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Dear People of God,

It's that time of the year where there are lots of seasonal changes. Call it fall, pumpkin spice season, sweater weather, or thanksgiving – but the days are shorter and the clocks change. The natural light lessens and we turn to depend on all the other ways we light our lives. Gratitude is how we notice what shines in our lives.

We remember the saints, our ancestors in faith, with love and tenderness. We give thanks to the veterans who served with honor and respect. We gather around times of thanksgiving, not just on the one day but for the whole month. Gratitude makes sense when the seasons change and the summer work leads to the fall harvest and the winter creeping in. And as the natural light changes, we notice.

A porch light left on for the Trick or Treaters. A candle lit to remember our loved ones. A lamp turned on so the family can gather in the evening. As the natural light lessens, the light we make keeps growing.

Our advent theme this year is about the light that keeps growing on the wreath and in our lives and hearts. We will light our first advent candle on the 29th. Together we will bring more light with us each week. Could you invite a friend to join you that Sunday? I challenge you to notice the lights you turn on and turn off this month. How do they change what you see and how you feel? How do they remind you of gratitude and God's love?

As Christ is the light of our lives, may we shine.

With Gratitude and light,

Pastor Jen

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"Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today"

A friendly reminder from the church secretary: all Trinity Times submissions must be received one week prior to the first day of the month. This helps ensure the newsletter is delivered punctually. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Congregational Care Team will soon be making Christmas candles to sell. Proceeds will go to "Trees for Troops", an organization that gives live Christmas trees to families who have a member serving our country. This is a great group to support because we have two church members actively serving, and many others who have previously served. There will be lots of candles to choose from and all will be available for a donation. The candles will be ready for you to purchase starting **Sunday, November 15th.** Start your Christmas shopping with us and support an important organization!

Advent starts on **Sunday, November 29th** this year and here are some ways you can join our faith family while kicking off the season:



- "**Hanging the Greens**" -- decorating the sanctuary -- after the 10:30 worship service on **November 29th**. Many hands make light work!

- After the decorating is done, or around noon, we will be offering a light lunch of soup and sandwiches in the fellowship hall. If you can, please bring a dessert to share.

- And finally, an **ADVENT EVENT** where we'll be having lots of fun with numerous activities, including making an advent wreath and singing Christmas carols. For one of the games, we're asking you to bring a wrapped, inexpensive white elephant gift to share (one per person, please).

You can plan to attend all three of these events on the same day, **November 29th**. Or you can come for the event(s) you wish to attend. Fun for all ages!



Feeling hungry? Attend a community dinner sponsored by area churches.

Castalia UCC Roast Beef Dinner
Saturday, November 7th 4pm until sold out
Dine-in or Drive-Thru $13.00 per meal
Slow roasted roast beef
Homemade mashed potatoes with gravy
Green beans
Salad bar (dine-in) or coleslaw (drive-thru)
Dinner roll & dessert

St. Stephen UCC Sauerkraut Supper
Tuesday, November 10th 5pm until sold out
Dine-in or takeout $14.00 cash $14.50 card
Pork roast
Sauerkraut
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Applesauce
Drink & dessert

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes for Monthly Meeting -- September 17th, 2026 7:00pm

Attending: Jim Bertsch, Chrissie Nielsen, Ann Strean, Carrie Wiedenheft, Pat Wiedenheft, Stephanie Lehr, Bill Bertsch, PR. Jen, Sally Warner, Barb Sessler

Meeting called to order by President Carrie Wiedenheft. A devotion was given by Pat Wiedenheft.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed with changes in phrasing. Bill motioned to approve, Sally 2nd.

Treasurer's report: The CD is coming in on October 23rd. Pat motioned to roll the CD into a three-year renewal; Ann 2nd. Ann motioned to give $350.00 to the NWOS Synod Annual Fund; Pat 2nd. $20,00.00 was extracted from the bond fund into checking account. Pat motioned to approve the report; Chrissie 2nd.

President's Report: Council nominations and terms were discussed. October 18th will be the annual congregation meeting. Carrie asked Stephanie to write a bulletin announcement about open positions.

Pastor's Report: PR. Jen thanked the volunteers for the anniversary service. Conference meeting will be on October 22nd. PR. Jen visited Patty Swartz prior to her passing; service and viewing is September 18th. Tyler Wiedenheft and Lincoln Smith are the confirmation youth. NA requested October 24th for facility rental.

Congregational Life (Sally Warner): There was excellent help with cleaning after the anniversary brunch. There will be an upcoming Christmas candle sale. The Helping Hands tree this year will be donated to an organization instead of a family. Feets and Seats will be done again.

Faith Builders (Pat Wiedenheft): Sunday School starts the following Sunday. Teachers are Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth. Trunks for Treats will be in October.

Community Mission (Chrissie Nielsen): 138 health kits were assembled. Generous donations were received and there was excellent help. The goal next year is 150 kits. Shipping is $4 per kit. The team will be collecting boxed and canned goods for Thanksgiving for Grace's food pantry. There will be a basket in the hallway through October to collect nonperishable Thanksgiving items. October/ November will begin sign-up for Wreaths Across America. November will start Feet and Seats, collecting socks, mittens, and underwear for Care & Share and Project Noel. Chrissie shared ideas to engage inactive members and encourage church attendance.

Property (Bill Bertsch): The ceiling work at the back of the church is completed. An amount of $650.00 to Ron V. was discussed. Bill received quotes for the parking lot pavement. The elevator is still not functioning at full capacity. Stephanie and PR. Jen noted mice activity in the church office. Snacks will be kept in enclosed containers.

Stewardship and Finance (Ann Strean): Ann will be meeting with Jim.

Worship and Music (Adele Hoffman): The committee postponed meeting until after the anniversary.
Old Business: No report given.

New Business: Sally discussed recent issues with condensation on communion trays due to the humidity. The sign regarding jam jar return needs appropriate tape so it will not tarnish the new tile.

Thank yous: Bridget Adams Brewer (photographer), Jim and Community Mission Team for LWR kits, special music players Will Coffman & chime players, Judy Welser for donating cookies, Laura Miller for donating the cake, the Anniversary committee

Assistant to count offering in October: Pat Wiedenheft

The devotion leader for the next meeting: Sally Warner

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



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

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.102	Checking Account	47,698.44
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	6,577.37
1.200.113	Thrivent Youth Gathering M/M	8,097.43
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,827.37
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	113,940.88
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,441.68
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	302,332.62
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	47,810.09
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	3,658.39
	Total Assets	**$536,404.27**
Liabilities		
2.100.210	Financial_Agent	793.16
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	79.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	37.34
2.100.220	Board of Pension	80.96
	Total Liabilities	**$990.46**
Fund Balances		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	(21,646.89)
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	15,120.23
3.220.300	*Designated Giving Fund Balance*	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	16,530.18
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	118,472.56
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	52,941.63
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	3,853.39
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	302,332.62
	Total Designated Giving Fund Balance	*$494,130.38*
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	47,810.09
	Total Fund Balances	**$535,413.81**
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	**$536,404.27**

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

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

Orpha Densmore — 7138 SR 412, Clyde — Birthday: April 12

JAM SESSION: November 8th



Crossroads Meal by Jim Bertsch
November 18th, 2026

Pork roast & gravy
Sweet potatoes
Green beans
Buttered roll
Salad
Jello/fruit cocktail/Cool Whip
Cupcake

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

BIRTHDAYS

Sally Warner	11/03
Claire Conner	11/04
Malachi Herrmann	11/05
Zane Warner	11/05
Natalie Thompson	11/06
Shelby Koch	11/07
Kathy Bango	11/08
Holly Miller	11/14
Betsy Stierhoff	11/15
Kathy Barnes	11/20
Jeff Hirt	11/25
Susanne Lemert	11/27
Millie McCready	11/28

ANNIVERSARIES

		YEARS
Matthew & Jennifer Lesch	11/03	25
Donald & Kathy Parker	11/03	53
Wesley & Betty Miller	11/13	61
Jeff & Jessica Hirt	11/14	17
Larry & Patricia Wiedenheft	11/16	52
Amy & Mark Brocco	11/18	49
Gary & Bonnie Lieb	11/18	59
Allen & Casey Miller	11/20	45
Kent & Janis Miller	11/22	29
David & Cathy Wobser	11/28	51

Trinity would like to thank:

- Bill Bertsch for helping Jim load LWR boxes
- Linda Gantz for riding with Jim to New Rochester
- Those who donated toward postage for LWR kits





In memory of Arlayne Mischler

Betty Roeser, Alice & Don Kuns, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, Jim Bertsch, David & Sally Warner, Larry & Linda Velliquette

In memory of Pat Schibler

David & Sally Warner, Larry & Pat Wiedenheft

In memory of Patty Swartz

Linda Miller-Moore, Jean & Jeff Smith, Nancy Vollmer, Rosemarie Canter, Betty Roeser



NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion Service 8 & 10:30am Trunks for Treats & SS 9:15am	2 Dartball 7:30pm	3	4 NA 7pm	5	6	7 NA 11am
8 Word & Prayer 8 & 10:30am Chime Practice 9:00am SS 9:15am	9 Dartball 7:30pm	10	11 NA 7pm	12	13	14 NA 11am
15 Communion Service 8 & 10:30am SS 9:15am	16 Dartball 7:30pm	17	18 Crossroads 1pm NA 7pm	19 Council Mtg 7:00pm	20	21 NA 11am
22 Word & Prayer 8 & 10:30am SS 9:15am	23 Dartball 7:30pm	24	25 NA 7pm	26 	27	28 NA 11am
29 Word & Prayer 8 & 10:30am SS 9:15am Advent Event 10am-3pm	30 Dartball 7:30pm					

Monthly Leadership

NOVEMBER					
Date	**Ushers Early**	**Lector Early**	**Acolyte**	**Ushers Late**	**Lector Late**
Nov 1	Kent Miller	Russ Stephens	Emma Killingsworth	Barb & Denny Sessler	Cathy Wobser
Nov 8	Kent Miller	Need new lector	Ryan Wiedenheft	Barb & Denny Sessler	Candy Beatty
Nov 15	Kent Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Lincoln Smith	Barb & Denny Sessler	Chrissie Nielsen
Nov 22	Kent Miller	Guy Miller	Drew Killingsworth	Barb & Denny Sessler	Mason Russell
Nov 29	Kent Miller	Joyce Patterson		Barb & Denny Sessler	Gayle Thompson
Date	**Altar Flowers**		**Memorial Flowers**		
Nov 1	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff		Chrissie Nielsen		
Nov 8	Ken Schenk		Sally Warner		
Nov 15	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft				
Nov 22	Barb & Denny Sessler				
Nov 29					
Altar Care: Betty & Janis Miller					
Communion Assistants: Guy Miller (Early) Cathy Wobser (Late)					

DECEMBER					
Date	**Ushers Early**	**Lector Early**	**Acolyte**	**Ushers Late**	**Lector Late**
Dec 6	Cindy Norman & Rich Miller	Russ Stephens	Carlie Wiedenheft	Bob Troike & Bill Bertsch	Candy Beatty
Dec 13	Cindy Norman & Rich Miller	Sally Warner		Bob Troike & Bill Bertsch	Cathy Wobser
Dec 20	Cindy Norman & Rich Miller	Carrie Wiedenheft	Zane Warner	Bob Troike & Bill Bertsch	Chrissie Nielsen
Dec 27	Cindy Norman & Rich Miller	Guy Miller	Ryan Wiedenheft	Bob Troike & Bill Bertsch	Mason Russell
Date	**Altar Flowers**		**Memorial Flowers**		
Dec 6	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Ann Strean		
Dec 13	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth				
Dec 20	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft				
Dec 27	Rex & Charlene Stierhoff				
Altar Care: Ann Strean & Sally Warner					
Communion Assistants: Sally Warner(Early) Candy Beatty(Late)					

November Readings & Prayers

November 1st: All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17
The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
1 John 3:1-3
We are God's children
Matthew 5:1-12
Blessed are the poor in spirit

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 8th: Pentecost 24

Amos 5:18-24
Let justice roll down like waters
Psalm 70
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The promise of the resurrection
Matthew 25:1-13
The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

November 15th: Pentecost 25

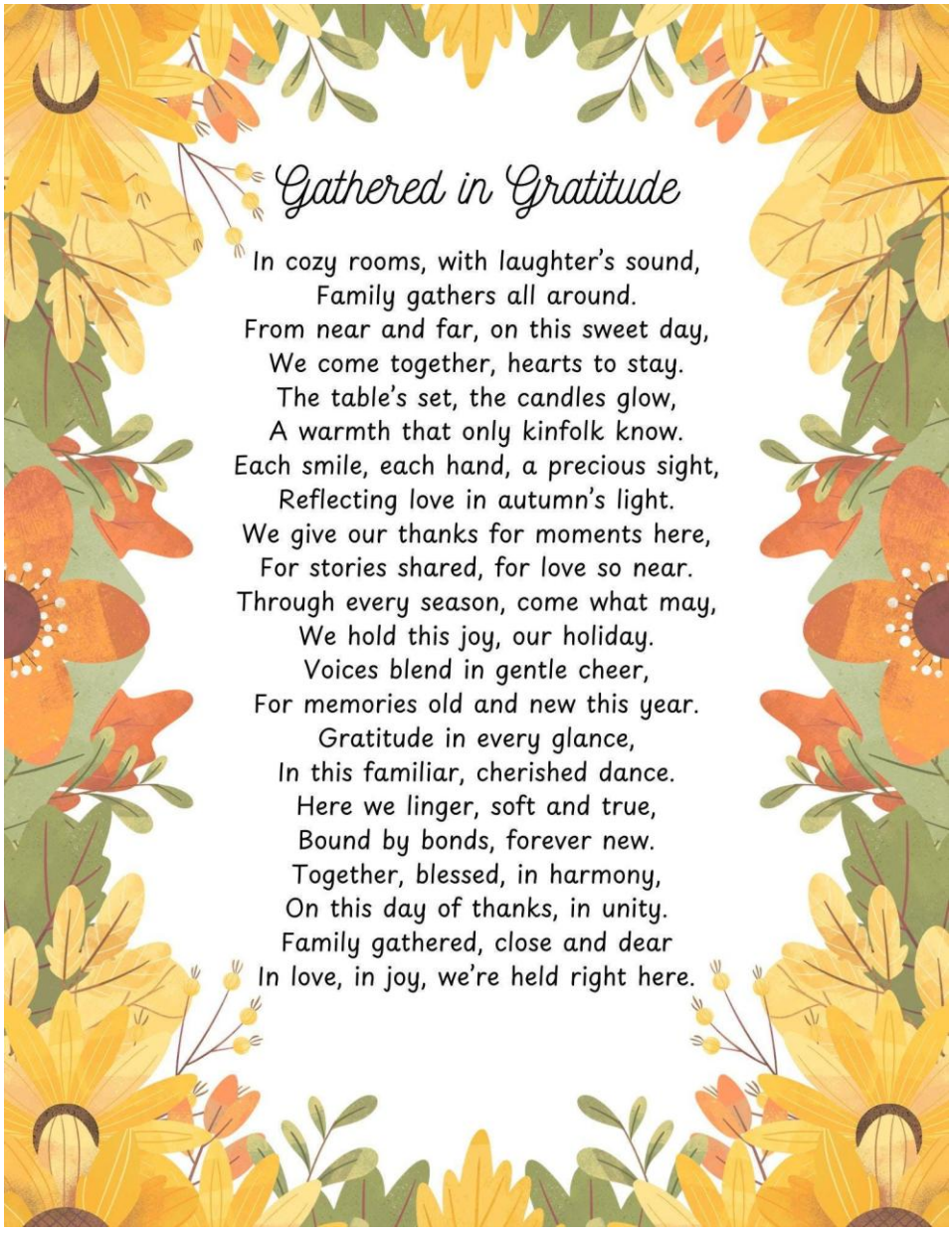
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
The day of the LORD
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30
The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

November 22nd: Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
God will shepherd Israel
Psalm 95:1-7a
We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
Ephesians 1:15-23
The reign of Christ
Matthew 25:31-46
The coming of the Son of Man; the separation of sheep and goats

Prayer of the Day: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



November 29th: Advent 1

Isaiah 64:1-9
Prayer that God would come with power and compassion
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end
Mark 13:24-37
The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Prayer of the Day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**