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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

A note from Pastor Jen

Easter arrives again with its ever present question: *Where is the risen Christ?* The first disciples didn't find Jesus where they expected — not in the tomb, not in the familiar places, not in the endings they feared were final. They found him in a garden, on a road, around a table, in the breaking of bread. Resurrection, it turns out, doesn't announce itself with fanfare. It shows up quietly, in the places where life insists on continuing.

As we move through this Easter season, we carry that question into a remarkable year. We are celebrating 100 years as a congregation — a century of Easter celebrations and resurrection hope. When we ask "*Where is the risen Christ among us?*" we need only turn to the story of this community to find the answer written across every decade.

Resurrection has lived here; In countless baptisms, weddings, and funerals. It kept the lights on and the doors open through seasons of uncertainty. Resurrection joy has lived in the pastors and teachers and quiet saints who showed up, year after year, and made this place a home for the Holy. Every time this community chose love over fear, presence over comfort, hope over despair — that is resurrection. Christ, rising again, in you.

The tomb is empty. The road is open. And we, the inheritors of 100 years of grace, get to keep walking it together. Come, celebrate with us. The risen Christ will be there too.

Alleluia—and may your days be touched with resurrection joy.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jen



Our wonderful Alice Bertsch is turning 100 years old on **April 25th!** Trinity is having a birthday card shower to celebrate. There is a box in the hallway to collect birthday cards for her. Please help her celebrate such a remarkable achievement!

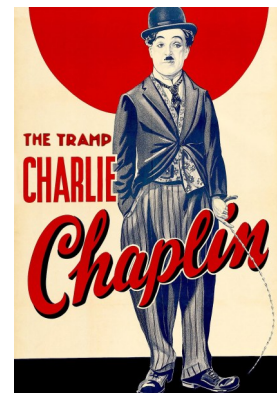
Happy birthday Alice!

Community Events

Grace Lutheran's dinner is **Wednesday, April 8th from 5:00-6:00pm**. Menu is baked shrimp alfredo, lettuce, bread & dessert. For shut-in delivery, call 419-357-3672.

Project Share is having their annual spaghetti benefit on **Saturday, April 11th 4:30pm** until sold out. Drive-thru pickup only in the back of the church. Delivery is available for shut-ins.

Join Firelands Orchestra for the first-ever cinema concert! Step back into the silent film era as members of the Firelands Symphony Orchestra perform live scores to two Charlie Chaplin classics: *Shoulder Arms* and *A Dog's Life*. This unique concert showcases the music as the starring voice—perfectly syncing to Chaplin's iconic onscreen moments. A magical evening for film lovers and music fans alike. **Saturday, April 11, 2026 7:30 pm** at Sawmill Creek Convention Center.



Your Guide to Spiritual Spring Cleaning by Chrystal McDowell

Dust off your Bible

"I obey your precepts and your statutes, for all my ways are known to you" (Psalm 119:168).

This is more just a short reading from your devotional—it's a spring cleaning of the soul including thoughtful and reflective meditations of God's word. Many of us treat our daily Bible reading as a checklist as if purchasing food items. It's time to really saturate your thirsty soul with God's word.

Wipe your eyes

"Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

There's a time for grieving whether it's the loss of a loved one, relationships, jobs, or good health. At some point, the eternal perspective must take a strong place in your heart. Perhaps it's time to wipe your eyes and move in the Holy Spirit for a refreshing of faith in your loving God.

Shampoo away the build-up of an unforgiving attitude

"Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us" (Luke 11:4).

After a deep hurt from a family member, friend, or stranger, there may be a long winter season of having an unforgiving heart. It's difficult to continue in a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ and hold on to a grudge. Wash away the unforgiving attitude in the living stream of Christ's forgiveness for you.

Wax and buff your time in prayer

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up" (Luke 18:1).

Has your prayer life grown dull? It may be time to wax and buff it up! Try using the Psalms or selected scriptures from the New Testament. It's helpful to have a prayer partner to keep you on course. Writing in a prayer journal can also bring a new shine and finish to your intercessory time for the unsaved as well as fellow believers.

Reseal your faith commitment to God

"Let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet" (1 Thessalonians 5:8).

A renewing of your relationship with God can bring a fresh joy and hope that you've missed along the way. Find a quiet place to reflect on your relationship with Jesus Christ and how the Spirit might be leading you towards a different direction. Let faith and not fear be your guide.

Council Update

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, PR. Jen, Bill Bertsch, Chrissie Nielsen, Adele Hoffman, Sally Warner, Gayle Thompson . Meeting called to order by President Carrie Wiedenheft. A devotion was given by Sally Warner.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed. Stephanie will leave a copy of council minutes in the Treasurer's office. Bill Bertsch's name will be typed in the Property minutes. Bill motioned to approve; Sally 2nd.

Treasurer's report: Trinity supports 12 organizations, including charitable giving organizations. The contributions will be published in Trinity Times. Pat motioned to approve; Gayle 2nd.

President's Report: Carrie received Stephanie and Pat's evaluations. Other members were asked to return their evaluations.

Pastor's Report: Bible study is discontinued until Easter. Pancakes will be served at the next meeting. Readers are needed for the midweek Lenten dialogues. Service will be Wednesday morning at 11am. Breakfast Buddies is going well. Stephanie will post a direction sheet for ordering memorial flowers.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely on God) Sunday is March 15th. For the 100th anniversary, cups with trinkets are being considered.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): No report given.

Community Mission (Chrissie Nielsen): Lent chick sale is underway. Stephanie will keep a list of donors. A community speed volunteering event was discussed.

Property (Bill Bertsch): Currently waiting on carpet contractors – may be finished in March. The handicap signs in the back parking lot were changed. The water back flow valve was checked by county (\$25). The elevator door was fixed (\$1,200). The parsonage basement window was recently fixed.

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

Worship and Music (Adele Hoffman): March 1st and 8th will have substitute organists.

Young at Heart: 500 cookies were made for shut-ins and highway patrol.

Old Business: No report given.

New Business: Birthdays & anniversaries were reviewed.

Assistant to count offering in March: Pat Wiedenheft. The devotion leader for the next meeting: Carrie Wiedenheft .Sally moved to adjourn; Chrissy 2nd. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

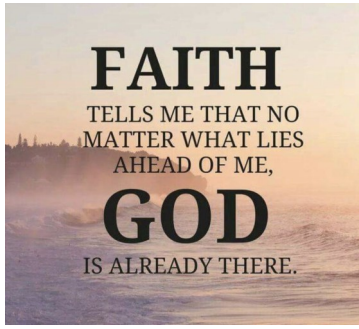
Minutes submitted by Gayle Thompson.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026

Tuesday, March 24, 2026		Page 1 of 1
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	49,897.04
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	26,714.19
1.200.113	Thrivent Youth Gathering M/M	6,231.61
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,781.20
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	106,988.89
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,327.66
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	291,657.07
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	45,512.99
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	1,042.07
Total Assets		\$534,172.72
Liabilities		
2.100.210	Financial_Agent	768.04
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	77.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	268.23
2.100.220	Board of Pension	161.92
Total Liabilities		\$1,275.19
Fund Balances		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	14,432.65
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	6,286.73
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	(2,078.31)
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	111,621.55
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	64,422.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	1,042.07
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	291,657.07
<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>		<i>\$466,665.16</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	45,512.99
Total Fund Balances		\$532,897.53
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$534,172.72



FAITH Member Ministry
 Friends and Family Abiding in Christ In Their
 Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Center
FAITH Members (as of 04/01/2026)



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

Admirals Point, 1920 Cleveland Rd W, Huron, OH 44839

Sam Wilcox

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

Marilee Werner 5110 McCartney Rd, Sandusky

Orpha Densmore 7138 SR 412, Clyde

April 12th, 2026



**Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch
April 15th, 2026**

**Spaghetti & Meatballs
Salad
Rolls & Butter
Dirt Pudding**

Altar Care

Pat Wiedenheft & Candy Beatty

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



BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Wiedenheft	04/03
Bob Troike	04/08
Charles Howard	04/10
Orpha Densmore	04/12
Guy Miller	04/15
Thomas Kingsborough	04/16
Betty Roeser	04/19
Alice Bertsch	04/25
Charles Paseka	04/26
Adam Thiede	04/29

ANNIVERSARIES

	YEARS
Roy & Joyce Patterson III 04/20	63
Tony & Donna Schoen 04/28	53

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

*In memory of Dad Albert Selke's birthday on the 27th from
Patty Swartz and Jean Leimeister*

In memory of Norman Stierhoff from Shelby Koch

The
THANKFUL HEART
 opens our eyes to a multitude of
Blessings
 that continually
SURROUND US

James E. Faust



Trinity thanks:

- Amanda Reardon & Gini German for substituting for Adele
- Gayle Thompson for assisting with February minutes
- Pastor Jen for cooking pancakes for Bible Study
- Lenten service readers
- Those who brought food & prizes for F.R.O.G.
- Dunlap Snow removal
- Linda Gantz, Rhonda Matus & Pat Wiedenheft for assisting with Crossroads

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SUN MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1  NA 7pm	2	3	4 NA 11am
5 Easter Sunday Communion Service 8 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	6 	7	8 NA 7pm	9	10 AA 9am	4 NA 11am
12 2 Easter Word & Prayer Service 8 & 10:30am JAM! 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am	13	14 Bible Study 10am	15 Crossroads 1pm NA 7pm	16 Council Mtg. 7pm	17 AA 9am	4 NA 11am
19 3 Easter Communion Service 8 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	20	21 Bible Study 10am	22 NA 7pm	23	24 AA 9am	4 NA 11am
26 4 Easter Word & Prayer Service 8 & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am	27	28 Bible Study 10am	29 NA 7pm	30	AA 9am	NA 11am

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - April & May 2026

Date	8:00 am Service		10:30 am Service		
	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector

Altar Care — Pat Wiedenheft & Candy Beatty Communion Assistant — 8:00: Sally Warner

Date	Altar Flowers	Memorial Flowers	Roy Patterson Guy Miller	Russ Stephens	Ryan Wiedenheft	Gary Lieb Charles Howard	Candy Beatty	Natalie Thompson
April 5	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Roy Patterson Guy Miller	Russ Stephens	Ryan Wiedenheft	Gary Lieb Charles Howard	Candy Beatty	Natalie Thompson
April 12	Rhonda & Dean Matus		Roy Patterson Guy Miller	Sally Warner	Tyler Wiedenheft	Gary Lieb Charles Howard	Mason Russell	Mason Russell
April 19	Jim Bertsch		Roy Patterson Guy Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Carlie Wiedenheft	Gary Lieb Charles Howard	Cathy Wobser	
April 26	Craig & Betsy Stierhoff		Roy Patterson Guy Miller	Guy Miller	Lincoln Smith	Gary Lieb Charles Howard	Gayle Thompson	

Altar Care — Pat Wiedenheft & Carrie Killingsworth Communion Assistant — 8:00: Guy Miller 10:30: Candy Beatty

Date	Altar Flowers	Memorial Flowers	Sally Warner Fred Wobser	Joyce Patterson	Drew Killingsworth	Chrissie Nielsen Bill Bertsch	Natalie Thompson
May 3	Ken Schenk		Sally Warner Fred Wobser	Joyce Patterson	Drew Killingsworth	Chrissie Nielsen Bill Bertsch	Natalie Thompson
May 10	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Mike & Maree Markley	Sally Warner Fred Wobser	Russ Stephens	Zane Warner	Chrissie Nielsen Bill Bertsch	Candy Beatty
May 17		Fred Wobser	Sally Warner Fred Wobser	Sally Warner	Emma Killingsworth	Chrissie Nielsen Bill Bertsch	Chrissie Nielsen
May 24			Sally Warner Fred Wobser	Carrie Wiedenheft	Tyler Wiedenheft	Chrissie Nielsen Bill Bertsch	Mason Russell
May 31		Shelby Koch	Sally Warner Fred Wobser	Guy Miller	Lincoln Smith	Chrissie Nielsen Bill Bertsch	Cathy Wobser

April 5th: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

Colossians 3:1-4

Raised with Christ to seek the higher things

Matthew 28:1-10

Proclaim the resurrection

Prayer of the Day: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

April 12th: 2 Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David

Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

1 Peter 1:3-9

New birth to a living hope through the resurrection

John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

April 19th: 3 Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Receiving God's promise through baptism

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

1 Peter 1:17-23

Born anew through the living word of God

Luke 24:13-35

Eating with the risen Christ

Prayer of the Day: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

April 26th: 4 Easter

Acts 2:42-47

The believers' common life

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

1 Peter 2:19-25

Follow the shepherd, even in suffering

John 10:1-10

Christ the shepherd

Prayer of the Day: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

April Prayers, Readings & Psalms



An Easter Prayer

Heavenly and Almighty Father, I give thanks this day for your great gift of Jesus Christ, that you would love me so much you'd send your only Son to live and die for my sins. I celebrate in his glorious resurrection, claiming victory over death and sin. May I daily die to my sin, ever stepping closer to you and your path for my life. Forgive my sins, Lord, and let me live fully in the joy of Christ. Amen.

