



Trinity Times

January
2025

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News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



hello
2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School

JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
| 12 Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Reception for Carol & Stephanie | 13 Dartball - 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 AA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm | 16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 NA 11:00 am |
| 19 Second Sunday of Epiphany Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 20 Martin Luther King Day | 21 | 22 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant - 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty

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| January 5 | | Greg Norman | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Joyce Patterson | Lincoln Smith | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielsen | Eli Conner |
| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
| January 26 | | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Sally Warner | Zane Warner | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Gayle Thompson | Claire Conner |

Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson

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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
| February 9 | Rhonda & Dean Matus | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Erica Miller | Ryan Wiedenheft | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielson | Eli Connor |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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

Compass Point Senior Enrichment Center

About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

Hot lunch & snacks daily, open Monday - Thursday 7:00am-5:00pm with transportation available!

Have a special talent? Want to contribute in another way? Contact us to join the center in a volunteer capacity.



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Community

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Contact Us:

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Serving Our Seniors has a program that assists with paying daily services. You can notify them of what you're able to afford and request if they could pick up the difference.

To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

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HAPPY
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Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

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Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School

JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

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Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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About Us:

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To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

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New Year

Praise be
to his
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earth be filled
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Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

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| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

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Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

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Serving Our Seniors has a program that assists with paying daily services. You can notify them of what you're able to afford and request if they could pick up the difference.

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Full Day is \$81.05

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HAPPY
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Praise be
to his
glorious
name
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earth be filled
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Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

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You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

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News from the Congregational Care Committee

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Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
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| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
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| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
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(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.
Psalm 65:11

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

Compass Point Senior Enrichment Center

About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

Hot lunch & snacks daily, open Monday - Thursday 7:00am-5:00pm with transportation available!

Have a special talent? Want to contribute in another way? Contact us to join the center in a volunteer capacity.



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AdultDay@ECHDOhio.org



795 Bardshar Rd.
Sandusky, OH

[www.
ErieCoHealthOhio.com
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Serving Our Seniors has a program that assists with paying daily services. You can notify them of what you're able to afford and request if they could pick up the difference.

To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

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Serving Our Seniors
310 Boalt Street #A
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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





Trinity Times

January
2025

502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, OH 44870
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mr & Mrs Todd Fisher
9211 Mason Road
Castalia OH 44824



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 - 419 626-0204 - www.trinityelca.com

trinityelcasandusky@gmail.com

Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
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COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/ coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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.



The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.



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BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



hello
2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
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In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

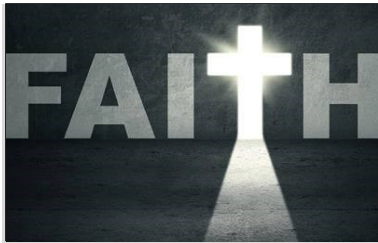
New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**



The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
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Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty

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|------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| January 5 | | Greg Norman | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Joyce Patterson | Lincoln Smith | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielsen | Eli Conner |
| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
| January 26 | | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Sally Warner | Zane Warner | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Gayle Thompson | Claire Conner |

Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson

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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
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COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

***NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY***



The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.



JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



hello
2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
| 12 Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Reception for Carol & Stephanie | 13 Dartball - 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 AA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm | 16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 NA 11:00 am |
| 19 Second Sunday of Epiphany Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 20 Martin Luther King Day | 21 | 22 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty

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| January 5 | | Greg Norman | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Joyce Patterson | Lincoln Smith | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielsen | Eli Conner |
| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
| January 26 | | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Sally Warner | Zane Warner | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Gayle Thompson | Claire Conner |

Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson

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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
| February 9 | Rhonda & Dean Matus | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Erica Miller | Ryan Wiedenheft | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielson | Eli Connor |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

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FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.
Psalm 65:11

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

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About Us:

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Full Day is \$81.05

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HAPPY
New Year

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to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

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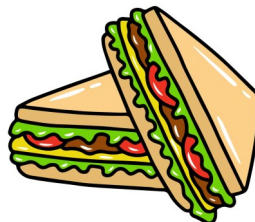


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Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

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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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**



The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.



JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

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| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
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Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson

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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

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795 Bardshar Rd.
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[www.
ErieCoHealthOhio.com
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Serving Our Seniors has a program that assists with paying daily services. You can notify them of what you're able to afford and request if they could pick up the difference.

To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
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with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

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You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

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Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

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



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| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
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| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

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Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

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Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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Full Day is \$81.05

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New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
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Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

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You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

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Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

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News from the Congregational Care Committee

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Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
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| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
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TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

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Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



Compass Point Senior Enrichment Center

About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

Hot lunch & snacks daily, open Monday - Thursday 7:00am-5:00pm with transportation available!

Have a special talent? Want to contribute in another way? Contact us to join the center in a volunteer capacity.



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Person-centered physical and cognitive care, care coordination, support services



Community

Shared stories, laughter, and genuine connections make every day brighter and fulfilling.

Contact Us:

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AdultDay@ECHDOhio.org



795 Bardshar Rd.
Sandusky, OH

[www.
ErieCoHealthOhio.com
/adult-day-services/](http://www.ErieCoHealthOhio.com/adult-day-services/)

Serving Our Seniors has a program that assists with paying daily services. You can notify them of what you're able to afford and request if they could pick up the difference.

To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

Half Day is \$45.00

Serving Our Seniors
310 Boalt Street #A
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419-624-1856

HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





Trinity Times

January
2025

502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, OH 44870
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Rhonda & Dean Matus
5220 Heywood Rd
Sandusky OH 44870



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 - 419 626-0204 - www.trinityelca.com

trinityelcasandusky@gmail.com

Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
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COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
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FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



hello
2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
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You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen



Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
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Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
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- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty

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| January 5 | | Greg Norman | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Joyce Patterson | Lincoln Smith | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielsen | Eli Conner |
| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
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Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson

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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
| 12 Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Reception for Carol & Stephanie | 13 Dartball - 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 AA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm | 16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 NA 11:00 am |
| 19 Second Sunday of Epiphany Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 20 Martin Luther King Day | 21 | 22 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

| Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| January 5 | | Greg Norman | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Joyce Patterson | Lincoln Smith | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielsen | Eli Conner |
| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
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| January 26 | | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Sally Warner | Zane Warner | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Gayle Thompson | Claire Conner |

| Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson | | | | | | | | |
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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
| February 9 | Rhonda & Dean Matus | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Erica Miller | Ryan Wiedenheft | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielson | Eli Connor |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

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Contact Us:

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Serving Our Seniors has a program that assists with paying daily services. You can notify them of what you're able to afford and request if they could pick up the difference.

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Full Day is \$81.05

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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
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may the whole
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with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

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Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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.



The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.



JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

| Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
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| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
| January 26 | | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Sally Warner | Zane Warner | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Gayle Thompson | Claire Conner |

| Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson | | | | | | | | |
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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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About Us:

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To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
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may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



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Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



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| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

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Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
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Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

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News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
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| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
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| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
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COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

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Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



Compass Point Senior Enrichment Center

About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

Hot lunch & snacks daily, open Monday - Thursday 7:00am-5:00pm with transportation available!

Have a special talent? Want to contribute in another way? Contact us to join the center in a volunteer capacity.



Home & Community Based Services

Person-centered physical and cognitive care, care coordination, support services



Community

Shared stories, laughter, and genuine connections make every day brighter and fulfilling.

Contact Us:

419-502-1020

AdultDay@ECHDOhio.org



795 Bardshar Rd.
Sandusky, OH

[www.
ErieCoHealthOhio.com
/adult-day-services/](http://www.ErieCoHealthOhio.com/adult-day-services/)

Serving Our Seniors has a program that assists with paying daily services. You can notify them of what you're able to afford and request if they could pick up the difference.

To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

Half Day is \$45.00

Serving Our Seniors
310 Boalt Street #A
Sandusky, OH 44870
419-624-1856

HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





Trinity Times

January
2025

502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, OH 44870
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Raymond Remy, Jr.
Parkvue Community, Apt 112
3800 Boardwalk Blvd
Sandusky OH 44870



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
502 Bardshar Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 - 419 626-0204 - www.trinityelca.com

trinityelcasandusky@gmail.com

Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Assets | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| Liabilities | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| Fund Balances | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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.



The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



hello
2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



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Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."



News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
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Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
| 12 Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Reception for Carol & Stephanie | 13 Dartball - 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 AA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm | 16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty

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| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
| January 26 | | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Sally Warner | Zane Warner | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Gayle Thompson | Claire Conner |

Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson

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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

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January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

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

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1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

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| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
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| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
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COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

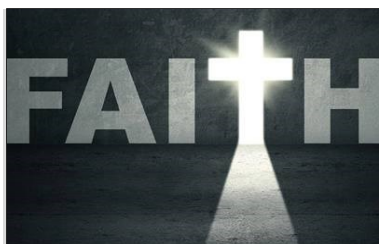
New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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.



The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margareta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
| 12 Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Reception for Carol & Stephanie | 13 Dartball - 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 AA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm | 16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 NA 11:00 am |
| 19 Second Sunday of Epiphany Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 20 Martin Luther King Day | 21 | 22 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty

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Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

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Have a special talent? Want to contribute in another way? Contact us to join the center in a volunteer capacity.



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Shared stories, laughter, and genuine connections make every day brighter and fulfilling.

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Serving Our Seniors has a program that assists with paying daily services. You can notify them of what you're able to afford and request if they could pick up the difference.

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Full Day is \$81.05

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New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
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earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

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From Sundays and Seasons:

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Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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Alice Bertsch #43

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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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

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DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
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- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



hello
2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



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- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

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|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

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| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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About Us:

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To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
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may the whole
earth be filled
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Psalm 72:19, NIV





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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



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Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



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News from the Congregational Care Committee

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Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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



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About Us:

Compass Point empowers seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia through specialized care, engaging activities, and a supportive community.

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Have a special talent? Want to contribute in another way? Contact us to join the center in a volunteer capacity.



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To qualify, you must complete financial information.

Full Day is \$81.05

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New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
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Psalm 72:19, NIV





Trinity Times

January
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Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2024

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
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COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV





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January
2025

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trinityelcasandusky@gmail.com

Pastor Jennifer Herrmann

Happy new Year from Pastor Jen

A New Year!

First, a thank you from Malachi and I for the thoughtful gifts and cards. You are a blessing to us both and we are grateful for your love and kindness at the holidays and all year around.

From Sundays and Seasons:

At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



As humans who live a three dimensional life, we live our life only knowing time in one direction! However, we trust in a God who is bigger, broader, more dimensional than we can imagine who holds the fullness of time in their hands. How amazing that we are invited into trusting that God is there in all of space and time.

In the newsletter this year, I'd like to take some time to look at where the church universal has had some of its best and worst moments. In looking back to see where we have failed in the past, it hopefully can help us make amends to those hurt and to do better as we keep moving forward. In looking back to see where the Spirit has moved and we have done beautiful things with God's help, we can hopefully see how it is that God can continue to use us to bring love to this world. While time for us is a one way march forward, we can trust that God holds it all.

You are a blessing to this world – May God's love be shown in all you do.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Jen

Youth and Family

We would like to give a big thank-you to the special people who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal a success for our senior members. First, Maree and Mike Markley for their kitchen assistance. Maree made the delicious sweet potato casserole, the cranberry salad, and the homemade corn. Next, we would like to thank the Guy Miller family and the Paul Warner family for their turkey donation this year. And, we can't forget Denise Casanova for the wonderful pumpkin rolls. The youth group kids did a wonderful job serving, cleaning up, and doing the dishes. We also would like to thank the Trinity members who attended. We hope you enjoyed the meal and got your fill!



This year, the Sunday school children took some time out of their morning classes to make beautiful candle holders to sell. We don't have a total amount that was collected (we'll report next month). We would like to thank everyone who purchased a candle to help raise money for Project Share in Castalia to help children during the holiday time.



Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was a little different this year! We had an interactive program with members of the congregation and we would like to thank everyone who graciously came forward and played a part in the program. You did a wonderful job, as did the children, and we hope you enjoyed it.

Watch for information soon about the Souper Bowl Sub sale happening in the beginning of February. Sign-up will be in the middle of January, so watch your upcoming Sunday bulletins for more information.



Meet Stephanie Lehr, Trinity's New Secretary

My story begins with a buried Volkswagen Beetle at a former Lutheran church.

In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/ coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



hello
2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

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Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

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Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| <i>Liabilities</i> | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| <i>Fund Balances</i> | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



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MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
| 12 Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Reception for Carol & Stephanie | 13 Dartball - 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 AA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm | 16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 NA 11:00 am |
| 19 Second Sunday of Epiphany Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 20 Martin Luther King Day | 21 | 22 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 NA 11:00 am |
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HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty

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| January 5 | | Greg Norman | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Joyce Patterson | Lincoln Smith | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielsen | Eli Conner |
| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
| January 26 | | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Sally Warner | Zane Warner | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Gayle Thompson | Claire Conner |

Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson

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| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
| February 9 | Rhonda & Dean Matus | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Erica Miller | Ryan Wiedenheft | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielson | Eli Connor |
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Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

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January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

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In the late 1960s on Earth Day, my mother and her ruthless renegades collaborated with the pastor of Resurrection Church in Perkins Township. By mysterious means, the pastor acquired the excavator and the necessary willpower. And thus, on a cold and rainy Earth Day, the message was carried out and the Volkswagen's bare bones still rests today.

Although I have no intentions of sacrificing machinery on Trinity grounds, I am grateful to be contributing to this sacred space. My spiritual interests encompass mind-body connection, somatic movement, meditation and yoga, and nature. I also have a special interest in the intersections of spirituality and health.

I am a graduate of Bowling Green State University. My heart is in southern Appalachia and my mind is in NYC. I am moved by literature, photography, hiking, music, and horses. I enjoy assisting guests at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont. My beau Rob, a pharmacist, currently resides in Cleveland and we enjoy spending time outdoors.

Being from the original Lieb immigration in Sandusky, I look forward to returning to my roots and meeting distant cousins at Trinity — no guarantee of organizing a family archaeological club!

And lastly — and most significantly — let us offer our best wishes to Carol Dahs. She has contributed assiduous energy to Trinity. From my brief time of knowing her, her kind heart radiates.



You're invited on Sunday, January 12th for an Open House Reception to give a farewell to Secretary Carol Dahs and welcome our new secretary Stephanie Lehr. A catered breakfast will be provided by Castalia's Cold Creek Café. It will include bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, potatoes, and a fruit bowl. There will also be cake for our two guests of honor.

The reception will begin with coffee time immediately after the 8:00am service. The breakfast will be served 9:30 until 10:15am. The cost of the meal will be paid for by the Congregational Care Committee fund.

Please sign up so the caterers will know how much food to prepare. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall across from the church office. Sign up will be until Sunday, January 5th, so please do so quickly. If you did or did not have any interaction with Carol, we hope you can come and wish her good luck with her new journey in life. Also, help us welcome our new secretary Stephanie. Let's come together as a congregation and make this event special for the both of them!

And if you would like to give a gift for Carol, we are asking for monetary gifts. You may pick up a pink envelope at the sanctuary entrance and put your gift in the offering plate or in the box on the desk in the church office. If you are writing a check, please write it to Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the memo "Carol's Gift."

News from the Congregational Care Committee

The Congregational Care committee is hosting its inaugural “LEFTOVER” coffee hour on Sunday, January 5th. Bring in any leftover cookies, fudge, or other desserts to share during the coffee hour after each worship service. If you would like to bring them on the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th, you can put them in the kitchen freezer, mark it “leftover” and we’ll be sure to bring it upstairs. Or, you may bring the desserts on the 5th and put it in the gathering area upstairs. But, please make sure they are not stale and still edible. Then stay after worship and enjoy!



Who enjoys puzzles? You know, the 300, 500, 750, or 1000 piece kind! The Congregational Care Team is starting a Jigsaw Puzzle Library. Members may check out a jigsaw puzzle to take home and return when finished. We approximately have 15 puzzles to start our library. If you have any jigsaw puzzles at home that you would like to share, please ensure all pieces are in the box, and mark your name on the box so it may be returned if so inclined. In the next few weeks, we’ll be working on setting the Jigsaw Puzzle Library in one of the rooms off the upstairs gathering area. Donated jigsaw puzzles can be dropped off on the desk in the corner of the room. We will inform you when the Jigsaw Puzzle Library is officially available!



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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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| Account # | Account Name | YTD Balance |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Assets | | |
| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 9,218.91 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 64,860.85 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 1,714.04 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 105,801.06 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 4,100.81 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 274,324.69 |
| 1.220.122 | Edward Jones CD | 21,030.49 |
| 1.400.110 | Thrivent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 63,932.32 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 885.60 |
| | Total Assets | \$545,888.77 |
| Liabilities | | |
| 2.100.200 | <i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i> | 75.50 |
| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 354.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 207.08 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 16.40 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$652.98 |
| Fund Balances | | |
| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 25,191.85 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 6,467.01 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memorial Fund Balance | 16,509.67 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 109,901.87 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 47,972.78 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 935.60 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 274,324.69 |
| | <i>Total Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | <i>\$449,644.61</i> |
| 3.400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 63,932.32 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$545,235.79 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$545,888.77 |

COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - December 19th, 2024 - 7:00 pm

(These are unapproved meeting minutes)

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

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft

Opening devotions were given by Bill Bertsch

Minutes of previous meeting (November 2024) were reviewed. Correction to Worship/Music: December 3 at 1:00 pm. Pat motioned to approved; Nancy 2nd and motion passed.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed. Nancy made a motion to approve. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie had no report. She provided Sally's report. Sunday, January 5th is a leftover cookie/ coffee event after service. January 12th will be an open reception for Carol and Stephanie. Cold Creek Café will be catering brunch. A sign-up sheet will be provided. A puzzle library will be installed in the upstairs room with the piano starting in January. A gift to Carol was proposed via cash donation.

Pastor's Report: P. Jen welcomed Stephanie as the new secretary and thanked Carol for her service. P. Jen is behind on visits with Gayle. She provided updates on spiritual direction and payments. They will be distributed to general funds. P. Jen wanted a new photo directory by 2026. She expressed success with her handmade Christmas cards and the donations will be distributed to Care & Share.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – The cereal box collection was discussed, along with the children's Christmas program.

Community Mission –Betsy Stierhoff – Feets and Seats collection and Helping Hands Tree is underway.

Property –Bill discussed a coffee bar/sink and Franklin Sanitation inspecting drainage. Carrie noted the basement floor curling by the storage closet. Carol noted the back mailbox requiring nail maintenance.

Worship and Music – Nancy Vollmer/Barb Sessler – Ash Wednesday 11am and 7pm service, including a luncheon after 11am. The following Lenten Sundays will have a 11am service. Palm Sunday service will be different due to the children. There will be a brunch between services on Easter.

Young at Heart – Nancy Vollmer – Young At Heart met on December 3rd at Senior Center watch the Edison Choir.

New Business –P.Jen met with Ebenezer Church of Assembly of God representatives and had a good impression with their respectfulness. They are interested in the fellowship hall; approx.. 15-20 individuals and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm.. P. Jen is waiting for their response via e-mail. Currently unsure of rent payment. \$25 per month was considered and key responsibilities were discussed.

Rumpke Trash was discussed. Bill proposed waiting for the first bill. Carol suggested a smaller dumpster. Church envelopes was discussed. Bill proposed keeping the design the same. 100 were purchased last year and not all members picked up.

Assistant to count offering until the next meeting is Nancy Vollmer.

The devotion leader for the next meeting is Pastor Jen.

Adjournment motion made by Nancy. 2nd by Betsy. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 12/24/2024)

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

At Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

Ray Remy Apt. 112 Birthday - Feb 9

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

Alice Bertsch #43

At Portland Place, 3808 Venice Rd, Sandusky OH 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:

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

Laura Allen 2015 Cedar Point Rd, Sandusky

Pat Nielsen 1502 Martins Point Rd, Sandusky June 6

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 15, 2025**

**Pork & Gravy over Noodles
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Jelly 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!

**NO JAM SESSION IN JANUARY
DUE TO CAROL AND STEPHANIE'S
FAREWELL/WELCOME PARTY**

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The Congregational Life Team will continue the “Cookie and Coffee” fellowship time in 2025 on the first Sunday of every month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Remember you can bring store bought cookies/donuts or ask a friend or two to help you by donating a dozen homemade cookies for this event.

JANUARY MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Benjamin Stephens
- 7 Gregory Norman
- 16 Jen Herrmann
- 17 Cathy Wobser
- 21 Linda Velliquette
- 25 Bonnie Lieb



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Gregory & Susanne Lemert - 40th
- 16 Henry & Ellene Kleinoeder - 26th
- 19 Steven & Holly Miller - 51st
- 26 Charles & Sandy Paseka - 40th



hello
2025



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Greg, Susanne, and Carrie Lemert;
Teri Shupp, Chuck & Sandy
Paseka, Betty Roeser in memory of
Nancy Sessler

Adele & Gene Hoffman in memory
of Karl Lehrer's birthday



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Wendy & David Wiedenheft would like to recognize Nancy Vollmer for the wonderful prayer quilt that she made in memory of their parents Paul & Barbara Wiedenheft. The quilt is displayed in the upstairs gathering room. Wendy & David would also like to honor Pastor Jen, Malachi, Carol Dahs, and their faith family members and staff at Trinity!

Thanks to all who supported Margaretta Township's Wreaths Across America where the community recently laid over 1000 wreaths honoring our veterans. As we look forward to 2025, all wreaths sponsored prior to January 15, 2025 will be matched one for one. This is the biggest promotion all year and can be sponsored at the cemetery office, 407 Bardwell Rd, Castalia, or online at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/OH0370

Stephanie Lehr would like to thank Larry & Pat Wiedenheft for the Christmas gift.

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



- To Jim and his helpers for Crossroad Meals.
- Adele Hoffman for her extra work all year with our congregation
- Sally Warner, Shelby Koch, Carrie Killingsworth for their work with Sunday School



JANUARY 2025

| | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|------------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| | | | 1 New Year's Day Office Closed NA 7:00 pm | 2 | 3 | 4 NA 11:00 am |
| 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 6 | 7 | 8 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 9 | 10 | 11 NA 11:00 am |
| 12 Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Reception for Carol & Stephanie | 13 Dartball - 7:30 pm | 14 | 15 AA 9 - 10 am Crossroads Meal 1pm | 16 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 17 | 18 NA 11:00 am |
| 19 Second Sunday of Epiphany Communion Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 20 Martin Luther King Day | 21 | 22 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 NA 11:00 am |
| 26 Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 27 Dartball - 7:30 pm | 28 | 29 AA 9 - 10 am NA 7:00 pm | 30 | 31 | |

HELPERS AT WORSHIP - January 2025 and February 2025

| Date | Alter Flowers | Memorial Flowers | 8:00 am Service | | | 10:30 am Service | | |
|------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | | | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte | Ushers | Lector | Acolyte |

Alter Care for January: Pat Wiedenheft

Communion Assistant – 8:00 Guy Miller 10:30 Candy Beatty

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|------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| January 5 | | Greg Norman | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Joyce Patterson | Lincoln Smith | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielsen | Eli Conner |
| January 12 | Jim Bertsch | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Russ Stephens | Carlie Wiedenheft | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| January 19 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Carrie Wiedenheft | Mariska Farlow | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Natalie Thompson |
| January 26 | | | Rich Miller Cindy Norman | Sally Warner | Zane Warner | Ken Schenk Bonnie Lieb | Gayle Thompson | Claire Conner |

Altar Care for February: Linda Gantz & Cindy Norman

Communion Assistant - 8:00 Sally Warner 10:30 Gayle Thompson

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|-------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| February 2 | David & Cathy Wobser | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Guy Miller | Emma Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Natalie Thompson | Malachi Herrmann |
| February 9 | Rhonda & Dean Matus | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Erica Miller | Ryan Wiedenheft | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Chrissy Nielson | Eli Connor |
| February 16 | Rex & Charlene Stierhoff | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Joyce Patterson | Tyler Wiedenheft | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Candy Beatty | Mason Russell |
| February 23 | Pat & Larry Wiedenheft | | Greg Norman Brad Stierhoff | Russ Stephens | Drew Killingsworth | Denny Sessler Bonnie Lieb | Cathy Wobser | Malachi Herrmann |

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of January

January 5 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 - *Joy at the gathering of God's scattered flock*

Psalm 147:12-20 - *Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - *The will of God made known in Christ*

John 1:[1-9] 10-18 - *God with us: the incarnation of the Word*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

January 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7 - *When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

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

Acts 8:14-17 - *Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - *The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

January 19 - Second Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 - *As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you*

Psalm 36:5-10 - *We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - *There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit*

John 2:1-11 - *The wedding at Cana*

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

January 26 - Third Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - *Ezra reads the law of Moses before the people*

Psalm 19 - *The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)*

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - *You are the body of Christ*

Luke 4:14-21 - *Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah*

Prayer of the Day: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen





FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to anyone in the community!

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

Wed., Jan. 8th

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until gone)

Drive-thru pickup (free) in the back of church

TURKEY TETRAZZINI, COLE SLAW, ROLL & DESSERT

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

Psalm 65:11

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

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HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*.

Psalm 72:19, NIV

