



# Trinity Times

January  
2023

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## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

*On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother – Matthew 2:10-11*

January 6<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas and marks the beginning of the Epiphany season where we celebrate the light of Christ – the star of Bethlehem – a sign of God's blessings. The light of the star is the revelation of

Christ to the magi, as Christmas was Christ's revelation to the shepherds. Epiphany is the day when the Magi came bearing gifts to Jesus. They were invited into the stable, to witness the life of Jesus and bless him. For us, we celebrate Epiphany to remember that we too are invited to come and see what Jesus is about and are blessed as we begin a new, calendar year.

In the days of old, during the first day of Epiphany, people would gather in one another's homes as a reminder of the magi who came to visit the baby Jesus. This became symbolic as a reminder that Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Christ is welcome.

One of the ways we can still bless our homes is by what is called: *Chalking the Door*. Chalk is an earthly element and was used to literally mark homes at the onset of Epiphany to remember who God is in our lives. Following the eastern European tradition, a visual blessing was inscribed with chalk above the main door. By marking our outside doors, we invite God's presence into our homes and ask God's blessing upon all those who live, work, or visit us through the coming year.

To mark your own door, write above the door frame with chalk: 20+C+M+B+23. Why C+M+B? It represents the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedictat* which means, *May Christ bless this house*. C+M+B can also stand for the legendary names of the Magi: Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar.

If you decide to chalk your door or even if you do not, I invite to you go to your main door and pray with your those around a blessing for all who come into visit and all who leave your home. The prayer/blessing might include these words:

*As the magi of old followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell amount us two thousand and twenty-three years ago, bless our home, our hearts with grace and our hands with humble work. May this new year be a chance to love hard, play fair, and strive for justice and peace throughout the new year. Amen.*

May you know the peace and blessings of Christ throughout the new year.

-Epiphany Blessings, Pastor Cathy



## YOUR SERVANTS AT TRINITY

### INTERIM PASTORS -

The Rev. Ralph Schibler

The Rev. Catherine Schibler

### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:

Carol Dahs

MUSICIAN: Adele Hoffman

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### COORDINATOR:

Sally Warner - 419 684-7850

### CUSTODIANS:

Jim Bertsch - 419 625-4377

Pat Wiedenheft - 419 625-8652

PRESIDENT: Carrie Wiedenheft

TREASURER: Jim Bertsch

DATA ENTRY: Shannon Limberios

OFFICE PHONE: 419 626-0204

OFFICE HOURS: 9 am to 1 pm, M-F

# Youth and Family

**IT'S A BOY!** And we're having a baby shower! We will be celebrating Epiphany on Sunday, January 8th and just as the Wisemen brought gifts for the baby Jesus, we are asking you to bring in gifts of diapers (any size) or baby wipes to church on the 8th so we can gift them to mothers and babies in need in our area. When you come to church, keep your items with you and at the appropriate time, we will have you bring them forward and place them in the manger. We hope you all will join our "baby shower" event with us!

**SAVE THOSE CHRISTMAS CARDS.** We are once again asking for your Christmas cards for our Sunday school kids to use to make crafts with. Please put them in the box in the educational wing and Thank You!



The Sunday school kids and teachers would like to thank everyone who has supported them during the past year in whatever way you have. A special thanks to Nancy Vollmer for all her donations of craft supplies and the supplies to make the Christmas ornaments. Thanks to Denise Casanova for her continued talents with all our decorations. Thanks to Jim Bertsch for cleaning up after us each Sunday and for making sure the Christmas back drop was ready for us. And again this year we want to thank Tiffany Fisher for singing with us at our program. And a HUGE thank you to Mrs. Adele Hoffman for working with us on our music and to our teachers, Carrie Killingsworth and Shelby Koch for all they do each week to make Sunday school fun and educational! Without all of you, our Sunday school experience would be nothing. THANK YOU ALL!

With the selling of the Christmas ornaments, this year the Sunday school kids made over \$400.00 to give to Project Noelle in Sandusky to help buy Christmas presents for the kids involved at this agency. Thank you to all who bought these ornaments and once again supported our youth.

We will once again be doing the Soup and Subs for Super Bowl Sunday which will be on February 12, 2023. We ask that you watch for more information on signing up for the soup and subs in the weekly worship bulletins in January.

Installation of the 2023 Congregation Council will take place on  
January 15 at both services.

President	Carrie Wiedenheft (new for 2023)
Vice President	(to be chosen)
Treasurer (non-voting)	Jim Bertsch

Chairpersons for:

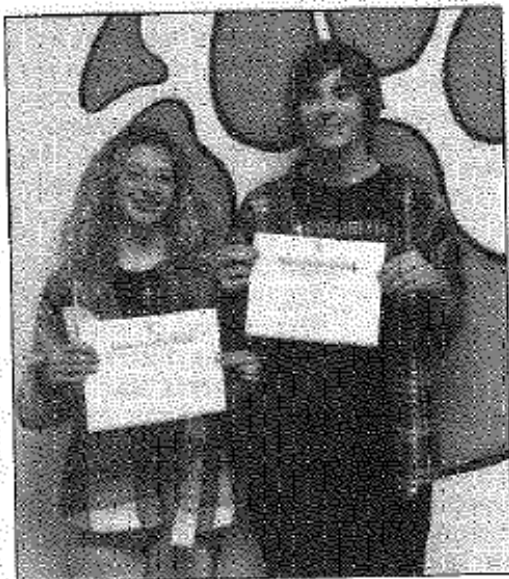
Congregational Life	Kathy Bango (new for 2023)
Faith Builders	Pat Wiedenheft (new for 2023)
Mission Service	Betsy Stierhoff (2nd year)
Property	Vacant
Stewardship and Finance	Jim Bertsch (2nd year)
Witness and Welcome	Millie McCready (2nd year)
Worship and Music	Nancy Vollmer (2nd year)

We sincerely thank Candy Beatty for her service.

At its January meeting, the Council will select among its members a vice president for 2023.

## 2023 Altar and Memorial Flower Sign Up Sheets are up.

Again this year, the church office is asking that you include your dedication on the signup sheets. This is to help you remember why you signed up for that particular date plus it helps the church office in not having to chase everyone down to get this information. If you do not want to write your dedication on the sheets Carol will still call you to see what you would like placed in the bulletin. If you have any questions you can call the church office and speak to Carol.



*Congratulations*  
*Eli Conner*

Provided photos/MARGARETTA SCHOOLS and BELLEVUE SCHOOLS

**LEFT:** Margarett High School students Makenzi Killian and Eli Conner won the The Daughters of The American Revolution essay contest. Both students were awarded a gift certificate from the Daughters of The American Revolution Foundation.



**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH**  
**Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2022**

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
1.100.102	Checking Account	76,513.31
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	57,703.02
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	835.00
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	85,598.39
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	3,885.97
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	266,456.59
1.400.110	Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	49,470.95
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	2,454.15
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$542,937.38</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	84.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	89.92
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	15.06
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$188.98</u></b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	57,712.63
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	6,199.35
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	36,317.57
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	89,484.36
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	34,652.80
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	2,454.15
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	266,456.59
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$429,365.47</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	49,470.95
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$542,748.40</u></b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>\$542,937.38</u></b>



The Call Committee updates from December. Candy Beatty was chosen as the new chairperson. Sherry Krieger is our new liaison with the Synod. Our MSP has been updated since it had expired.

Please continue to pray for our new pastor to find their way here.

# COUNCIL UPDATE

## TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 15, 2022 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Jim Bertsch, Candy Beatty, Nancy Vollmer, Pat Wiedenheft, Millie McCready, Betsy Stierhoff, Carrie Wiedenheft, Pastor Cathy, and secretary, Carol Dahs. Not in Attendance:

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Jim Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2022) were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betsy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November 2022 was reviewed. Jim stated that the new Charity Fund is slowly gaining again. The Current Fund is holding its own. Millie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie and The Call Committee met on Sunday December 11. Candy was chosen as the new committee chair. Sherri Krieger will be taking over for Henry Siebert as our liaison to the Synod. They are planning a couple of mock interviews. Carrie has the MSP updated and ready for approval from the Synod. There have been no new candidates to interview yet. Pat Wiedenheft will be the liaison between Council and The Call Committee. Christmas in the Village in Castalia went okay. Bell necklaces and business cards (approximately 160) were handed out. Looking into doing something with the youth for the Easter and Fall seasons.

Pastor – Pastor Cathy did First Communion with Tyler Wiedenheft, Lincoln Smith, Maci Berg on December 11. Brock Parker and Lane Hirt will do First Communion on December 18. The Christmas Program was very nice and Thanks to all who brought it together. Viola's memorial service at Danbury went really well. P. Ralph is hoping to be back by the end of January. P. Cathy will do shut-in visitations before the end of the year.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – There were 49 served at the brunch on December 4. It went well and thanks to all who helped cleanup afterwards. Candy asked if there would be brunches done after the Unity Services on the fifth Sundays.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The youth will be collecting diapers and wipes to be given to those in need in our area. The Christmas Program went very well.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – We have received the second check from Funds2org for the shoes for just over \$107. Looking into doing a BW3 fundraiser. They will be meeting next month.

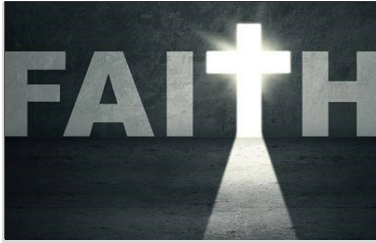
Property – Carol dropped the new rental agreement off to the renters. Gundlach was in and inspected the church and parsonage furnaces and boiler. A few things needed repair. We need to have Stanley Door come out and look at the elevator door entrance door. The bracket is not working correctly. Carol is waiting on a quote from Franklin Sanitation to clean out the drainage pipes and catch basins surrounding the church.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer – Committee will meet again on January 4. On January 29 Chad Schwochow will do the sermon. A gas card for \$50 will be given to him as a Thank you.

Old Business – Audit Committee past member will meet on January 7 at 9:00 am to make corrections to the audit guidelines. Carol will update the member records after the first of the year to coincide with the returned membership letters sent out. A new directory listing will be printed after that.

New Business – P. Cathy discussed the possibility of taking the youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. This would be in combination with other area churches going. It was suggested that the youth could do a buckeye fundraiser this year. It has gone really well with other organizations. Carol will ask Denise Casanova if she would like to repaint the nativity set and she will see if Sally would like the necklace bells for the youth.





# FAITH Member Ministry

**F**riends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir  
**H**omes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

## FAITH Members (as of 11/17/2022)

**At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

**At the Commons of Providence, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Ruth Sieb                      Apt #107    Birthday - Sept. 19

**At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky**

Ruby Stierhoff              Rm #114    Birthday - July 26

**At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811**

**At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870**

**At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410**

**At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839**

Shirley Miller    Birthday - April 3

**Danbury Senior Living, 33770 Bagley Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039**

**Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870**

Ray Remy                      Apt. 112    Birthday - Feb 9

**In their homes:**

Brian & Mary Ann Hickman 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton 419-732-7398              B: May 25 MA: July 10

Dan Miller                      5708 Bogart Road, Castalia 419-684-5274    Birthday: May 24

Bernie Neidler                      1305 Ogontz St, Sandusky 419-625-4839    B: Nov. 16 MA: Dec. 30

Pat Nielsen                      1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky 419-684-5627    June 6

Judy Welser                      5619 Debra Drive, Castalia 419-684-7232    Feb. 11

Paul Wiedenheft                      4216 Homegardner Rd., Sandusky OH 44870    Oct. 11

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.



**Crossroads Homeless Shelter  
Meal  
for January 18, 2023**

**Chicken Alfredo/Noodles  
Green Beans  
Salad  
Corn  
Bread  
Cherry Cake**

**Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.**

**JAM!**

**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC  
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED  
ATMOSPHERE!  
COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!  
JANUARY 8, 2023  
BETWEEN SERVICES,  
9:30-10:00 AM,  
IN THE SANCTUARY.**

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Love the **Lord** your God  
with all your **heart** and with all your **soul**  
and with all your **strength**.



**Bible Verses to Pray on this month**

Deuteronomy 6:5

<sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Romans 12:18

<sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.



# JANUARY MILESTONES

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 John Harris
- 2 Alice Martin
- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman  
Nicole Heilmann
- 9 Robert Kurth
- 10 Beckett Freeman
- 17 Cathy Wobser  
Joshua Reed
- 19 Louis Kurth
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 22 Tayler Pock  
Tara Pock
- 25 Bonnie Lieb
- 26 Elizabeth Moser  
Kyleigh Cullen
- 29 Carson Stierhoff



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 41st
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 49th
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 38th
- 31 Jason & Julie Overmyer - 19th



Pastor Ralph and Pat would like to Thank everyone for the cards and gifts during this holiday season. All was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who remembered us with Christmas cards and gifts. It is truly a gift to serve with all of you. Thank you. – Pastor Cathy & Pastor Ralph



On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- Candy Beatty for serving on Council for 6 years
- All who helped cleanup after the Sunday Brunch on December 4
- Cyclone Services for their continued trash pickup service
- Mark, Tyler, Carlie, Ryan & Rob Wiedenheft for putting up (and taking down) the outdoor manger scene
- Sally, Carrie K., Shelby, Adele, Tiffany, and youth for the awesome Christmas Program
- Guy Miller, Matt Smith, and Paul Warner for helping with the Christmas Program backdrop
- Pat, Carrie, Tyler, Carlie, and Ryan Wiedenheft, Carrie Killingsworth, and Adele Hoffman for participating in the Christmas in the Village in Castalia



# JANUARY 2023

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	First Sunday of Christmas 9:30 am 9:30 am Communion Service Sunday School	2 Office Closed Holiday	3	4 Worship & Music Mtg 7:00 pm NA 7:00 pm	5	6	7 Fin. Audit Guide Mtg 9:00 am NA 11:00
8	<b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> 8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am Worship Service Sunday School	9	10	11 NA 7:00 pm	12	13	14 NA 11:00 am
15	<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b> 8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am Communion Service Sunday School	16 Dartball 7:30 pm	17	18 Crossroads Meal 1 pm NA 7:00 pm	19 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	20	21 NA 11:00 am
22	<b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b> 8:00 & 10:30 am 9:15 am Worship Service Sunday School	23 Dartball 7:30 pm	24	25 NA 7:00 pm	26	27	28 NA 11:00 am
29	<b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b> 9:00 or 9:30 am Unity Service	30 Dartball 7:30 pm	31				

# HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2023 and February 2023

## Altar Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Date	Chancel Flowers	Memorial Flowers	8:00 am Service		10:30 am Service				
			Ushers	Lector & Communion	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector & Communion	Acolyte	
January 1 9:30 am only	Carol Dahs	Cindy Norman	Cindy Norman	Guy Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft				
January 8	Linda Gantz		Cindy Norman	Joyce Patterson	Mya Smith	Ken Schenk	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner	
January 15			Rich Miller	Millie McCready	Zane Warner	Sonny Schonhardt	Cathy Wobser	Mason Russell	
January 22	Jim Bertsch		Rich Miller	Russ Stephens	Lincoln Smith	Sonny Schonhardt	Gayle Thompson	Elie Conner	
January 27 9 or 9:30 am only			Rich Miller	Natalie Thompson	Emma Killingsworth				

## Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz and Cindy Norman

February 5			Greg Norman	Carrie Wiedenheft	Mariska Farlow	Barb Sessler	Jim Bertsch	Natalie Thompson
February 12		Cindy Norman	Greg Norman	Sally Warner	Carlie Wiedenheft	Barb Sessler	Candy Beatty	Eli Conner
February 19	Rex & Char Stierhoff	Jim Bertsch	Brad Stierhoff	Guy Miller	Erica Miller	David Wobser	Cathy Wobser	Claire Conner
February 26	Jim Bertsch		Brad Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Tyler Wiedenheft	David Wobser	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson

# Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

## January 1 - First Sunday of Christmas

**Numbers 6:22-27** - *The Aaronic blessing*

**Psalm 8** - How majestic is your name in all the earth! (*Ps. 8:1*)

**Galatians 4:4-7** - *We are no longer slaves, but children*

**Luke 2:15-21** - *The child is circumcised and named Jesus*

**Prayer of the Day:** Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## January 8 - Baptism of Our Lord

**Isaiah 42:1-9** - *The servant of the LORD brings justice*

**Psalm 29** - The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (*Ps. 29:3*)

**Acts 10:34-43** - *Jesus' ministry after his baptism*

**Matthew 3:13-17** - *Revelation of Christ as God's servant*

**Prayer of the Day:** O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## January 15 - Second Sunday of Epiphany

**Isaiah 49:1-7** - *The servant brings light to the nations*

**Psalm 40:1-11** - I love to do your will, O my God. (*Ps. 40:8*)

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9** - *Paul's greeting to the church at Corinth*

**John 1:29-42** - *Revelation of Christ as the Lamb of God*

**Prayer of the Day:** Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## January 22 - Third Sunday of Epiphany

**Isaiah 9:1-4** - *Light shines for those in darkness*

**Psalm 27:1, 4-9** - The LORD is my light and my salvation. (*Ps. 27:1*)

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18** - *Appeal for unity in the gospel*

**Matthew 4:12-23** - *Revelation of Christ as a prophet*

**Prayer of the Day:** Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## January 29 - Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

**Micah 6:1-8** - *The offering of justice, kindness, humility*

**Psalm 15** - LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (*Ps. 15:1*)

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31** - *Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God*

**Matthew 5:1-12** - *The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes*

**Prayer of the Day:** Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# Inclement Weather Conditions Reminder

Below is Trinity's By-Laws on how services will be dealt with if there is inclement weather this winter.

## PLEASE ALSO NOTE:

The front sanctuary doors **will not** be unlocked and the sidewalks to them **will not** be cleared.

Please use the south entrance or the portico door



**CR2009.01.** A policy regarding cancellation and postponement of worship and other events is hereby established.

- a. Worship and Sunday School - It is the intention of the pastor and people of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation to hold worship as regularly scheduled. When weather is inclement, and when roads conditions are less than optimum, worship will be held, but worshipers should not feel compelled to venture out if they believe they may not be able to do so safely. However, in the event that:
  1. weather and/or road conditions are such that the pastor cannot get to the church,
  2. the pastor and parishioners would clearly endanger themselves by trying to do so,
  3. there is some other situation, such as
    - (a). a declared national, state, or local emergency,
    - (b). a serious problem with the church building, such as loss of heat or waterthe president of the congregation (or vice president, should the president be unavailable) and the pastor shall confer with one another, and, upon their agreement, worship may be canceled. If Sunday worship is cancelled, Sunday School shall be deemed cancelled as well. Efforts will be made to make the cancellation known to as many parishioners as possible by phone or e-mail. Parishioners should be informed that, if they question whether worship is being held, they should call the church office. A special message will be placed on the church telephone's answering device if indeed worship has been cancelled.



ALTAR COMMITTEES - 2023

January	Pat Wiedenheft	July	Sheryl Miller
February	Linda Gantz Cindy Norman	August	Cathy Wobser Candy Beatty
March	Pat Wiedenheft Candy Beatty	September	Sally Warner Bonnie Lieb
April	Pat Wiedenheft	October	Barb Sessler
May	Pat Wiedenheft Carrie Killingsworth	November	Betty Miller Cathy Wobser
June	Cathy Wobser	December	Ann Stream Sally Warner

# ACOLYTE SCHEDULE for 2023

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
January	E Tyler Wiedenheft	Mya Smith Claire Conner	Zane Warner Mason Russell	Lincoln Smith Eli Conner	Emma Killingsworth
February	E Mariska Farlow	Carlie Wiedenheft	Erica Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	
	L Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	Natalie Thompson	
March	E Zane Warner	Lincoln Smith	Carlie Wiedenheft	Erica Miller	
	L Eli Conner	Mason Russell	Claire Conner	Natalie Thompson	
April	E Mya Smith	Lincoln Smith	Emma Killingsworth	Mariska Farlow	Carlie Wiedenheft
	L Eli Conner	Claire Conner	Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell	
May	E Erica Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Mya Smith	Zane Warner	
	L Eli Conner	Claire Conner	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	
June	E Lincoln Smith	Emma Killingsworth	Mariska Farlow	Carlie Wiedenheft	
	L Mason Russell	Claire Conner	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	
July	E Erica Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Mya Smith	Zane Warner	Mason Russell
	L Mason Russell	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	
August	E Lincoln Smith	Emma Killingsworth	Mariska Farlow	Carlie Wiedenheft	
	L Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	
September	E Erica Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Mya Smith	Zane Warner	
	L Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	
October	E Lincoln Smith	Emma Killingsworth	Mariska Farlow	Carlie Wiedenheft	Erica Miller
	L Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	
November	E Tyler Wiedenheft	Mya Smith	Zane Warner	Lincoln Smith	
	L Mason Russell	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	
December	E Emma Killingsworth	Mariska Farlow	Carlie Wiedenheft	Erica Miller	Natalie Thompson
	L Mason Russell	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner	Claire Conner	

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>
January	E L Guy Miller	Joyce Patterson Candy Beatty	Millie McCready Cathy Wobser	Russ Stephens Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson
February	E L Carrie Wiedenheft Jim Bertsch	Sally Warner Candy Beatty	Guy Miller Cathy Wobser	Joyce Patterson Gayle Thompson	
March	E L Russ Stephens Natalie Thompson	Carrie Wiedenheft Jim Bertsch	Sally Warner Candy Beatty	Guy Miller Cathy Wobser	
April	E L Joyce Patterson Gayle Thompson	Millie McCready Natalie Thompson	Russ Stephens Jim Bertsch	Carrie Wiedenheft Candy Beatty	Sally Warner
May	E L Guy Miller Cathy Wobser	Joyce Patterson Natalie Thompson	Millie McCready Gayle Thompson	Russ Stephens Jim Bertsch	
June	E L Carrie Wiedenheft Candy Beatty	Sally Warner Gayle Thompson	Guy Miller Natalie Thompson	Joyce Patterson Jim Bertsch	
July	E L Millie McCready Jim Bertsch	Russ Stephens Candy Beatty	Carrie Wiedenheft Cathy Wobser	Sally Warner Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch
August	E L Guy Miller Gayle Thompson	Joyce Patterson Candy Beatty	Millie McCready Cathy Wobser	Russ Stephens Natalie Thompson	
September	E L Carrie Wiedenheft Gayle Thompson	Sally Warner Jim Bertsch	Guy Miller Candy Beatty	Joyce Patterson Cathy Wobser	
October	E L Millie McCready Gayle Thompson	Russ Stephens Natalie Thompson	Carrie Wiedenheft Jim Bertsch	Sally Warner Candy Beatty	Guy Miller
November	E L Joyce Patterson Cathy Wobser	Millie McCready Gayle Thompson	Russ Stephens Natalie Thompson	Carrie Wiedenheft Jim Bertsch	
December	E L Sally Warner Candy Beatty	Guy Miller Cathy Wobser	Joyce Patterson Gayle Thompson	Millie McCready Natalie Thompson	Jim Bertsch

**Early service:**

Guy Miller 419-684-5505 Jim Bertsch 419-625-4377  
 Joyce Patterson 419-366-3297 Candy Beatty 216-789-4312  
 Millie McCready 419-616-3200 Cathy Wobser 419-625-6775  
 Russ Stephens 419-515-0002 Gayle Thompson 419-239-1387  
 Sally Warner 419-684-7850 Natalie Thompson 419-370-9310  
 Carrie Wiedenheft 419-307-1370

**Late service:**

<b>MONTH</b>		
February 22	Ash Wednesday	Joyce Patterson
April 6	Maundy Thursday	Sally Warner
April 7	Good Friday	Candy Beatty
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve	Sally Warner
December 24	Christmas Eve-7p	Russ Stephens

**2023 Lector Schedule**



<b>MONTH</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday</b>
January	E Cindy Norman	Cindy Norman Ken Schenk	Rich Miller Sonny Schonhardt	Rich Miller Sonny Schonhardt	Rich Miller
February	E Greg Norman	Greg Norman	Brad Stierhoff	Brad Stierhoff	
	L Barb Sessler	Barb Sessler	David Wobser	David Wobser	
March	E Justin Stierhoff	Justin Stierhoff	Mark Wiedenheft	Mark Wiedenheft	
	L Denny Sessler	Denny Sessler	Bob Troike	Bob Troike	
April	E Guy Miller	Guy Miller	Roy Patterson	Roy Patterson	Roy Patterson
	L Bill Bertsch	Bill Bertsch	Charles Howard	Charles Howard	
May	E Sally Warner	Sally Warner	Fred Wobser	Fred Wobser	
	L Gary Lieb	Gary Lieb	Ken Schenk	Ken Schenk	
June	E Kent Miller	Kent Miller	Cindy Norman	Cindy Norman	
	L Sonny Schonhardt	Sonny Schonhardt	Barb Sessler	Barb Sessler	
July	E Rich Miller	Rich Miller	Greg Norman	Greg Norman	Greg Norman
	L David Wobser	David Wobser	Denny Sessler	Denny Sessler	
August	E Brad Stierhoff	Brad Stierhoff	Justin Stierhoff	Justin Stierhoff	
	L Bob Troike	Bob Troike	Bill Bertsch	Bill Bertsch	
September	E Rex Stierhoff	Rex Stierhoff	Mark Wiedenheft	Mark Wiedenheft	
	L Charles Howard	Charles Howard	Gary Lieb	Gary Lieb	
October	E Guy Miller	Guy Miller	Roy Patterson	Roy Patterson	Roy Patterson
	L Ken Schenk	Ken Schenk	Sonny Schonhardt	Sonny Schonhardt	
November	E Sally Warner	Sally Warner	Fred Wobser	Fred Wobser	
	L Barb Sessler	Barb Sessler	David Wobser	David Wobser	
December	E Kent Miller	Kent Miller	Cindy Norman	Cindy Norman	Cindy Norman
	L Denny Sessler	Denny Sessler	Bob Troike	Bob Troike	

<b>MONTH</b>		
February 22	Ash Wednesday	Rich Miller
March 1	Lent #2	Bill Bertsch
March 8	Lent #3	Greg Norman
March 15	Lent #4	Charles Howard
March 22	Lent #5	Brad Stierhoff
March 29	Lent #6	Gary Lieb

April 6	Maundy Thursday	Rex Stierhoff
April 7	Good Friday	Ken Schenk
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve	Mark Wiedenheft
December 24	Christmas Eve – 7pm	Sonny Schonhardt Guy Miller

# 2023 Usher Schedule

## Thrivent Members: Now Is the Time!

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2022 will expire soon. If you are a Thrivent member and have Choice Dollars for distribution, you have until **March 31** to designate that money...and your congregation, Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church, is an eligible destination. Even if you have designated your Choice Dollars to Trinity previously, **you must do so again** before the availability of 2022 Choice Dollars expires. Give your Thrivent Representative a call and they will help you get all setup.

### Directing Choice Dollars® and Personal Giving: A How-To Guide

#### Direct Choice Dollars Online

1. Visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).
2. Click **Direct Choice Dollars**.
3. Log in by entering your User ID and password.  
(If you haven't yet registered on [thrivent.com](https://thrivent.com), click **Register for account access**.)
4. Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
  - a. To direct to a previous organization:
    - Click **Direct Now** next to the organization's name, or
    - Click on the **View activity history** link, scroll down and click on the name of the desired organization.
  - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **Search**.
5. Choose **Direct All** or **enter a specific number** and click **Direct Now**. Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

#### Direct Choice Dollars by Phone

1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say **Thrivent Choice**.
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars program Terms and Conditions.  
(If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

#### Want to make an even bigger impact?

Make a personal donation at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Thrivent pays the processing fees so 100% of your donation goes to help.\* Click **Make a personal donation** and search the Thrivent Choice Catalog. Once you locate the organization to which you wish to donate, click **Make a Personal Donation**. You'll then be sent to InFaith Community Foundation to make the donation.

\*Thrivent will pay the online processing fees for personal donations made through InFaith Community Foundation up to \$100,000 per calendar year. The Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program engages Thrivent clients with membership and Thrivent Member Networks in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law. All grant decisions, including grant recipients and amounts, are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent. Directing Choice Dollars® is subject to the program's Terms and Conditions available at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).



# BLESSED NEW YEAR

## FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

Grace Lutheran Church  
203 S. Washington St.  
Castalia, OH 44824



When: Wed., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
(or until gone)  
How: Drive-thru pickup in  
the back of church

Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.

**MENU:**  
**HAMBURGER GRAVY OVER MASHED POTATOES,**  
**BUTTERED CORN, VEGETABLE STICKS AND**  
**DESSERT**





HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR