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**Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto
him, and bless his name.**

Psalm 100:4, KJV

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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

A note from Pastor Jen

Dear Family and Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church,

November is a month with a lot going on! In the church, we celebrate All Saints, Thankoffering Sunday, Christ the King, and the first Sunday in Advent. We also lift up Veteran's Day, Men's Health Awareness, Native American Heritage Month, Adoption Awareness, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, and of course, Thanksgiving. All of this comes on top of the normal day-in and day-out things we carry in our hearts. It gives me pause—and reminds me to actually *be* thankful and to *do something* with my thankfulness.

Meister Eckhart once said, "If the only prayer you ever utter in your life is 'thank you,' it will be enough."

"Thank you" are powerful words when they come from a heart of gratitude. Saying thank you acknowledges that we are interdependent on one another and fully dependent on the mystery of grace. True thankfulness requires humility—recognizing that we cannot do all things on our own. When we notice what others have gone through or the effort they have put in, our hearts are opened in gratitude. When we recognize the mysteries of the HOLY that give us life, love, mercy, and grace, we are moved to respond in kind.

This month, our neighbors may have needs that we can meet out of our own thankfulness. Giving to food pantries allows them to purchase what's most needed. Supporting *Wreaths Across America* helps us remember veterans who may no longer have family to honor them. Thanksgiving offers a chance to reflect on the complicated history of our country—and to commit ourselves anew to justice, generosity, and reconciliation.

As we move from this season of gratitude into the hope of Advent, may we live our thankfulness with open hands and open hearts. May our "thank you" to God be seen in how we care for one another and for the world God so loves.

With gratitude,

Pastor Jen

Practicing Gratitude

3 people I am
thankful for:

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3 things I am
thankful for:

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3 things that
made me
smile:

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This year, National Wreaths Across America will be **Saturday, December 13th**. The local ceremony will begin at noon at Castalia Cemetery, followed by wreath placement at four Margaretta Township cemeteries.

Trinity members will be placing wreaths at Venice Cemetery again this year. Each handmade & live wreath is \$17.00 in memory of a veteran. All donations are welcome and will be received through **November 23rd**. The sign-up table is located next to Pastor Jen's office. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with W.A.A. in the memo. Your consideration of this patriotic cause is greatly appreciated!



Young at Heart has several holiday activities planned for December. On **Monday, December 1st at 11:00am**, come join the group for lunch at Erie County Senior Center and enjoy Sandusky Key-notes & Bell Choir. Menu will be provided on a later date. Lunch is \$3.50 for 60 and over; \$5.00 for under 60. **Friday, December 12th at 7:00pm** is a concert by Firelands Chorus at Zion Lutheran Church. If you need transportation, please call the church office for arrangements.

The youth will be serving Thanksgiving dinner to anyone 55 and older on **November 23rd at 11:30am**. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway. Bring your appetite and enjoy a meal with your church family!

Community Events

Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia is having a free community dinner on **Wednesday, November 12th from 5-6pm**. Menu is shredded chicken over biscuit, corn, fruit salad, and dessert. To schedule shut-in delivery, please call 419-357-3672.

Planning your Christmas shopping early? Enjoy Christmas Bazaar at St. Stephen UCC in Sandusky on **Saturday, November 15th from 9am-3pm**. Admission is free and lunch is available. Baked goods, jewelry, sewn and quilted items, maple syrup, and decorative crafts are a small part of the wide assortment available from vendors.

Sauerkraut — you ever love or hate it, but regardless, come join St. Stephen UCC on **Tuesday, November 11th at 5pm** for this German-inspired dinner. Pork roast, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, drink & dessert is available for dine-in or takeout; \$14.00 cash or \$14.50 credit card.

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

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	(2,657.09)
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	4,040.82
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,746.36
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	112,690.39
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,259.96
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	300,848.91
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	66,307.54
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	1,015.02
Total Assets		\$514,172.30
Liabilities		
2.100.200	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(396.54)
2.100.210	Financial_Agent	2,108.76
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	207.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	117.78
Total Liabilities		\$2,037.00
Fund Balances		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	(48,677.73)
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	3,740.42
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	16,538.01
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	113,055.35
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	59,307.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	1,015.02
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	300,848.91
Total Designated Giving Fund Balance		\$490,765.07
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	66,307.54
Total Fund Balances		\$512,135.30
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$514,172.30

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

Meeting called to order by Vice President Bill Bertsch A devotion was given by PR. Jen.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed with the following changes: PR. Jen & Cathy Wobser will meet to review the columbarium guidelines; the ELCA churchwide assembly was held and elected a new bishop. Nancy motioned to approve; Barb 2nd.

Treasurer's report: The feedback on the stewardship letter was positive, but the funds remain in a deficit. \$20,000 is needed to achieve balance. Jim has also been reviewing receipts.

President's Report: No report given.

Pastor's Report: PR. Jen has been working on health visits and shut-in visits. The YouTube videos are now fixed. There are presently five youth in the confirmation class. A meeting to review the columbarium guidelines still needs to be held. A few members provided interest in the anniversary committee. PR. Jen will be hosting Sunday evening campfires at 7pm.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): No report given.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): Sunday school has commenced.

Community Mission (Betsy Stierhoff): Jim motioned for a bulletin notice: The postage price for LWR kits is \$2.65 and pew envelopes may be used to donate. 157 kits were assembled by 28 volunteers. The council discussed 'Mission Service' committee and decided to change the name to "Community Mission."

Property: The contract for Dunlap Snow Removal is \$180 for parking lot/driveway plow; \$175 for salt placement. Bill motioned to approved and Pat 2nd. The ping-pong table is awaiting investigation. Nancy donated sheets to cover choir robes. Mike Markley installed parsonage porch light & fan.

Stewardship and Finance (Jim Bertsch): Jim is presently working on budget.

Worship and Music (Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler): There were a few responses for committee nominations. It was clarified that two people may serve simultaneously.

Young at Heart (Nancy Vollmer): The group is finding a meeting time to discuss events for the remainder of the year.

Old Business: One less large print Portals of Prayer will be ordered; 20 small print will be ordered.

New Business: The annual congregation meeting was discussed. A bulletin announcement will be two weeks prior. A snail mail letter will be sent.

Council Thank-yous: Mike Markley for installing the parsonage overhead light & fan; those donated and assisted with God's Work, Our Hands; Sally and Dave Warner for providing ham for Crossroads

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting: Barb Sessler

The devotion leader for the next meeting: Betsy Stierhoff



FAITH Member Ministry

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

FAITH Members (as of 11/01/2025)

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 Rm #52

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**

*Betty Miller
Cathy Wobser*



**Praise
God
with
Music**

JAM!

November 9th

**Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch
November 19th**

**Chili
Cornbread
Salad
Dessert**

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





NOVEMBER

birthdays & anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Marsha Schenk 11/01
 Sam Wilcox 11/02
 Sally Warner 11/03
 Thomas Jenkins 11/03
 Claire Conner 11/04
 Malachi Herrmann 11/05
 Zane Warner 11/05
 Natalie Thompson 11/06
 Shelby Koch 11/07
 Becky Barnes 11/08
 Kathy Bango 11/08
 Cassie Miller 11/10
 Michael Lieb 11/12
 Holly Miller 11/14
 Betsy Stierhoff 11/15
 Kathy Barnes 11/20
 Brynn Miller 11/22
 Bob Zeno 11/22
 Jeff Hirt 11/25
 Cynthia Canter 11/26
 Susanne Lemert 11/27
 Millie McCready 11/28



ANNIVERSARIES

	YEARS
Matthew & Jennifer Lesch 11/03	24
Donald & Kathy Parker 11/03	52
Wesley & Betty Miller 11/13	60
Jeff & Jessica Hirt 11/14	16
Larry & Patricia Wiedenheft 11/16	51
Amy & Mark Brocco 11/18	48
Gary & Bonnie Lieb 11/18	58
Allen & Katheleen Miller 11/20	44
Kent & Janis Miller 11/22	28
David & Cathy Wobser 11/28	50

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Sally & Dave Warner in honor of Wes & Betty Miller's 60th wedding anniversary

In memory of Ron Werner

Jim Bertsch; Greg, Suzanne, and Carrie Lemert;
 Larry and Pat Wiedenheft; David Wiedenheft; Dave
 and Sally Warner; Edward Grahl; Wendy Wiedenheft

Here at Trinity, birthdays and anniversaries are God's blessing, deserving of recognition and celebration. We appreciate your patience as our database requires updates, along with our staff transition this year. We regret any accidental omissions. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if your special day was not in the newsletter. Going forward, Council will review active members each month.


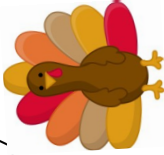
Trinity would like to thank:

- Jim for fresh produce
- Fred Wobser for apples
- Pat for making coffee
- Pat & Jim for taking LWR kits to Pemberville, OH
- Dave & Sally for end tables

We are
Thankful for
YOU!



November 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 All Saints Sunday Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	3 Dartball 7:30pm	4	5 AA 9am NA 7pm	6	7	1 NA 11am 8 NA 11am
9 Pentecost 22 Word & Prayer Service 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am JAM Session 9:30am	10 Dartball 7:30pm	11 	12 AA 9am NA 7pm	13	14	15 NA 11am
16 Pentecost 23 Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	17 Dartball 7:30pm	18	19 Crossroads AA 9am NA 7pm	20 Council 7pm	21	22 NA 11am
23 Last Sunday after Pentecost Word & Prayer Service 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	24 Dartball 7:30pm	25	26 AA 9am NA 7pm	27 	28	29 NA 11am
30 Advent 1 Word & Prayer Service 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Hanging of the Greens						

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - November & December 2025

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

Alter Care: Betty Miller & Cathy Wobser Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Cathy Wobser

November 2	Ken Schenk		Fred Wobser & Kent Miller	Sally Warner	Emma Killingsworth	Bonnie Lieb & Dennis Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Mason Russell
November 9	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff	Fred Wobser & Kent Miller	Guy Miller	Ryan Wiedenheft	Bonnie Lieb & Dennis Sessler	Gayle Thompson	
November 16	Carrie Killingsworth		Fred Wobser & Kent Miller	Erica Miller	Lincoln Smith	Bonnie Lieb & Dennis Sessler	Natalie Thompson	
November 23	Gary & Bonnie Lieb		Fred Wobser & Kent Miller	Joyce Patterson	Drew Killingsworth	Bonnie Lieb & Dennis Sessler	Chrissy Nielsen	Natalie Thompson
November 30	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Linda Gantz	Fred Wobser & Kent Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Tyler Wiedenheft	Bonnie Lieb & Dennis Sessler	Cathy Wobser	Mason Russell

Alter Care: Ann Stren & Sally Warner Communion Assistant – 8:00 Sally Warner

December 7	Rhonda & Dean Matus	Ann Stren	Cindy Norman & Rich Miller	Sally Warner	Carlie Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk & Bill Bertsch	Gayle Thompson	Malachi Herrmann
December 14	Pat Wiedenheft		Cindy Norman & Rich Miller	Guy Miller		Ken Schenk & Bill Bertsch	Natalie Thompson	Claire Connor
December 21	Carrie Wiedenheft		Cindy Norman & Rich Miller	Erica Miller	Zane Warner	Ken Schenk & Bill Bertsch	Chrissy Nielsen	Natalie Thompson
December 28	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff		Cindy Norman & Rich Miller	Joyce Patterson	Ryan Wiedenheft	Ken Schenk & Bill Bertsch	Candy Beatty	Malachi Herrmann

November Prayers. Readings & Psalms

November 2nd: All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom

Psalms 149

Sing the LORD's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)

Ephesians 1:11-23

God raised Christ from the dead and made him head over all the church

Luke 6:20-31

Jesus speaks blessings and woes

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

November 9th : Twenty-second Sunday Of Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a

I know that my Redeemer lives and I shall see God

Psalms 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

The coming of the Lord Jesus

Luke 20:27-38

Jesus speaks of the resurrection; the God of the living

Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

November 16th: Twenty-third Sunday Of Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

A day of blistering heat for the arrogant; a day of healing sun for the righteous

Psalms 98

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Do not be idle, but do what is right for the sake of Christ

Luke 21:5-19

Jesus speaks of wars, endurance, betrayal, and suffering for his sake

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



November 23rd: Last Sunday Of Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice

Psalms 46

I will be exalted among the nations. (Ps. 46:10)

Colossians 1:11-20

Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood

Luke 23:33-43

Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

November 30th: Advent 1

Isaiah 2:1-5

Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace

Psalms 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)

Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity
and in faithfulness.



Joshua 24:14, ESV

