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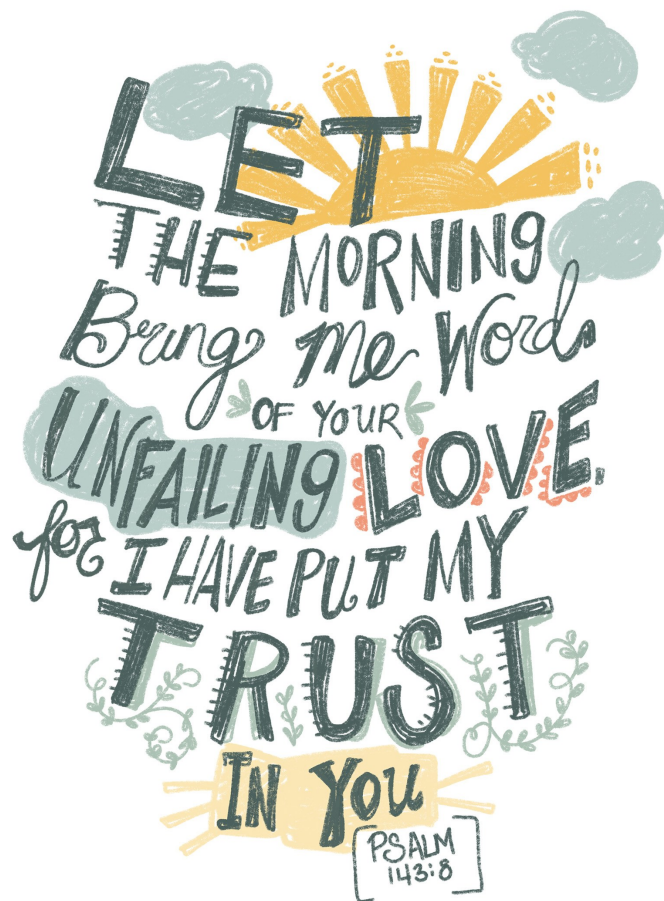
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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

A note from Pastor Jen

Dear Church,

June is Pride month. And, I know with that there is a mix of thoughts and feelings that swirl around. I honor that and understand many topics have lots of complexities and diverse understandings (I'd be happy to have a more in depth and nuanced conversation individually). The church universal has been very hurtful to the LGBTQIA+ community at times, so a sign saying "everyone is welcome" is often looked upon with suspicion. Other marginalized groups have seen it that way as well. Yet, if we are to fully embrace God's amazing love for the world, we must see everyone as created in God's own image. Love and welcome go hand in hand.

Just as God made the day and the night and land and water, we understand that there are so many things that are in between and even more. Twilight, dawn, the wee hours, sandbars, marshland, estuaries, bogs and beaches. Putting things into categories that are either/or is a lot easier for us as people, but sometimes our categories need to be bigger or just completely different! Is a hotdog a sandwich? Is cereal with milk a soup? And what in the world are we supposed to think about a duck billed platypus!? God has called us humans into existence and has given us the ability to co-create, name, and categorize. So when we want to say something is this or that, God whispers, "AND MORE" God called all that was created good.

The complexity of life is something we need to treasure. It is part of God's design. We don't have to fully understand to be compassionate and to see God's image in all people. Indeed, I see God looking back at me whenever I see you.

Love,
Pastor Jen



Mission Service & Congregational Life News

Trinity is sponsoring a "Diaper and Wipes" collection for The Campbell Christian Community Center. We wish to help those in our community who may need assistance. Collection dates are **Sunday, July 6th & Sunday, July 13th.**

The Campbell Christian Community Center (Formerly known as Nehemiah Partners) is an organization whose mission is "To create safe spaces for children to learn and grow while being surrounded by caring adults." The Center does this through after-school programs, summer camps, pre-school breakfasts, and other activities for families.

They provide dinners for kids during the school year and have a lunch program during the summer. The "Breakfast Buddies" is a twice monthly breakfast program for preschoolers and their caregivers. Along with breakfast, they provide activities, stories and crafts geared toward the age group as well as having a "diaper pantry" for anyone who needs it.



Come celebrate our fathers for their special day on **Sunday, June 15th** with "Pops for Pop!". Popsicles, fudge bars, ice cream bars, and ICEE slushes will be available to enjoy! The refreshments and fellowship will take place in the Gathering Area after each worship service.



On Sunday, June 1st, we will have the privilege of honoring our three high school graduates Eli Connor and Erica Miller from Margaretta High School, and Lilah Werner from Vermillion High School. Each graduate will receive a gift from the church and their stepping stone they made for their confirmation which decorated our church landscape the last four years. These graduates will sign a Letter of Intent, a reminder that they'll always be accepted into God's Love and will be on TEAM JESUS at Trinity. They also made a promise to keep God in their hearts over the rest of their lives and share the Good News of God!



Say Cheese! On Easter Sunday, so many from the congregation posed for pictures. Copies were made and handed out. Thank you Denise Casanova for her amazing talent of decorating Easter bonnets for the women and top hats for the fellows. Denise always does an amazing job at anything she does and we're appreciative of her willingness to help out. The other highlight was a visit from a special real bunny. He truly was a big hit and we thank Kristi Weaver for letting us use him. Pictures can viewed for a couple more weeks on the bulletin board.

God's Work Our Hands

The Mission Service Committee would like to start collecting Lutheran World Relief Kits due to possible supply interruptions. Kits consist of the following items:

Towels (dark colors, lightweight, 20" x 40")

3 soap bars

Fingernail clippers

Large toothbrush (in package)

Large sturdy comb

The collection is June 15—Aug 31st. Also, your help is needed to assemble kits on September 7th. Last year's goal of 100 was met!



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was selected as one of the ELCA's *Most Generous Congregations* for the ELCA World Hunger & Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for making a difference in the United States and around the world!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2025

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
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Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	15,300.34
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	45,419.79
1.200.113	Thrivent Youth Gathering M/M	1,640.26
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,728.89
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	106,136.07
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,167.95
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	269,898.83
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	20,966.82
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	62,453.19
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	901.44
Total Assets		\$528,633.58

Liabilities

2.100.210	Financial_Agent	738.12
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	275.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	156.80
2.100.220	Board of Pension	80.32
Total Liabilities		\$1,250.24

Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	(6,478.44)
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	15,862.51
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	18,238.01
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	110,364.02
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	56,118.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	926.44
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	269,898.83
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$455,546.08</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	62,453.19
Total Fund Balances		\$527,383.34
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$528,633.58

.Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, PR. Jen, Carrie Wiedenheft, Barb Sessler, Nancy Vollmer, Bill Bertsch and Stephanie Lehr

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

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed with one minor change in Worship and Music. Jim motioned to approved, Barb 2nd.

Treasurer's report: There is a deficit of \$9,000 in the current fund. The \$20,000 extracted from Thrivent has not been done yet. The fire extinguisher evaluation was discussed. Nancy motioned to approve; Pat 2nd.

President's Report: The youth candy fundraiser was received well.

Pastor's Report: PR. Jen discussed her April 2nd worship for Providence and the Breakfast Buddies program. The latter requests diaper donations. PR. Jen noted her preparations for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service. She will be on vacation April 22nd – April 25th. Stephanie noted ongoing issues with the office computer; Pastor Matthew from Gibsonburg evaluated the computer. Bill motioned to invest \$800 in a new computer tower; Jim 2nd.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): No report.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): Pat confirmed the kids singing for the following Sunday.

Community Mission (Betsy Stierhoff): Chick sales are going well.

Property: There was a discussion about the upstairs gathering room remodel, including the painting contractor. There is a possibility of splitting duties between committees. Stephanie agreed to research memorial money for the project. Possibility of meeting with congregation?

Stewardship and Finance (Jim Bertsch): No report.

Worship and Music (Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler): No report.

Young at Heart (Nancy Vollmer): Six members attended The Last Supper at Cinemark; the Ehoove lunch gathering went well.

Old Business: No report.

New Business: Stephanie discussed a plant donation from Our Lady of the Pines; it was approved.

Council Thank-yous: Dunlap Snow Removal, Midday Lent Actors Guy Miller, Russ Stevens, Barb Sessler, Sally Warner, Roy Peterson
Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pat Wiedenheft

May's council meeting will be May 15th. Barb moved to adjourn, Nancy 2nd.

Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.





FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family Abiding in Christ In Their
Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Center

FAITH Members (as of 06/01/2025)

Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruth Sieb Apt #107

Birthday - Sept. 19

Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruby Stierhoff Rm #114

Birthday - July 26

Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112

Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch

Admiral's Pointe, 1920 Cleveland Road West | Huron, Ohio 44839

Mary Ann Neidler

In their homes:

Judy Welser

5619 Debra Drive, Castalia

419-684-7232

Laura Allen

2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

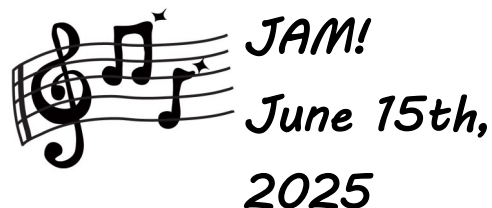
Pat Nielsen

1502 Martins 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.



Cathy Wobser



Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch

June 18th, 2025

Hot dogs

Baked beans

3 Bean salad

Potato Salad

Chips

Fruit salad + Cool Whip



If you would like to support this ministry, please mark your church donation as "Homeless Meals."

We still need volunteers for our "Cookies and Coffee" fellowship the 1st of the month. Please sign-up on the hallway bulletin. Cookies (or donuts!) may be store-bought.





BIRTHDAYS

Weston Miller	06/02
Patty Swartz	06/05
Patricia Nielsen	06/06
Rodney Velliquette	06/07
Trevor Ramsdell	06/07
Kaitlin Miller	06/09
Rebecca Miller	06/10
Rex Stierhoff	06/11
Angela Ramon	06/13
Lou Neill	06/13
Bryce Davie	06/13
Nathan Smith	06/14
Hannah Wright	06/15
Laura Miller	06/15
Jude Hacker	06/16
Michael Markley	06/20
Kaiden Rose	06/21
Vincent Carrozzino	06/24
Annette Siverling	06/24
Richard Miller	06/25
Jamie Opfer	06/26
Grace Heilmann	06/26
Marilee Werner	06/27
Claire Miller	06/28
Jennifer Lesch	06/29
Breanna Neill	06/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ann & Tal Strean 06/16	23
Scott & Sharon Swartz 06/24	29
Nicole & Kurt Heilmann 06/27	26
Richard & Sheryl Miller 06/28	49

YEARS

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Gene & Adele Hoffman in memory of Jane Lehrer
for Mother's Day


Edward Grahl in memory of Barry Gage

Larry and Linda Velliquette in memory of Phyllis
Gyson



- Rev. Dr. Matthew Zuehlke for the new office computer & Pastor Jen for arranging
- Members who purchased Easter flowers
- Members who purchased Easter chicks — \$638.00 collected
- Anne VonRaepenbusch for providing M&M cookies for Crossroads Meal
- Carl & Karen Schwochow for providing pulled pork for Crossroads Meal
- Sally Warner for providing the Mother's Day activity

June 2025

M O N T U E S W E D T H U R S F R I S A T						
1 7 Easter Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30am	2	3	4 AA 9:00am N/A 7:00pm	5	6	7 N/A 11:00am
8 Day of Pentecost Service of Word & Prayer 8:00 & 10:30am	9	10	11 AA 9:00am N/A 7:00pm	12	13	14 N/A 11:00am
15 The Holy Trinity Father's Day  Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30am	16	17	18 AA 9:00am N/A 7:00pm Crossroads Meal	19 Council mtg. 7:00pm	20	21 N/A 11:00am
22 Pentecost 2 Service of Word & Prayer 8:00 & 10:30am	23	24	25 AA 9:00am N/A 7:00pm	26	27	28 N/A 11:00am
29 Pentecost 3 Service of Word & Prayer 8:00 & 10:30am	30					

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - June & July 2025

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Date	Alter Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service				10:30 am Service		
			Ushers	Lector	Acolyte		Ushers	Lector	Acolyte

Alter Care: Cathy Wobser **Communion Assistant – 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson**

June 1	Sally Warner	Shelby Koch	Cindy Norman & Kent Miller	Guy Miller	Ryan Wiedenheft	David Wobser & Bob Troike	Gayle Thompson	
June 8	Wendy Wiedenheft	Jim Bertsch	Cindy Norman & Kent Miller	Joyce Patterson	Malachi Herrmann	David Wobser & Bob Troike	Chrissy Nielsen	
June 15	Bonnie Lieb		Cindy Norman & Kent Miller	Russ Stephens	Lincoln Smith	David Wobser & Bob Troike	Candy Beatty	
June 22	Linda Gantz		Cindy Norman & Kent Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Tyler Wiedenheft	David Wobser & Bob Troike	Natalie Thompson	
June 29	Peggy Kingsborough	Rich Miller	Cindy Norman & Kent Miller	Sally Warner	Carlie Wiedenheft	David Wobser & Bob Troike	Cathy Wobser	

Alter Care: Sheryl Miller, Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty **Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Cathy Wobser**

July 6	Rex & Cheryl Stierhoff	Greg Norman	Greg Norman & Rich Miller	Guy Miller	Zane Warner	Denny Sessler	Chrissy Nielsen	
July 13			Greg Norman & Rich Miller	Russ Stephens	Emma Killingsworth	Denny Sessler	Candy Beatty	
July 20	Sally Warner		Greg Norman & Rich Miller	Joyce Patterson	Ryan Wiedenheft	Denny Sessler	Cathy Wobser	
July 27	Rex & Cheryl Stierhoff	Amy Wobser-Brocco	Greg Norman & Rich Miller	Erica Miller	Lincoln Smith	Denny Sessler	Gayle Thompson	

June Prayers. Readings & Psalms

June 1st: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

While in prison, Paul speaks to the jailer, who is then baptized

Psalms 97

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Blessed are those who wash their robes

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

June 8th: Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit makes us children of God

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth

Prayer of the Day

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

June 15: The Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Wisdom rejoices in the creation

Psalms 8

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

Romans 5:1-5

God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit

John 16:12-15

The Spirit will guide you into the truth

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

June 22: Pentecost 2

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet sent to a rebellious people

Psalms 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

Galatians 3:23-29

In baptism, clothed with Christ; no longer Jew or Greek

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus casts out demons possessing a man of the Gerasenes

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

June 29: Pentecost 3

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Elijah says to Elisha, Follow me and do not continue plowing

Psalms 16

I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Love is the whole law, gift of the Spirit

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus says, Follow me and do not look back

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Community News

Grace Community Church's free community dinner is **Wednesday, June 11th, 5:00-6:00 pm**. The menu is BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad, fresh vegetables, and dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins; please call 419-357-3672 for service.

Have you done spring cleaning? St. Stephen United Church of Christ in Sandusky is hosting a rummage sale on **Friday, June 20th 8:30am-2:00pm**. The following Saturday is a special BOGO sale on clothes. Items may be donated starting June 3rd, Tuesday through Friday 9:00-11:00am. No televisions, car seats, baby cribs, large appliances, or mattresses.

Mark your calendars for relaxing summer music at Jackson Street Pier. **Thursday, June 19 at 7:00pm** will be a tribute to Sam Cook, the king of soul. Also, you won't want to miss **Thursday, July 3rd at 7:00pm** for the Pack Drumline. They are the official drumline for the NBA Chicago Bulls and also have been seen on America's Got Talent!

St. Stephen United Church of Christ is also hosting vacation bible school this summer. Registration is free and open to children ages 4-10. This year's theme is "Shining Jesus' Light!" and will include plenty of music, games, snacks, crafts, and friendship. Adult volunteers are also needed. Register at www.ststephenucc.org.



Thrivent Calendar Photo Contest

Do you enjoy taking pictures? Submit your pictures for Thrivent's annual photo contest! "For our 2026 calendar, we've chosen "Moments of Grace" as our theme, and we invite you to help bring it to life through your original photos and artwork.

Grace is woven into our daily lives—in quiet, simple gifts that remind us of faith, love, and gratitude. Where do you see these moments? What small yet meaningful experiences encourage you to pause, reflect, and appreciate the beauty around you?

If you have a photo or piece of art that captures these grace-filled moments, we would love to see it."

Entries are due by June 30th, 2025. Visit the Thrivent website to enter and review requirements.

