

September 2021 Newsletter

*I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.
~Psalm 69:30*

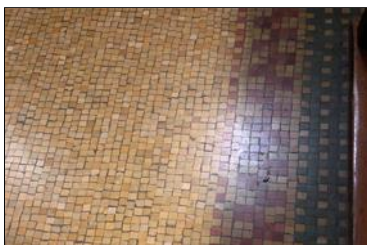
Dear Siblings in Christ,

I did not intend to disappear from the middle of July until the first week of August! We'd planned a family vacation, week 1, and had intended to return to life-as-normal. Well, as normal as possible these days. But a bus trip I'd planned for last summer that was COVID-bombed was rescheduled and I had no control over the dates, week 2. Then, I was to be at a rostered church leaders' conference/retreat; when I signed up for it, it was going to be a virtual retreat. I figured that meant I'd shut my office door more than usual, which is, like... never. Then, the retreat was made to be in-person. Whew! (wipes perspiration from brow) That was a busy three weeks! I'm glad to be home and in the office again! Work is much more restful than vacation... (ok, not all agree)

While I'm very glad to be back, the time away, even if two of the weeks were sort of a surprise, was glorious in ways I didn't expect. I want to thank you all for your flexibility in allowing me the time to travel a bit, connect with friends, see different things (like the making of maple syrup and goat cheese), do honest spiritual work with colleagues, and simply be refreshed. I've tagged in some pictures of my time away:



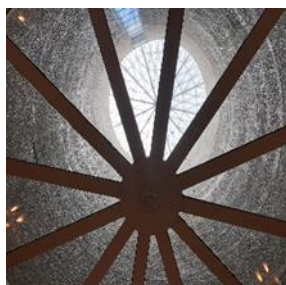
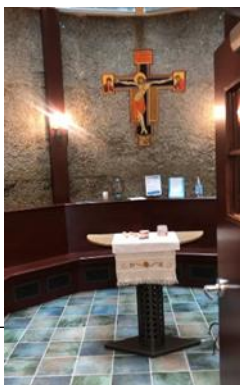
Terry and Luke, enjoying one another's company on Lake George in New York. Though Dad needed help getting in and out of the boat, and with a little paddling near the end of the trip, it was such smooth sailing that they can't wait to go again! This adventure taught us that other-ly mobile doesn't mean immobile. Thanks be to God!



Scenes from the historic Willard Memorial Chapel, Auburn, NY. The interior was designed and executed by the Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company. Talk about stunning! I've included

the bottom picture so you can see the floor tile. Each tiny piece, about 3/4" square, was hand laid throughout the entire building. God uses that sort of intricacy in building us – we are wonderfully made!

The Claggett Center, just south of Frederick, MD, is an Episcopal retreat center and the location of the continuing education event I attended. The learning was outstanding! The fellowship was refreshing! The time away with a room to myself was delightful! Most impressive on the grounds was the repurposing of the silo into a chapel:



Sitting in here by myself for prayer and meditation was soul-nourishing. I loved the way the light filters down from the skylight at the top of the silo through the glass ceiling and onto the altar at the center. The acoustics in the silo are outstanding! But alas... COVID did not permit us to sing. I was reminded here that God repurposes even us when we think we're finished with something, always leading us to a new life.

Refreshing time away from the day-to-day work of ministry was a nice break. It also allowed me to sit and pray and read scripture and think and discern about our future: both the return to whatever normal is after the pandemic, and what ministry will look like for Trinity in the years to come. Where is the Lord calling us to make the biggest impact on the world Christ died for?

I hope you'll join me in conversation about and participation around two priorities I've discerned for right now, anchors to hold onto as we continue to navigate this strange world together:

1 – We, at Trinity, have been injured in our spirits, not only by another pastoral transition and the “regular” joys and heartbreaks of life, but by the philosophical and political divide in our country and the world. On top of that – COVID and the fear, anxiety, annoyance, suspicion and anger it brings – not to mention the loneliness and stress of the isolation while we're distancing ourselves. **We need to heal, allowing God to fill our spirits with the Holy Spirit.** It'll take time; let's hold hands and do it together, for at the heart of each of us is love for God and one another. We'll be focusing on spirituality and God's healing as we plan events, worship services, service projects, and meetings in the future. Stay tuned!

2 – We, at Trinity, are a congregation committed to our mission. The pandemic has scattered members and made prospective attendees leery about physically going into any public space, let alone Trinity. And yet, our online presence could be stronger, and we're challenged to meet the needs of **all** of our members as well as continue to serve our neighbors in a welcoming and accessible way. **God is leading us to find new and innovative ways of doing mission, being present, and loving those who are reluctant to come into the building and those who only know us online.** I invite you to join with me and several others from the congregation

to attend an 8-month program (one meeting per month on a Saturday morning) program called “Hybrid Church Academy.” We’ll learn more about ourselves, the post-pandemic world, and how to get out of God’s way and let God nourish us in a different expression of Church. Please let me know if you’d like to learn more. The academy details may be found on the synod website, too, at www.lss-elca.org.

The global Church of Jesus Christ, in all its denominations, has tended throughout history to undergo a fairly strong reformation every 500 years give or take a decade or two. Church leaders have spoken for years about how “it’s coming,” and the pandemic has brought the opportunity for reform here. I’m not talking about changing the things at Trinity that we know and love about our tradition and our worship and our gathering. In fact, I’m banning the word “change” from our conversations. I’m talking about God breaking into the world in new and innovative ways, like God does. Let’s all step back together and watch what God is about to do. Our Creator has got this wobbly world in this chaotic time in the palm of his hands. I bet what God does with this big blue ball that we call home and the life on it is nothing short of miraculous!

Love,

Pr. Susan

We pray for our homebound members and for those battling injury or long-term illness, *especially: Phyllis Snyder, Jack Hinkle, Christopher Teal, Luther Rinehart, Theresa McGee, Kim Smith, Logan Siekerman, Pr. Terry McCarthy and Pixie Henry.* If you know of any members needing pastoral care, please contact the church office.

****Please notify the church as soon as possible if someone you know is hospitalized.***



Our Mission: We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

Our Vision: To fulfill our mission, we will:

Worship through liturgy, music, prayer, and Sacraments;

Teach God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

Serve and provide for those in need;

Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



Bible Study continues Mondays in September - You are invited to attend these gatherings at 6:00pm on Monday evenings either in person or on Zoom.



Bible Study Meeting ID: **835 7623 4258**
Passcode: **Bible**

We'll continue to use Zoom as an invitational way to invite others who can't be with us in person for whatever reason,

in whatever location. Please use your superpowers of evangelism (tell people you know) that they are invited to attend either way. Please join us!

THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH. We will resume our gathering on Mon, Sept 13 at 6PM at the church and via Zoom. See you then!

MISSION IN MOTION (MIM) INFORMATION SESSION

Trinity's mission is always evolving, moving and becoming more flexible to meet the needs of our neighbors we're called to love. Last summer MIM changed gears from doing mostly local house projects to serving Holy Hotdogs to our neighbors in the parking lot. A passion for God's people is all that's needed to join in this powerful outreach of our congregation. To that end, an INFO SESSION about MIM and its future will be held on **Monday evening, 9/27, at 7:00 in the social hall/annex.** You are invited to come and learn more, discuss new ideas, envision the future of this feet-on-the-ground ministry, and join in the excitement! For questions, please contact the church office. Hope to see you there!



July Financial Report



We've hit the Summer Slump! For the second consecutive month our giving for current expenses has fallen short of budgeted receipts. July results reported "Current" income of \$12,352 against budgeted income of \$16,473 as a shortfall of \$4,121. Year to date "Current income is \$103,404 against budgeted income of \$115,311 for a deficit of \$11,907. Favorably,

expenses year to date have been lower than projected but at the end of July our current income against current expenses reflected a YTD shortfall of \$5,694. Synod Benevolence Income is exceeding budget by \$1,465. Cash on hand to meet "current" expenses at July 31 is \$23,061. With church activities ramping up we do expect expenses to return to budgeted levels for the remainder of the year. Meeting our monthly budgeted income requirements of \$16,473 for the last 7 months of the year is vitally important to the ministry of Trinity. If you are not currently doing so, please consider weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly or monthly contributions through Trinity's Simply Giving Program managed by Vanco.

SHARE THE HARVEST As an extension of the success of our Sharing Shelf, Trinity will continue the Share the Harvest program. Anyone wishing to offer produce, flowers, etc. is encouraged to bring those goods and place them in baskets in the Narthex upstairs. This produce will be offered to anyone in the congregation. Donations received for these goods will be used to continue funding the purchase of food for the Sharing Shelf. Any goods left after the worship service will be placed on the Sharing Shelf for those in need of food.

Electronic Giving is a great way to support our congregation and its many ministries throughout the year! Your offering comes through even when you cannot attend worship. Simply sign up online through our church website or by contacting the office at 717-259-9125, or you can scan this code with your phone. ———>



New Website

Our new website is up and running! The new website hosted by FaithLife became live on August 14. Over the next few weeks we will be adding new content to the website and will be rolling out functionality that will enable us to enhance our ministries. In the meantime, you can view the website at www.trinitylutheraneb.org. Our initial focus will be to develop and enhance the “About Us” content. Under the “Connect” content you will find Events, Community, Bulletins and Newsletters. To see a full Calendar go to the “Community” dropdown and then select “Calendar” from the menu.

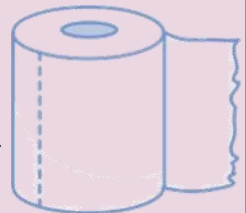
You may wish to create an account by selecting “log in” and following the instructions to create an account. An account will provide you with more functionality as we move forward and will be needed if you wish to use the mobile app. STAY TUNED... More details to follow!

Sharing Shelf

Our Sharing Shelf is now in its 5th month and who could have imagined its impact?! It provides food for those in need between the scheduled mobile Food Pantry distributions the first week of each month. Through grants and donations, the operation to date has been self-sustaining. The “Share the Harvest” program is also helping to fund this ministry. Some may have thought this ministry is funded by New Hope Ministries (Food Pantry). While New Hope has provided some food donations, this ministry is solely funded and operated by Trinity.

If you make monetary contributions that you want designated for the Sharing Shelf, please indicate as such on your offering envelope or check to insure your contribution is properly recorded. Donations of non-perishable food is always welcomed.

We have received some requests from our guests to have toilet tissue and other paper products. These items for the shelf will be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support of this wonderful ministry.





Actively Seeking a Mission in Motion Team Lead

8/20/21

First and foremost, anyone engaging in mission work should have a heart for service and a strong belief in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Armed with faith and fortitude, anything is possible.

Organization - it is helpful to have a method of documenting projects. The dynamic nature of mission work is dictated by need in the community and beyond, and quite often multiple projects are in play at one time. Multiple projects require organization and some documentation.

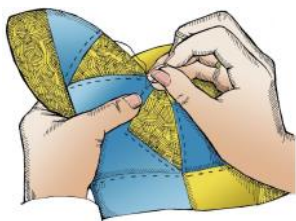
Delegation - it is not necessary to take on more than you can handle. The volunteers who are on your team have a heart for service, too, and they are always willing to step up and help out when you need them. Our volunteers have many gifts; we just need to give them a chance to share their gifts as we do this work. Sometimes, it will be necessary to encourage them.

Communication - keeping the volunteers, Pastor, and the church council informed is a critical component of this role. However, the pastor is quite often already a participant in the planning sessions, and the church council provides a liaison to Mission in Motion. So, simply sending a message to these groups to update and coordinate is essential to forward progress.

In addition, communication with folks who need help, and organizations who offer help, will be part of the role of the Team Lead. Calls into the church office with a service perspective may be referred to the Team Lead. While we respond to every call, we don't take on every project. Communicating with the Mission in Motion Team to discuss service opportunities is key.

Finally, be assured you are not alone in this work. Let the Holy Spirit guide you and the team. Pray about the opportunities and move forward knowing that the Holy Spirit is with you. Open your heart to possibilities. Open your ears to hear God's words. Service work can be life-changing - not just for those who receive our help, but for those who are moved to serve.

KNOTTY KNOTTERS: The Knotty Knotters will continue meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month to make knotted quilts for folks in need. We will meet September 8 and September 22 from 2:00-4:00pm. If you can tie a knot, we hope that you will consider joining this group. Due to circumstances from this past year, there is a great need for quilts and blankets. The Knotters need many hands to work on this worthwhile project. If you have questions, contact Gay Weigand 717-476-8290.



WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER SERVICE continues each Wednesday morning at 10AM in the Chapel. This service is streamed only to the congregation's private Trinity Lutheran EB Fellowship Group on Facebook. Because of the sensitive nature of the joys and concerns that may be freely lifted up in this prayer service, the worship will not be made publicly available but will only stream to this closed group. Should you wish to become a member of Trinity's Fellowship Group, search for it on Facebook and click "join." Members must be approved by the group administrators. Questions? Call Jen at 717-259-9125. Everyone is welcome to pray with us!



Pastoral Visits: Pastor Susan is scheduling visits; yay! She'll be coming masked to your home (even though she is fully vaccinated) so that she does not unwittingly carry illness from home to home. Feel free to call the church office to schedule a visit if you haven't heard from Pastor Susan yet.

PASTOR SUSAN'S INSTALLATION is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 2021, at Trinity at 2:30 p.m. The service will take place in the sanctuary and will be followed by a reception, beginning approximately 4 o'clock, in the social hall/annex. An on-line reservation form is located at tinyurl.com/zyuj88ks (Or you can find a link on Trinity's webpage) so that we know how many to prepare for. Please RSVP by Sunday, September 19. If you don't have an electronic connection for the RSVP, no worries! Please call the church office to let us know how many will be in your party – 717-259-9125



WE'RE LEGAL TO SHOW VIDEOS!

Trinity has recently purchased an annual video streaming license that allows us to legally display whole movies and/or clips at Trinity for educational, pastoral, ministerial, and entertainment needs.

The license comes with a guide for using the service as well as some really good suggestions for movies to use in ministry. If you'd like to know more and are planning a Sunday School class, retreat, social event, etc., please contact Jen in the office and she'll hook you up!

NOTE: We are NOT permitted to charge any sort of monetary admission, nor are we permitted to advertise specific movies as that is an infringement of the movies' promotional rites. We may advertise "MOVIE NIGHT!" or "Sunday School will feature a discussion of a popular movie, don't miss it!" If you have questions or want more information, please see Jen Guiher or contact Pastor Susan. Thanks!

These photos were taken at our most recent movie night on August 13. We hope to have many more fun-filled movie events!





Coordinating Committee: There will be a meeting of Trinity's Coordinating Committee on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00pm in the social hall. All interested people are invited to attend to discuss the most recent social events at Trinity and to plan for the future fall and winter events. Your participation is welcome!! The meeting will last one hour. Any questions or concerns, please see Dona Lerew. Thank you for your participation.

Trinity Yard Sale will take place Saturday, October 30 from 8am-2pm. Tables will be available to rent both indoors & outdoors for \$10 each. We will be selling food inside. See Ruthann Bowen or call the church office if you would like to reserve your spot!

Hymn Sing/Ice Cream Social: We will be holding an outdoor hymn sing on Sunday, October 17 at 4:00pm in the church parking lot. We will enjoy ice cream and toppings along with some great fellowship as we sing familiar, well-loved hymns. We hope you'll suggest your favorite hymns to Karen Wire before October 1 so she has time to practice them! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Susan, Karen Wire or the church office.

Pet Blessing: Our next pet blessing will be held Sunday, October 3 at 4:00pm in the yard behind the church. All types of pets are invited (leashed or crated) as well as photos of your pet(s) if you don't feel comfortable bringing them to the service.



HYBRID CHURCH ACADEMY – A *Commitment Worth Making*

Trinity, in a cohort of other congregations around our synod and the ELCA, will be engaging in an 8-month study that will help us explore ideas and teach us how to broaden our evangelism in an evolving and post-pandemic world. In a nutshell, in order to remain vibrant and successful to upcoming generations and to remain available to traveling, homebound, and convalescing members, we'll need to improve upon our current digital connections with the world. **Hybrid Church Academy** is designed to do just that. Trinity is asked to send **at least** four members to the academy; more are certainly welcome. Here's a quick rundown of the academy's schedule. Each session will take place from **9AM-11AM via Zoom**, no travel necessary:

October 2, 2021: Introduction- Asking the Right Questions

November 13, 2021: Where next for you? Technology Choices

December 11, 2021: Social Media and Hybrid Evangelism

January 29, 2022: Hybrid Discipleship

February 26, 2022: Another Hybrid Easter? Creative Worship

March 26, 2022: Stewardship of Everything (Including the Building)

April 30, 2022: Building Relationships in a Hybrid World

June 11, 2022: A Hybrid Future (Shared Learnings)

Please pray about whether God is calling you to become a part of this leadership team whose job is to envision how Trinity cares for the world in this digital age. Call Pastor Susan if you have questions or to volunteer. Thank you!

Hospice & Community Care is hosting a Labor Day Auction/Sale

Beginning Saturday, September 4 there is a plant sale, tool auction, art auction along with food available for sale all day. On Monday, September 6, there is a sports memorabilia auction, plant sale, quilt auction, furniture auction, used vehicles auction and a 50/50 cash raffle (as well as food served all day). They offer free admission and free parking at Solanco Fairgrounds in Quarryville. All money raised will benefit hospice patients and families that receive care and comfort while coping with serious illness and end of life. For more information visit LaborDayAuction.org



Adopt a Senior Member in Need - We have senior members that need our contact. Please consider signing up to “adopt” a member by calling, sending cards, and visiting as you are both able. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Judy Burgard or Donna Lerew. Thank you!

Join the 7th Annual **Golf Tournament** to benefit the Adams Rescue Mission at The Links at Gettysburg on September 18. This is a scramble style event, and included in the registration fee is lunch and dinner, cart, greens fees, snacks, water/soda, team picture, and prizes. Register online at www.adamsrescuemission.org. Call Heidi with questions 717-334-7502 x 26.

Church Council

Have you ever served or considered running for an elected position on Church Council? If not, why?

To say the last two years has been a challenge would be an understatement. In addition to having a pastoral vacancy, we have had to deal with all the uncertainties and decisions thrust upon us due to the pandemic. Following our last Congregational Meeting November 2020, there were two unfilled council positions. As a result of the pandemic and restricted church activities, Council temporarily consolidated certain functions and did not actively seek to fill those positions. Those positions remain open and unfilled. Now that we are resuming a more normal church life, the need to fill those positions has become evident. In addition, there will be a total of 4 Council seats to be filled/elected at our upcoming Congregational Meeting in November.

The purpose of this article is very simply to plant the seed for your consideration in serving on one of the available seats on Council. The church does not run by itself but through the service and guidance of our members and elected Council representatives. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider volunteering and serving a 3-year term on Council. If you would be willing to fill one of the current vacancies (remaining 2- year term) or have any questions about serving on Council, please contact Pastor Susan, Bob King or any member of Council.



East Berlin Fall Festival will be held Saturday, September 11 from 8:00am—2:00pm. This community event has something for everyone. We need volunteers to help setup, tear down as well as help during

the event. Even if you can only help for an hour! We also need food donations. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. You can also contact Ruthann Bowen or the church office to sign-up. If you are just looking to shop the day of the event, stop by the church for a breakfast sandwich, soup, baked goodies and more! We will also have a stand with the food trucks serving sausages and soup to-go.

Because the date falls on September 11th we'll be hosting a self-led memorial outside in our parking lot for visitors to stop and meditate, read some scripture and pray, light a candle, and share a few words in a remembrance book that we'll gift to the local VFW at a later date.

In addition, Pastor Susan will be hosting a table that shares information about what it means to belong to a faith community. There will be water games, a silent auction of water-based items such as a shower head and garden hose (catch the Baptism theme?), and information about Trinity, Baptism, Jesus, and any other faith-based question visitors might have.

Please sign up to help by calling the church office and/or filling in your name in the sign-up poster in the upstairs gathering area.



Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Lect
Sept 5	Chris Long	Jayne Se
Sept 12	Becky Rinehart	Noelle
Sept 19	Sue Clauser	Dona L
Sept 26	Jim Kline	Sue Cla

Note: If you need to change the date you are scheduled to serve, please contact oth



Blessing of the Backpacks: On Sunday, August 15, we held our back-to-school blessing here at Trinity. We wish all the best to the students, teachers, bus drivers, school staff and parents as our kiddos go back to school!

Schedule for September 2021

Usher	Ushers
Lebright	Janet & Mac McMaster, Louise Haugh
Kline	Louise Haugh, Linda Green, Mark Boyer
erew	Jay & Sue Smith, Allen Weigand
ausser	Janet & Mac McMaster, Kathy Kuhn

Ushers on the list and arrange a swap. Please notify the church office of the change.



Closed for Labor Day—Monday, September 6. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Susan (717) 778-5548

Ministry Pages



Trinity Lutheran Church continues to offer free, non-perishable food items on the outdoor shelf located near the back doors of the church. Anyone needing food is invited to take what they need. Everyone is encouraged to keep the shelf supplied as they're able as well. Sharing blesses everyone!

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." ~Romans 12:13

Food Pantry: New Hope is bringing the mobile pantry from 3:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, September 1. The guests will be able to shop for their food instead of getting a box of food. This also means that we will need more volunteers to help the guests with shopping and additional duties. Please consider helping if you feel comfortable doing so. We will also be offering the guests individually wrapped snacks such as cookies, brownies, pretzels, and fruit. If you would like to help in this way your donation would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Madsen.





Laundry Love Ministry will be held Tuesday, September 14 from 5:30-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat in East Berlin behind Jim & Nena's. Guests will be provided with quarters and laundry soap to assist with their laundry needs. If you have questions or



would like to volunteer, please contact Judy Burgard (717) 259-9507. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We need two volunteers each month. **PLEASE bring in your quarters and drop them in the donation bin inside the back door vestibule.**

Trinity's Wellness Group

The Wellness Group has not yet been scheduled for September. Watch bulletins, emails, and the website calendar for upcoming news about this gathering. Want to suggest a topic? Contact Laura Ryder and/or Pastor Susan. Thanks!



Pam Eisenhart's Mother will turn 102 years-old on September 14. Let's shower her with birthday greetings:

Marie Trostle

**Sarah Todd Memorial Home
1000 W South St, Room 52
Carlisle, PA 17013**

Sunday School RALLY DAY

Sunday School Rally Day will be held Sunday, September 19 at the East Berlin Community Park in the pavilion. We will have lunch and celebrate the start of the Sunday School year! All are invited!

Sunday School Teacher Needed: We are currently seeking a K-2 Sunday School teacher. You would be leading every third Sunday and the lessons are prepared from the Spark Christian Education rotation curriculum for you. Please see Lisa Miller or Joshlyn Sharer if you are willing to lead our kiddos to the good news of Jesus!

JOIN US AT



Thursdays
Sept. 16th – April 14th
6:30 – 8:00 PM
\$30



Pre-registration required!



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Contact: Rhonda Feiser, rfeiser5049@comcast.net
717-654-0727

Notes



From
the

Music Director



This is a few lines of background information pertaining to the organ music played as we are gathering each Sunday.

The organ selections are arrangements and interpretations of hymns for each Sunday. August was a lot of “bread” hymns for example. Usually two to three pieces are selected each week for the gathering time and communion hymns are selected as we receive the wafer and juice.

Many worshipers use the time before service to greet and chat with our friends and neighbors and welcome guests. This time may also be used to read the printed scripture for the day and read the selected hymn texts for the morning. The careful planning of music is focused on the gospel for the day.

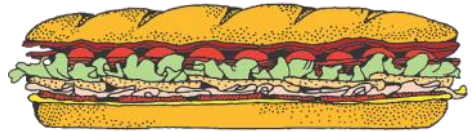
Thank you singers each Sunday—you do a great job singing our hymns. The adult choir will gather once again on October 3 at 8:15am to sing. I hope this nasty covid variant no longer is able to find a home and we can safely be together!

~ Karen Wire





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September Birthdays



9-3 Barbara Biles

9-3 Christina Clauser

9-6 Paige Erdman

9-6 Jacob Ohrum

9-7 Larry Boyer

9-10 Joyce Altland

9-12 Carter Storm

9-14 Wayne Mummert Jr.

9-14 Zoey Smith

9-15 Travis Hull

9-15 Trenton Hull

9-18 Charlie Sebright

9-23 Andrew Lieberum

9-24 Samantha Hull

9-24 Joshlyn Sharrer

9-27 Jeffrey Eisenhart

9-27 Linda Hoak

9-27 Mac McMaster



Many blessings for years to come!

9-1 Jack & Wanda Crckett ~ 14 Years

9-6 Kyle & Erin Hermansen ~ 13 Years

9-6 Charlie & Debbie Hoffman ~ 46 Years

9-10 Bob & Deb King ~ 50 Years

9-16 Todd & Tami Auchey ~ 26 Years

9-17 Ricky & Heather Kohler ~ 10 Years

9-18 Gary & Deborah Myers ~ 45 Years

9-21 Steve & Mindy Eaton ~ 17 Years

9-26 Lester & Maxine Herman ~ 57 Years

Happy 50th Anniversary!



Bob King and Deb Lerew were married on September 10, 1971 at Trinity by Rev. Alfred Strang. Deb is a lifelong resident of East Berlin and member of Trinity. Bob grew up on a third-generation dairy farm in York Springs and was a member of the York Springs Methodist Church. Bob jokingly says that prior to getting married he went to the “dark side” by becoming a Lutheran and joining Trinity. Bob and Deb are the proud parents of two children a son Matthew and daughter Abby. Matt and his wife Lori reside on Lake Mead Road and Abby and her husband David reside outside of York Springs. Bob and Deb have three grandchildren Mason King, a second-year student at Penn State-Altoona, Addison Gruber, a second-year Nursing Major at Clarion University, and Ethan King, a Senior at Bermudian Springs.

Bob and Deb both met as students at Bermudian and it all started with Deb needing a prom date because her boyfriend was away at college. She’s the older one! Bob says a modern day “cougar.” And as they say.... “the rest is history”. Deb’s cousin Dona Lerew set it all up! After earning a degree in Business Management, Bob began his career as an accountant and has held several different management positions in Finance and Information Technology in his 47-year career. In the early years Deb devoted her time to raising Matt and Abby and all the other kids in the neighborhood. Deb was truly the “Kool Aid Mom”. 102 Walnut Street was the gathering point for most of the neighborhood children. There was always something going on at the Kings’. After the kids were in middle school Deb worked at Nell’s Market and Peoples State Bank, now BB&T. When grandchildren arrived, Deb decided to help out by keeping each of the grandchildren a few days a week. Bob and Deb are now both retired and trying to find time to enjoy “glamping” at Lake Raystown and visiting Chincoteage, VA as well as some other travelling as well. Yea right! They are busier now than prior to retirement!

Bob and Deb are most thankful for having their family close by and being able to see their children and grandchildren grow and prosper. Over the past 50 years, Trinity and our church family has been a constant in our lives through good times and the not so good times. Here’s to another 50 years!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Treasurer's Report as of July 2021 for GENERAL FUND (NEWSLETTER)

Monday, August 2, 2021

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Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	% of Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)
Income						
CURRENT INCOME TOTAL	\$12,352.42	\$103,403.57	\$16,473.00	\$115,311.00	90	(\$11,907.43)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,116.26	\$8,464.98*	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00	121	\$1,464.98
Total Income	\$13,468.68	\$111,868.55	\$17,473.00	\$122,311.00	91	(\$10,442.45)
Expense						
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,316.26	\$9,665.24*	\$1,100.00	\$7,700.00	126	\$1,965.24
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$436.75	\$2,665.31*	\$530.00	\$2,510.00	106	\$155.31
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$243.56	\$538.24	\$158.00	\$1,106.00	49	(\$567.76)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$162.74	\$1,205.07	\$338.00	\$2,366.00	51	(\$1,160.93)
SALARIES TOTAL	\$11,973.96	\$63,981.32	\$12,235.00	\$65,260.00	98	(\$1,278.68)
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$2,982.84	\$18,831.93	\$3,359.00	\$21,597.00	87	(\$2,765.07)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$210.78	\$1,826.30	\$366.00	\$1,935.00	94	(\$108.70)
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$15,167.58	\$84,639.55	\$15,960.00	\$88,792.00	95	(\$4,152.45)
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$273.71	\$4,588.62	\$748.00	\$5,986.00	77	(\$1,397.38)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$1,721.80	\$9,424.36	\$1,634.00	\$9,938.00	95	(\$513.64)
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$320.00	\$2,805.90	\$708.00	\$4,956.00	57	(\$2,150.10)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$3,231.00	\$3,231.00*	\$58.00	\$2,906.00	111	\$325.00
Total Expense	\$22,873.40	\$118,763.29	\$21,234.00	\$126,260.00	94	(\$7,496.71)
Difference	<u>(\$9,404.72)</u>	<u>(\$6,894.74)</u>	<u>(\$3,761.00)</u>	<u>(\$3,949.00)</u>		

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
August 19, 2021

Present: Pastor Susan, Bob King, Bill Tritsch, Louise Haugh, Mark Boyer, Dona Lerew, Judy Burgard, Stephanie Haley, and Noah Rinehart, Sue Clauser, and Karen Sheaffer
Absent: Lisa Miller, and Jake Sharrer

Bob called the meeting to order at 7 PM
Pastor Susan asked that we do the Devotions before we review the agenda.

She presented us with a Council Meeting Liturgy which we used. She explained that this heightens our awareness that "We are the Church" and that our whole meeting is done in prayer. Also, the prayer in this liturgy includes these words- remind us always that we are about His business and not our own.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were reviewed. Judy made a motion to approved the minutes, Bill seconded, all agreed and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The printed reports were reviewed. Bob noted that we did not meet budget for the months of June and July. Our expenses were heavy in July due to paying our semi-annual insurance bills.

Ministry Reports

Learning & Youth & Worship & Music

- The consensus of the committee is to plan to hold Sunday School in person, following the guidelines as presented by the COVID Task Force (recommending that all members who are not vaccinated wear a mask for the safety of themselves and others in the congregation) thus including the children who are under 12
- To allow for social distancing, the Sunday School classrooms will rearrange as needed to allow for more space based upon the number of children in each classroom. Nursery will remain, K-2 will utilize the parlor area, 3-6 will meet in the social hall, confirmation class will meet in the gathering space upstairs (narthex) Adult Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary. Karen will utilize the music/choir room to meet with the children for music with the exception of nursery as she will meet in their classroom.
- Sunday School will run 10:30-11:30 (while in person)
- To assist in the planning, Lisa will reach out to the families via phone to gauge their comfort level and considerations for the fall in terms of attendance. Considerations will be made by the committee based upon the feedback to determine the need for a virtual option. UPDATES on responses below:
 - ⇒ Lisa contacted 15 Trinity families informing them of the committee's suggestion for in-person Sunday School, mask recommendation for all unvaccinated members, and social distancing efforts
 - ⇒ 11/15 were live conversations or call back responses
 - ⇒ Those who responded stated that they are in support of the efforts the committee is planning to put into place, 3 families specifically stated that they wish to avoid the zoom format if possible as it was difficult for them to manage/maintain focus of children, 1 family stated that they are waiting on updates regarding children's vaccination prior to making a final decision.
- The curriculum has been planned out and matched to the church

year calendar, two new Spark books have been purchased.

- Rally Day (September 19, 2021) will go on as planned as an in-person event and follow a ride, roll or stroll activity in which members are invited to bring their wheels (bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, scooters, strollers, wagons, fancy cars.....) as we make our way down to the community park for fun, play and a (bagged) picnic lunch. Members young and old are encouraged to decorate their "wheels" as a fun extension to the celebration. (Decorations will be collected for those wanting to decorate) The pavilion must be reserved.
- Teen Time was discussed and how that could possibly look. It was suggested that an adult would be needed to initiate the sessions and facilitate as necessary. The committee views that this should be a time of fellowship with their peers and allow the teens to suggest what they wish to do and achieve during this time. A few suggested activities/ideas discussed: assist with younger classroom activities, play games, crafts (tie dye, tie blankets), service projects (health kits for share shelf, assist with Lions Club or cemetery activities, rake leaves, shovel snow), plan fun church events.
- Our next Learning and Youth meeting has been set for Tuesday, September 7, at 6 p.m.

Finance-Members Attending: Kim McSherry, Charles Hoffman, Sue Clauser, Jay Smith, Bob King

The committee reviewed the financial results for July. July results reported "Current" income of

\$12,352 against budgeted income of \$16,473 as shortfall of \$4,121. Year to date "Current income is \$103,404 against budgeted income of \$115,311 for a deficit of \$11,907. Favorably, expenses year to date have been lower than projected but we are at the end of July our current income against current expenses reflected a YTD shortfall of \$5,694. Synod Benevolence Income is exceeding budget by \$1,465.

With church activities ramping up we do expect expenses to return to budgeted levels for the remainder of the year so meeting budgeted income will be critical for the remainder of the year.

The Financial Audit report and worksheets prepared by Jack Crackett were reviewed and presented by the Audit Committee. A few minor text changes were made to the report and the report was then approved by the Finance Committee and signed by Charlie and Kim. Jack could not attend the meeting so Bob will get Jack's signature on the report in preparation to submit to Council for approval at the August 19 meeting.

Updates to the Endowment Fund status were provided. This included the following:

- Details of the principal of \$190,000
- Statement dated June 30 reflecting a balance of \$314,723
- Confirmation of the contribution of \$15,000 received in the Endowment Fund July 12

- Submission of our request to withdraw \$10,000 to fund the Endowment Holding Account for Benevolence requests
- Details of 2020 Benevolence payments.

All documents referenced have been placed in the Endowment Fund File.

2022 Budget preparation was discussed. As soon as August has been closed, Sue will provide a download of YTD 2021 and 2020 YTD Budget vs. Actual data. That data along with detail spending information will be provided to the Council Reps on or before September 10 to provide time to meet with their respective Committees for their input for 2022 budget requirements. Budget recommendations will be due back to the Finance Committee on or before September 24. Finance committee will meet September 30 to review that information.

Coordinating Committee:

Ice Cream Social – It was a huge success! Thanks to all who helped, especially, Bob, who made the ice cream!

Church Picnic – August 22 at Mark Boyer's Plum Run Acres beginning at noon. Information has been included in the bulletins, the newsletter, and weekly announcements.

East Berlin Day – September 11. Ruthann Bowan is coordinating this event and working on the following:

- Bake Table
- Egg sandwiches and grill (hot dogs, sausages) Jay Smith
- Bar-b-que
- Soup from men's group
- Pies? – Ruthann is contacting Karen Shaffer about this
- Vendors?

Pancake Breakfast – October 24th – Men's group?

Fall Fest at Plum Run Acres – November 13 to benefit bell tower repairs. At the council meeting Mark reported that he is unsure if the event will be held. He is working with the township to have a permit for the event and it may not happen. Mark said if it doesn't happen this fall, it may be held in the Spring instead.

- Bake table
- Quilt from Naughty Knotters
- Pies and/or apple dumplings??
- Many other vendors

Harvest Home Decorations – Date TBD

Gingerbread Houses – November 28 – Deb King coordinates

Holiday Church Decorating – Date TBD

Mission in Motion – Servants of York have contacted us to ask if we are still participating in helping with their projects. They have several projects in the area that involve soft floor/skirting repair, full bathroom modification, access ramps, etc. They are hoping to complete some of these projects in the fall. They have project managers to guide the volunteers.

Do we want to participate? Do we know of any younger member that would coordinate this participation? Council discussed and prayed about this project. Kay Hinkle was contacted and agreed to help with a description

of what this is involved with this committee. A meeting to work on this will be held soon.

New Oxford Community Park Back to School Event - Parish Life will participate by bringing a few games from Penny Carnival, prizes, and back to school supplies.

A meeting of the Coordinating Committee will be held in September.

Property:

There were 25 items on the agenda, but the following is the condensed version;

During the Month of June and July, the Property Committee completed the following items:

Secure Pulpit, Cleaned Ceiling at entrance, Paint Annex Door, Paint Bilco Door to basement, Procedure batteries for Fire Alarm, Procedure for water leak detection System, Procedure for replacing Water Bottle, Resume Cleaning Crew and have regular cleaning schedule, , Investigate Possible Leak in Closet under stairwell, Install racks for wreaths in basement, Paint front door, Install Leak Detection System required by Insurance Company, Remove and place Plexiglas Barriers in basement.

On the to do List: Install new handrail to Pulpit, Repair/Replace Parking Lot Lights. Clean grease traps, Remove trees by Annex causing problems. (Talk with Council) Check/Replace GFI at rear steps, not working. Remove and recycle Water Fountain/Cap Line, Remove Old Water Softener Basement, Dispose of couch on stage, Contact Don Smith Roofing inspection, Write Up recommendations of Doug Sheaffer for pointing Steeple, Consideration for Capitol Maintenance projects Office Equipment and Hall Carpet., Follow up on re HVAC Maintenance.

Below are the notes from Property Committee from our meeting from August 5th.

Attendance: Jay Smith, Bob King, Les Herman and Louise Haugh

- Property is in the process of installing a handrail for the Pulpit.
(Cost of this has all been Donated)
- Painting of the Back Door and the Belco Door is in process.
- Property is working on Budget.
- A call has been made to have M & M come out of check out HVAC.
- Property would like to remove all furniture on the stage. It has been suggested that we offered it to clients of Food Pantry. Looking for Council approval of this matter. Council discussed this and found a new home for the furniture.
- Property is chipping away at the "TO DO" list from last month property meeting. Will notified as completed.
- Property Meetings have been changed to coordinate with the Cleaning Committee schedule.
- Next Meeting will be Thursday, August 19th. A calendar will be enclosed in the next newsletter

"Governance" Mutual Ministry/Constitution Committee:

- A vote is needed on a bylaw revision that clarified that the youth council member be in addition to our regular members. Bill Tritsch will have handouts available for the Council.
- Meeting was held with the Staff on June 29, 2021. Job Descriptions were revised and other staff suggestions were discussed.

Social Ministry:

Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, September 14 from 5:30-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat. Please note that we are still collecting quarters! The change drop is located inside the back doors of the church. Please bring your quarters the next time you come and drop them in the coin collection bin.

The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, September 1.

Worship & Music Committee:

1. Reviewed recent worship services.
2. Discussed what worship practices we may want to modify as we move into NEW NORMAL:
 - a. Pastor will begin changing communion distribution this Sunday: 7/4. The kits will still be used for safety, but congregation will be invited to come forward via the center aisle to get their elements (in the form of a kit) from the pastor, and return to their seat via the side aisle, then partake in the elements. This will emphasize the "community" dimension of the sacrament. Ushers will need to be watchful for folks who don't come up for the elements and offer the kits to them in their seats.
 - b. No change in offering
 - c. Acolytes will resume in Sept
 - d. Choir will resume in Sept
3. Property Committee is looking into the installation of a railing up to the pulpit, per our request. Info on that pending.
4. We'd like to do a special appeal to members of the congregation to return in-person on Sept 12 (Sunday after Labor Day), as Rally Day. Choir has resumed. Sunday School has resumed. We want to bring everybody back who has not been attending in-person. Details on how we do this pending.
5. We are looking at replacements for the White Paraments.
6. We will include the increased cost for the Sunday's & Seasons tool in the 2022 budget.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Susan gave us her September 2021 calendar, noting that is subject to change as other needs arise.

Old Business

- 1) Covid Task Team- no change for now. They met and discussed next steps to take if needed.

2) Live Stream/AV strategy-the two meetings were held and something new called Hybrid Church may affect the way we continue with the equipment needs. More information to come later.

3) New Website Development-The new site went live on August 14. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 24 to work on more content.

4)Policy/Covenant relating to Convicted Sex Offenders-Mark is working on this and will have information for Bob soon.

5)Pastor Susan's installation service-will be held on September 26 at 2:30. The service will be held followed by a light meal of sandwiches, etc. A sign up sheet is needed to plan for the meal.

6) Office furniture - Pastor would like to have comfortable seating in her office. Mark offered to help her plan what is needed.

New Business

1) Finance-Council discussed the 2022 budget timeline and reviewed the audit report. A motion was made by Pastor Susan for accept the Audit Report dated July 30, Stephanie seconded, all were in agreement and the motion passed. Bob noted that he can continue to be the committee representative that reports to council.

2)Mutual Ministry-committee members include Anita Madsen, Charlie Hoffman, Karen Sheaffer, Bill Tritsch. A motion to ratify those members was made by Judy, Louise seconded, all were in agreement and the motion passed.

3)Hybrid Church-Pastor Susan reported that there is an eight session, online, interactive training program for leaders beginning October 2 and running through June 11, 2022. It is held Saturday mornings 9-11 AM. Four people are needed, and Kay Hinkle, Dona Lerew, Noah Rinehart, and Pastor Susan have agreed to this.

4)Council terms-Bob reported on upcoming terms expiring and asked those ending their third year to consider staying on another three years and report to him.

5)Benevolence-Bob gave a written chart of the categories ie local, regional/worldwide, disaster relief, and special needs. He asked us to consider these and make suggestions where funds can be distributed.

6)Constitution Amendment-Bill presented a recommendation to council that the wording "at least one of whom may be a youth or a young adult" in Chapter 12..01 of Congregation Council be stricken in order to rid the reader from confusion with Chapter 12.02.02. Bill made the motion to approve the change, Dona seconded, all were in agreement and the motion passed.

7)September's Council Meeting will be held on September 16 due to the preparing of Fall Fest on September 11.

Council Meeting was adjourned with a sending prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sheaffer