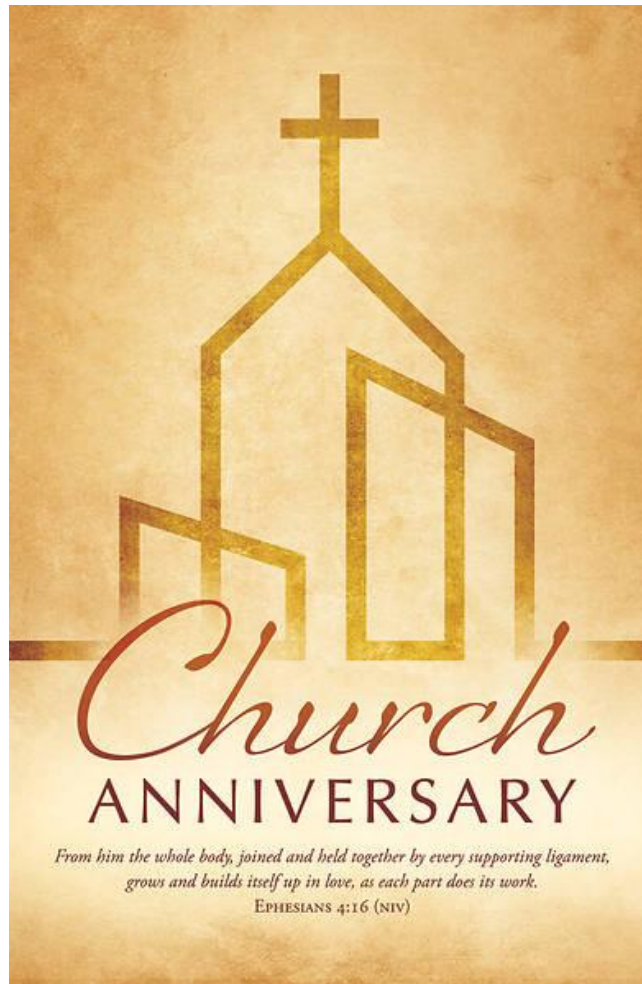




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Pastor Jen Herrmann

One Hundred Years, One Sunday Away

Dear People of God at Trinity,

By the time you read this, our Centennial Worship Service is just over a week away. One hundred years of Trinity gathering in this place — baptizing, confirming, marrying, burying, singing, serving — comes down to one Sunday morning: September 13, at 9:15 a.m. I hope you'll be there.

This day doesn't happen on its own. Thanks to everyone who has given time, memory, and care to make it special — those who dug through boxes of old photos and bulletins, wrote and gathered stories, planned worship and the reception brunch, reached out to former pastors and friends of the congregation, and handled all the small details no one sees but everyone feels. Trinity is who we are because people quietly do the work of love, and this celebration is one more example of that.

Whether you're here every Sunday or it's been years since you last walked through our doors, this invitation is for you. A hundredth anniversary isn't just for the faithful few — it's a chance for the whole Trinity family, near and far, present and past, to gather in one place and give thanks to God together. As I say each week, wherever you are in your faith journey, God's grace is open to you!

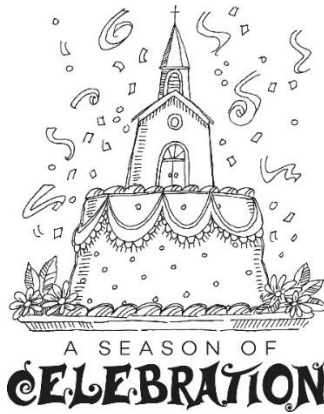
A hundredth anniversary is also a rare, natural invitation to share with others. If there's a neighbor who's curious about Trinity, or a friend who hasn't found a church home, this is an easy day to say, "Come with me on the 13th — there's a service, and then food." No pressure, no pitch. Just come see what a century of this community looks like.

I'm grateful for this congregation, for the people who came before us, and for everyone whose hands and hearts have shaped this celebration. See you on the 13th.

With gratitude and anticipation,
Pastor Jen



Pastor Jen may be reached at 419-822-7630 and jen.herrmann@gmail.com



We look forward to celebrating our **100th Anniversary on September 13th**. Thank you to all who have RSVP'd for the brunch. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will be joining us and will be preaching that day. A portion of the offering will be given to the NWOS Annual Fund which supports local mission here in our synod. You'll have the opportunity to buy a 100th Anniversary Christmas ornament or magnet for \$10 (made by our own Todd Fisher). And you'll have a chance to get your picture taken for photo booth fun. Reach out to friends, neighbors, former members, or total strangers to invite them to join us at **9:15am!**

Community Mission Health Kits Shipping Support



Thank you for all the donations for the health kits. These kits will ship out in October, and this year we have been asked to cover the cost of shipping them overseas. The additional shipping cost is **\$4 per kit**. We currently have enough supplies to assemble and deliver more than 150 kits—amazing work! Any help you can give toward this additional shipping cost would be greatly appreciated. You can give by marking "Health Kits" on an envelope during the Sunday gathering or by dropping it off at the church office.

It's time to assemble the kits. We need a few people to help assemble on **Sunday, September 6th** after early service. The more help we have the quicker this project will come together.

Community Events

Grace Lutheran Church's free community meal is **Wednesday, September 9th 5:00 – 6:00 pm**. Menu is grilled chicken sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans, and dessert.



First Presbyterian Church
265 Jackson St
Sandusky, OH

Sounds of Soul performs a combination of Motown classics mixed with some of the greatest pop and R&B hits ever written, like those of the Temptations, Four Tops, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, The Supremes, and more. A family-friendly concert for everyone. Free will offering accepted. **Sunday, September 6th at 3pm.**

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes for Monthly Meeting -- July 16th, 2026, 7:00pm

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

Meeting called to order by President Carrie Wiedenheft. PR. Jen gave an opening devotion.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed with several changes in phrasing. Bill motioned to approve; Adele 2nd.

Treasurer's report: The Edward Jones account was discussed. \$162.00 came from Thrivent Choice. It was suggested that there should be periodical reminders in Trinity Times about directing Choice dollars. Adele motioned to approve; Ann 2nd

President's Report: No report given.

Pastor's Report: Josh and Paige Miller's wedding is July 25th at 4:30pm. PR. Jen attended The Center's block party. She recently networked with a new UCC and Episcopal pastor. The audio component on the live service broadcast was replaced. Carrie Lemert and PR. Jen are working on the archive. PR. Jen requested to purchase a table display for the archives. Carrie motioned to use the money from the youth account; Ann 2nd. Pastor Phil will be conducting service on August 2nd. Linda Wilcox will be accompanying PR. Jen on visits.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): No report given.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): The youth did well with the bratwurst sale. They are currently on summer recess from Sunday school. Approximately 100 lunches were packed for Care & Share.

Community Mission (Chrissie Nielsen): Stephanie reported for Chrissie. On Saturday, July 11th the team met and prepared sandwiches for God's Work Our Hands. At the conclusion of the sandwich making, they had a formal meeting with all committee members. Bonnie Lieb provided the funds from Thrivent and Bonnie and Jim shopped for the bagged ingredients. On Sunday, July 12th they assembled bags and Jim and Drew Killingsworth delivered the sandwiches to Care & Share. September 5th they will meet to organize items for health kits. September 6th ask for help to assemble kits. Jim will deliver kits to New Rochester, OH in October. October collect items for Grace's food pantry, Thanksgiving meals. November collect items for Feet and Seats: hats, gloves, socks, and underwear for crossroads. Some items may also be donated to project Noel. December place wreaths at Venice cemetery. February start meal program in large bags to donate to Grace's food pantry.

Property (Bill Bertsch): The elevator is having issues again; Bill is uncertain if the issue is resolved. He is presently working with Ron Vanzandt Jr. for repairing the sidewalk issues with the entryway. He obtained a \$10,400 quote for asphalt sealing and will consult other companies for a more economical price.

Stewardship and Finance (Ann Streaan): There was a recent visit with Edward Jones. Funds are doing well. There was a discussion about Paypal, Venmo, Zelle, etc.

Worship and Music (Adele Hoffman): No report given.

New Business: The council had a lengthy discussion about the church 100th anniversary. The press release and invitations were reviewed, with several corrections. It was decided that brunch will be a free will offering. Several activities were suggested, such as trivia.

Thank yous: Those who assembled sandwiches; Jim Bertsch and Drew Killingsworth for delivering sandwiches; all who purchased bratwurst lunches; all who donated to LWR.

Assistant to count offering in August: Bill Bertsch

The devotion leader for the next meeting: Chrissie Nielsen

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
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Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

Ruby Stierhoff	Rm #131	Birthday: July 26
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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
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Patty Swartz	Rm #52	Birthday: June 5
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In their homes:

Judy Welser	5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-684-7232	Birthday: Feb 11
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Laura Allen	2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky	
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Pat Nielsen	1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky	Birthday: June 6
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Orpha Densmore	7138 SR 412, Clyde	Birthday: April 12
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JAM SESSION: There will be no jam session in September due to the 100th anniversary celebration.



**Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch
 September 16th, 2026**

**Pork/Gravy over Noodles
 Sweet Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Sliced Tomatoes
 Bun & Butter
 Fruit Cocktail & Cool Whip**

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

Martin Luther often gathered with family, friends and visitors at the table. They shared meals and conversation. They opened their lives to one another. They learned and listened. Fall is a great time to enjoy a simple meal and conversation at the table. Invite your neighbors or someone you'd like to get to know better to dinner with your family. You could even put a picnic table in your front yard and see who stops by for conversation.

Martin Luther is often (mis)quoted as saying, "If I knew the world was to end tomorrow, I would still plant an apple tree today." Many groups have engaged in projects to plant trees to observe the Reformation. As a family, you might go to a nursery and buy a tree. Plant one in your yard or see if your church could use another tree. Say a prayer and give thanks for the life of the tree and the future generations that will experience its growth.

Fall is a season that brings forth the beauty of God's creation. As a family, collect fall leaves. Admire their beauty. You could create a collage of leaves or use them as stencils. Try decorating your home with pieces of nature—leaves, seeds, acorns. Be creative and use nature as your canvas. (Whenever my toddler daughter paints or colors, I'm amazed at what she creates!) Perhaps you can make your own Luther seal from what you find in nature.

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

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	17,664.60
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	7,683.16
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,811.59
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	113,006.66
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,417.30
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	301,949.55
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	48,356.11
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	3,458.80
Total Assets		\$525,301.07
Liabilities		
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	229.72
Total Liabilities		\$229.72
Fund Balances		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	(15,097.07)
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	2,267.53
3.220.300	Designated Giving Fund Balance	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	14,732.84
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	117,553.96
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	51,446.63
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	3,861.80
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	301,949.55
<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>		<i>\$489,544.78</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	48,356.11
Total Fund Balances		\$525,071.35
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$525,301.07

BIRTHDAYS

Maree Markley	09/01
Jeffrey Nielsen	09/04
Drew Killingsworth	09/9
Noah Warner	09/10
Mason Russell	09/10
Jean Holbrook	09/12
Roy Patterson III	09/14
Jameson Stierhoff	09/16
Adam Ashby	09/17
Ruth Sieb	09/19
Kristi Meuscke	09/19
Beth Ashby	09/21
Carlie Wiedenheft	09/24



Alice Orshoski	09/25
Lily Hirt	09/25
Kim Likes	09/26
Wendy Wiedenheft	09/29

ANNIVERSARIES

YEARS

Randy & Tricia Patten	36
Dennis & Barbara Sessler 09/15	53
Tim & Rachel Haynes	8
Bob & Dolores Troike 09/20	51

Trinity would like to thank:

- Those who supported the Jam Sale for pavement resurfacing
- Pat Wiedenheft, Linda Gantz, Rhonda Matus (& grandson), and Jim Bertsch for cooking Crossroads meals
- Adult and youth acolytes
- Pat Wiedenheft for assisting with August council minutes



MEMORIALS & HONORIUMS

In memory of Marilee Werner

Gary & Bonnie Lieb; Larry & Pat Wiedenheft; Edward Grahl; Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert; Jim Bertsch; Adele & Gene Hoffman; David Wiedenheft; Dave & Sally Warner



SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Service 8 & 10:30am God's Work, Our Hands	7	8	9 NA 7pm	10	11	12 NA 11am
13 Communion Anniversary Service & Brunch	14	15	16 Crossroads 1pm NA 7pm	17	18	19 NA 11am
20 Communion Service 8 & 10:30am	21	22	23 NA 7pm	24 Council Mtg 7pm	25	26 NA 11am
27 Word & Prayer 8 & 10:30am	28	29	30 NA 7pm			

Monthly Leadership

Date	Ushers Early	Lector Early	Acolyte	Ushers Late	Lector Late
Sept 6	Mark Wiedenheft & Guy Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Zane Warner	Chrissie Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Chrissie Nielsen
Sept 13 (one service)	Mark Wiedenheft, Guy Miller, Chrissie Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Guy Miller	Ryan Wiedenheft		
Sept 20	Mark Wiedenheft & Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson	Lincoln Smith	Chrissie Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Gayle Thompson
Sept 27	Mark Wiedenheft & Guy Miller	Russ Stephens	Drew Killingsworth	Chrissie Nielsen & Gary Lieb	Cathy Wobser

Date	Altar Flowers	Memorial Flowers
Sept 6	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth	
Sept 13	Larry & Pat Wiedenheft	Fred Wobser
Sept 20	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Ann Streat
Sept 27	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft	Peggy Kingsborough

Altar Care: Sally Warner & Bonnie Lieb

Communion Assistants: Guy Miller (Early) Candy Beatty(Late)



August Readings & Prayers

September 6: Creation in Christ

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The prophet's responsibility to warn the people

Psalms 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

Romans 13:8-14

Live honorably as in the day

Matthew 18:15-20

Reconciliation in the community of faith

Prayer of the Day: O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

September 13: Pentecost 16

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

Romans 14:1-12

Accepting diversity in the community of faith

Matthew 18:21-35

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

September 20: Pentecost 17

Jonah 3:10—4:11

God's concern for the city of Nineveh

Psalms 145:1-8

The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)

Philippians 1:21-30

Standing firm in the gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the vineyard workers

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

September 27: Pentecost 18

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The fairness of God's way

Psalms 25:1-9

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)

Philippians 2:1-13

Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

Matthew 21:23-32

A parable of doing God's will

Prayer of the Day: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

