



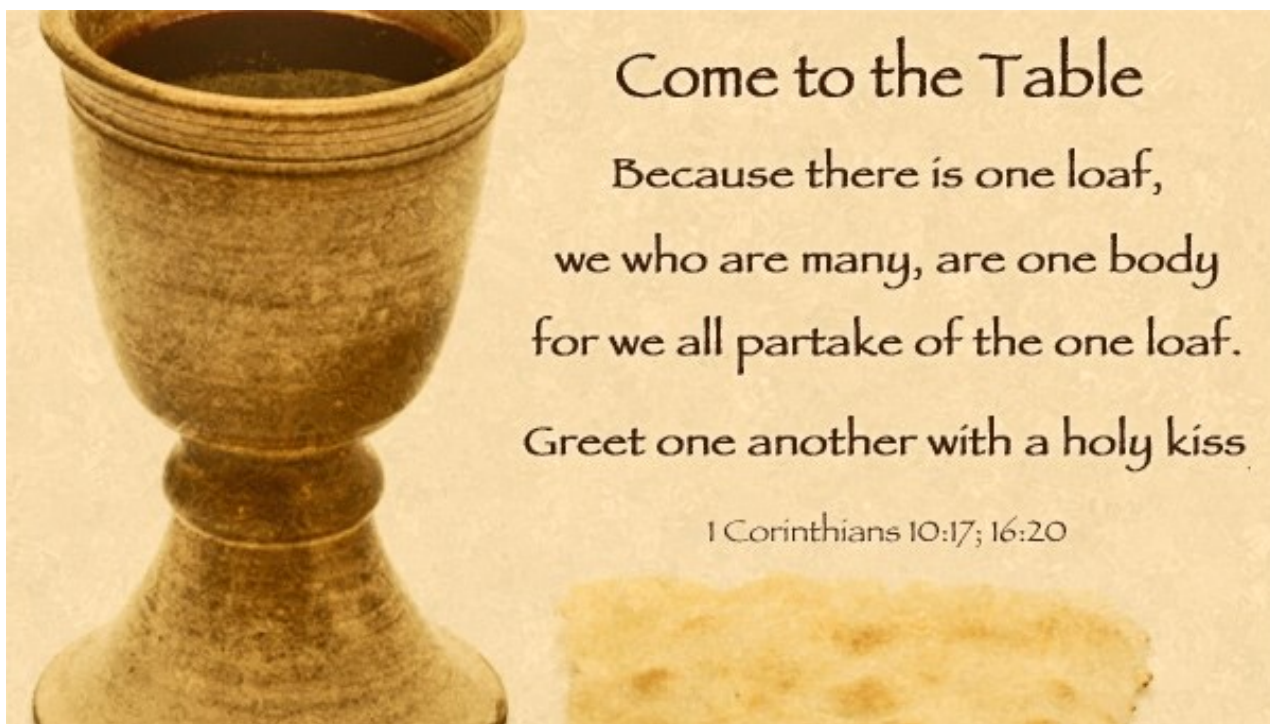
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August
2024

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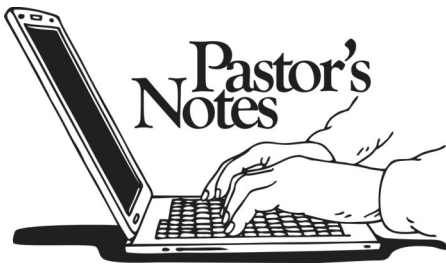
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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann



This is the “Summer of Bread” because we hear about it for almost 6 weeks in a row. That got me thinking about tables.

Life seems to be centered around a table. Yes, I know that nowadays people might argue that our lives often center around a screen of some sort (Tv, computer, tablet, smartphone, e-reader) and I’m sure that they have valid arguments; but to me, it seems life has always been centered around a table. We sit at a table to eat, to study, to learn, to have coffee, to share news. While our lives have an ever growing presence of screens – look around your house and count the tables. Dining room tables, kitchen tables, end tables, coffee tables, bedside tables... It is a given that there are multiple tables in our lives. There is, of course, God’s table too.

God’s table has taken on many forms and looks throughout the ages. God’s table can be surrounded by ornate carvings or beautiful murals that make up an altar piece. God’s table can be in a humble little chapel or a soaring cathedral. God’s table can be found in an outdoor chapel at my favorite camp. God’s table can take on as many looks as the tables we have in our homes. God’s table can be lavishly set with the finest linen, silver, and candlesticks that money can buy or it can be humbly set with nothing but a plate and cup. No matter where it is or what it looks like, there is always the same feast. It is a feast of love and forgiveness. It is a feast that says you belong. It is a feast of “manna and mercy.” And all are welcome.

We teach that God’s table is for the baptized -- generally this is because you need to know you’re in the family to come to the table. But, at the same time, guests are always welcome because they may yet find out they are family too. We teach that when we come to God’s table, we find the real presence of God’s love and life in the bread and cup. Some of the most important words when we come to God’s table are: “FOR YOU” because while we profess that God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy are for the world – at the table, in the taste of bread and cup, God’s love, forgiveness, and mercy are individually offered for each and every one of us. God’s love isn’t just for the world... but it is for YOU!!

May the tables in your life feed and nourish you, support you in your work. May they be a place of refreshment and recreation. And may God’s table, here at Trinity, be a place of nourishment, support, refreshment and re-creation. God’s table here at Trinity is a welcome place for everyone, especially FOR YOU.

With Manna and Mercy,

Pastor Jen



Youth and Family

Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year



As much as we don't want the summer to end or the kids to go back to school yet, it is already time for our annual BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS! On Sunday, August 25, at both worship services, we will hold this special event. If you are a student, teacher, substitute teacher, or any other employee of the local school systems, please bring your bookbag, lunchbox, and wear your new shoes and come for a special blessing as you enter into the new school year! And yes, you may get a little wet!!!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

The Community Mission Team is asking for your donations to make LWR Kits again this year. Two individuals have donated one hundred combs and one hundred nail clippers already. Needed are bath towels (approximately 27 x 52) which are available at Dollar General and Walmart for around \$3.50. Dark colors are preferred. Also needed are individually packaged bars of soap and toothbrushes. There is a great need for kits all over the world if you can help. The whole month of August and before God's Work Our Hands in September your donations will be welcomed. Last year 105 kits were made. Let's try for a goal of 125 in 2024. Kits will be assembled on September 8 between services and help assembling the kits would be greatly appreciated.



Young At Heart Schedule of Events – 2024

August 14 – 1:00 pm – Assemble Cancer Kits

September 11 – 11:30 am - Lunch Downtown then Tour Care and Share

October 9 – Tour Family Health Services

November 13 – Lunch at the Senior Center – Jane Anne Cummings, leader

December 11 – TBD



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2024

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<i>Assets</i>		
1.100.102	Checking Account	44,695.15
1.100.104	Petty Cash Fund	20.00
1.100.106	Thrivent Bond Fund Checking	62,468.00
1.200.114	Thrivent Money Market Account	1,671.33
1.220.116	Endowment Savings Thrivent	116,017.19
1.220.118	Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's)	4,032.74
1.220.120	Edward Jones Mutual Fund	285,785.89
1.220.122	Edward Jones CD	19,993.03
1.400.110	Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve)	60,796.43
1.400.112	Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement	762.43
	Total Assets	<u>\$596,242.19</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>		
2.100.216	Ohio Treasurer of St	531.00
2.100.218	R.I.T.A.	310.62
2.100.219	Ohio Department of Taxation	24.60
2.100.220	Board of Pension	0.03
	Total Liabilities	<u>\$866.25</u>
<i>Fund Balances</i>		
3.100.300	Current Fund Balance	33,615.00
3.210.300	Community Mission Fund Balance	14,966.81
3.220.300	<i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	
3.221.300	Memorial Fund Balance	35,951.67
3.222.300	Endowment Fund Balance	120,049.93
3.223.300	Building Improvement Fund Balance	43,447.78
3.225.300	Pavement Fund Balance	762.43
3.227.300	Charity Fund Balance	285,785.89
	<i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$485,997.70</i>
3.400.300	Reserve Fund Balance	60,796.43
	Total Fund Balances	<u>\$595,375.94</u>
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$596,242.19</u>

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL
Meeting Highlights - July 18, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Pat Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, P. Jen, Betsy Stierhoff, Nancy Vollmer, Gayle Thompson, Bill Bertsch
Absent: Carrie Wiedenheft, Kathy Bango, Barb Sessler, Carol Dahs

Meeting called to order by Vice-President – Nancy Vollmer

Minutes taken by Pat Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Betsy Stierhoff

Minutes of previous meeting (June 2024) were reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for June 2024 was reviewed. Betsy made a motion to accept the June treasurer's report. 2nd by Bill. Motion passed.

President's Report: N/A

Pastor's Report: P. Jen did a graveside service for Ruth Brandquist and making hospital visitations. She will have the wedding of Rose Stierhoff in August. P. Jen met with Father Seth of Grace Episcopal church for lunch. She is planning to meet with Pastor Mike of Zion soon. The national youth gathering is this year in New Orleans. P. Jen is hoping to get some youth from Trinity to go in 2027 when they gather again. The Women of ELCA will be gathering in 2026 (they meet every 3 years). P. Jen will look forward to attending this. The Life-Wise Academy school program was discussed. P. Jen is not in favor of this program.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – There will be the annual blessing of the book bags in August.

Community Mission – Betsy Stierhoff – Betsy's group will be assembling 100 lunch bags for Care & Share on July 28. Bags will include Peanut Butter & Jam or Ham sandwiches, chips, fruit cup, drink, & a note from Trinity. Betsy is applying for Thrivent Funds to cover the cost of the food. An announcement for help to be put in bulletin. The group will then be meeting soon to discuss the fall schedule.

Property – Bill Bertsch – Bill will call Rex about garage door opener guy. Bill will look into the rotted parsonage basement window later. The commercial freezer in the basement is not working properly. After discussion on an estimate from Sorgen's Refrigeration Service to replace the freezer Bill made a motion to accept the bid for \$3249 for the T-19F-HC-LH freezer and the additional \$500 fee to install new and remove old. Total cost of \$3749 to be paid from the remaining flood insurance fund money. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Bill will get the freezer ordered. Since the window AC units for the parsonage are working just fine Bill will not pursue any quotes for whole house AC.

Stewardship & Finance – Jim Bertsch – The second half of the Community Mission Fund payout will be done at the end of July.

Witness and Welcome – Gayle Thompson – Planning visits for shut-ins next week.

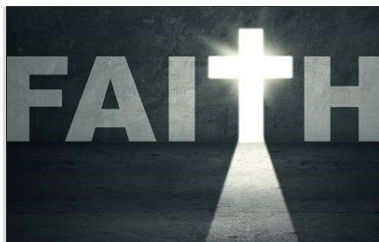
Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Their next meeting will be in September.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – July 28 will be the last week for donations for the Cancer Service bags. They currently have enough donations for 36 bags. Bags will be packed at the next meeting on August 14.

Old Business – Barb S & Bonnie L. are working on getting picture frames to hang P. Kathy, P. Ralph, and P. Jen's pictures in the office.

New Business – Trinity received a letter/card from St. Paul Church in Jenera OH stating that they prayed for us at their worship service.





FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/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 8/1/2024)

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

Mary Ann Neidler Rm #111 Birthday - Dec 30

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 44870

Nancy Sessler Birthday - Oct 5

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

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

At Otterbein Senior Life, 9400 North Shore Blvd, Lakeside-Marblehead OH 43440

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

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

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

In their homes:

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

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

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.



AUGUST ALTAR CARE

Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

**Crossroads Homeless Shelter
Meal
for August 21, 2024**

**Ham/Cheese Sandwiches
Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwiches
Baked Beans
Macaroni Salad
Fruit Fluff**

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.



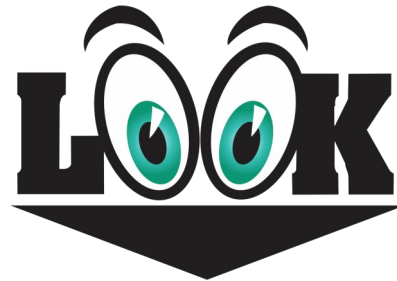
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AUGUST 11, 2024

BETWEEN SERVICES



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Online Offering

AUGUST MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Don Bowers
- 2 Karen Gill
- 4 Calli-Elizabeth
Hemmer-Keller
Hannah Baum
- 7 Mary Meyer
- 9 Ayden Miller
Jager Hacker
Jody Eckler
- 12 Matthew Miller
- 13 Deanna Thompson
- 15 John Ashby
Sarah Strayer
- 16 Charlene Zeno
Cynthia Griffin
Zoe Koch
- 19 Rev. Dane Meuschke
- 20 Diana Troike



- 21 Sheryl Miller
Brian Schenk
Angie Ramsdell
Gary Lieb
- 25 Larry Wiedenheft
Briana Casanova
- 29 Dale Meyer
Austin Stierhoff
Grace Kleinoeder
- 31 Ben Troike

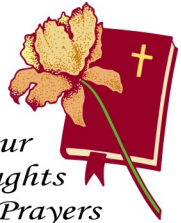
ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Guy & Laura Miller - 30th
- 18 Michael & Susan Cullen - 51st
- 23 Charles & Judith Howard - 55th
- 24 Donald & Alice Kuns - 56th
- 24 John & Beth Ashby - 28th
- 27 Tim & Gayle Thompson - 30th
- 31 Sam & Linda Wilcox - 61st



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Jody & John Bouillon, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, David & Cathy Wobser, Craig & Betsy Stierhoff, Tom & Becky Barnes, Gene & Adele Hoffman, Linda Miller-Moore in memory of Robert Bertsch



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Lois Deffenbaugh, Gary & Bonnie Lieb, David & Cathy Wobser, John & Martha Leimeister, Judy Welser in memory of Phyllis Baum

Larry & Linda Velliquette in memory of Ruth Brandquist

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in memory of Conner, Joseph & Richard Miller

Linda Miller-Moore in memory of Sue Burggraf

Nancy Sessler currently is residing at Portland Place please see her new address:



Nancy Sessler
Portland Place, Rm 108
3808 Venice Rd
Sandusky OH 44870



Thanks
Everyone!

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

- To Pat Wiedenheft for taking Council Meeting Minutes for Carol while she was on vacation.

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AUGUST 2024

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 NA 11:00 am
4 Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	5	6	7 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	8	9	10 NA 11:00 am
11 Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am JAM Session 9:30 am	12	13	14 AA/NA 9 - 10 am Young at Heart - 1pm NA 7:00 pm	15 Council Mtg 7:00 pm	16	17 Stierhoff/Otto Wedding NA 11:00 am
18 Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am	19	20	21 AA/NA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm NA 7:00 pm	22	23	24 NA 11:00 am
25 Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Blessings of the Book Bags	26	27	28 AA/NA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm	29	30	31 NA 11:00 am

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - August 2024 and September 2024

Date	8:00 am Service			10:30 am Service				
	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte		
Altar Care for August: Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Sally Warner 10:30 - Barb Sessler								
August 4	Amy Wobser Brocco	Cindy Norman	Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Erica Miller	Drew Killingsworth	Bob Troike Bill Bertsch	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
August 11	Shelby Koch		Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Guy Miller	Tyler Wiedenheft	Bob Troike Bill Bertsch	Gayle Thompson	Mason Russell
August 18	Gary & Bonnie Lieb		Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Carlie Wiedenheft	Bob Troike Bill Bertsch	Natalie Thompson	Eli Conner
August 25	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff	Sally Warner	Mariska Farlow	Bob Troike Bill Bertsch	Need Volunteer	Natalie Thompson
Altar Care for August: Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty Communion Assistant - 8:00 - Guy Miller 10:30 - Candy Beatty								
September 1	Mike & Maree Markley		Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Russ Stephens	Zane Warner	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Candy Beatty	Claire Conner
September 8	Ken & Carrie Killingsworth		Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Carrie Wiedenheft	Emma Killingsworth	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Cathy Wobser	Malachi Herrmann
September 15	Don & Kathy Parker	Fred Wobser	Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Sally Warner	Mya Smith	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Gayle Thompson	Natalie Thompson
September 22	Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft		Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Erica Miller	Lincoln Smith	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Natalie Thompson	Mason Russell
September 29	Tom & Peggy Kingsborough	Todd & Ann Streak	Justin Stierhoff Rex Stierhoff	Joyce Patterson	Drew Killingsworth	Charles Howard Gary Lieb	Need Volunteer	Eli Conner

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of August

August 4 - Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 - *The LORD gives manna in the wilderness*

Psalm 78:23-29 - God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)

Ephesians 4:1-16 - *Maintain the unity of the faith*

John 6:24-35 - *Christ the bread of life*

Prayer of the Day: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

August 11 - Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8 - *Elijah given bread for his journey*

Psalm 34:1-8 - Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

Ephesians 4:25—5:2 - *Put away evil, live in love*

John 6:35, 41-51 - *Christ, the bread of life*

Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

August 18 - Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6 - *Invited to dine at wisdom's feast*

Psalm 34:9-14 - Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

Ephesians 5:15-20 - *Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God*

John 6:51-58 - *Christ the true food and drink*

Prayer of the Day: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

August 25 - Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 - *Joshua calls all Israel to serve the LORD*

Psalm 34:15-22 - The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous. (Ps. 34:15)

Ephesians 6:10-20 - *Put on the armor of God*

John 6:56-69 - *The bread of eternal life*

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.





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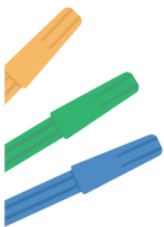


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