

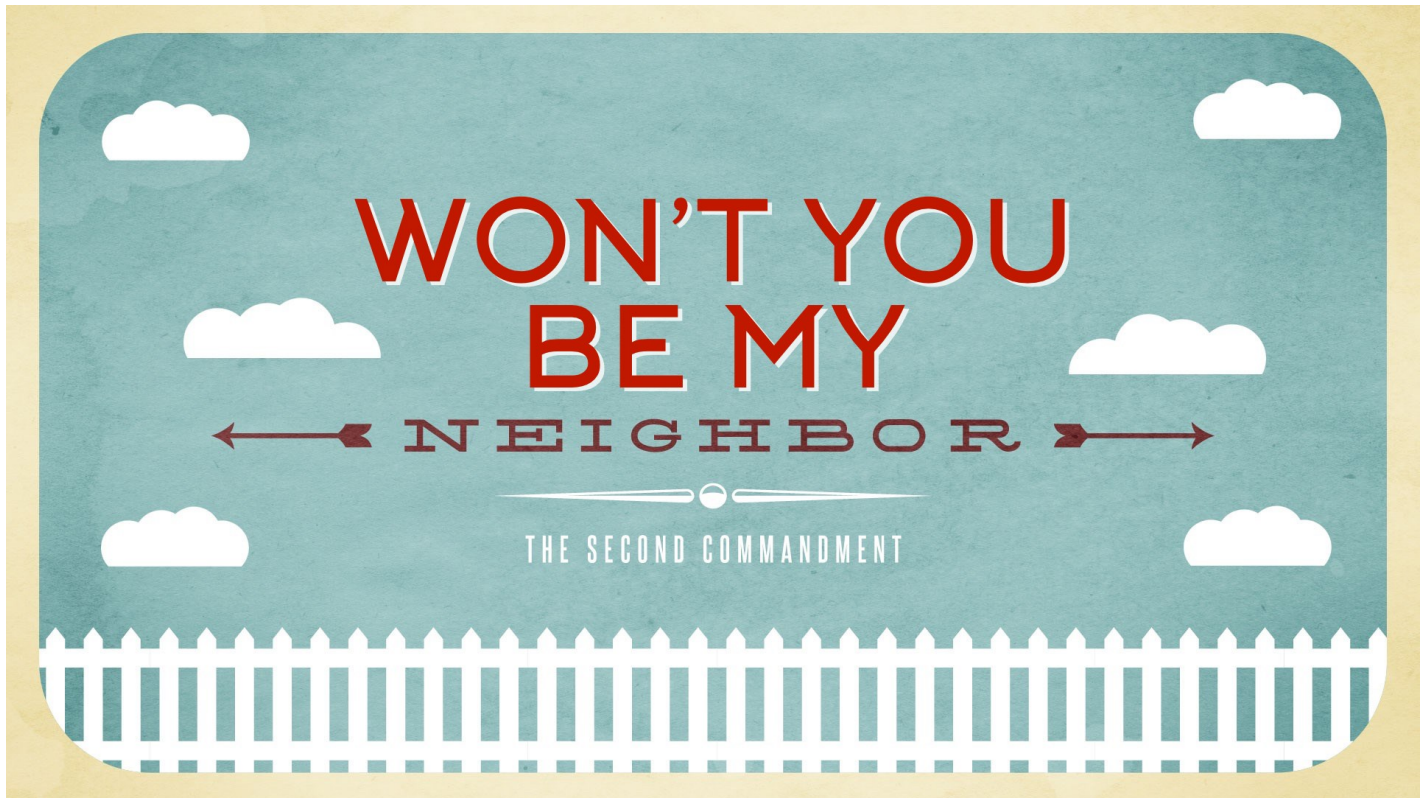


Trinity Times

May
2024

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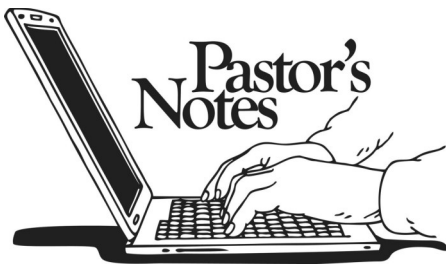


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



Dear Family and Friends of Trinity,

Diana Butler Bass (a church historian) reminds us: "Christianity did not begin with a confession. It began with an invitation into friendship, into creating a new community, into forming relationships based on love and service."

Reading that quote again today instantly made me think of Mr. Rogers and singing "Won't You Be My Neighbor"

**I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you,
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.
So let's make the most of this beautiful day,
Since we're together we might as well say,
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
Won't you be my neighbor?
Won't you please, Won't you please?
Please won't you be my neighbor?**

You have been a faith family for nearly 100 years. Your friendships, relationships, family, and connections are what draw people closer to God. I want to encourage you to deepen your friendships within the congregation and to welcome friends and strangers to our church. Be a neighbor and care for each other.

The church universal grows as we show the love of God to one another. Jesus didn't ask people for their confession of belief, he just invited them to come and see. Jesus didn't insist on faith before healing them nor did he insist on compliance of the rules before feeding them. Love is the only thing that really has the power to draw us together and to overcome fear.

May you be strengthened to show God's love in all you do. May you invite others to share in that love which God has given. May you welcome those who seek God wherever they are.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Jen





Young At Heart Schedule of Events – 2024

The Young at Heart are planning on attending the Firelands Chorus Concert on Friday, May 17. The concert begins at 7:30 pm. The doors open at 7:00 pm. We plan to meet at Zion Lutheran Church. If you need transportation, please call the church office and we will arrange transportation for you.

The Young At Heart are scheduled for a "cruise" on The Mystic Belle in Vermilion, Ohio on Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 pm. This is the cruise we were rained out of last August. We will meet at the church at 1:00 pm on that day and carpool to Vermilion. The cruise is limited to 22 people. Watch for the signup sheet on the Young At Heart bulletin board.

Friday May 17 – 7:30 pm -Firelands Chorus Concert – Zion Lutheran Church

June 12 – 2:00 pm - 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 March 31, 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	31,286.89
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	61,911.10
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,650.16
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	112,240.15
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,988.32
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	286,888.74
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	40,466.90
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	60,068.17
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	753.00
	Total Assets	\$599,273.43
Fund Balances		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	43,213.73
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	13,020.65
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	14,996.37
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	116,228.47
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	64,104.30
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	753.00
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	286,888.74
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$482,970.88</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	60,068.17
	Total Fund Balances	\$599,273.43
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$599,273.43



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - April 18, 2024 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Carrie Wiedenheft

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

Treasurer's report for March 2024 was reviewed. Interest on investments is currently up. We have spent \$34,076.61 on the basement repairs. Still need two doors replaced yet. Nancy made a motion to accept the March treasurer's report. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Updates to the minutes from the congregational meeting on March 17 were made and redistributed to everyone.

Pastor's Report: Easter services went well. P. Jen and Gayle did some more home visits and P. Jen did hospital visits. Confirmation is May 19. There will be 3 confirmands and P. Jen is waiting to hear from Mariska's family. There will be a parsonage open house on April 28 after each service. May 4 will P. Jen's parents' memorial in Indiana. She will be off on May 4 and 5. She will find a substitute pastor for the 5th. P. Jen will be leading the Easter Conference Women's Spring gathering in Fremont on April 20. She is also looking at some continuing education in July.

Congregational Life – Kathy Bango – Kathy is looking into a new photo directory in 2025. Lifetouch is out of business. P. Jen will share a program that lets you do it yourself instead of hiring an outside company.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The youth will be doing their normal Mother's Day activities on May 12. Confirmation is May 19. Graduation will be June 2, we currently only know of Trevor Ramsdell who is graduating. We will be celebrating first time drivers this year. Zion and Grace have both invited Trinity youth to attend their Vacation Bible School activities this year. Memorial Day celebration around the flagpole again this year, weather permitting. The youth will be putting flags out at Venice cemetery for Memorial Day. The Wreaths Across America will be happening in May this year as to not conflict with all the other Christmas time activities.

Community Mission – Betsy Stierhoff – Betsy's group will meet April 21 between services to brainstorm ideas for their group.

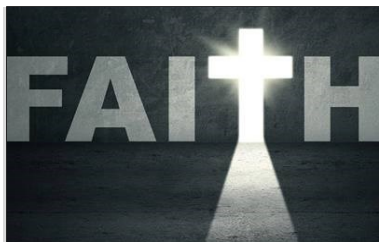
Property – Bill Bertsch – Bill will get with Barb, Bonnie, and Mike later in the year about the upstairs fellowship hall renovations. Bill needs to contact Rex on his recommendation for the garage door opener for the parsonage. Currently the front porch at the parsonage is not leaking so P. Jen will keep an eye out for it. Bill will investigate the parsonage basement window and additional AC quotes after he retires from work in May. P. Jen did say that two of her ceiling fans need to be looked at and she would like to purchase a garbage disposal if someone could install it for her. The new air compressor for the boiler was installed on 4/11/24.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – They met on April 3. They heard good comments on the Wednesday morning Lenten services so we will look at doing that again next year. There will be a hymn of the month added back into the services. Shelby Koch is looking at helping with the altar committee. It was requested we announce and place more announcements in the bulletin especially during the holidays noting where the donation plates are.

Young at Heart – In March Lt. Tom Selmons was in and gave a presentation on senior safety. The group had a painting party on April 17. It was a good time and the paintings turned out lovely. On May 17 the group will be attending the Firelands Chorus show at Zion. On June 12 they will be taking their ride on the Mystic Bell out of Vermillion at 2:00 pm. The boat is wheelchair accessible.

Old 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.

New Business – Jim made a motion to accept Dean Matus as a new transferred member to Trinity. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed. New AED pads arrived and were installed. It was brought up that it is hard to hear the children's message. Maybe Sally can hold a mic?



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

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 Welsler	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.



MAY ALTAR CARE

Pat Wiedenheft
Carrie Killingsworth

**Crossroads Homeless Shelter
Meal
for May 15, 2024**

**Chili
Corn Bread
Lettuce Salad
Fruit Salad**

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!**

MAY 12, 2024

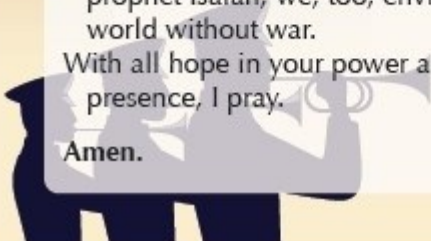
BETWEEN SERVICES



Spirit of Peace,

My heart turns to you as I embrace the somber significance of this day. Bring healing to those who suffer the horrible consequences of war. Mend the rifts that pit nation against nation. Give us the grace to find alternatives to vengeance and violence, and the courage to advocate for peaceful solutions to our conflicts. Center our hope in you so that, like the prophet Isaiah, we, too, envision a world without war. With all hope in your power and presence, I pray.

Amen.



MAY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Phyllis Baum
Daniel Baum
Craig Stierhoff
- 3 Hank Kleinoeder
- 5 Erica Miller
- 6 Ann Streat
- 7 Patricia Wiedenheft
- 8 Macie Berg
- 10 Donald Kuns
- 13 Lauren Kautz
- 14 Barbara Wobser
Chelsea Miller
- 15 Michael Ramsdell
- 16 Carrie Killingsworth
- 19 Donald Baum
- 20 Terrie Hirt
Kenneth Schenk



- 21 Linda Gantz
- 24 Regina Werner-Strauss
Tim Thompson
- 25 David Wobser
Brian Hickman
- 26 Christina Stephens
- 28 Lane Hirt
Keith Miller
Kent Miller
- Robert Wiedenheft
- 29 Ellene Kleinoeder

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Craig & Betsy Stierhoff - 28th
- 6 Donald & Phyllis Baum - 63rd
- 9 William & Terrie Hirt - 54th
- 11 Dale & Mary Meyer - 50th
Rev Dane & Kristi Meuschke - 47th
- 23 Ronald & Marilee Werner - 54th
- 27 Lawrence & Linda Velliquette - 46th
- 29 Kenneth & Marsha Schenk - 48th



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Gene & Adele Hoffman in
memory of Karl Lehrer

Ron & Marilee Warner in memory
of Paul Wiedenheft

Ron & Marilee Warner in memory
of Ken Grahl

Jeannie Leimeister and Patty Swartz in loving memory of
their mother, Martha M. Selke on her birthday May 12
and Mother's Day



Thank you to everyone for all the kind words and gifts I
received from you. It's been a pleasure working here at
Trinity and getting to know you all. Thank you to those
who help me keep my candy basket full and enjoyed by
all. Blessings to you all. Love Carol

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

- To everyone who donates towards the monthly Crossroads meals and to Jim and all his helpers in cooking the meals and delivering them.
- To Sandy Like at Zion for making the Tuesday evening Lenten meals.
- To Carlie, Tyler, Ryan, and Mark Wiedenheft, Mason Russell, Ava and Oliver Wiedenheft for putting up the Easter flowers in the sanctuary.
- To Trinity's Altar Committee for keeping everything flowing for communion on Sundays.
- To Carl & Karen Schwochow for 2 smoked turkeys for the Crossroads meals.



- To Anna Dunn for cupcakes and cooking the meal in April so Pat and Jim could paint with the Young at Heart group.

MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 NA 7:00 pm	2	3	4 P. Jen in Indiana for Parents Memorial Service
5 Sixth Sunday of Easter Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	6	7	8 NA 7:00 pm	9	10	11 NA 11:00 am
12 Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Jam Session 9:30 am Mother's Day	13	14	15 Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	17 Young at Heart 7 pm at Zion for Concert	18 NA 11:00 am
19 First Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	20	21	22 NA 7:00 pm	23	24	25 NA 11:00 am
26 Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29 NA 7:00 pm	30	31	

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - May 2024 and June 2024

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
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
Altar Care for June: Cathy Wobser Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Sally Warner 10:30 - Candy Beatty								
June 2		Shelby Koch	Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Mya Smith	Barb Sessler	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner
June 9	Guy & Laura Miller	Wendy Wiedenheft	Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Sally Warner	Lincoln Smith	Barb Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
June 16	Millie McCready		Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Erica Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Barb Sessler	Jim Bertsch	Malachi Herrmann
June 23	Tom & Peggy Kingsborough		Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Guy Miller	Carlie Wiedenheft	Barb Sessler	Candy Beatty	Eli Conner
June 30		Cindy Norman	Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Joyce Patterson	Mariska Farlow	Barb Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Mason Russell

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of May

May 5 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48 - *The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles*

Psalm 98 - Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (*Ps. 98:4*)

1 John 5:1-6 - *The victory of faith*

John 15:9-17 - *Christ the friend and lover*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

May 12 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 - *Matthias added to the apostles*

Psalm 1 - The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (*Ps. 1:6*)

1 John 5:9-13 - *Life in the Son of God*

John 17:6-19 - *Christ's prayer for his disciples*

Prayer of the Day: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy 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.

May 19 - First Sunday of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 - *Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b - Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (*Ps. 104:30*)

Romans 8:22-27 - *Praying with the Spirit*

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 - *Christ sends the Spirit of truth*

Prayer of the Day: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

May 26 - Holy Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 - *Isaiah's vision and call*

Psalm 29 - Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (*Ps. 29:2*)

Romans 8:12-17 - *Living by the Spirit*

John 3:1-17 - *Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Welcome May

May You be happy.

May You be well.

May You be safe.

May You find comfort.

May You have strength.

May You have courage.

May You find healing.

May You have peace.

May You have joy.

**May You be filled with
loving kindness.**

**MAY YOU BE BLESSED
TODAY
AND ALWAYS**

