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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Pastor Jen Herrmann

Dear Trinity Family,

Our Centennial Worship Service is now just five weeks away!

Join us Sunday, September 13th, at 9:15 a.m.

Did You Know?

- Trinity's roots reach back to 1892, when Mr. Dan Heimlich and his wife organized a Sunday School in Venice, west of Sandusky — more than three decades before we became our own congregation.
- On February 2, 1926, about 200 members formally organized as Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Venice, with the Rev. John E. Braun installed as our first pastor.

Faithfulness Across Generations

A hundred years is not one long act of faith — it's thousands of small ones, handed from person to person: a Sunday School gathered in a town hall, a chapel built by hands long since gone, a pastor installed, a hymn sung, a casserole shared, a wedding celebrated, a funeral mourned. None of us will see the next hundred years. But we are, each of us, adding our own small faithfulness to the pile — trusting God is still here, the Spirit doing its quiet work, long after we are.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Please share your stories of Trinity! You can email or drop off in the office or offering plate.



Do you enjoy the history of Ohio Lutheran camps? My travels recently took me approximately an hour outside Sandusky near Mansfield, OH. Lutheran Camp Mowana closed in 2018 due to a lack of funding and is now being converted into **Fleming Falls Preserve**, a public nature preserve operated by the county park district. The preserve contains a beautiful and peaceful waterfall with an overlook constructed by camp alumni. A river tributary meanders through the preserve, creating an ideal environment for prayer, meditation, or simply appreciating nature.

The trail system is extensive for those looking for an extended hike beyond the waterfall overlook. Paths wind and converge through meadows with wildflowers and butterflies, forest, and an exquisite pine forest where the light is resplendent and appears dappled when approaching the ground.

Most impressive in my eyes are the remaining camp cabins on the property. Many campers over the years, from the 1960s to the 2010s, have etched their names in the walls. Often, there are meaningful quotes, song lyrics, and other memories scrawled beneath their attempts at immortalizing. The stories carry vibrational energy and prove the meaningfulness of the former Camp Mowana. Other camp buildings on the property, including an educational center and a retreat center, will be converted by the county into public use. I recommend visiting Fleming Falls Preserve for both history and beautiful nature. Please note the area contains uneven surfaces, inclines, and steps.

Fleming Falls Preserve

2276 Fleming Falls Rd

Mansfield, OH 44903



The Community Mission Team doing the “**God’s Work Our Hands**” project.

This year we will again be making personal care kits.

Any of the following donations are greatly appreciated:

1. One light weight bath sized towel, (20”X40” to 52”X 27”).
2. Two or three bath sized bars of soap (8-9 oz.) individually wrapped, no minis or hotel size bars.
3. One adult sized toothbrush in original package.
4. One sturdy comb, no picks or fine toothed.



The Mission Team needs help on **September 6th at 9:15am**, to assemble kits. Thank you in advance for your faithfulness in this large mission project. **We are God’s workers, working together.** (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Do you have any spare Christmas cookie cutters? The Sunday school team is looking for cookie cutters for a project. Donations will be accepted now through this fall.

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

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Account # Account Name YTD Balance

Assets

1.100.102	Checking Account	47,066.74
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	26,933.30
1.200.113	Thrivent Youth Gathering M/M	7,056.86
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,811.59
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	112,896.66
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,396.16
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	298,850.37
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	48,356.11
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	1,834.80

Total Assets \$549,222.59

Liabilities

2.100.210	Financial_Agent	793.16
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	79.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	43.68
2.100.220	Board of Pension	80.96

Total Liabilities \$996.80

Fund Balances

3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	6,860.62
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	7,502.35
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	14,572.84
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	117,472.82
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	51,858.63
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,646.80
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	298,850.37

Total Designated Giving Fund Balance \$485,401.46

3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	48,461.36
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Total Fund Balances \$548,225.79

Total Liabilities and Fund Balances \$549,222.59

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes for Monthly Meeting -- June 18th, 2026, 7:00pm

Attending: Carrie Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, Chrissie Nielsen, Stephanie Lehr, Bill Bertsch, PR. Jen, Sally Warner, Adele Hoffman, Pat Wiedenheft, Ann Streaan

Meeting called to order President Carrie Wiedenheft. Adele gave an opening devotion.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed with several changes in phrasing and Sally Warner's attendance. Bill motioned to approve; Chrissie 2nd.

Treasurer's report: Sally requested several clarifications of the check register. Several misspellings were corrected, such as Mark Wiedenheft's name. Pat motioned to approve; Adele 2nd.

President's Report: 2026 is Carrie's last year in council. She recommended reminding congregation via Trinity Times.

Pastor's Report: Sam Wilcox recently passed and services will be conducted the following Wednesday at 7pm at Ransom. June 24th is the church anniversary meeting at 4pm. PR. Jen is currently training camp counselors for Zion day camp. She spoke with Cathy Wobser about updating the church website; simplification was the goal by removing older baptism records, etc. Trinity is a sponsor for the Senior Center's 250th celebration from 11am--1pm. A traveling youth group (14 youth, 3 adults) will be staying overnight on July 6th and returning July 11th. The council discussed not charging the group, but welcoming donations. PR. Jen presented a contract concerning parsonage flooring from pet usage. She agreed to provide up to \$2,500 if the flooring is unpresentable upon any potential transfer or death of pet. Several changes to the contract's phrasing were made. Chrissie motioned to approve, Adele 2nd. PR. Jen will be absent on August 2nd. Young at Heart was discussed. She will follow up with Nancy.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): Socks will be distributed to members on Father's Day.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): Brownie sundaes will be offered during Father's Day. The youth sponsored bratwurst drive-in will be on July 12th.

Community Mission (Chrissie Nielsen): Hygiene kit donation is underway. Sandwiches will be assembled on July 12th.

Property (Bill Bertsch): Bill was uncertain concerning the cross's malfunctioning on side of church. The elevator is out of commission again and the company will be stopping on June 19th. The church bells are fixed. Bill recently made 6 more church keys and Stephanie will check the key log for any possible returns. Mike Ried will do the new floor and baseboard by the east entrance. The concrete will be fixed on the south entrance.

Stewardship and Finance (Ann Streaan): A meeting with Edward Jones will be on July 8th.

Worship and Music (Adele Hoffman): Will Coffman will be performing on September 13th. Judy Burrows will be substituting on organ next Sunday. Adele will be absent in November with Amanda Reardon substituting. August 5th is the next meeting.

Old Business: Stephanie was advised to include member anniversary dates in Trinity Times. She will investigate the shut-in birthdays for publication.

New Business: Cold Creek Parade offered Trinity participation. The council agreed to decline the request for having a parade float. Jim reported 49 pints of raspberry jam being made. JAM session will be on July 5th to coincide with the fruit jam offering. Donations will be directed towards parking lot.

Thank yous: Carlie, Emma, Drew & Zoe for special music; Emma for attending synod assembly; Jason Cappelletty and Wayne Gysan for playing guitar.

Assistant to count offering in August: Bill Bertsch

The devotion leader for the next meeting: Chrissie Nielsen

Adele moved to adjourn; Chrissie 2nd. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

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



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 #131

Birthday: July 26

Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112

Birthday: Feb 9

Mary Ann Neidler

Birthday: Dec 30

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

Birthday: Feb 11

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky

Birthday: June 6

Marilee Werner 5110 McCartney Rd, Sandusky

Birthday: June 27

Orpha Densmore 7138 SR 412, Clyde

Birthday: April 12

Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-366-4684.

JAM SESSION
 August 9th, 2026



Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch
August 19th, 2026

Brats
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Jello Cake
Watermelon

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

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	32
Charles & Judith Howard 08/23	57
Tim & Gayle Thompson 08/27	32

Trinity would like to thank:

- Drew Killingsworth & Jim Bertsch for delivering sandwiches to Care & Share
- Those who helped with assembling sandwiches
- Those who supported the bratwurst drive-thru
- Those who donated to Lutheran World Relief

Correction to July Trinity Times: Richard & Sheryl Miller celebrated their 51st anniversary.



MEMORIALS & HONORIUMS

In memory of Sam Wilcox

Gary Lieb, Dave & Sally Warner, David Wiedenheft, Nancy Vollmer, David & Cathy Wobser, Wendy Wiedenheft, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft; Gregory, Susanne, Carrie Lemert

In memory of Peggy Michalik

Jim Bertsch

In **LOVING** *Memory*

Those we love

don't go away

They walk beside us

every day

unseen, unheard but

always near

Still loved, still missed

and very dear..

AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 NA 11am
2 Communion 8 & 10:30am	3	4	5 Worship & Music 10am NA 7pm	6	7	8 NA 11am
9 Word & Prayer 8 & 10:30am JAM 9:15	10	11	12 NA 7pm	13	14 Stephanie vacation	15 NA 11am Fellowship Hall Reserved 12- 3pm
16 Communion 8 & 10:30am	17 Stephanie on vacation this week	18	19 Crossroads 1pm NA 7pm	20 Council Mtg 7pm	21	22 NA 11am
23 Word & Prayer 8 & 10:30am	24	25	26 NA 7pm	27	28	29 NA 11am
30 Word & Prayer 8 & 10:30am	31					

Monthly Leadership

Date	Ushers Early	Lector Early	Acolyte	Ushers Late	Lector Late
August 2	Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Carrie Wiedenheft	Drew Killingsworth	Bill Bertsch	Candy Beatty
August 9	Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Guy Miller	Zane Warner	Bill Bertsch	Chrissy Nielsen
August 16	Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Emma Killingsworth (early) Mason Russell (late)	Bill Bertsch	Mason Russell
August 23	Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Russ Stephens	Carlie Wiedenheft	Bill Bertsch	Cathy Wobser
August 30	Rex & Brad Stierhoff	Sally Warner	Tyler Wiedenheft	Bill Bertsch	Candy Beatty

Date	Altar Flowers	Memorial Flowers
August 2	Amy Brocco	Cindy Norman
August 9	Chrissie Nielsen	
August 16	Shelby Koch	Candy Beatty
August 23	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	
August 30	Gary & Bonnie Lieb	

Altar Care for August: Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

Communion Assistants: Sally Warner(Early) Cathy Wobser(Late)

August Readings & Prayers

August 2: Pentecost 10

Isaiah 55:1-5

Eat and drink that which truly satisfies

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

Romans 9:1-5

The glory of God's people Israel

Matthew 14:13-21

Christ feeding five thousand

Prayer of the Day: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 9: Pentecost 11

1 Kings 19:9-18

The LORD speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb

Psalms 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

Romans 10:5-15

Hearing and confessing the word of faith

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walking on the sea

Prayer of the Day: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 16: Pentecost 12

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A house of prayer for all peoples

Psalms 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

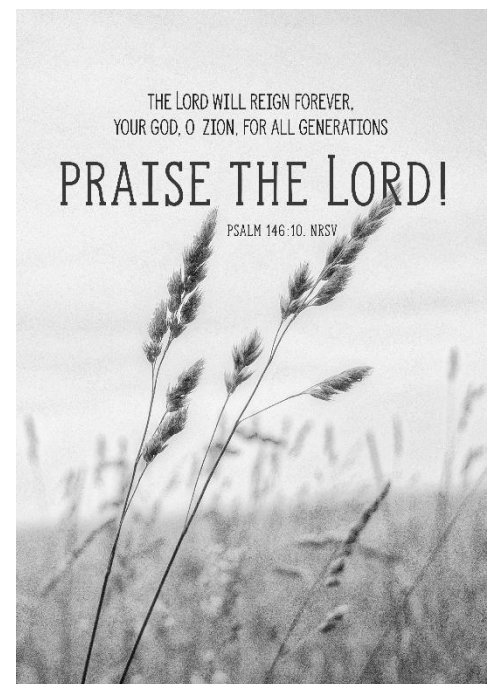
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter

Prayer of the Day: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



August 23: Pentecost 13

Isaiah 51:1-6

The enduring foundation of God's salvation

Psalm 138

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)

Romans 12:1-8

One body in Christ, with gifts that differ

Matthew 16:13-20

The profession of Peter's faith

Prayer of the Day: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

August 30: Pentecost 14

Jeremiah 15:15-21

God fortifies the prophet against opposition

Psalm 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

Romans 12:9-21

Live in harmony

Matthew 16:21-28

The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter

Prayer of the Day: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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Today!

