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# *A note from Pastor Jen*

I happen to really enjoy the term “neurospicy” – I think it’s a light-hearted way of trying to understand what it means to be part of the neurodiverse community. It suggests something vibrant, unexpected, and maybe even a little bit bold – which is a pretty good description of what it’s like to live and love in a neurodiverse family.



Neurodiversity is the idea that there is no single “right” way for brains to work. *Normal is just a setting on a dryer!* Human minds are wonderfully varied, and that variation is a natural part of life. Some people’s brains are wired for deep focus, creative leaps, or pattern recognition. Others excel at deep feeling, detailed recall, or seeing the world in a way that others might miss entirely. Neurodiversity shows up in so many ways that can be both gift and challenge. It includes diagnoses like ADHD, autism, dyslexia, anxiety, and more – but more than labels, it’s about different ways of thinking, processing, feeling, and interacting with the world.

In our family, neurodiversity isn’t just an idea – it’s everyday life. For Malachi, this includes ADHD, autism, and anxiety. I’ve had to learn that traditional parenting advice doesn’t always apply when your child processes the world differently. Malachi struggles the most with emotions. Big feelings are overwhelming and frightening, and often it’s easier to face scary or overwhelming things if you just get MAD at them. His sense of “fight or flight” is often triggered by things many people would shrug off or find irrational. But, fear isn’t about being rational! “Meltdowns” are a signal that something is too big to manage alone and his anger is based in an unconscious fear. But like every pre-teen: who wants an *adult* to help!?!

This summer, we’re working with a specialized occupational therapy in Toledo, three days a week to address some of the challenges that go along with his diagnoses. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings I won’t be in the office. However I’m still working and reachable. Please don’t hesitate to call. Wednesdays and Fridays you’ll find me in the office or if it’s nice, working outside or on the parsonage porch. If you see me, stop and say hello!

Talking about neurodiversity matters. It reduces shame, increases understanding, and helps all of us grow more compassionate. It reminds us that behavior is communication, and that behind every outburst or withdrawal is a need trying to be met. It challenges the idea that everyone has to fit into the same mold to be valued, loved, and included.

So yeah, we’re a little “neurospicy” over here. And while it can be hard, it’s also meaningful. The world needs all kinds of minds. When we embrace neurodiversity, we don’t just make space for difference – we recognize it as essential. If you see us navigating things differently, know that it’s not because we’re trying to be difficult. We’re doing our best with brains that work a little differently. And, I’m always happy to talk more or answer questions.

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.*

## God's Work Our Hands

The Mission Service Committee would like to start collecting **Lutheran World Relief Kits** due to possible supply interruptions. Check Wal-mart or Dollar General for the most economical pricing. Kits consist of the following items:

Towels (dark colors, lightweight, 20" x 52")  
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 Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2025

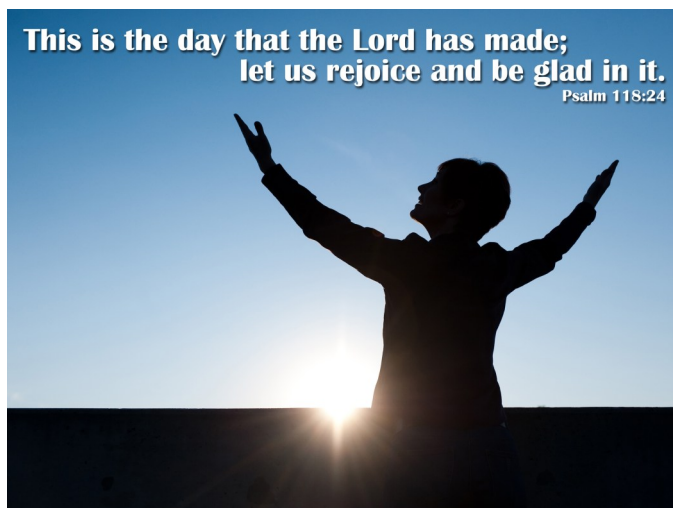
Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
1.100.102	Checking Account	26,740.10
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	25,419.79
1.200.113	Thrivent Youth Gathering M/M	2,423.72
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,728.89
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	105,986.07
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,190.10
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	271,558.18
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
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$522,388.30</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2.100.200	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(1,806.00)
2.100.210	Financial_Agent	788.16
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	473.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	270.59
2.100.220	Board of Pension	80.32
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>(\$193.93)</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	(12,716.70)
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	16,553.51
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	18,298.01
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	110,266.17
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	56,927.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	901.44
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	269,898.83
<b>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$456,292.23</b>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	62,453.19
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$522,582.23</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$522,388.30</b>

**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118:24





Young At Heart is currently on summer break from planned events. In the meantime, enjoy these area happenings! See you in the fall!

### **Sandusky Gazebo Concert Series**

Washington Park – 7pm – 10pm

Tuesdays – July 1; 8; 15; 22; 29

August 5; 12

### **July 4 – Light Up The Lake**

Jackson Street Pier 7:30 pm

Firelands Symphony Orchestra

### **July 7 – Movies by the Bay – Moana 2**

Jackson Street Pier – 7:00pm

### **July 13 – Milan's Midsummer Antiques Festiva**

Village Square - 8 am – 3pm

### **July 14 – Movies by the Bay – Air Bud**

Jackson Street Pier – 7:00pm

### **July 19 – Toft's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash**

Toft's – 2pm

### **July 20 - Emporium at West Market Street**

Ribbon cutting Ceremony – 2pm

### **July 21 – Movies by the Bay – Inside Out**

Jackson Street Pier – 7:00 pm

### **July 28 – Movies by the Bay – Free Willy**

Jackson Street Pier – 7:00 pm

### **August 2 – Samba da Cidade Percussion**

McBride Arboretum – 4:00 pm

### **August 4 – Movies by the Bay - Shrek**

Jackson Street Pier – 7:00 pm

### **August 10 – S'mores In the Outdoors**

Osborn Park - 4pm

### **August 10 – Firelands String Quartet**

Milan Museum – 1:00 pm

### **August 23 – Firelands Symphony Orchestra**

Sunshine Songs – Free Summer Pop Concert

Norwalk Reservoir – 4pm



Sandusky Book Bar is hosting bingo every Tuesday evening 7-9pm and is open to all ages! No buy-in required to play; no monetary prizes.

Sandusky Book Bar

2101 W. Perkins Ave. Sandusky, OH 44870



Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, PR. Jen, Carrie Wiedenheft, Barb Sessler, Nancy Vollmer, Bill Bertsch, Sally Warner, Betsy Stierhoff, Gayle Thompson, Stephanie Lehr

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

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed with the change of writing “no report” in lieu of “not available.” The minutes of council will not be published in the newsletter until council approval. The newsletter was also discussed. Bill motioned to accept the changes, Barb 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer’s report: Deficit is now \$11,469.13 in current fund. Called Thrivent to withdraw \$20,000 from Thrivent Bond Fund to put into Current Fund account. Jim received a notice from Mueller Organ Co. re: rising cost of maintenance. Currently have 2x year maintenance; \$1,020.00. New rate is \$1,350.00. Nancy motioned to reduce maintenance to 1x; Sally 2<sup>nd</sup>.

President’s Report: Youth fundraising was discussed, including Texas Roadhouse peanuts and a bratwurst drive thru dinner.

Pastor’s Report: Holy Week and Easter had excellent reception. PR. Jen noted Breakfast Buddies promotion. She also met with Lutheran World Relief. ELCA congregations will have a booth during the Beats by the Bay event on Jackson Pier. Her Commons of Providence worship will be 1x a month. The new office computer was installed; operation is copacetic.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): 2025 Graduates will be recognized: Erika Miller, Eli Connor, and Lilah Werner. They will share their postgrad plans and receive a gift from the church. A reception will follow w/ cake & beverages. Compass Point flyers will be printed in the newsletter. Sally also noted the remaining Jesus figurines. Mother’s Day was acknowledged with distribution of aromatherapy steamers. Will have a “Pops for Pop” event on Father’s day w/ ice cream, popsicles, etc.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): No report; Sunday School will be on summer break starting 5/25. Community Mission (Betsy Stierhoff): Chick sales accumulated over \$638.00. Bonnie Lieb is getting arrangements for Memorial Day.

Property: There was a discussion about the upstairs gathering room painting quotes. There is a small leak in the elevator room; flag light currently disabled. Gayle noted the frame plexiglass ajar on the front sign.

Stewardship and Finance (Jim Bertsch): Price options for Portals of Prayer were discussed. The large print order will decrease by one or two.



**Meeting minutes are now published after approval.**

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

Young at Heart (Nancy Vollmer): No report.

Old Business: There was a lengthy discussion re: facility use rental by Spanish East. Approval was tabled.

New Business: Housing allowance for PR. Jen was discussed. The mower maintenance was discussed, including the possibility of trading it in. Barb motioned to replace three decayed holly shrubs with three boxwoods shrubs; Sally 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Council Thank-yous: Rev. Dr. Matthew Zuehlke; members who purchased Easter flowers and chicks; Anne VanRaepenbusch for Crossroads M&M cookies; Carl & Karen Schwochow for Crossroads pulled pork; Sally Warner for Mother's Day activity

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting: Nancy Vollmer

The devotion leader for the next meeting: Barb Sessler

June Council meeting is 6/17. Nancy moved to adjourn, Betsy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes by Pat Wiedenheft and Stephanie Lehr

### *Special Prayer Concerns*

*A Prayer for Peace (ACS p.48) Holy God, out of your great love for the world, your Word became flesh to live among us and to reconcile us to you and to one another. Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit so that we seek to live in unity with all people, breaking down the walls that divide, ending the hostility among us, and proclaiming peace to those who are near and to those who are far away; through Christ Jesus, in whom we all have access in the one Spirit to you, both now and forever. Amen.*

The ELCA Churchwide assembly will take place July 28 - August 2 in Phoenix, Arizona. Elected lay leaders and pastors will gather to pray, worship, hear reports, elect leaders and make decisions for the governing of the church. This year is an election year for the presiding bishop. Please keep this important work in your prayers.





## FAITH Member Ministry

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

FAITH Members (as of 07/01/2025)

### **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.



Sheryl Miller  
Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

 **JAM!**  
**July 13th,**  
**2025**

Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch  
July 18th, 2025

Chicken casserole  
Salad  
Rolls  
Jello Fluff

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.





# JULY

*birthdays & anniversaries*

## BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Paseka	07/18
Candace Beatty	07/20
Dennis Sessler	07/24
Adele Hoffman	07/26
Ruby Stierhoff	07/26
Fred Wobser Jr.	07/29
Don Casanova	07/31

## ANNIVERSARIES

	YEARS
Charlie & Kathy Bango 07/07	25
David & Sally Warner 07/19	50
Michael & Maree Markley 07/26	50
Thomas & Peggy Kingsborough 07/31	49

## MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

In memory of mother Ada Grahl on her July 4th birthday by Edward Grahl

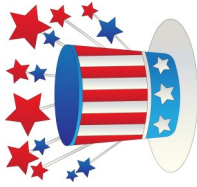
In memory of Donna Hacker from Rex & Charlene Stierhoff, Shelby & Zoe Koch

In memory of Norman Stierhoff on his birthday from Shelby Koch



- Congregational Life for "Pops for Pop"
- Sunday school teachers: Carrie Killingsworth, Shelby Koch, Dave Wiedenheft, Pastor Jen for confirmation youth
- Pianist Amanda Reardon for filling in for Adele
- Jim for his landscaping & mowing
- Pat Wiedenheft for assisting with May council minutes

# July 2025

S U N	M O N	T U E S	W E D	T H U R S	F R I	S A T
		1	2 AA 9am NA 7pm	3	4 	5 NA 11am
6 Pentecost 4 Communion Service 8:30 & 10am	7	8	9 AA 9am NA 7pm	10	11	12 NA 11am
13 Pentecost 5 Service of Word & Prayer 8:30 & 10am JAM Session 9:30	14	15	16 AA 9am NA 7pm Crossroads Meal	17 Council mtg. 7:00pm	18	19 NA 11am
20 Pentecost 6 Communion Service 8:30 & 10am	21	22	23 AA 9am NA 7:00pm	24	25	26 NA 11am
27 Pentecost 8 Service of Word & Prayer 8:30 & 10am	28	29	30 AA 9am NA 7pm	31		

# HELPERS AT WORSHIP - July & August 2025

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

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	

Alter Care: Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty **Communion Assistant – 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30**

August 3		Cindy Norman	Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Carrie Wiedenheft	Drew Killingsworth	Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch	Natalie Thompson	
August 10			Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Sally Warner	Tyler Wiedenheft	Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch	Chrissy Nielsen	
August 17	Rex & Cheryl Stierhoff		Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Guy Miller	Carlie Wiedenheft	Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch	Candy Beatty	
August 24	Carrie Killingsworth		Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Erica Miller	Mariska Farlow	Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch	Cathy Wobser	
August 31	Bonnie Lieb		Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Emma Killingsworth	Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch	Gayle Thompson	

# July Prayers. Readings & Psalms

## July 6: Fourth Sunday Of Pentecost

### Isaiah 66:10-14

*Jerusalem, a nursing mother giving life to her children*

### Psalms 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

### Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

*Do what is right now and reap at the harvest time*

### Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus sends out seventy disciples into the harvest*

### Prayer of the Day

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## July 13: Fifth Sunday Of Pentecost

### Deuteronomy 30:9-14

*The LORD will take delight in your fruitfulness*

### Psalms 25:1-10

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (Ps. 25:4)

### Colossians 1:1-14

*The gospel is growing, bearing fruit in the whole world*

### Luke 10:25-37

*The parable of the merciful Samaritan*

### Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## July 20: Sixth Sunday Of Pentecost

### Genesis 18:1-10a

*The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah to three visitors of the LORD*

### Psalms 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

### Colossians 1:15-28

*Hymn to Christ, the firstborn of all creation*

### Luke 10:38-42

*Jesus says: Martha, your sister Mary has chosen the better part*

### Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

STAYING  
IN  
GOD'S WORD  
THIS SUMMER

## July 27: Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

### Genesis 18:20-32

*Abraham bargains with God for the righteous of Sodom and Gomorrah*

### Psalms 138

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)

### Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

*Buried with Christ in baptism, raised with him through faith*

### Luke 11:1-13

*Jesus teaches the disciples to pray*

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



## Books of the Bible Word Scramble



- svrbproe
- ervleaonit
- smtletanaoni
- omrnas
- gnsesie
- bwserhe
- eouxsd
- haeos
- snaaltagi
- ojnha
- eudtermooy
- rcahahezi
- nbuesmr
- nsppailiiph
- seiephans
- oieplmnh
- eihemjra
- eugjds
- hobaaid
- hrtsee