



Trinity Times

April
2024

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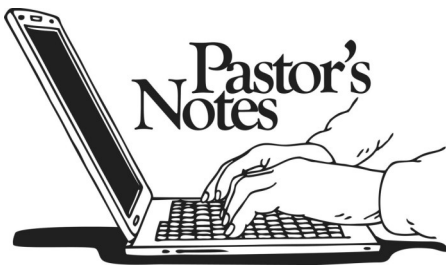
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



In Lent, we talk about prayer, fasting, and generous giving. But for the season (7 Weeks!) of Easter I want to invite you to remember your faith in action by celebrating! Joy and celebration are important to our faith just as much as other things. As you celebrate (maybe with party hats and champagne or chocolate cake and Diet Coke or popcorn and movies) remember why.

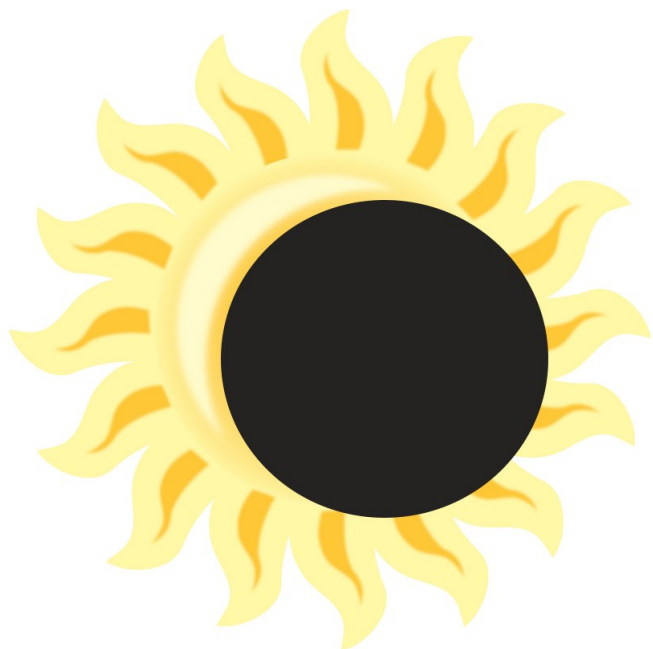
God loves you; Jesus overcame death on the cross and rose again; grace is a free gift given for you; you are a beloved child of God; "if anyone is in Christ, there is new creation"; life is transformed!

I know that not all times are moments of celebration. There are obstacles and challenges that we face that can seem overwhelming. But it's precisely because of those things, it's important to remember to celebrate when you can. Find that place of ridiculous joy in your heart and let that be your prayer! If "Oh God" sighed in the midst of chaos can be a prayer, so can "Whooohooo!" be a prayer of joy. God is with us though all things.

I wish you a happy Easter season. I pray that the solar eclipse will fill you with awe at God's amazing cosmos. I look with hope to our continued adventures together in sharing the Good News of God's love.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jen





Young At Heart Schedule of Events – 2024

Young at Heart (our new ministry serving our over 55 population.) will meet on Wednesday, On Wednesday **April 17th 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 of \$15 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 February 29, 2024

Monday, March 25, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
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Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	33,902.74
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	105,536.70
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,966.79
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	279,898.57
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	<u>\$584,255.19</u>
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Liabilities

2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	309.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	207.08
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	16.40
2.100.220	Board of Pension	24.09

Total Liabilities	<u>\$556.57</u>
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Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	46,210.99
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	11,718.65
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	14,561.37
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	109,503.49
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	64,473.67
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	745.92
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	279,898.57

<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i><u>\$469,183.02</u></i>
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3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	56,585.96
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Total Fund Balances	<u>\$583,698.62</u>
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$584,255.19</u>
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COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - March 21, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, P. Jen, Betsy Stierhoff, Carrie Wiedenheft, Bill Bertsch, Barb Sessler, Secretary Carol Dahs Absent: Kathy Bango, Gayle Thompson, Nancy Vollmer

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Betsy Stierhoff

Minutes of previous meeting (February 2024) were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for February 2024 was reviewed. Betsy made a motion to accept the February treasurer's report. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie passed out reviews/comments from papers everyone filled out in January/February. The minutes from the congregational meeting on March 17 were reviewed. Carol needs to change out an incorrect member name on the report.

Pastor's Report: Lenten Services are going well on both Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. P. Jen may look into doing a Sermon Series this summer. She will be working with Gayle to do some more home visits. Confirmation is set for May 19 with 3 possibly 4 kids being confirmed. P. Jen went with Kathy B. to Compass Point earlier that day. They learned more about what they do there. They currently have 8 people with the compacity for 40. They are working on getting transportation to help get more individuals there. P. Jen will be on vacation for a few days after Easter. She asked that you please let her know if you are having meetings, so she is aware of what is going on within the church. Also, let Carol know so the calendar can be checked for conflicts.

Congregational Life – Kathy Bango – P. Jen reported that the March 5, Tuesday evening meal at Zion went fine. Kathy only had to bring desserts, everything else was already provided.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – There will be a youth sleepover on Maundy Thursday evening. Sally, Shelby, and Carrie K. will be the adults attending. There will be a meeting between services on Sunday about the sleepover.

Community Mission – Betsy Stierhoff – Betsy's group will meet April 7 between services to brainstorm ideas for their group.

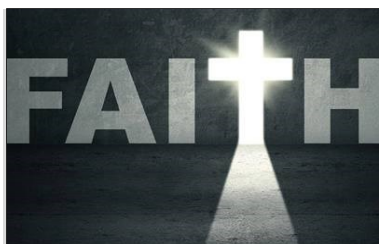
Property – Bill Bertsch – The downstairs fellowship area is finished besides putting some baseboard up and a couple of doors. The congregation approved up to \$15,000 for a garage door opener for the parsonage, to fix the leak on the parsonage porch roof, and to replace the rotted basement window. Bill will work on getting these done. Bill made a motion to accept the two bids from Gundlach: One for our yearly maintenance with them for the parsonage and church boilers, AC units, and furnaces, for \$1,473.00 per year. Second was for replacing the air compressor on the church boiler system, for \$6,592.43. Money to come from the Building Improvement fund. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed. Bill will give Rex a call about someone he knows who could do the parsonage garage door at a reasonable rate. It was noted that it should be checked that quotes on the parsonage are for residential work not commercial.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Their next meeting is April 3 at 1 pm. The newly approved communion schedule will start the Sunday after Easter. They will be discussing music options in the future.

Young at Heart – April 17 at 1 pm will be the painting class. Cost is \$15. They received a Thank You note from Compass Point for the Valentine's cookies.

New Business – Pat will see if Carrie K. has pictures of P. Ralph and Cathy that can be hung in the church office. P. Jen will work on getting a picture of herself also. P. Jen will talk with Kathy B. about a new directory. They have discussed doing one in 2025 so it is ready for Trinity's Centennial in February 2026.





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

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

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

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

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:

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 April 17, 2024**

**Turkey & Noodles
Corn
Salad
Cake**

**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!**

APRIL 14, 2024

BETWEEN SERVICES

Song of Solomon
2:12, NRSV

*The
flowers
appear
on the
earth;
the
time of
singing
has come.*

APRIL MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Alison Schwochow
Carrie Wiedenheft
- 8 Robert Troike
- 9 Harold Schonhardt
- 10 Brian Driscoll
Charles Howard
- 12 Kenneth Pfann
Orpha Densmore
- 15 Guy Miller
- 16 Thomas Kingsborough
- 19 Betty Roeser
Gail Lococo
Bentley Koch
- 20 Deborah Pfann
- 22 Isabella Lesch



- 24 Casey Swartz
- 25 Alice Bertsch
- 26 Charles Paseka
- 28 Brenna Carrozzino
Jess Neill
- 29 Adam Thiede

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Daniel & Sarah Strayer - 18th
- 10 Ben & Maryl Breay - 3rd
- 20 Roy & Joyce Patterson - 61st
- 28 Anthony & Donna Schoen - 51st



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Jeff & Debbie Miller, Jim Bertsch,
Dave & Sally Warner, Karen
Zlasney, Mike & Laurie Barbano
& Family, Charles & Sandy
Paseka, Sandra Dwight, Tom &
Shirley Sigman, Dennis & Valarie
Grahl, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, in
memory of Ken Grahl



Jeff & Debbie Miller, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in memory
of Paul & Barb Wiedenheft

Jeff & Debbie Miller in memory of Shirley Miller

Jeff & Debbie Miller in memory of Rick Cline

Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Dave & Sally Warner, Jim Bertsch,
Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in memory of Janice Casanova



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

- To Cyclone Services for their trash removal.
- To Dave & Cathy Wobser, Gayle & Tim Thompson, and Pat Wiedenheft for keeping our outdoor sign updated.
- To Anna Dunn for making St. Patty's Day cookies for the February Crossroad's meal.



APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed Carol on Vacation	2	3 NA 7:00 pm	4	5	6
7 Second Sunday of Easter Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	8	9	10 NA 7:00 pm	11	12	13 NA 11:00 am
14 Third Sunday of Easter Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Jam Session 9:30 am	15	16	17 Young at Heart 1 pm Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	18 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	19	20 NA 11:00 am
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	22	23	24 NA 7:00 pm	25	26	27 NA 11:00 am
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	29	30				
















HELPERS AT WORSHIP - April 2024 and May 2024

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
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
Altar Care for May: Pat Wiedenheft & Carrie Killingsworth Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Gayle Thompson								
May 5	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff	Sally Warner Roy Patterson	Guy Miller	Carlie Wiedenheft	Gary Lieb Ken Schenk	Cathy Wobser	Mason Russell
May 12	Ken & Marsha Schenk	Fred Wobser	Sally Warner Roy Patterson	Joyce Patterson	Mariska Farlow	Gary Lieb Ken Schenk	Gayle Thompson	Malachi Herrmann
May 19	Tom & Peggy Kingsborough		Sally Warner Roy Patterson	Sally Warner	Zane Warner	Gary Lieb Ken Schenk	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner
May 26	Gary & Bonnie Lieb		Sally Warner Roy Patterson	Russ Stephens	Emma Killingsworth	Gary Lieb Ken Schenk	Jim Bertsch	Natalie Thompson




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.*

<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.

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of April

April 7 - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 - *The believers' common life*

Psalm 133 - How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (*Ps. 133:1*)

1 John 1:1-2:2 - *Walking in the light*

John 20:19-31 - *Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

April 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 - *Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

Psalm 4 - The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (*Ps. 4:3*)

1 John 3:1-7 - *The revealing of the children of God*

Luke 24:36b-48 - *Eating with the risen Christ*

Prayer of the Day: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

April 21 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 - *Salvation in the name of Jesus*

Psalm 23 - The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (*Ps. 23:1*)

1 John 3:16-24 - *Love in truth and action*

John 10:11-18 - *Christ the shepherd*

Prayer of the Day: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

April 28 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 - *Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian*

Psalm 22:25-31 - All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (*Ps. 22:27*)

1 John 4:7-21 - *God's love perfected in love for one another*

John 15:1-8 - *Christ the vine*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Community Mission Giving for 2023

Sandusky Artisans (Bus Passes) - \$625.00
Safe Harbour - \$625.00
Volunteers of America (Bus Passes) - \$625.00 12 Monthly meals
Victory Kitchen - \$3,125.00
Firelands Habitat for Humanity – \$2,500.00
Kinship House - \$1250.00
Care & Share - \$5,625.00
Nehemiah Center - \$625.00
Luther Home of Mercy - \$2,500.00
Project Share - \$3,750.00
Grace's Table - \$3,750.00
Total: \$25,000.00

Charity Fund Giving for 2023

Holy Angel's Thanksgiving Meal - \$500.00
Meal on Wheels - \$2,000.00
ELCA Leadership for Seminary Students - \$2,000.00
Cancer Services for Transportation costs - \$500.00
Second Harvest - \$2,000.00 for Erie County
Lutheran Disaster Relief - \$4,000.00
Lutheran World Relief - \$4,000.00
Habitat for Humanity - \$5,000.00
Erie County Children's Services - \$500.00
Total: \$20,500.00

Benevolence Giving for 2023

Northwestern Ohio Synod - \$18,000.00
ELCA (Good Gifts) - \$697.00
Lutheran Disaster Response (US) - \$1943.40
Lutheran Disaster Response (International) - \$1453.40
Lutheran World Relief - \$130.00
World Hunger Jar - \$146.02
Care & Share (Souper Bowl) - \$403.00
Care & Share (Donation) - \$60.00
Project Noelle (Gifts for Christmas)
Hopewood Outdoors - \$100.00
Viewpoint Gardening - \$200.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars for Endowment - \$3345.00
Sock/Foot/Seat Tree (Crossroads and Care & Share)

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Delivery is available for
shut-ins, call 419-357-3672
to schedule a delivery.

**Wednesday, April 10th
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

(or until sold out)

**Free Drive-thru pickup
in the back of church**

MENU:

**PULLED PORK, AU GRATIN POTATOES,
PEAS & DESSERT**