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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

A note from Pastor Jen

Dear Church,

We all have bible verses that are our favorites. I love Romans 8:38-39 – the promise that there is nothing in all of the universe that can separate us from God’s love in Jesus Christ. I love the prayer and promise I find in Psalm 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God.” And, in my office is a large tapestry that says: Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly.” It is a simplified version of Micah 6:8.

From the NRSVUE:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

From the Message:

But he’s already made it plain how to live,
what to do, what GOD is looking for in
men and women.
It’s quite simple: Do what is fair and just
to your neighbor, be compassionate and
loyal in your love, And don’t take yourself
too seriously— take God seriously.

When I see the global world today, I admit that I’m struggling to see anything like justice. Wars and armed conflicts over land, children being starved while mass amounts of food are wasted, not allowing international aid, immigrants being treated inhumanely. It’s overwhelming. I know that we do what we can, where we are, with what we have and yet it never seems like enough. Do justice – but when it seems hopeless it’s hard.

In order to not get trapped into hopelessness, I think we also have to shift our eyes not away from the injustices of the world, but to the ways we can be compassionate and loyal in love in the next few minutes. We can’t solve all the problems in our world but maybe I can solve the problem that is right in front of me. Can we see a way to be kind, compassionate, and merciful? Can we show that to one another close by? Can I find and welcome a stranger? Can I make sure the children around me have enough food? Can I do what I can where I am right now? It may never feel like enough, but it is something to keep me going.

I really love how the Message puts the last part of the verse: Don’t take yourself too seriously. Humility recognizes that we aren’t the center of the universe. Instead, take God seriously. If we walk humbly with God, we allow God’s love to lead.

Beloveds, pray for the world and do not become overwhelmed by the enormity of the injustices, but seek ways to bring justice and rightness to your small corner so that justice can roll down like a stream of water on the world. Love kindness and mercy more than ego, pride, or power. God has shown us what is good. May we be brave enough to show others too.

Love,

Pastor Jen



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

Thursday, July 17, 2025

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Account # Account Name YTD Balance

Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	23,106.39
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	106,116.07
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	1,001.44
Total Assets		\$518,984.59

Liabilities

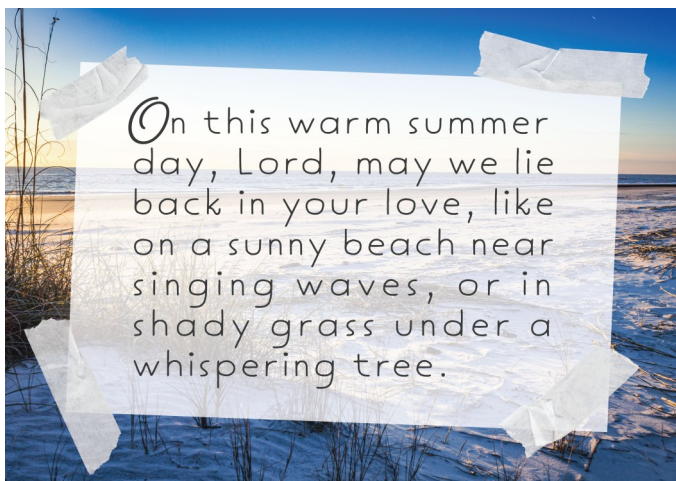
2.100.210	Financial Agent	174.20
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	610.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	352.46
Total Liabilities		\$1,136.66

Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	(1,724.95)
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	367.46
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	18,298.01
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	110,341.17
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	57,287.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	926.44
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	269,898.83
Total Designated Giving Fund Balance		\$456,752.23
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	62,453.19
Total Fund Balances		\$517,847.93
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$518,984.59

God's Work Our Hands

The goal has been met for combs (133) and toothbrushes (113) for the Lutheran World Relief kits. The collection goes through **August 31st**. Towels (dark colors, light-weight, 20" x 52"); 3 soap bars; and fingernail clippers are still needed. Check Wal-mart or Dollar General for economical pricing. Also, your help is needed on **September 7th** to assemble kits!



On this warm summer day, Lord, may we lie back in your love, like on a sunny beach near singing waves, or in shady grass under a whispering tree.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Are you or your child getting ready for a new job, college or technical school, or school? Come and get your backpack, briefcase, or bag blessed on **Sunday, August 24th** during both services. You've done your work with your relationship to Jesus and now it's time for your own work to be blessed!

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, PR. Jen, Carrie Wiedenheft, Nancy Vollmer, Bill Bertsch, Sally Warner, Stephanie Lehr

Meeting called to order by President Carrie Wiedenheft

An opening prayer was given by PR. Jen.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed with minor changes in wording. Bill motioned to approve; Nancy 2nd.

Treasurer's report: First Quarter report was distributed to the council. PR. Jen suggested a stewardship letter and an explanation of the general and special funds for the newsletter. Bill motioned to approve; Pat 2nd.

President's Report: \$250 profit from Youth peanut sale so far. Youth and parents will be meeting on June 22nd.

Pastor's Report: The church booth during Beats on the Bay received poor reception due to inclement weather. Splash was purchased recently for baptisms. Gayle Thompson and Cathy Wobser visited a few members to offer prayer and donuts. There is no synod assembly and the ELCA is currently voting for a new bishop. PR. Jen requested prayers for the process. PR. Jen will be transporting Malachi to Toledo frequently this summer and invites others to reach out via cell phone. She will be out of town during the August 3th service.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): A special presentation for graduates and "Pops for Pop" were noted.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): Baptismal books were recently distributed to the corresponding family.

Community Mission (Betsy Stierhoff): Lutheran World Relief kits have started. There will be a diaper/wipes drive. Chris Sommers will preach on July 13th. Sandwiches will be assembled for Care & Share.

Property: The flag light has not been repaired yet. Fire extinguishers will be reinspected w/ a list of locations. The upstairs gathering room remodel is moving forward; the committee has paint samples and the memorial money will be used. There was a brief discussion on memorial funds and the respective families being aware of destination. The AC outside has a broken vent.

Stewardship and Finance (Jim Bertsch): No report.

Worship and Music (Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler): Stephanie inquired if visitors had to be recorded; it was determined to be optional. Collection plates were discussed.

Young at Heart (Nancy Vollmer): The group is currently on hiatus for summer.

Old Business: The council discussed the current costs for Portal of Prayers; Stephanie read a list of alternative publications for pricing. There were copious leftover devotionals from last quarter. The topic was tabled until September; it was suggested to survey the congregation's interest in Portals of Prayer. Spanish East, a prospective rental group, has not responded to PR. Jen's written agreement. The topic is tabled until they respond.

New Business: No report.

Council Thank-yous: Sunday school teachers Carrie Killingsworth, Shelby Koch, Dave Wiedenheft; PR. Jen for confirmation; Congregational Life for "Pops with Pop"; Amanda Reardon; Jim for his landscaping & mowing; Pat Wiedenheft for assisting w/ May minutes.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting: Pat Wiedenheft

The devotion leader for the next meeting: Gayle Thompson

July Council meeting is 7/17 (postponed to 7/24). Bill moved to adjourn; Jim 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 08/01/2025)

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

Birthday: April 2

Patty Swartz

Birthday: June 5

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 com-



Altar Servers

Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty



JAM!

August 10th, 2025

Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch
August 20th, 2025

Pulled pork sandwich
Salad
Baked beans
Jello Cake

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 for the **months of November & December**. Please sign-up on the hallway bulletin. Cookies (or donuts!) may be store-bought.





AUGUST

birthdays & anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Don Bowers	08/01
Jody Eckler	08/09
Matthew Miller	08/12
Gary Lieb	08/21
Larry Wiedenheft	08/25
Dale Meyer	08/29

ANNIVERSARIES

	YEARS
Guy & Laura Miller 08/06	31
Charles & Judith Howard 08/23	56
Tim & Gayle Thompson 08/27	31
Sam & Linda Wilcox 08/31	62



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

In honor of Sally & Dave Warner's 50th wedding anniversary from Denny Sessler



- Sandusky USPS for assisting with mailing church literature
- Members who donated for the Diaper Drive and Lutheran World Relief hygiene kits
- Members who supported youth by purchasing bratwurst lunches and peanuts
- Chris Sommers for preaching on July 13th
- Amanda Reardon for substituting for Adele on July 27th
- Linda Gantz for proofreading

August 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2 NA 11am
3 Pentecost 8 Communion Service 8:30 & 10am	4	5	6 AA 9am NA 7pm	7	8	9 NA 11am
10 Pentecost 9 Service of Word & Prayer 8:30 & 10am	11	12	13 AA 9am NA 7pm	14	15	16 NA 11am
17 Pentecost 10 Communion Service 8:30 & 10am	18	19	20 AA 9am NA 7pm Crossroads Meal	21 Council Meeting 7pm	22	23 NA 11am
24 Pentecost 11 Service of Word & Prayer 8:30 & 10am	25	26	27 AA 9am NA 7pm	28	29	30 NA 11am
31 Pentecost 12 Service of Word & Prayer 8:30 & 10am						

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - August & September 2025

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

Alter Care: Sheryl Miller, 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	

Alter Care: Sally Warner & Bonnie Lieb Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty								
September 7	Carrie Killingsworth		Mark Wiedenheft & Guy Miller	Russ Stephens	Zane Warner	Chrissy Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Natalie Thompson	
September 14		Fred Wobser	Mark Wiedenheft & Guy Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Ryan Wiedenheft	Chrissy Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Chrissy Nielsen	
September 21	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Mark Wiedenheft & Guy Miller	Sally Warner	Lincoln Smith	Chrissy Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Candy Beatty	
September 28	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Ann Streen	Mark Wiedenheft & Guy Miller	Guy Miller	Drew Killingsworth	Chrissy Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Cathy Wobser	

August Prayers. Readings & Psalms

August 3: Eighth Sunday Of Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Search out wisdom, for all is vanity

Psalms 49:1-12

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

Colossians 3:1-11

Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with him in God

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus says: Be on guard against greed; be rich toward God, your treasure

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 10: Ninth Sunday Of Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6

God's promise of a child for Abram and Sarai

Psalms 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God

Luke 12:32-40

God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 17: Tenth Sunday Of Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29

God's word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks

Psalms 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



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God's work. Our hands.

August 24: Eleventh Sunday Of Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry

Psalms 103:1-8

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 31: Twelfth Sunday Of Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Do not put yourself forward

Psalms 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue

Luke 14:1, 7-14

An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Frozen Key Lime Bars Recipe by Thrivent

These refreshing bars combine a sweet and salty pretzel crust with a zesty key lime filling. They're perfect for serving at your next summer gathering.

Prep time: 20 minutes

Makes: 16 servings

1 cup finely crushed graham cracker crumbs (about 8 crackers)
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup pretzel twists, crushed into fine crumbs
6 Tbsp. butter, melted

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups heavy whipping cream
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup powdered sugar
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup key lime juice
3 Tbsp. finely grated lime zest, plus more for garnish

1. Line a 9x9-inch baking pan with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs, pretzel crumbs and butter. Press in bottom of prepared baking pan.
2. In a large, chilled bowl, beat whipping cream with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Add powdered sugar, beat to stiff peaks and set aside.
3. In another large bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Add condensed milk, key lime juice and lime zest until well blended. Gently fold in sweetened whipped cream.
4. Spoon key lime mixture over graham cracker crust and spread evenly. Cover and freeze at least 3 hours, until set.

Remove from freezer and let stand 5 minutes to soften slightly before cutting and serving. To serve, cut bars into 4 rows by 4 rows for 16 bars. Garnish with additional lime zest or key lime medallions, if desired.



Lantern Tour: Explore the Depths by Lantern Light!

Step back in time and descend into the shadows on a captivating one-hour Lantern Tour! Relive the thrilling experience of early explorers as you venture 65 feet below the surface of Seneca Caverns. Guided by lantern light and your own headlamp, you'll navigate rugged passageways and uncover the eerie ghost stories, local folklore, and fascinating history of this Ohio landmark. A Lantern Tour is the perfect way to step into adventure!

What to Expect:

- A one-hour guided trek through the unique underground environment.
- Exploration by the atmospheric glow of lanterns and headlamps.
- Navigating natural stone steps and pathways, with some low-ceiling areas.
- Engaging tales of ghost stories, local legends, and the rich history of Seneca Caverns.

Important Notes:

Age Requirement: Suitable for ages 12 yrs. and older only due to the nature of the tour.

- **What to Bring:** Your own headlamp (optional, some will be available if needed).
- **What to Wear:** A jacket or sweatshirt (cave temperature is 54°F) and closed-toe shoes (required).
- **Booking:** Advance registration is required. Ticket sales close 24 hours before the scheduled tour time.
- **Group Size:** Limited to 10 participants per tour. Spaces are limited, so book your adventure today!

Price: \$32 per person (ages 12 yrs. and older)

DATES AVAILABLE:

- **Saturday, August 2, 2025, 7 pm**
- **Saturday, September 13, 2025, 5 pm**

Seneca Caverns

15248 Township Road 178, Bellevue, OH 44811



FREE CONCERT “SUNSHINE SONGS”

Come for a spectacular evening of music as the **Firelands Symphony Orchestra** (under the direction of Carl Topilow) performs for the first time at Veteran’s Memorial Lake Park Amphitheater! This free outdoor pops concert is the perfect way to cap off the end of summer, featuring an exciting mix of lively, family-friendly tunes that everyone will enjoy. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of music at the reservoir! Please bring your own chair or blanket.

Saturday, August 23rd at 4pm.

Reservoir Amphitheater Norwalk, OH

Join Quarry Hill Winery on Thurs, Aug 14 starting at 6 pm for a Sunflower Wine Canvas Paint Night Event! Each person will be painting a canvas.

General admission ticket is \$40 per person. Two drink/one food item minimum, not included in ticket price. Ticket includes: craft items for painting one canvas. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the craft event will start promptly at 6 pm with Robyn Highsmith from Art Parties. The wine bar and kitchen will be open for wine by the glass or bottle and food items until 7:30 pm.

Quarry Hill Winery

8403 Mason Rd, Berlin Heights, OH 44814

