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March
2024

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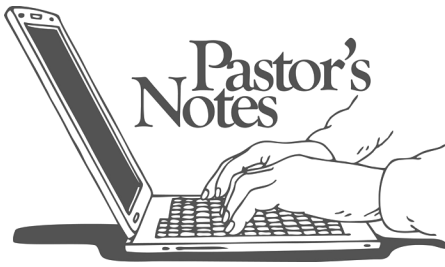
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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



Dear Trinity family and friends,

Even in Lent, each Sunday is a tiny little Easter! Why? Because we always are coming to hear the good news of Christ saying that all things that separate us from God's love are gone. However, the seasons of the church year have different "flavors."

Advent is that anticipatory hopefulness that brings light to our eyes. Christmas brings the truth that God's love comes to us over and over and over again and is a gift beyond compare. Epiphany and its following Sundays are about looking to find God at work in the world. Lent brings a bit of spring cleaning. We take a little extra time to pay attention to our faith; to sweep away the things we don't need or mistakes we've made and to prepare for the central story of our faith we hear on Easter. Holy Week slows things down even more when we worship on Maundy Thursday to remember Jesus' commandment to love one another and to gather around the table. And then we join together around the cross to feel the depth of sorrow, loss, and pain that is Good Friday. Then comes the joy filled day of the resurrection! It's not just ONE DAY – it's a "week of Sundays" – 7 Sundays to celebrate God's amazing glory. With staple food (bread) and festive drink (wine) we come to the party of the year shouting "Alleluia! Christ is Risen" and respond, "He is Risen Indeed!"

After Easter will come Pentecost and the weeks after which are often called ordinary time. A time to just resume the weekly task of holding onto our faith – yet each Sunday is a reminder of God's goodness, a time to hear God's word and receive the food of mercy that sustains us each week.

I look forward to our journey through the church year together and pray that you find what you need to sustain your faith in scripture, sacrament, and worship.

In Christian Love,

Pastor Jen





Midweek Lenten Service Schedule

March 5 at 7:00 pm - (Zion, Sandusky)

March 6 at 11:00 am - (Trinity)

March 12 at 7:00 pm - (Zion, Sandusky)

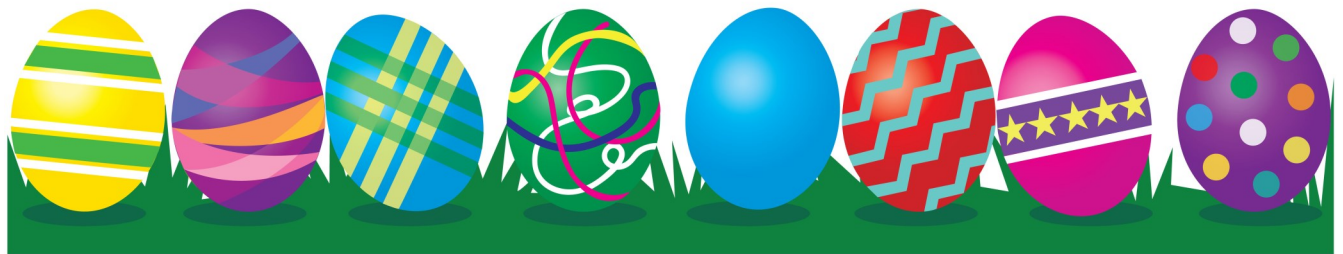
March 13 at 11:00 am - (Trinity)

March 19 at 7:00 pm - (Zion, Sandusky)

March 20 at 11:00 am - (Trinity)

March 28 at 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday (Trinity)

March 29 at 7:00 pm - Good Friday (Trinity)



WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES

Church will be closed if it is a Level 3 snow advisory for Erie County. Please check the office answering machine message for updates. The west sanctuary doors and educational wing doors will not be unlocked, and the sidewalks will not be shoveled. Please use the south and east doors for entry.



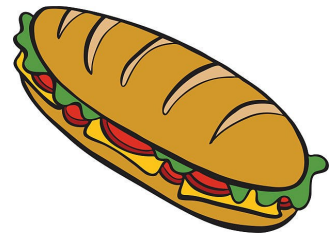
Youth and Family



During the recent collection of boxes of cereal in January, we collected 76 boxes that were taken to Grace's Table at Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia for them to use in their food pantry. We can't thank those of you who participated enough for your generous donations. And before the cereal was taken to Grace, our Sunday school kids got to use them for a countdown to the new Sunday school

year. The boxes were lined up down the hallway and on the count of three, Emma started the domino effect with the boxes all falling down until the last one hit the 2024 sign, which then all the kids blew their party horns and shouted Happy New Year! It was a great way to see all the cereal donated and the start our New Year at Sunday school!

On Super Bowl Sunday, the kids skipped early church to work together to make 97 subs which were sold to raise money for Grace's Table. A total of \$562.00 was made and sent off to Grace Lutheran church for them to use to purchase food to help those in need. THANK YOU to all who supported this fundraiser again this year!



F.R.O.G.
Fully Rely On God



Another overnight is in the making for our kids again this year. This year, being a leap year, our theme will be F.R.O.G. or Fully Rely On God! The overnight will be held on Thursday, March 28 from 8pm-8am on March 29. Please watch for more information on this in the near future.

FINALLY!!! On Monday, February 19, several members of the church came and helped to clean up the rooms downstairs that were left with LOTS of totes and boxes of items to go through after the flood we had last August. We filled up the dumpster outside and even put a couple good chairs by the curb for anyone in need of one. Our thanks go out to Jim Bertsch, Pat, Tyler, Carlie, and Ryan Wiedenheft, Adele and Gene Hoffman, and Barb Sessler and Bonnie Lieb. With them all working together, the job went lots faster than we thought and we can now start using these rooms again after 6 long months. And I can only say that I appreciate ALL of them!





Young At Heart Schedule of Events – 2024

Young at Heart (our new ministry serving our over 55 population.) will meet on Wednesday, **March 13th at 1:00 pm.** Our guest speaker will be Lieutenant Tom Salmon from the Sandusky Fire Department. He will speak to us about Senior Safety. Linda Wilcox will provide our devotion and refreshments.

On Wednesday **April 10th at 1:00 pm** Young at Heart will host a workshop called "Painting with a Friend". Watch for details. There will be a small fee to help cover the cost of the canvas and supplies. Cathy Wobser will present the devotion and provide refreshments for this meeting.

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 January 31, 2024

Friday, February 23, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 38,088.05 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 61,501.99 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,629.62 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 104,779.70 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 3,944.45 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 273,829.66 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 40,466.90 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 56,585.96 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 745.92 |
| Total Assets | | \$581,592.25 |
| Liabilities | | |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 152.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 103.54 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 8.20 |
| Total Liabilities | | \$263.74 |
| Fund Balances | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 52,214.33 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 9,574.65 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 14,763.07 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 108,724.15 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 64,890.77 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 745.92 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 273,829.66 |
| <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | | <i>\$462,953.57</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 56,585.96 |
| Total Fund Balances | | \$581,328.51 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | | <u>\$581,592.25</u> |



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - February 15, 2024 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Minutes of previous meeting (January 2024) were reviewed. Pat motion to accept the January meeting minutes. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for January 2024 was reviewed. Jim stated that he mistakenly paid the parsonage expenditures out of Memorial funds instead of Thrivent Reserve. There is a CD coming up for renewal in May. Jim made a motion to take the funds from the CD when it comes due and pay the Memorial fund back instead of taking money from the Thrivent Reserve fund. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed. Nancy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed. Jim put together a list of 2023 donations that Trinity made throughout the year. This will be added to the March Newsletter.

President's Report: Carrie reviewed items for the Congregational council meeting on March 17. She asked that the committees let the office and P. Jen know when they have meetings. Everyone needs to keep the communication flowing better between everyone.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jen, Cathy Wobser, and Patty Swartz did some home visits to Pat N., Nancy S., Bob & Alice B., Mary Ann N., and Rosemarie C. P. Jen called Compass Point and The Commons of Providence and invited them to our Lenten services and to let them know she is available if they need pastoral care. Ash Wednesday services went very well. P. Jen hosted the Eastern Conference Pastor's meeting here in January. The topic for the Lenten services is called "Baptized We Live". P. Jen is looking at May 19th for Confirmation. Pat W. volunteered to contact Zion and see if they were having their morning/afternoon Good Friday services as in the past.

Congregational Life – Kathy Bango – Kathy reported that Trinity may not have to do the March 5 Lenten meal at Zion. Kathy is ready either way.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – Sub Sandwich sale sold over 90 plus subs earning over \$500 for Grace's Table. A crew of volunteers will be in on Monday to work on cleaning up the basement.

Property – Bill Bertsch – The following updates were done: More church keys were made, work was done to stabilize the first pew rail, two new toilet seats were installed. Work at the parsonage is complete now. Bill will look into the following yet: Loose tiles in the choir room, one new toilet seat needed yet, quotes needed for garage door opener for parsonage, put hooks in sacristy closet, hand rail going to basement needs to be looked at, quote needed for stripping and rewaxing of floor downstairs, more quotes for air conditioning for the parsonage, rotted basement window at parsonage, leak in front porch of parsonage. Sorgen's Refrigeration was in and serviced the freezer and refrigerator downstairs. P. Jen has provided pictures of the updates to the parsonage for Trinity's insurance files. Mike Sabo has the shiplap finished in the fellowship hall. He is looking into the baseboard yet and a couple of doors need to be worked on. Bill made a motion to approve the quote from Gundlach to replace the valve that was leaking last year and temporarily repaired. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed. Stewardship & Finance – Jim Bertsch – The 2023 financial audit has been completed and everything looks good. Just a note: our new video equipment is covered under our personal property insurance and not separately. There is approximately \$18,400 left from the insurance payment to finish the repairs to the basement.

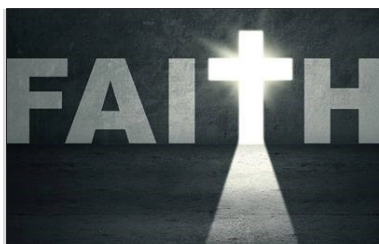
Witness & Welcome – Gayle Thompson – Carrie and Gayle will get together and go over what her position involves.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday early service was attended by 32 and 25 stayed for lunch following. Three options for communion will be given at the congregational council meeting for voting upon. It needs to be decided by the congregation what their preference is for when communion is done.

Young at Heart – 200 pairs of eclipse glasses were sold with proceeds going to the Community Mission fund. 487 Valentine's cookies were baked and decorated. They were distributed to the State Highway Police, Compass Point, Shut-ins, Providence Memory unit, Sheriff's office in Castalia, and N/A here at Trinity. March 13 at 1:00 pm is their next gathering with Lieutenant Tom Salmon talking on Senior Safety.

Old Business – Waiting on a maintenance contract from Gundlach on our a/c and heating units, including the parsonage.

New Business – Easter flowers from Corso's will be done again this year. Lenten "Self-denial/Community Outreach" letter for 2024 was mailed on February 12. Pat made a motion to reinstate Amy (Wobser) Brocco as an active member of Trinity. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed. Bill made a motion that we go with Great Lakes for our future Generac repairs and maintenance contract. 2nd by Kathy. Motion passed.



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 1/12/2024)

At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

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| Ruth Sieb | Apt #107 | Birthday - Sept. 19 |
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At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

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| Ruby Stierhoff | Rm #114 | Birthday - July 26 |
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At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

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| Ray Remy | Apt. 112 | Birthday - Feb 9 |
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At Portland House, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

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| Mary Ann Neidler | Rm #123 | Birthday - Dec 30 |
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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:

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| 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 |
| Nancy Sessler | 6520 Heywood Rd, Sandusky | | Oct 5 |
| Laura Allen | 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky | | |

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 March 20, 2024**

**Pork/Gravy over Mashed Potatoes
Green Bean/Corn Mix
St. Patrick Cookies
Bread/Butter**

**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!**

MARCH 10, 2024

BETWEEN SERVICES

Thank You!

**Thank you to the
following people for
organizing the
downstairs area after
the flooding last
August.**

**Adele & Gene Hoffman
Sally Warner
Bonnie Lieb
Barb Sessler
Pat Wiedenheft
Tyler, Ryan, & Carlie
Wiedenheft
Jim Bertsch**

MARCH MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bryce Cullen
- 2 William Bertsch
- 3 Judith Howard
Ryan Wiedenheft
- 4 Richard Miller
Justin Stierhoff
- 5 Cynthia Norman
- 6 Arlayne Mischler
Tyler Wiedenheft
- 9 Steve Miller
Jeff Neill
Ryan Troike
- 10 Elise Kleinoeder
David Wiedenheft
- 14 Barbara Sessler
Cordell Gerber
Tim Markley



- 16 Todd Schwochow
- 17 Paul Warner
Sean Cullen
- 18 Cory Paseka
Mason Hermes
Robin Thrash
- 22 Joseph Sessler
- 26 Wesley Miller
Jean Cline
- 27 Linda Wilcox
- 28 Eli Conner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Don & Cindy Bowers - 35th
- 22 Barry & Karen Gill - 33rd



David & Cathy Wobser, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Wendy Wiedenheft, David Wiedenheft in memory of Paul Herrmann

Larry & Linda Velliquette, Denny & Barb Sessler, Roy & Joyce Patterson, Larry & Pat

Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, David & Cathy Wobser in memory of Rick Cline

*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



Jeff & Jean Smith in memory of John Milliman

David & Cathy Wobser, David & Sally Warner, Nancy Vollmer, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Tom & Peggy Kingsborough in honor of Bob & Alice Bertsch's 77th wedding anniversary and Bob's 100th birthday.

Jean Leimeister and Patty Swartz in memory of their father Albert Selke's birthday on February 27.

David & Sally Warner in memory of Frank Franco (Dawn Harris's dad)



A huge Thank You from Bob and Alice Bertsch for the lovely cards and good wishes for their anniversary and Bob's birthday. They are all greatly appreciated.

Address Update

Dale & Mary Meyer
PO Box 588
Castalia OH 44824



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

- To Stierhoff's for moving P. Jen from MI and then into the parsonage.
- To Bonnie Lieb, Sally Warner, Linda Gantz, and Millie McCready for participating in the 2023 financial audit.
- To the Worship & Music committee in providing the Ash Wednesday Luncheon meal.



MARCH 2024

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 3 Third Sunday of Lent | 4 Dartball Tournament 7 pm | 5 At Zion Soup Meal - 6 pm Lenten Service - 7 pm | 6 11 am Lenten Service NA 7:00 pm | 7 | 1 8 | 2 N/A 11 am 9 N/A 11 am |
| 10 Fourth Sunday of Lent Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 11 Easter Flower Orders Due | 12 At Zion Soup Meal - 6 pm Lenten Service - 7 pm | 13 11 am Lenten Service Young at Heart 1 pm NA 7:00 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 NA 11:00 am |
| 17 Fifth Sunday of Lent Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 18 | 19 At Zion Soup Meal - 6 pm Lenten Service - 7 pm | 20 11 am Lenten Service Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm | 21 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 22 | 23 NA 11:00 am |
| 24 Palm Sunday Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Jam Session 9:30 am | 25 | 26 | 27 NA 7:00 pm | 28 Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm | 29 Office Closed Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm | 30 NA 11:00 am |
| 31 Easter Sunday Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 1 Office Closed Carol on Vacation | | | | | |
















HELPERS AT WORSHIP - March 2024 and April 2024

| Date | Chancel Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
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| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |
| Altar Care for March: Pat Wiedenheft & Candy Beatty Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Cathy Wobser | | | | | | | | |
| March 3 | Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft | | Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff | Russ Stephens | Tyler Wiedenheft | Denny Sessler Bob Troike | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
| March 10 | Wendy Wiedenheft | Fred Wobser | Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff | Carrie Wiedenheft | Carlie Wiedenheft | Denny Sessler Bob Troike | Jim Bertsch | Natalie Thompson |
| March 17 | | | Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff | Sally Warner | Mariska Farlow | Denny Sessler Bob Troike | Candy Beatty | Malachi Herrmann |
| March 24 | | Chrissie Nielsen | Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Zane Warner | Denny Sessler Bob Troike | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
| Maundy Thurs. | Ushers: Cindy & Greg Norman, Acolyte: Carlie Wiedenheft, Lector: Gayle Thompson, Flowers: | | | Good Friday | Ushers: Sally Warner & David Wobser, Acolyte: Mason Russell, Lector: Joyce Patterson | | | |
| March 31 | | Cindy Norman | Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff | Joyce Patterson | Emma & Drew Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bob Troike | Jim Bertsch | Eli & Claire Conner |
| Altar Care for April: Pat Wiedenheft Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Sally Warner 10:30 - Barb Sessler | | | | | | | | |
| April 7 | Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft | | Mark Wiedenheft Guy Miller | Russ Stephens | Mya Smith | Bill Bertsch Charles Howard | Gayle Thompson | Natalie Thompson |
| April 14 | | | Mark Wiedenheft Guy Miller | Carrie Wiedenheft | Lincoln Smith | Bill Bertsch Charles Howard | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
| April 21 | Jim Bertsch | | Mark Wiedenheft Guy Miller | Sally Warner | Drew Killingsworth | Bill Bertsch Charles Howard | Jim Bertsch | Mason Russell |
| April 28 | Tom & Peggy Kingsborough | | Mark Wiedenheft Guy Miller | Erica Miller | Tyler Wiedenheft | Bill Bertsch Charles Howard | Candy Beatty | Eli Conner |




April 8, 2024 will be Total Solar Eclipse in the Sandusky area.

Below is a timeline for the eclipse. Be sure to check the local news for more information on how to prepare for the event.

| Phase | Time | Event | Direction | Altitude |
|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  | 1:57 pm Mon, Apr 8 | Partial eclipse begins The moment the edge of the Moon touches the edge of the Sun is called first contact. |  191° |  55.7° |
|  | 3:12 pm Mon, Apr 8 | Totality begins The moment the edge of the Moon covers all of the Sun is called second contact. |  220° |  49.5° |
|  | 3:14 pm Mon, Apr 8 | Maximum eclipse The deepest point of the eclipse, with the Sun at its most hidden. |  221° |  49.3° |
|  | 3:16 pm Mon, Apr 8 | Totality ends The moment the edge of the Moon exposes the Sun is called third contact. |  222° |  49.0° |
|  | 4:27 pm Mon, Apr 8 | Partial eclipse ends The moment the edge of the Moon leaves the edge of the Sun is called fourth contact. |  241° |  38.7° |

** Timings for the beginning & end of partial eclipse, the beginning & end of totality, and maximum eclipse are accurate to within a few seconds. This calculation uses a [Delta T](#) value of 69.22 seconds. Timings for other events are approximate—they are included here as a rough guide to features that might be observable. The icons show the position of the Moon against the Sun at each stage, but they do not show the correct position of the diamond ring and Bailey's beads.*

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|---|--|--|
| <div> <div>Apr 8, 2024 at 3:14 pm</div> <div>  </div> <div>Max View in City of Sandusky, Ohio</div> </div> | | Global Event: Total Solar Eclipse |
| | | Local Type: Total Solar Eclipse in City of Sandusky, Ohio |
| | | Begins: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 1:57 pm |
| | | Maximum: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 3:14 pm 1.019 Magnitude |
| | | Ends: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 4:27 pm |
| | | Duration: 2 hours, 30 minutes |
| | | Totality: 3 minutes, 45 seconds |

All times shown on this page are local time.

Thrivent Members: Now Is the Time!

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2023 will expire soon. If you are a Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars for distribution, you have until **March 31** to designate that money...and your congregation, Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church, is an eligible destination. Even if you have designated your Choice Dollars to Trinity previously, **you must do so again** before the availability of 2023 Choice Dollars expires. Give your Thrivent Representative a call and they will help you get all setup.

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3. Log in by entering your User ID and password.
(If you haven't yet registered on thrivent.com, click **Register for account access**.)
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 - a. To direct to a previous organization:
 - Click **Direct Now** next to the organization's name, or
 - Click on the **View activity history** link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.
 - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **Search**.
5. Choose **Direct All** or **enter a specific number** and click **Direct Now**. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

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(If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of March

March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 - *The commandments are given at Sinai*

Psalm 19 - The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 - *Christ crucified, the wisdom of God*

John 2:13-22 - *The cleansing of the temple*

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Numbers 21:4-9 - *The lifting up of the serpent*

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 - You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

Ephesians 2:1-10 - *Saved by grace through faith for good works*

John 3:14-21 - *The lifting up of the Son of Man*

Prayer of the Day: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 - *A new covenant written on the heart*

Psalm 51:1-12 - Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

Hebrews 5:5-10 *Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

John 12:20-33 - *The grain of wheat dying in the earth*

Prayer of the Day: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 24 - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a - *The servant of the LORD submits to suffering*

Psalm 31:9-16 - Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11 - *Humbled to the point of death on a cross*

Mark 14:1--15:47 - *The passion of the Lord*

Prayer of the Day: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 - *God raised Jesus on the third day*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 - This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - *Witnesses to the risen Christ*

Mark 16:1-8 - *The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

****Open to anyone in the community****

Grace Lutheran Church
203 S. Washington St.
Castalia, OH 44824

Wednesday, March 13th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until sold out)

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MENU:

**BAKED SPAGHETTI, LETTUCE, BREAD SLICE
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do not be afraid."

John 14:27

