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November
2024

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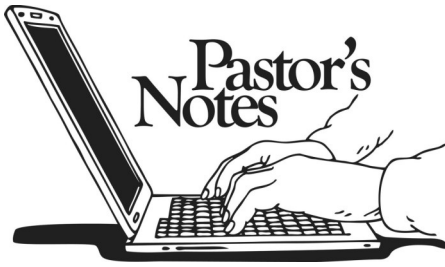
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



This November is a very full month. On Sunday the third, we celebrate All Saint's Sunday and remember the "great cloud of witnesses" that surround us. That week also sees a presidential election this year. (And Malachi turns 11 – how can this be?) This is all in the very first week! I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Veteran's day, we give thanks to those who have served their country. And the last week of November this year is packed too. On

the 24th, we in the church celebrate Christ the King. Later that week is Thanksgiving and of course, black Friday shopping. (Yeah, it seems to have taken on its own "national holiday" feel these days!) With those events, I think it wise to pause and pray whenever we can.

First, pray for all the saints... those living and those whose life now rests in the eternal. How lucky are we that we have been on a journey with sinners and saints of all ages and kinds! Pray for those who experience fresh grief and those for whom grief has been a long companion.

This year's election is one of the most divisive I've experienced. No amount of hate, animosity, or fear will help our country be strong. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and peace among all peoples. Pray for those who you consider your "enemies." Pray for those who are most vulnerable to any and all of our governmental policies. Pray for your neighbors – those most like you and those most unlike you.

Give thanks for those who have served our country. Pray for the peace of the world so that those who are serving now may only serve in peace time. Pray for all nations that justice may be found in peaceful means.

Give thanks for God who embraces this whole world in ways we understand and in ways that are a mystery. Give thanks for the places and people with whom we share our table and time. Pray for those who have needs greater than our own.

Most importantly friends, make your prayers ones of action. God hears our words, our sighs, our breaking hearts, and our joyous thanks, but our world and neighbors depend on our prayers leading us into actions. Follow Jesus and let love be an action.

Love and Prayers,
Pastor Jen



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*





Happy Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks!



Youth and Family



We would like to take this time to welcome Ryan Wiedenheft as a new acolyte at our 8:00 am worship services. We would to thank him for his willingness to serve our church and God, so if you see Ryan around, be sure to thank him also.

It's Thanksgiving time and time for our annual Senior member (60 and older) Thanksgiving Dinner. This year the youth group will be serving up all the Thanksgiving goodies on Sunday, November 24 starting at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. PLEASE be sure to sign up on the bulletin board across from the office to let us know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly for food.



Plans are in the making for our annual Sunday School Christmas Program which will be held on December 8 as a part of both worship services. This year we will be doing an interactive program, so come ready to be apart of the program too.

Thank you to Rex Stierhoff and crew for moving the Sunday school furniture around downstairs.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2024

Monday, October 28, 2024

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Account #	Account Name
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YTD Balance

Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	33,835.55
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	64,860.85
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,714.04
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	127,236.06
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,077.66
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	303,835.69
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	21,062.41
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	63,932.32
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	885.60

Total Assets	\$621,460.18
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Liabilities

2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	531.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	310.62
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	24.60

Total Liabilities	\$866.22
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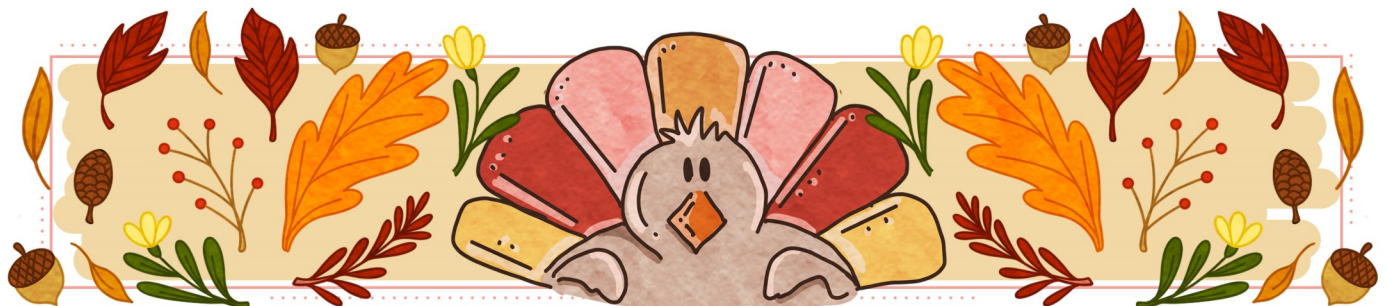
Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	33,683.17
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	4,787.01
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	36,469.67
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	131,313.72
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	45,686.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	885.60
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	303,835.69

Total Designated Giving Fund Balance *\$518,191.46*

3,400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	63,932.32
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Total Fund Balances	\$620,593.96
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances **\$621,460.18**

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - October 10, 2024 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

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

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

Treasurer's report for September was not available for review.

President's Report: Carrie reviewed the Congregational meeting agenda. The date for item number III should be 2023 not 2024. Under item IV, item D. Charity Fund needs to be added and under items IX, item B. Secretary Position needs to be added. Nancy made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted corrections. 2nd Barb S. Motion passed. Cookies will be made for between services and Gayle will check with Kathy Bango on whether or not she wants to run for Congregation Life Chair again next year. The Election Ballot was reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the ballot with the understanding it may need to be updated with the removal of Kathy Bango if she chooses not to run again in 2025. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen is continuing with hospital and care center visitations. The high school youth will be doing fundraisers throughout the next couple of years to raise funds for the 2027 Youth Gathering. This is open to 6th through 10th grade students as of this year. Some of the fundraisers being looked at are partnering with Texas Roadhouse for a night of receiving part of purchases made when accompanied with a coupon, pop up bake sales, etc. Couches and chairs were moved into the new high school classroom and some painting will be done yet. P. Jen is working on getting an adult bible study session going.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – Sunday school has started. October 27th will be trunk or treat for the youth between services.

Community Mission – Jim Reported for Betsy – The chili cookoff has been set for November 3 after the second service. The signup sheet for cooks is up and has some contestants listed. There is no charge for the event, but donations will be accepted. There will be a \$50 gift card for the winning chili. The Community Mission team will provide cheese, crackers and brownies for the event. Jim will deliver the 115 health care kits on October 12.

Property – Bill Bertsch – New address numbers are on the mailbox now. The yellow strip on the back stairs has been repainted. Bill is in conversation with Joe Bodie on the parsonage basement window. Sandusky Door and Hearth installed the new parsonage garage door opener at a cost of \$414. The City of Sandusky is looking for some information on our water line. Mike M. took care of hanging pictures at the parsonage and fixed the bathroom light. The front pew needs to be looked at yet.

Stewardship & Finance – Jim Bertsch - We have a CD coming do October 23 for \$1,909.83. Jim made a motion to renew the CD at a rate of 4.62% for another year. 2nd by Pat. Motion passed. Jim reviewed the 2025 budget. P. Jen's salary has increased because the Synod is trying to catch up with the rest of the state on wages. Staff will receive a 3% increase. Barb made a motion to accept the 2025 budget as presented. 2nd by Gayle. Motion passed. Jim reviewed the 2025 Proposed Charity Fund distribution recommendations. Jim made a motion to accept the proposal with the notation that the Holy Angels Thanksgiving support is for the bag of food they give with every meal. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed. Jim reviewed the 2025 Proposed Endowment Fund distribution. Jim made a motion to accept the proposal with the addition of Hurricane Milton being added to Hurricane Helene. 2nd by Barb. Motion passed.

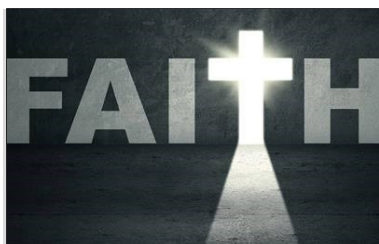
Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – The 2025 usher schedule is done and will be given to Carol.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – In November they are going to see a harlequin play "Cheaters". Signup is on the bulletin board. December they will be going to the Senior Center. In February they are looking at decoration cookies again for Valentine's Day and having a luncheon in April.

Old Business – Barb S & Bonnie L. are in process of getting the new picture frames.

New Business – Carol has decided she will be moving on from Trinity. P. Jen reviewed an updated job description for the secretary position. Pat made a motion to accept the updated job description with the addition under Hours and Schedule to include having to attend Congregational yearly and special meeting. 2nd by Bill. Motion passed. P. Jen will see about posting the job on Indeed and to our Facebook page. The job will be offered at \$17.00/hour (\$18,200/year) to start. P. Jen, Bill and hopefully Kathy B will sit on the interviewing board.





FAITH Member Ministry

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

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

FAITH Members (as of 10/24/2024)

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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Mary Ann Neidler	Rm #111	Birthday - Dec 30
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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 Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Nancy Sessler	Rm #50	Birthday - Oct 5
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Alice Bertsch

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

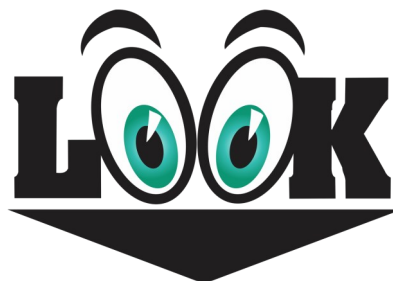
Judy Welser	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia	419-684-7232	Feb. 11
Laura Allen	2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky		
Pat Nielsen	1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky		June 6

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



**Crossroads Homeless Shelter
Meal
for November 20, 2024**

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.



TRY TRINITY'S NEW QR CODE if you would like to easily make donations to the church. Just place your phone camera over it like you are going to take a picture. The link will show up on your phone and you can just tap on it and go to the website with the donation button.

Trinity Lutheran Church



Online Offering



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

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

BETWEEN SERVICES



NOVEMBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Marsh Schenk
- 2 Sam Wilcox
- 3 Thomas Jenkins
Sally Warner
- 4 Claire Conner
- 5 Zane Warner
Malachi Herrmann
- 6 Natalie Thompson
- 7 Shelby Koch
- 8 Kathy Bango
- 10 Jenna Stierhoff
- 14 Holly Miller



- 15 Betsy Stierhoff
- 16 Jade Stierhoff
- 22 Brynn Miller
Bob Zeno
- 25 Jeff Hirt
- 27 Susanne Lemert
- 28 Millie McCready

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Donald & Kathy Parker - 51st
Matthew & Jennifer Lesch - 23rd
- 13 Wesley & Betty Miller - 59th
- 14 Jeffrey & Jessica Hirt - 15th
- 16 Larry & Patricia Wiedenheft - 50th
- 18 Gary & Bonnie Lieb - 57th
Mark & Amy Brocco - 47th
- 20 Allen & Kathleen Miller - 43rd
- 22 Kent & Janis Miller - 27th
- 28 David & Cathy Wobser - 49th



Rhonda & Dean Matus
5220 Heywood Rd
Sandusky OH 44870

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Denny & Barb Sessler, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Jean Cline, Larry & Linda Velliquette, David & Sally Warner, David & Cathy Wobser, Roy & Joyce Patterson, Jim & Nancy Yantz, David Wiedenheft, Patty Swartz, Jim Bertsch, Wes & Betty Miller, Linda Gantz, Wendy Wiedenheft, Greg, Susanne, & Carrie Lemert, Jim, Erin, Emilie Vassar, Pat Wobser, Matt & Jill Conner, Roger & Lori Brown, Janice Roesch, The Rex Stierhoff Family and The Koch Family, June & Sonny Riedy, Mike & Maree Markley, Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft, Chuck & Sandy Paseka, Jack & Brenda Ried for Dorothy Miller, Patsy & Diana Troike in memory of Terrie Hirt



Don & Alice Kuns in memory of Phyllis Baum



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

- To Mike Markley for helping with small jobs at the parsonage and throughout the church.



NOVEMBER 2024

M O N		T U E S	W E D	T H U R S	F R I	S A T
					1	2 NA 11:00 am
3 All Saints Sunday Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	4 Dartball - 7:30 pm	5 Election Day	6 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	7	8	9 NA 11:00 am
10 Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am JAM Session 9:30 am Young at Heart 2:00 pm	11 Veterans Day Dartball - 7:30 pm	12	13 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	14	15	16 NA 11:00 am
17 Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	18 Dartball - 7:30 pm	19	20 AA/NA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	21 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	22	23 NA 11:00 am
24 Christ the King Sunday Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Thanksgiving Senior Meal 11:45 am	25 Dartball - 7:30 pm	26	27 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 NA 11:00 am

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - November 2024 and December 2024

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte
Altar Care for November: Betty Miller & Cathy Wobser Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Cathy Wobser								
November 3	Ken & Marsha Schenk	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff	Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Erica Miller	Emma Killingsworth	Barb Sessler David Wobser	Candy Beatty	Natalie Thompson
November 10	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff		Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Guy Miller	Ryan Wiedenheft	Barb Sessler David Wobser	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner
November 17	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Joyce Patterson	Lincoln Smith	Barb Sessler David Wobser	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
November 24	David & Cathy Wobser		Roy Patterson Sally Warner	Sally Warner	Drew Killingsworth	Barb Sessler David Wobser	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson
Altar Care for December: Ann Strean & Sally Warner Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Cathy Wobser								
December 1	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Tal & Ann Strean	Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Russ Stephens	Tyler Wiedenheft	Bob Troike Denny Sessler	Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell
December 8	Larry & Pat Wiedenheft		Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Carlie Wiedenheft	Bob Troike Denny Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Eli Conner
December 15	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff		Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Sally Warner	Mariska Farlow	Bob Troike Denny Sessler	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner
December 22	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Fred Wobser Kent Miller	Guy Miller	Zane Warner	Bob Troike Denny Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
December 24	Jen Herrmann		There will be a 4:00 pm service and a 10:00 pm service for Christmas Eve Sunday helpers for both services has not yet been determined					
December 29	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff		Fred Wobser Kent Miller		Ryan Wiedenheft	Bob Troike Denny Sessler		Mason Russell

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of November

November 3 - All Saints Sunday

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 - *The blessing of keeping the words of God*

Psalm 119:1-8 - Happy are they who seek the LORD with all their hearts. (Ps. 119:2)

Hebrews 9:11-14 - *Redeemed through the blood of Christ*

Mark 12:28-34 - *Two great commandments: loving God and neighbor*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

November 10 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16 - *God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath*

Psalm 146 - The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

Hebrews 9:24-28 - *The once for all sacrifice of Christ*

Mark 12:38-44 - *A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes*

Prayer of the Day: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

November 17 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3 - *The deliverance of God's people at the end*

Psalm 16 - My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25 - *The way to God opened through Christ's death*

Mark 13:1-8 - *The end and the coming of the Son*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

November 24 - Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 - *The one coming with the clouds rules over all*

Psalm 93 - Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

Revelation 1:4b-8 - *Glory to the one who made us a kingdom*

John 18:33-37 - *The kingdom of Christ*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Attention Trinity Youth

ELCA Youth Gathering 2027
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Save
the
date

The Time to Begin
Planning is Now

Eligible to Attend:
Current Sophomores to
Current 6th Graders

2027

Please contact the office if interested

**Monday, June 28 through
Friday, July 2, 2027**



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Nov. 13th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

**Drive-thru pickup (free) in the
back of church**

**Shredded Chicken over
Biscuit, Corn, Fruit Salad,
and Dessert**

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

... Thank You ...

VETERANS

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 7th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm or sold out

Grace Lutheran Church, Castalia

Proceeds Benefit Grace's Table
(food pantry at Grace Lutheran Church)

Most cookies will be sold by the pound



It's that time of year again!

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS EVE



Use this order form, attach payment, and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. **Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.** All orders must be received in the office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 at NOON!**

Plants may be taken home following worship service on Christmas Eve.

INDICATE NUMBER AND COLOR OF PLANTS ORDERED
(all are 6" pots)



Check # _____ or Cash

RED	WHITE	PINK	OFFICE CHOICE	TOTAL NO.OF PLANTS	Amount at \$11.50 each

Name: _____

DEDICATION for CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN:
