

## December 2021 Newsletter

*<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*  
— 2 Peter 1:16

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

In this month of preparation for and celebration of the coming of Christ we're called by God as a community to pay special attention to the cleverly marketed "Reason for the Season," as the bumper stickers, holiday pins, and social media memes tell us. Jesus, and ONLY Jesus, is the reason for this whole set of Christian observations in the season. Sorry, as much as we'd love to sit a while and honor St. Nicholas and his care for children (And we do, by the looks of our prep and waiting for Santa.), the jolly old elf just isn't what we witness to.

You know Peter? Jesus' disciple? The guy who follows Jesus without question, gets out of the boat onto the water, sees Christ transfigured on the mountain? The guy who has the nerve to argue with Jesus about his coming crucifixion, swears he'll stand by him, denies him three times? The guy who leads the disciples to go fishing after the resurrection, suddenly becomes a great preacher at Pentecost, argues and agrees with Paul, is the Rock upon which Christ built the Church? That guy? He has a message for us in this one little verse from his second epistle.

His message is clear, concise, and one of example. Peter tells his audience (the congregations in Asia Minor that Paul is credited with planting) that upon telling those early disciples about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ they did not follow cleverly devised stories, but were eyewitnesses to Christ's majesty. No mincing of words. No "spirit of the season" talk. No claiming it's just not Christmas without Grandma's (fill in the blank). Peter's message to those early churches and to us is simple, direct, and purposeful. PERIOD. Tell the story, the true and real story as we know it.

I'm not suggesting that we prepare for and celebrate the holiday of

Christ's birth by dropping family-treasured traditions. Heaven knows we did enough of letting go of those celebrations last year during the covid lockdown. But, I am suggesting that we put the traditions in their proper sentimental place and get down to business in this Christmas business – the work of being the Church we're called to be, primarily witnessing to the true story of the season. Release the notion of Christmas magic from your mind, Hallmark's not-clearly-defined wonder, and replace it with the true majesty of God breaking into the world through the birth of a Child, a Holy Child born in crummy circumstances and destined to change the history of humanity forever.

Let's embrace this season as Peter nudges us – with stories of expectation for what God will do based on what we've already seen God do, with stories of how we see Christ in one another when we serve in love, with stories of how knowing the Christ child throughout his life and throughout ours has made a difference in what it means to live versus merely exist. First and foremost, let's all relearn the Nativity story (Matthew and Luke both tell it in very different versions.) and let it take precedence over Rudolph and the flying reindeer team. They're important, but they aren't the Lord of Life come to dwell among us mortals.

Peter's right. We don't need flashing lights, mistletoe, and jingle bells. We just need the simple truth of God and God's incarnate love, alive in each of us, to make this season bright. Happy storytelling, everyone, and Happy Birth of Christ! — Pr. Susan

We pray for our homebound members and for those battling injury or long-term illness, *especially: Mark Deputy, 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;

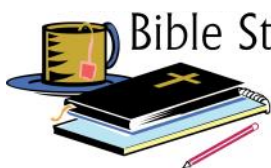
**Be active** in our community and the Church.

**Worship, Serve, Celebrate!**



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**Bible Study** is on hiatus until Monday, December 20th. We'll gather via Zoom on Monday, 12/20, to talk about the Christmas texts.



**Bible Study**

Meeting ID: **812 2878 1495** Passcode: **Bible**  
We'll continue to use Zoom for gathering throughout the darker evenings through the winter. Anyone who would like to join who doesn't Zoom is still welcome to join

Pr Susan at the church to Zoom with her—just let her know!

**Pastoral Visits:** Pastor Susan is working with the Adopt-a-Senior ministry to visit all homebound members where covid restrictions are not preventing visits. If you are not on this list but would like a visit, please let Pastor know. She's happy to come to your house!

**Drive-by Communion** will be held Sunday, December 5 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church for communion from your car.

**Pastor Susan will be away** Monday afternoon, 12/6 through Wednesday evening, 12/15, to visit family in Phoenix, AZ. Pastor Terry McCarthy will be serving as our worship leader on Sunday 12/12, and Pastor Jan Mills will be covering any pastoral care needs. You can reach Pastor Terry at 717-357-8644 and Pastor Jan at 717-816-8156.



## WELCA News

We are currently working on several projects:

- 1) The Christmas Angel Tree was put up and congregational members quickly chose angels to fill the wish list of the SCCAP family members. Several mothers asked for paper products, cleaning products and laundry detergent as their wish list item. We decided we will fill a laundry basket for each of the seven families with these items. We will use a Thrivent gift card as well as a \$100 donation to fill these baskets. Those mothers were given an opportunity to give us another, more personal wish instead! All wrapped gifts need to be returned to Trinity and placed in the chapel by December 5.
- 2) On November 16 we met at Trinity to assemble 25 Christmas cookie kits for the December food pantry families and also to make Christmas wreaths for our shut-ins.
- 3) A Thrivent action team gift card was applied for and approved to use to purchase warm bedding, blankets, pillows, and throws to be given to the January and February food pantry families. New donations of these items will be accepted as well.
- 4) Our December 7 meeting will be our Christmas party. We will have a brief meeting at 5:30 pm followed by a Christmas dinner at 6 pm, prepared by the Men's Ministry group. We will have a free will offering in place of a gift exchange & the money will be used to purchase items for the homeless.



Packing Cookie Kits for the December Food Pantry.

## **October Financial Report**

Current income against budget was **short by \$2305** for a YTD **shortfall of \$16,347**. Total Actual Income vs. expenses for October reflected a **deficit of \$1,813 and YTD deficit of \$5,637**. In addition, we still have an unresolved issue with Pastor's health care benefits that could result in an additional payment due. Bottom line is we have two months remaining to reduce or eliminate our deficit for 2021. As mentioned in previous reports, our expenses are now back to budgeted levels and on a **YTD level we are 9.9% behind in budgeted income**. Please carefully review the Newsletter Treasurer's report and our weekly bulletin giving results. While contributions typically increase in December nothing has been typical the last two years. WE NEED EVERYONES HELP TO REVERSE THIS TREND to get back on budget as we head into 2022.

## **2022 Approved Budget**

The congregation unanimously approved a 2022 budget of \$219,578 at our November 14, 2021, meeting. This represents a 4.7% increase over the 2021 budget and with our current budget **deficit of \$16,467 (9.9%)** our giving for "Current" expenses must increase by 15% to meet this approved 2022 budget. We ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your current giving to meet this goal. Just a small but steady increase each week from everyone will make a huge difference.

## **December Council Meeting**

The December Council meeting will be held December 16 at 6:30 p.m. to allow for Pastor's attendance as she will be on vacation and travelling the week of December 6. This meeting will include both outgoing and incoming Council members and will include election of officers for the coming year.



**KNOTTY KNOTTERS:** The Knotty Knotters will continue meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month to make knotted quilts for folks in need. Upcoming meetings will be held from 2:00-4:00pm



- December 8

If you can tie a knot, we hope that you will consider joining this group. 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! **Wed. Dec. 22nd we'll observe a special Blue Christmas worship during this time.**

**Poinsettias** for the Christmas Eve service are now available to order for \$8.55 each. Please stop by the church office or call the secretary to order. Orders and money are due by Dec 5th.



**EBACC Christmas Bazaar** will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, December 4. Trinity will set up a table to sell craft items. If you have been doing any crafting this past year, and would like to donate your hand-crafted items for the sale, please contact Ruthann Bowen.



## Preparing the Way





## Gingerbread House Workshop



## **EPDM Roof Inspection**

With our roofs now over 20 years old the Property Committee felt it was necessary to have our EPDM roofs inspected and any necessary repairs performed. Donald B. Smith Roofing (original installer) performed that inspection and maintenance November 18. All the termination bars on the brick wall terminations required re-sealing and a few seams were re-sealed as well. There is one significant repair needed to attach the roof membrane to the curbs on the Sanctuary HVAC unit. This was never completed after the replacement of the new HVAC units a few years ago. This was not the responsibility of the HVAC contractor but something that needed to be completed by a roofing contractor. We will be getting a quotation from Donald B. Smith for this additional work. The crew leader commented they were surprised there have not been leaks around the roof penetrations (HVAC pipes) since they were only sealed with polyurethane foam.

Overall, the condition of our EPDM roofs are in good condition and should be leak free. It was also suggested we should have our roofs routinely (every couple years) inspected as they are beginning to age. One thing they noted is that someone applied a plastic cement sealer in one area that did degrade the membrane at that area. Plasticized sealers should **never** be used on an EPDM roof. Only EPDM sealants should be used. We should get a full report with our billing for the inspection and repairs.

## **National Wreaths Across America Day**

Join the East Berlin VFW and the community as we honor local heroes. A service will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 12:00noon at the East Berlin Union Cemetery. Immediately following the service we will lay live balsam wreaths on Veterans' graves. Everyone is invited to attend.



# Apple Dumplings



Thank  
you!



Blessings and many things to be thankful for! A huge thank you to so many wonderful helpers who made the Apple Dumpling Sale a success! Donations for the ingredients to make them came from Sharrer's Mill, donations of shortening and other ingredients for the dough, apples, and all the sweet ingredients to make the dumplings so good!! Also, we must thank all of those whose hands mixed dough, rolled dough balls, mixed the sweet filling, peeled apples, rolled dough, created the dumplings, baked them, boxed them, and distributed them! Four hundred and fifty-five apple dumplings were enjoyed by so many folks! Thank you so much! Proceeds benefit Mission in Motion and their projects!

# Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector
Dec 5	Ruthann Bowen	Greta Haley
Dec 12	Kay Hinkle	Bob King
Dec 19	Sue Clauser	Madeleine Haley
Dec 24 Early	TBD	TBD
Dec 24 Late	Bob King	TBD
Dec 26	Becky Rinehart	Jayne Sebright

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



**Holy Baptism** was held on Sunday, November 21 for Elena Grace Hull. Elena is the daughter of Trenton Hull and Tianna Bessette and the granddaughter of Janae Hull.



# Schedule for December 2021

Ushers	Ushers
Rick & Anita Madsen	Janet McMaster
Terry Yealy, Bob Aims	Anita Madsen
Les & Maxine Herman	Deb King
TBD	Noelle Kline
Ruthann Bowen, TBD	Kathy Kuhn
Janet & Mac McMaster	Janet McMaster

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



**Blanket Sunday** was held Sunday, November 14. The beautiful work of the Knotty Knotters was displayed throughout the Sanctuary as the quilts were blessed before being distributed to those in need.



# Ministry Pages



## Sharing Shelf

As colder weather approaches, it will be necessary to move the Sharing Shelf into the Annex to prevent items from freezing. Because of moving indoors, we will need to set a schedule of hours the Shelf will be open and a list of volunteers to be present during those hours. Those details are currently in the process of being finalized. Please contact Deb King 717-259-0494 if you are willing to volunteer your time.



**Food Pantry:** New Hope is bringing the mobile pantry from 3:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, December 1. The guests will be able to shop for their needs. 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, December 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 upstairs in the Narthex.**

## Trinity's Wellness Group

**WELLNESS GROUP** – Trinity's Wellness Group will meet Tuesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom for an online Christmas Party! Please join us for this time of fellowship and fun. The zoom meeting id is 890 5782 6477, passcode is Merry. If you have questions, please see Laura Ryder or Pastor Susan or call the church office.

**Ruth's Harvest** is ready to go for the 2021/2022 school year. **On Tuesday, December 14 at 1:00pm we will pack 60 bags for Bermudian Spring Elementary School.** If you are interested in helping please join us at St. John's in Abbottstown - packing takes place in the Abbottstown Firehouse next to the church parking lot. We will be getting things organized and start at 12:45pm. Packing will take approximately 30 minutes.

**Adopt a Senior Member in Need** - We have senior members who



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 Dona Lerew. Thank you!

## **“It’s the thought that counts”**

*Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you.” -Luke 6:38*

Why is it so hard to find that all-too-elusive “perfect gift” for the loved ones in your life? For many of us, it’s because they already have everything they need and most of what they want.

It sometimes feels impossible to find a gift that won’t be banished to that closet for unwanted, unneeded, and unused presents -- alongside the loud ties, the strong perfumes, the unread books, and the garish sweaters.

When it comes to gift-giving, it’s often said, “It’s the thought that counts.” If that’s true, why do we still put so much emphasis on the gift?

This year focus on the thoughts behind your Christmas gifts. Thoughts in keeping with the season. Thoughts of meeting real needs and giving where it will be much appreciated. With so many disadvantaged people in the world, at least some of our Christmas budget would be well spent helping our needy neighbors.

If you are buying for a loved one who has everything, consider instead giving a monetary donation in their honor to a worthy charity that helps the poor. Some charities, such as Heifer International and ELCA Good Gifts, let you buy a specific item – such as a goat or pig for a family, or a water well for a village – to help people in the developing world.

Make the gift in your loved one’s name or honor, and then describe it in a card attached to a low-cost “token” gift, such as a small box of chocolates or a bottle of wine. The better part of your gift will go to someone who truly needs it, and your loved one will share the joy of loving and helping your neighbors in need.

Just remember, ‘It’s the thought that counts!’

**--Rob Blezard**

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Thank you to all who participate in Trinity's music family—our wonderful cantors and hymn leaders, bell choir members and adult choir singers. We are looking forward to Christmas Eve with handbells contributing to our lovely traditional service. Handbell Choir rehearsal will begin December 8, Wednesday at 7:00pm to prepare two or three simple numbers, all rehearsals will take place in the Sanctuary. Sunday School children are preparing to ring choir chimes on Christmas Eve at the 7:00pm service. A 15-minute rehearsal each Sunday in December will be a fun learning time—all children are welcomed. A blessed Christmas to all our Trinity family.

~ Karen Wire





# *December Birthdays*



12-4 Butch Mummert	12-15 Sandy Heisler
12-15 Pastor Susan McCarthy	12-16 Ayla Kohler
12-18 Mary Bowen	12-19 Kyle Hermansen
12-21 Daniela Biles	12-21 Maxine Herman
12-23 Ryan Hoffman	12-24 Noelle Kline
12-24 Amanda Smith	12-26 Sandy Boyer
12-26 Bob Heisler	12-28 Milon Eaton
12-28 Mia Fortuna	12-29 Erin Hermansen
12-29 Chris Long	12-29 Doris Wolf
12-30 Robbie Teal	12-31 Leon Leas
12-31 Adeline Ryder	



12-6 Matt & Sarah Nickey ~ 19 Years
12-22 John & Rebecca Rinehart ~ 43 Years
12-27 Butch & Barb Mummert ~ 62 Years
12-28 Dave & Joshlyn Sharrer ~ 19 Years
12-28 Scott & Debra Young ~ 39 Years



## CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

Please join in the celebration of Christmas this season at the following services:

- \* **Wed. 12/22 @ 10:00 a.m.—Blue Christmas Service of Morning Prayer**, a daytime service in the chapel recognizing that grief impacts our celebration.
- \* **Fri. 12/24 @ 7:00 p.m.—Family Christmas Eve Service**. This service will focus on our children's celebration of Christ's Nativity, including a parade, telling of the Christmas story with a child-friendly Nativity scene, all readings from the children's bible, battery candles, Holy Communion, and a children's handbell choir.
- \* **Fri. 12/24 @ 10:15 p.m.—Traditional Christmas Eve Service**. This service will feature a traditional Christmas liturgy with Holy Communion, and candlelight.
- \* **Sun. 12/26 @ 9:00 a.m.—A Festival of Lessons and Carols**. We'll gather Sunday morning to continue the Christmas celebration with scripture, singing and Holy Communion.





Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2021

Members present: Pastor Susan, Bob King, Sue Clauser, Judy Burgard, Noah Rinehart, Louise Haugh, Dona Lerew, Stephanie Haley, Lisa Miller, Mark Boyer, and Karen Sheaffer. Members absent: Jake Sharrer

Bob called the meeting to order and Pastor Susan led with a Devotional Liturgy with scripture reading from Psalm 113. The agenda was reviewed and one item was added to new business: what's ahead at Trinity. Secretary's Report-was reviewed and Judy made a motion to approve as written, Pastor Susan seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and Bob reported the Finance Committee did not meet. Our Year To Date balance has a deficit of \$5,637.39

### Ministry Reports

**Learning and Youth:** Lisa reported that pumpkin decorating and scarecrow making event was well attended by families with children and was well received. Upcoming events are November 28-Gingerbread House creating, which members need to sign up for in order to prepare the items needed. A Christmas caroling or creating ornaments event is being planned for families in the month of December.

**Worship & Music:** No meeting held in November. Pastor Susan shared a Worship Planning document that outlines every Sunday through January 9, 2022. The next Worship & Music Committee meeting is December 2 at 10:00 am. Also, Pastor Susan reported that Trinity will hold a Blue Christmas Service on December 22 during the day. Our Christmas Eve services are a family/children oriented service at 7:30 pm and a more formal Christmas service at 10:15 pm. And on Sunday December 26 there will lessons and carols.

**Social Ministry:** Parish Life Committee handed out candy to Trick-or-Treaters on October 31. The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, December 1. Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, November 9 from 5:30-6:30 pm 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. Ruth's Harvest Packing continues Tuesday, November 16 at 1:00 pm at St. John's in Abbottstown. WELCA is currently working on several projects. 1) The Christmas Angel Tree is up and congregational members are choosing angels to fill the wish list of the SCCAP family members. Several mothers asked for paper products, cleaning products and laundry detergent as their wish list item. We decided we will fill a laundry basket for each of the seven families with these items. We will use a Thrivent gift card as well as a \$100 donation to fill these baskets. Those mothers were given an opportunity to give us another, more personal wish instead! 2) On November 16 at 10 AM and we will meet at Trinity to assemble Christmas cookie kits for the December food pantry families and also to make Christmas wreaths for our shut-ins. 3) A Thrivent action team gift card will be applied for to use to purchase warm bedding, pillows, and throws to be given to the January and February food pantry families. 4) Our December 7 meeting will be our Christmas party. We will have a brief meeting at 5:30 followed by a Christmas dinner at 6, prepared by the Men's Ministry group. A sign-up sheet for all women of Trinity is on the bulletin board. Men's Ministry Next Men's Ministry breakfast meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, at 8:30 a.m. Topics for discussion will include organizational structure, suggested group events and fundraising opportunities. WELCA has asked for the Men's Ministry Group to host their Annual Christmas Banquet on December 7.

**Property:** We held our property meeting Oct 21, 2021. Attending: Jay Smith, Bob King, Cyril McMaster and Lester Herman

Items Discussed: Lights for parking lot. 2 are needed. Mack will pick up the bulbs and Jay and Bob will install.

Exit Signs--- There are Approx. 30 Exit signs in building they have been inspected and are in need of Batteries. The Trinity Property Team will plan a day to test and repair all Exit signs.

Batteries need to be tested in the Thermostat also, will look at these

same day as Exit signs.

Two New Patio Heaters have been purchased for outside services in the Fall Season.

Back door painting will need to wait until spring because of the coldness. However, the Team does plan to sand it down and get it ready for fresh paint.

Worship and Music have requested the Plastic Shield be reinstalled for the safety of Cantor and the Community during all singing.

Need to call person to clean Grease Trap in the Kitchen.

Schedule a service call of HVAC and it is scheduled for November 26.

Schedule a Rubber Roof inspection (Don Smith). They were called and will schedule our inspection when they are in our area again.

Confirm people to do Snow Removal for 2021-2022 Season. Confirm condition of Snow Blower. Sidewalks to be done by in house team  
10-Year-Plan for Major Improvements to be discussed later date.

**Mission-in-Motion** A Mission in Motion meeting was held on Wednesday, November 3. Pastor Terry reported out about the Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement project organized by Catholic Charities in cooperation with various churches in the area. This organization is planning on placing a refugee family in the area which requires help from many churches. We decided to join this effort and concentrate on the areas of medical care with Mike Brown's expertise, and food, Trinity's specialty. The next meeting about this cooperative effort will be November 17. Deb King, Pastor Terry, Pastor Susan, and Dona Lerew plan on attending. More information will be shared as we learn more. The Mission in Motion committee will continue to consider working with Servants in our area to assist with homeowner needs and a future mission trip. We really need younger members to this committee. Please talk to people you know and encourage them to become involved.

**"Governance" Mutual Ministry/Constitution Committee:** Bob met with our staff members to update them on payroll/budget changes.

Pastor Report-Pastor Susan's December calendar was reviewed and changes were made including our Council Meeting which will now be held December 16 instead of December 9. Pastor Susan reported that the Ghost Bible story event at the cemetery was well received and attended by 19 people including members from Zwingli. Also the hymn sing in October was a nice evening event.

**Old Business** Covid 19-currently infection rates are trending downward and we will discuss future plans in New Business.

**Benevolence Request**-local benevolence donations were decided at last month's council meeting. We still have funds to distribute and after some discussion, Bob will create a list of requests Trinity has received this year and we will make decisions at next month's meeting. Some suggestions included Camping Scholarships and Lutheran World Relief.

**Congregational Meeting**-will be held November 14 after our worship service. The 2021 annual report and proposed budget will be handed out with the agenda. So far we have two candidates for council, Sherry Brown and Bob King. There will be two spots for write-ins. Stephanie and Dona volunteered to count the ballots after the voting. For those use Zoom, they will cast their ballots in the parking lot.

**New Business** Nominees for Vacant/Unexpired Terms on Council-Rick Madsen and Jay Smith have agreed to fill these two positions. A motion to accept these two to fill the positions was made by Pastor Susan, and seconded by Dona, all agreed and the motion carried.

Deacon Intern-Pastor Susan had a request to mentor a Deacon student intern from the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. The intern is required to do her internship for 1000 hours. 500 of those hours would be with Trinity and the other 500 would be at the Spirit Trust Lutheran Home Care facility. This position would run from early December through May. Discussion was held on how we would pay her during her internship. Bob will contact the Finance Committee to check on possibly utilizing funds from different CDs, Endowment, and other areas. He will get back to council via email with this information. Pastor Susan will check into more details as well, such as stipend and mileage reimbursement. Dona made a motion to accept the proposal for a deacon intern, subject to the Finance Committee finding funding to support training and travel expenses in assisting the candidate to complete her education. Louise seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion carried.

**December Council Meeting**-will include the newly elected council members and we set a date of December 16. Bob will email us the



time and place for this meeting as soon as he knows.

**Trinity's Direction-** discussion was held on attendance at worship and wearing of masks. At this time, we will continue our current church service asking for masks to be worn. Discussion was held on Faith Formation class attendance and the hope, with children now being able to be vaccinated and the mask mandate being lifting in mid January, we will see more families joining us Sunday morning. Lisa suggested we make our church Christmas decorating a family event and include children. She would like to have the children make decorations November 28 for an outside tree or a tree in the social hall. Tree trimming could be set for Sunday, December 5. More details to be announced. Pastor Susan made a motion to adjourn at 9:15, Dona seconded, all agreed and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sheaffer

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH						
Treasurer's Report as of October 2021 for GENERAL FUND (NEWSLETTER)						
Friday, November 5, 2021						
Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	% of Budget YTD	Page 1 of 1 Over/Under YTD+(-)
<b>Income</b>						
CURRENT INCOME TOTAL	\$14,168.13	\$148,262.65	\$16,473.00	\$164,730.00	90	(\$16,467.35)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,146.26	\$11,989.96	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	120	\$1,989.96
Total Income	\$15,314.39	\$160,252.61	\$17,473.00	\$174,730.00	92	(\$14,477.39)
<b>Expense</b>						
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,146.26	\$13,212.22	\$1,100.00	\$11,000.00	120	\$2,212.22
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$25.90	\$2,929.95	\$330.00	\$3,700.00	79	(\$770.05)
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$339.16	\$1,063.92	\$158.00	\$1,580.00	67	(\$516.08)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$296.91	\$1,969.06	\$338.00	\$3,380.00	58	(\$1,410.94)
SALARIES TOTAL	\$7,994.99	\$87,892.04	\$8,158.00	\$89,734.00	98	(\$1,841.96)
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$2,629.98	\$26,721.87	\$2,976.00	\$30,525.00	88	(\$3,803.13)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$238.79	\$2,547.06	\$241.00	\$2,658.00	96	(\$110.94)
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$10,863.76	\$117,160.97	\$11,375.00	\$122,917.00	95	(\$5,756.03)
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$1,252.19	\$6,803.87	\$748.00	\$8,230.00	83	(\$1,426.13)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$1,909.80	\$14,805.46	\$1,634.00	\$14,090.00	105	\$715.46
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$1,293.24	\$4,713.55	\$708.00	\$7,080.00	67	(\$2,366.45)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$3,231.00	\$58.00	\$4,330.00	75	(\$1,099.00)
Total Expense	\$17,127.22	\$165,890.00	\$16,449.00	\$176,307.00	94	(\$10,417.00)
Difference	(\$1,812.83)	(\$5,637.39)	\$1,024.00	(\$1,577.00)		