - *Living in the end times*

**Mark 1:14-20** - *The calling of the disciples at the sea*

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## January 28 - Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20** - *The prophet speaks with God's authority*

**Psalm 111** - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13** - *Limits to liberty: the case of food offered to idols*

**Mark 1:21-28** - *The healing of one with an unclean spirit*

**Prayer of the Day:** Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**



**Please remember that Altar Flowers in 2024 have increased to \$20 per Sunday. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this ministry that beautifies our sanctuary every Sunday.**

# Inclement Weather Conditions Reminder

Below is Trinity's By-Laws on how services will be dealt with if there is inclement weather this winter.

## PLEASE ALSO NOTE:

The front sanctuary doors **will not** be unlocked and the sidewalks to them **will not** be cleared.

Please use the south entrance or the portico door



**CR2009.01.** A policy regarding cancellation and postponement of worship and other events is hereby established.

- a. Worship and Sunday School - It is the intention of the pastor and people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation to hold worship as regularly scheduled. When weather is inclement, and when roads conditions are less than optimum, worship will be held, but worshipers should not feel compelled to venture out if they believe they may not be able to do so safely. However, in the event that:

1. weather and/or road conditions are such that the pastor cannot get to the church,
2. the pastor and parishioners would clearly endanger themselves by trying to do so,
3. there is some other situation, such as
  - (a). a declared national, state, or local emergency,
  - (b). a serious problem with the church building, such as loss of heat or water

the president of the congregation (or vice president, should the president be unavailable) and the pastor shall confer with one another, and, upon their agreement, worship may be canceled. If Sunday worship is cancelled, Sunday School shall be deemed cancelled as well. Efforts will be made to make the cancellation known to as many parishioners as possible by phone or e-mail. Parishioners should be informed that, if they question whether worship is being held, they should call the church office. A special message will be placed on the church telephone's answering device if indeed worship has been cancelled.





<b>MONTH</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>
January E	Carrie Wiedenheft	Joyce Patterson	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	
L	Candy Beatty	Jim Bertsch	Cathy Wobser	Gayle Thompson	
February E	Carrie Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Erica Miller	Joyce Patterson	
L	Natalie Thompson	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Gayle Thompson	
March E	Millie McCready	Carrie Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Guy Miller	Millie McCready
L	Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Jim Bertsch
April E	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Erica Miller	
L	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch	Candy Beatty	
May E	Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	
L	Cathy Wobser	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch	
June E	Carrie Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Erica Miller	Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson
L	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Jim Bertsch	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser
July E	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	
L	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch	Candy Beatty	
August E	Erica Miller	Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson	Millie McCready	
L	Cathy Wobser	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch	
September E	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Erica Miller	Joyce Patterson
L	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch
October E	Millie McCready	Russ Stephens	Sally Warner	Carrie Wiedenheft	
L	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson	
November E	Erica Miller	Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson	Millie McCready	
L	Jim Bertsch	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	Gayle Thompson	
December E	Russ Stephens	Carrie Wiedenheft	Sally Warner	Guy Miller	
L	Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch	Candy Beatty	Cathy Wobser	

**Early service:**

Guy Miller 419-684-5505 Jim Bertsch 419-625-4377  
 Joyce Patterson 419-366-3297 Candy Beatty 216-789-4312  
 Millie McCready 419-616-3200 Cathy Wobser 419-625-6775  
 Russ Stephens 419-515-0002 Gayle Thompson 419-239-1387  
 Sally Warner 419-656-1760 Natalie Thompson 419-370-9310  
 Carrie Wiedenheft 419-307-1370  
 Erica Miller 419-684-5505

**Late service:**

<b>MONTH</b>		
February 14	Ash Wednesday	Jim Bertsch
February 21	Lent	Guy Miller
February 28	Lent	Candy Beatty
March 6	Lent	Russ Stephens
March 13	Lent	Cathy Wobser
March 20	Lent	Erica Miller
March 28	Maundy Thursday	Gayle Thompson
March 29	Good Friday	Joyce Patterson
December 4	Advent	Millie McCready
December 24	Christmas Eve	Erica Miller

**2024 Lector Schedule**

## ***2024 USHERS' SCHEDULE***

<b>Month</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
January	Rich Miller Cindy Norman	Ken Schenk Sonny Schonhardt	July	Cindy Norman Rich Miller	David Wobser Denny Sessler
February	Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	David Wobser Barb Sessler	August	Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Bob Troike Bill Bertsch
March	Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Denny Sessler Bob Troike	September	Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Charles Howard Gary Lieb
April	Mark Wiedenheft Guy Miller	Bill Bertsch Charles Howard	October	Guy Miller Mark Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk Sonny Schonhardt
May	Sally Warner Roy Patterson	Gary Lieb Ken Schenk	November	Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Barb Sessler David Wobser
June	Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Sonny Schonhardt Barb Sessler	December	Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Bob Troike Denny Sessler

---

Ash Wednesday, February 14	Guy Miller Ken Schenk	Maundy Thursday, March 28	Cindy Norman Greg Norman
Lent #2, February 21	Denny Sessler	Good Friday, March 29	Sally Warner David Wobser
Lent #3, February 28	Roy Patterson	Advent, December 4	Mark Wiedenheft
Lent #4, March 6	Gary Lieb	Christmas Eve, December 24	David Wobser Guy Miller
Lent #5, March 13	Cindy Norman		
Lent #6, March 20	David Wobser		

If for some reason you are unable to serve for an assigned worship service, please contact another person from the list or Mark Wiedenheft at 419-504-8480. Any other needs of the ushers should also be brought to the attention of Mark.

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE for 2024

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
January	E Lincoln Smith	Carlie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow	Zane Warner	
	L Eli Conner	Mason Russell	Natalie Thompson	Claire Conner	
February	E Emma Killingsworth	Mya Smith	Lincoln Smith	Drew Killingsworth	
	L Malachi Herrmann	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	Mason Russell	
March	E Tyler Wiedenheft	Carlie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow	Zane Warner	Emma & Drew Killingsworth
	L Malachi Herrmann	Natalie Thompson	Malachi Herrmann	Natalie Thompson	Eli & Claire Conner
April	E Mya Smith	Lincoln Smith	Drew Killingsworth	Tyler Wiedenheft	
	L Mason Russell	Malachi Herrmann	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	
May	E Carlie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow	Zane Warner	Emma Killingsworth	
	L Mason Russell	Malachi Herrmann	Eli Conner	Natalie Thompson	
June	E Mya Smith	Lincoln Smith	Tyler Wiedenheft	Carlie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow
	L Claire Conner	Malachi Herrmann	Mason Russell	Eli Conner	Malachi Herrmann
July	E Zane Warner	Emma Killingsworth	Mya Smith	Lincoln Smith	
	L Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	
August	E Drew Killingsworth	Tyler Wiedenheft	Carlie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow	
	L Malachi Herrmann	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	Mason Russell	
September	E Zane Warner	Emma Killingsworth	Mya Smith	Lincoln Smith	Drew Killingsworth
	L Claire Conner	Malachi Herrmann	Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell	Eli Conner
October	E Tyler Wiedenheft	Carlie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow	Zane Warner	
	L Claire Conner	Malachi Herrmann	Mason Russell	Eli Conner	
November	E Emma Killingsworth	May Smith	Lincoln Smith	Drew Killingsworth	
	L Natalie Thompson	Claire Conner	Malachi Herrmann	Natalie Thompson	
December	E Tyler Wiedenheft	Carlie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow	Zane Warner	Mya Smith
	L Mason Russell	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	Malachi Herrmann	Mason Russell

## ACOLYTE LIST for 2024 (Special Services)

Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm February 14	Lent 7:00 pm February 21	Lent 7:00 pm February 28	Lent 7:00 pm March 6	Lent 7:00 pm March 13
Tyler Wiedenheft	Natalie Thompson	Emma Killingsworth	Eli Conner	Drew Killingsworth
Lent 7:00 pm March 20	Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm March 28	Good Friday 7:00 pm March 29	Easter Sunday 8:00 am March 31	Easter Sunday 10:30 am March 31
Malachi Herrmann	Carlie Wiedenheft	Mason Russell	Emma & Drew Killingsworth	Eli & Claire Conner
Advent 7:00 pm December 4	Christmas Eve 7:00 pm December 24			
Zane Warner	Emma Killingsworth Claire Conner			

As a show of respect for our Savior and the solemnity of our worship service, **Acolytes are required to wear an acolyte robe**. There are plenty of sizes to fit all. If you find the neckline is too tight when you sit down, you may loosen the zipper. If for some reason you are unable to service for a scheduled time, please contact another acolyte on the list and be sure to contact the church office of the change.

Contact information:

8:00 am	10:30 am
Tyler & Claire Wiedenheft 419-307-1370	Natalie Thompson 419-370-9310
Mariska Farlow 419-684-5687	Mason Russell 419-333-9019
Mya & Lincoln Smith 419-271-0812	Eli & Claire Conner 419-618-2462
Zane Warner 419-707-3751	Malachi Herrmann 419-822-7630
Emma & Drew Killingsworth 419-656-6468	

## ALTAR COMMITTEES - 2024

January	Pat Wiedenheft	July	Sheryl Miller
February	Linda Gantz Cindy Norman	August	Cathy Wobser Candy Beatty
March	Pat Wiedenheft Candy Beatty	September	Sally Warner Bonnie Lieb
April	Pat Wiedenheft	October	Barb Sessler
May	Pat Wiedenheft Carrie Killingsworth	November	Betty Miller Cathy Wobser
June	Cathy Wobser	December	Ann Streat Sally Warner