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**I will sing of
the Lord's great
love forever.**

PSALM 89:1

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

A note from Pastor Jen

Your hands. Your feet. YOU! You are God's answer to so many prayers. It feels weird to think of it that way. When I'm praying, I don't always think about how God will answer prayers. And, sometimes when I do think about it, I can have some fantastical ideas that are better used in a novel rather than real life! But, quite often, it is the mundane everyday things we do that can be answers to the prayers of our friends and loved ones. Your phone call when a friend needed a supportive voice. Your smile or complement to a stranger that echo's God's love. Those extra cookies you shared, the generous tip you left even when the server was less than stellar because everyone has a bad day, or the patience you showed your family when it was really hard can be acts of God's love in this world. One of my favorite t-shirts reminds me: "Love is an action word." Love is something we can actually choose to show even when we don't quite feel it. And that is Godly work too.

The "God's Work, Our Hands" day of service was established in 2013 as part of the ELCA's 25th Anniversary. (Lutherans have been around quite a long time, but it was 1988 when the ELCA formed) I like the yearly reminder that we are the ones who are called to do God's work in this world. Obviously it is something we are part of for the whole year!

The work of God is love. (1 John 4:8)

The work of God is love, in service to the world. (John 3:17)

The work of God is love, in service to the world, through our lives. (John 13:35)

May God's love be made real in all that we say or do. And when we fail, may God's love through the beloved community remind us of forgiveness and help us to do more.

Love,

Pastor Jen



Sunday School News

As summer comes to a close, we have upcoming events for our Sunday school children!

Sunday, September 7th is God's Work Our Hands.

Sunday school students will assist with packing hygiene kits for Lutheran World Relief in the downstairs fellowship hall at 9:15am.



Sunday school will resume on **September 14th.**

Children ages two (potty trained) through 6th grade are invited to join Adele for music, and Bible lessons & crafts with Carrie Killingsworth & Shelby Koch. We will also begin catechism for grades 7-8 & high school, led by Pastor Jen and David Wiedenheft. Come join the fun at 9:15am!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2025

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

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Account # Account Name YTD Balance

Assets

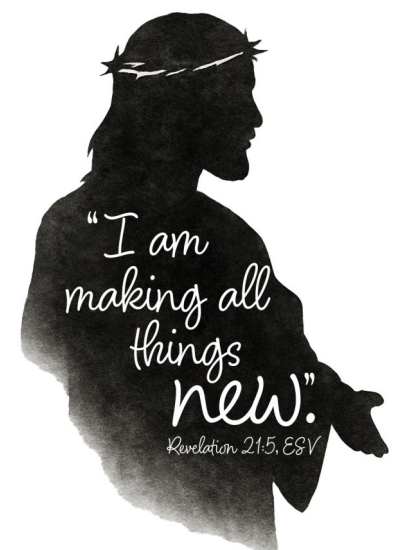
1.100.102	Checking Account	341.67
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	25,900.39
1.200.113	Thrivent Youth Gathering M/M	3,562.62
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,746.36
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	112,505.39
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,236.46
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	300,848.91
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	20,966.82
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	66,307.54
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	1,015.02
Total Assets		\$537,451.18

Liabilities

2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	401.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	230.00
2.100.220	Board of Pension	160.64
Total Liabilities		\$791.64

Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	(26,834.79)
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	2,140.22
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	18,373.01
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	116,786.85
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	58,022.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	1,015.02
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	300,848.91
Total Designated Giving Fund Balance		\$495,046.57
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	66,307.54
Total Fund Balances		\$536,659.54
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$537,451.18



Council Update

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL
Meeting Highlights - July 27th 2025 - 7:00 pm

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, PR. Jen, Carrie Wiedenheft, Bill Bertsch, 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 change of PR. Jen out of town during the Aug 3rd service. Bill motioned to approve; Pat 2nd.

Treasurer's report: \$1,138.90 from youth peanut & brat sale. The budget is still running in a deficit. Community Mission money will be distributed at the end of July. Pat motioned to approve; Betsy 2nd.

President's Report: Youth had a good turnout with brat lunch & sold approx. 89 meals. Peanuts are now available by donation only as the coupon will expire in Aug.

Pastor's Report: Pastor is caught up on visits. Chris Sommers event went well. A stewardship rough draft was given to council members for feedback. It was decided to mail the letter to members. PR. Jen will be out of office July 31 -- Aug 4.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): No report given.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): Sunday school commences Sept 14th.

Community Mission (Betsy Stierhoff): Diapers/wipes were picked up. Potential participation in Wreaths Across America was discussed.

Property: Sump pump replacement consideration. Recently replaced: three fire extinguishers and vent in handicap bathroom. The state inspection for the elevator was given and shaft was cleaned. The flag light will be inspected. The funeral door concrete slab needs attention. The renovation committee for upstairs gathering room is progressing and deciding on carpet options.

Stewardship and Finance (Jim Bertsch): No report given.

Worship and Music (Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler): Acolyte schedule will remain; Mason Russell will serve as lector. A description of the offering plate will be added to bulletin.

Young at Heart (Nancy Vollmer): No report given.

Old Business: No report given.

New Business: Jean Holbrook transferred to First Lutheran in Parkersburg, WV. Jim motioned to approve; Betsy 2nd.

Council Thank-yous: Rumpke Trash, Crossroad helpers, members who donated for World Relief/diaper drive, Chris Sommers, Sandusky USPS, Amanda Reardon, Linda Gantz

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting: Nancy Vollmer

The devotion leader for the next meeting: Gayle Thompson

Aug. Council meeting is 8/21. Betsy moved to adjourn; Pat 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 09/01/2025)

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
Mary Ann Neidler

Birthday: Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch Rm #43

Birthday: April 25

Patty Swartz

Birthday: June 5

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.



Altar Servers

Sally Warner & Bonnie Lieb



JAM!

September 14th

Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch

**Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
Green Beans
Sliced Tomatoes & Salad
Dessert**

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





SEPTEMBER

birthdays & anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Jeffrey Nielsen
Roy Patterson III
Ruth Sieb
Wendy Wiedenheft

09/04
09/14
09/19
09/29

Dennis & Barbara Sessler 09/15
Bob & Dolores Troike 09/20
Michael & Angie Ramsdell 09/30

YEARS
52
50
25

*Sorry We
Missed You*

A belated anniversary to Donald & Alice Kuns on August 24th! Hope you enjoyed your day!



A belated happy birthday to Zoe Koch on August 8th! Hope you had many blessings on your special day!



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

In memory of my wife Rita (9/18) and my dad Edward Sr. (9/28) on their birthdays from Edward Grahl Jr.

While we're heartbroken by the loss of our home, we're so grateful to be safe & healthy — and to have all our immediate needs met as we begin to put together a plan to move forward. Bobby, Teddy, Louis, Josh, Johnny Cash (our "new" dog), and I are overwhelmed with gratitude.

The incredible support from our community — and especially this congregation — your prayers, meals, donations, and kindness have lifted us up in ways we'll never forget. Thank you for showing us what love in action truly looks like.

Elisa Kurth




I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and visits. I appreciate all of you!
Patty Swartz

Trinity would like to thank:

- Russ Stephens for his talented guitar performance during both services
- Patty Swartz for graciously donating to the Music Department
- iPad operators Kathy Bango, Cathy Wobser, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth & Chris Nielsen



September 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 AA 9am NA 7pm	4  HAPPY LABOR DAY	5	6 NA 11am
7 Pentecost 13 Communion Service 8 & 10:30am	8	9	10 AA 9am NA 7pm	11	12	13 NA 11am
14 Pentecost 14 Jam Session 9am Word & Prayer Service 8 & 10:30am	15	16	17 AA 9am NA 7pm	18	19	20 NA 11am
21 Pentecost 15 Communion Service 8 & 10:30am Fellowship hall closed 12-4pm	22	23	24 AA 9am NA 7pm	25	26	27 NA 11am
28 Pentecost 16 Word & Prayer Service 8 & 10:30am	29	30				

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - September & October 2025

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

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	Mason Russel
September 14		Fred Wobser	Mark Wiedenheft & Guy Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Ryan Wiedenheft	Chrissy Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Chrissy Nielsen	Malachi Herrmann
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	Natalie Thompson

Alter Care: Barb Sessler & Bonnie Lieb **Communion Assistant – 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson**

October 5	David & Cathy Wobser	Peggy Kingsborough	Roy Patterson & Sally Warner	Erica Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Bob Troike & David Wobser	Gayle Thomson	Mason Russell
October 12	Carrie Killingsworth	Wendy Wiedenheft	Roy Patterson & Sally Warner	Joyce Patterson	Carlie Wiedenheft	Bob Troike & David Wobser	Natalie Thompson	Malachi Herrmann
October 19	Linda & Sam Wilcox	Greg Norman	Roy Patterson & Sally Warner	Russ Stephens		Bob Troike & David Wobser	Chrissy Nielsen	
October 26		Candy Beatty	Roy Patterson & Sally Warner	Carrie Wiedenheft	Zane Warner	Bob Troike & David Wobser	Candy Beatty	Natalie Thompson

September Prayers. Readings & Psalms

September 7: Thirteenth Sunday Of Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God

Psalms 1

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

Philemon 1:21

Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

September 14: Fourteenth Sunday Of Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14

Moses begs the LORD to turn from anger against the Hebrews

Psalms 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came for sinners

Luke 15:1-10

Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

September 21: Fifteenth Sunday Of Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7

Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor

Psalms 113

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people

Luke 16:1-13

A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth



Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

September 28: Sixteenth Sunday Of Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy

Psalm 146

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice?

Luke 16:19-31

Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

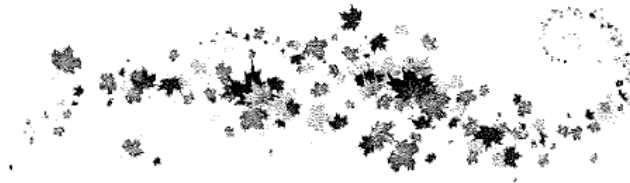
MARGARETTA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY CLEAN UP

****Castalia, Graves, Sand Hill & Venice Cemeteries****



*All floral arrangements will be removed on
October 1st, including those on top of
monuments.*

*Winter flowers may be placed after November 1st. However,
only two florals and/or personal items per plot are allowed
unless they are placed on the foundation and they're off the
ground. More than two items on the ground are at risk to be
removed by the Cemetery Department.*





REGISTRATION FORM

NWO WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2025 GATHERING

Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th

Friday - Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., Opening @ 1:00 p.m.
 Saturday – Registration @ 8:30 a.m.
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church * 315 S College Dr. * Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
 Hotel: Holiday Inn Express
 2150 West Wooster, Bowling Green OH Phone: 419-353-5500

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____ Voting Member: Yes _____ No _____

****Each person must complete a registration form and enclose payment****

1) Registration Fee: Choose (1) option only		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amount Due
Friday & Saturday: Includes Friday Banquet, Saturday Lunch & snacks		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$55.00
Friday Only: Includes Banquet		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00
Friday Only: No Banquet		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00
Saturday Only: Includes Saturday Lunch		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00
Choose choice of Sandwich for Saturday Lunch:			
Veggie Wrap _____ Chicken Cordon Blue _____			
Medical Dietary Restrictions for meals:			
HOTEL RESERVATION: Standard Room (2 queen beds – max of 4 per room). If sharing a room, enter price below that applies per night) -- Breakfast included at hotel.			
Please indicate if a handicap accessible room is needed: Yes _____			
	1 person	2 persons	3 persons
Thursday Night	\$144.00	\$72.00	\$48.00
Friday Night	\$144.00	\$72.00	\$48.00
Registration and Hotel Total Amount Due			

People Sharing Room: 1) _____ 2) _____
 3) _____ 4) _____

Registration Deadline: August 19th for hotel rooms (without state sales tax) gathering & meals

Gathering ONLY—NO HOTEL: Deadline Sept 12th. No refund after: September 12.

Mail Registration form and make check payable to: NWO Women of the ELCA

**Debbie Shiets
 760 County Rd 97
 Fremont OH 43420**

Questions regarding registration contact Debbie Schiets 419-680-8491

You will receive an email confirmation of your registration. If there is no email address, it will come by mail.