

November 2021 Newsletter

*Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail. By the seventh day God had finished his work. **On the seventh day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day. He made it a Holy Day because on that day he rested from his work, all the creating God had done. This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth when they were created.***

Genesis 2:1-4, The Message Bible

Dear Siblings in Christ,

When Luke was smaller, I loved to watch him sleep. It was as though all his wannabe-grown-upness, his independence, and his tough-guy exterior melted away and I was reminded of the baby who rested on my shoulder quite often. Even as a teen sometimes resisting sleep is impossible, no matter how hard he tries. Not too long ago we had a long drive home from a trip. All the way he talked – until we were finally about five miles from home. There, in the middle of his own sentence, he began to snore.

Rest. It's important and restorative. Watching Luke sleep, even at fourteen years old, I'm reminded that it's the only time he grows. I'm reminded that it's when we heal. God, who created us, designed us to need and to use rest as a way of literally being **re-stored**. Even God took a day off after using all that energy to create. The gospels are filled with stories of Jesus taking a break. He practices good self care. Why don't we?

Years ago, our culture shifted to a place where we're constantly plugged in, engaged, available to one another, and working. We compete with one another about who is the busiest, whose schedule is fuller, whose last week was the craziest. We began to devalue our need and desire for simple rest, whether it's a good night's sleep or a great afternoon nap. Or, maybe just an hour on the porch sitting with a good book, or with nothing. I know some of you are busier in retirement than you ever were while working outside your homes.

And the pandemic's influence? We invented ways to be engaged when the pandemic shut us down. I, for one, never heard of Zoom until I heard of Covid. We've been in solid "go mode" since

March 2020, looking for new ways to engage and to reinvite activity. While participation in community is good, nourishing, fulfilling, and necessary, so is stopping. So is being alone with God. I think it's especially important that we recognize this as we continue to reengage in our pre-pandemic activities. We were overdoing it; let's not go back to overdoing it!

Rest, too, is especially important as we look toward and plan for a busy holiday season. More thanks are not given and Christ's birth is not more celebrated if your calendar is full. Be intentional about your activities and remember that resting in the Lord is also celebrating the life that God has breathed into you. (I know this is not the first I've written about this subject, and it won't be the last – I, too, need to hear this regularly. 😊)

God calls us to take a break, to truly honor that commandment about taking a Sabbath day – to be at holy rest with the Lord so that we might be **restored** by the Spirit's presence. Take in a deep breath. Pause for a bit. You need it. You deserve it. God commands it. You are God's beloved child. It's okay to collapse in God's arms for a while; rest on the Lord's shoulder and snore. Interrupt yourself to do it. And, may you wake refreshed by God's holy rest.

In Christ's love,
Pr. Susan

We pray for our homebound members and for those battling injury or long-term illness, *especially: 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 November - You are invited to attend these gatherings at 6:00pm on Monday evenings either in person or on Zoom.



Bible Study

Meeting ID: **832 0518 4571** 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!



Congregational MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting – November 14, 2021

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship, Sunday, November 14. The two items on the agenda will be to elect Council Representatives for 4 open seats and to adopt the 2022 budget. The formal notice of the meeting as required by our Constitution, will be mailed/emailed November 1 along with the proposed 2022 budget and the formal meeting agenda. All members of Trinity are encouraged to attend. *If you prefer to join the meeting via Zoom*, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/deh852jh> and you will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting before November 14.

Christmas Angel Tree

Trinity members and WELCA are once again helping seven local families from South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) located in Adams County have a Merry Christmas. Our contact at SCCAP, Tonya Mincey, gave us the seven families' Angel Tree ornaments which include the names of each household, ages of the children and one wish item. Also included on the angel was a list of the child's sizes, and the adults' other wishes for a gift.



Please help us fill these families' Christmas wishes by choosing angels, shopping for wishes, wrapping the gifts, and using the angel ornament for their gift tag. The children's wishes included baby dolls, games, art supplies, baking supplies (one child loves to bake), books, dress-up clothes, Legos and other fun gifts. Adult wish list items included a comforter for their bed, blender, vacuum, air fryer and other household necessities. Some mothers had asked for paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies and other household needs. With that knowledge, we decided to apply for a Thrivent \$250 gift card to use to purchase a laundry basket and fill it with these necessities for each of the 7 families.



If you are unable to shop and would like to contribute, monetary donations may be given and we will shop for you. All wrapped gifts must be returned to Trinity by December 5. If you have any questions, please call Karen Sheaffer.

WELCA News

The ladies met in October and got down to business immediately. First, we sent \$300 to New Hope Ministries for Trinity's semi annual contribution. This is our church's contribution and is based on the East Berlin/Abbottstown Food Pantries' Board recommendation that each local church contribute annually to help with the Food Pantry.

We also donated \$250 to our local VFW for their Wreaths Across America project. More information is forthcoming and will be shared with the congregation soon.

We also started making plans for different projects in the months ahead. These projects include:

1. Making dough for the Apple dumpling sale in November. The plan is to make 375 dough balls on Tuesday, November 2 at 9:30 am to have them ready for the baking project on November 5. Anyone willing to help with either project please call Karen Sheaffer or Ruthann Bowen.
2. A Thrivent Action Team gift card was applied for and approved to be used to purchase and assemble Christmas cookie kits that will be handed out at December's food pantry. Each cookie kit will include cookie mixes, a Christmas designed plate to serve them, mixing and baking tools, Christmas napkins, etc. These kits may be assembled at our November meeting if all items are purchased in time.
3. We once again will have a Christmas Angel Tree so Trinity's congregation can help local families from South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) located in Adams County. Details are in this newsletter.
4. We will be making Christmas wreaths to share with our shut-ins to brighten their holidays. A date & time will be announced for anyone who would like to help create these wreaths.
5. We will also be collecting new, warm bedding to be given to local families this winter. This project was done last year & the families receiving items were extremely grateful. A Thrivent Action Team card will be applied for to help with this project as well.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 2 at 7 PM. Looking ahead, the Men's Ministry Group offered to make a Christmas meal for the ladies and we are planning for it to be held Tuesday, December 7.

ZOOM COCKTAIL HOUR RETURNS this fall, just for the fun of it!
Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4314503914?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4314503914?pwd=WTBoCHZTck1LZXBETS84TW1yaTEzZz09)
[pwd=WTBoCHZTck1LZXBETS84TW1yaTEzZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4314503914?pwd=WTBoCHZTck1LZXBETS84TW1yaTEzZz09)

Meeting ID: 431 450 3914

Passcode: Cocktails

Grab your cocktail and join in the no-agenda fellowship conversation at 7:00p.m. on:

- Tuesday, November 2
- Wednesday, November 10
- Thursday, November 18
- Tuesday, November 30



If you need help zooming, please contact the church office. 717-259-9125

Apple Dumpling Sale will take place Friday, November 5, 2021.

Ordering has completed and we have sold 430+ dumplings this year, surpassing every other year! Thank you all so much for supporting our Mission Trips and Local Missions. Pick up your pre-ordered dumplings between 4-6pm on November 5.

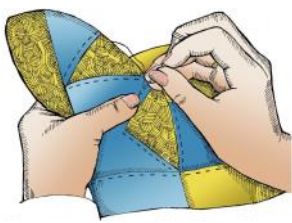
EBACC Christmas Bazaar will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, December 4. Trinity will set up a table to sell craft items. If you have been doing any crafting this past year, and would like to donate your hand-crafted items for the sale, please contact Ruthann Bowen.

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.



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



- November 10
- **No Meeting on November 24**
- 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 public-

ly 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!

Community Thanksgiving Service hosted at Trinity will take place Sunday, November 21 at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited! The service will be followed by a time of outdoor fellowship around the fire.

Community
THANKSGIVING SERVICE





The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Annual Quilt Auction will be held at Camp Nawakwa on Sunday, November 7. All proceeds from the day benefit the Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come. This is a free event that includes an evening meal. The Silent Auction of hand-made quilts begins at 2:00 and the live auction begins at 3:00. Dinner follows the live auction. To register to attend, visit LutheranCamping.org/quiltauction.

Women's Craft Retreat will take place November 12-14 at Nawakwa. Projects are provided and you may bring your own to work on. Meals, lodging and most supplies will be provided. Please call 717-677-8211 to register.

Advent Day Apart at the Wittel Farm is a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child. Held Saturday, December 4 from 9am-2pm, lunch is provided. Call 717-677-8211 to register.

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. ———>



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!



MEN'S MINISTRY



First breakfast meeting for the fall will be held Saturday, November 13, 8:30 a.m. All men young and not so young are invited to attend.

Topics for discussion will include: WELCA request for hosting their Christmas banquet, Social Events, Fund raising opportunities. Watch your email for more information and to confirm your attendance. For those not utilizing email, contact Bob King via phone or text at 717-877-0616 if you are planning to attend.

Mission in Motion will meet on Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00pm in the chapel. All are welcome. Please consider getting involved with this worthwhile ministry of helping those in need in our community and beyond. Your commitment can be as little as a few hours a year! All who attend will vote on our next project. Please prayerfully consider your participation. Thank you!

Safety and Security

In the past months there have been multiple instances when people have entered the rear entrance of our building and have taken the liberty to walk about our facilities. For the safety and security of our staff and others using our facilities, **we will now immediately require the back doors to be locked at all times and entry to the building will be restricted to the front office door during normal office hours.**

Those organizations who use our facilities and those persons who have keys will be informed to keep the doors locked once their meetings commence. A Safety and Security assessment performed by the PA State Police a few years ago will be used as a benchmark for our future evaluation and procedure changes to keep everyone safe and our church property secure. Property Committee will be asked to begin a project to consider and evaluate technology and ways to safely grant access to the building. More information will be forthcoming.

HYBRID CHURCH ACADEMY UPDATE

Trinity has recently joined with other congregations in the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the ELCA to learn about becoming a Hybrid Church. What does this mean? It means, essentially, learning how to engage Christ's Body, the Church, in both traditional "on the ground" ways and technological "online" ways.

We're in a place, like with the invention of the telephone, where there are adjustments to be made about the way we think about and use technology. The Hybrid Church Academy offers the chance to have that conversation with other churches who are also exploring using technology to grow in discipleship through different and broader opportunities for evangelism and community outreach.



Thus far, we've only begun the conversation. If you'd like to join in, please don't hesitate to let Pastor Susan know. The November gathering will take place on ZOOM from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 13th. We'll be tackling the question, "Where next for you? Technology Choices." Talk to Pastor Susan for more information or to join the Hybrid Church leadership team at Trinity.



Trinity's next blood drive will be Tuesday, November 9 from 1:00 to 6:30 pm. Please consider signing up to donate life-saving blood. If you are unable to sign up, how about getting a friend or family member to donate? Sign up by calling the church office or go online to the Red Cross website. Each unit of blood donated can benefit 3 people. This is truly a ministry of love.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Our Gingerbread House Workshop will be held Sunday, November 28 at 4:00 p.m. To keep everyone as safe as possible at this indoor event and since most of the participants will be under 12 and unvaccinated, the following guidelines will be in place:

- Pre-registration is required for all attendees
- Family units will be seated together and distanced from other family units
- Masks will be required of all participants and helpers
- All workshop materials will be distributed by helpers
- Hot dogs and prepackaged snack items will be available at the end of the event.

This is quite a departure from the unbridled joy and mass hysteria this event has generated in the past but necessary to keep everyone safe. Because of the amount supplies and preparation needed is substantial, the deadline for registration will be Friday November 19. Obviously, this is all subject to change depending on the status of Covid-19 as we approach the date of the event.



You can register in one of the following ways:

- ⇒ Sign-up sheet on bulletin board
- ⇒ Call/email Jen Guiher @717-259-9125
- ⇒ email: Secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org
- ⇒ Register online: <https://tinyurl.com/8v26zfk2>

Any questions contact Deb King at 717-259-0494.

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!

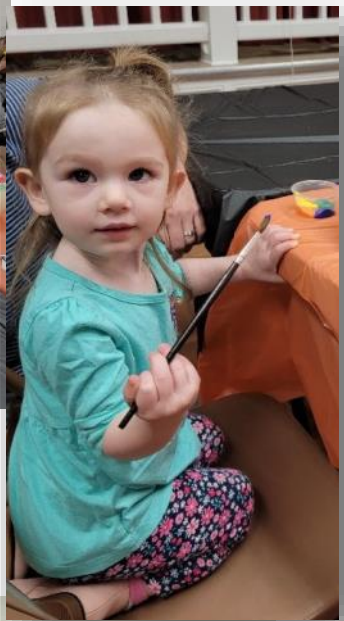
Drive-by Communion will be held Sunday, November 7 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church for communion from your car.



Scarecrow Making



Pumpkin Decorating



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, November 3. 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, November 9 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 – The October gathering of the Trinity Wellness Group will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 19th via Zoom. Watch your announcements for a zoom link. If you are unable to zoom in but would like to attend, please let Jen or Pastor know; Pastor is happy to zoom from church so that we can sit together at the computer and participate. This month we'll begin discovering **EVERYDAY CELEBRATIONS**, and we'll keep on discovering right through November! We'll explore gathering for socialization, joyous laughter, humor, and game playing. More details will be available closer to the dates but you can expect October and November's Wellness Groups to be a lot of fun! For more details contact Laura Ryder and/or Pastor Susan. See you there!

Ruth's Harvest is ready to go for the 2021/2022 school year. **On Tuesday, November 16 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.



Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Le
Nov 7 All Saints	Becky Rinehart	Sue C
Nov 14 Blanket Sunday	Bob King	Louise
Nov 21 Baptism	Ruthann Bowen	Dona
Nov 28 1 st Advent	Jake Sharrer	Bob

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



Congratulations to GW Sebright and the Virginia Tech Dairy Judging Team on winning the 2021 All-American Dairy Show's intercollegiate competition!

Schedule for November 2021

Director	Ushers
Clauser	Rick & Anita Madsen
e Haugh	Ruthann Bowen, Mark Boyer
Lerew	Judy Burgard, Leon Leas
Aims	Bob & Deb King

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



Outdoor Hymn Sing was held on a chilly afternoon on October 17. Thank you to everyone who braved the wind to sing these lovely hymns with us!

Thanksgiving's Path to Contentment

“Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.” –Hebrews 13:5

What would it take to make you happy? Really. In our culture, advertisements sell us on the idea that true happiness is always just one more purchase away. When we believe this, we put ourselves on the hamster wheel of want. No matter how hard we run, we will never get to happiness.

More often than happiness, the Bible speaks of contentment. The two concepts are often confused, but the distinction is important. Whereas happiness is a pleasurable sensation that rises and falls like the tide, contentment is a state of satisfaction that remains calm, like the surface of a pond.

God calls us to live contentedly, finding sufficiency in our lives, our relationships, and all we possess. We are enough. We have enough. When our essential needs are met, incessant wants do not infest our soul like itchy fleas.

How do we find contentment? Thankfulness provides a way. We give thanks for all we are and all we have, appreciating every blessing. Since this is the month of Thanksgiving, make a pledge to yourself this November to find contentment through giving thanks. Make a “Gratitude List” of everything for which you are thankful. Review it daily, praying over each blessing, “I thank God for” Add to it as you think of new things.

May you finish November as someone who is not only thankful, but also content with all you are and all you have.

--Rob Blezard

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Notes From the Music Director



Beautiful November is here already! Wind, rain, colder weather and the first frost on gardens and flowers—a new cycle and beginning for all of us. Many thanks to our most talented cantors leading the hymn singing and responses—Trinity is so blessed with this talent. Adult choir continues to be on hold for the time being. I look forward to the near future when we can start rehearsal and include special music in worship. Thank you to all who participated in the outdoor hymn sing. The extra quilts certainly helped to keep us all toasty-warm! And thank you Gay Weigand for sharing your silver flute with us—you added a sparkle indeed!

Now we look forward to celebrating All Saints' Day November 7 with a stirring piano solo by Mike Brown. Also a special Community Thanksgiving Service on November 21 hosted at Trinity Church. No community choir will sing but special music by several talented people is planned. This is the month to be grateful for so many blessings we all have received this past year.



~ Karen Wire



November Birthdays



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| 11-2 Morgan Hoak | 11-3 Noah Rinehart |
| 11-4 Cathy Cost | 11-5 Jake Sharrer |
| 11-5 Camdyn Storm | 11-6 Bob Aims |
| 11-10 Debbie Hoffman | 11-10 Andrew Miller |
| 11-12 Michael Sheads | 11-19 Debra Young |
| 11-20 Koltyn Hermansen | 11-22 Jim Kline |
| 11-23 Giovanna Biles | 11-23 William Bowen Jr. |
| 11-23 Louise Haugh | 11-23 Itoe Hoak |
| 11-28 Nathan Hoffman | 11-30 Mindy Eaton |



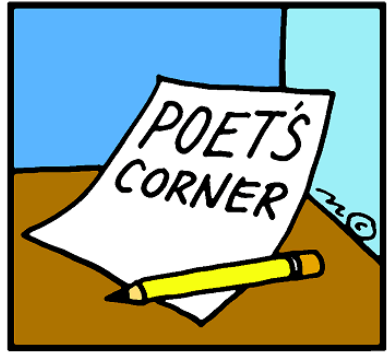
- 11-2 Glenn & Gloria Gruver ~ 64 Years
- 11-2 Jay & Susan Smith ~ 31 Years
- 11-19 George & Karen Ruth ~ 39 Years
- 11-24 Mike & Sherry Brown ~ 43 Years



Poetry by Addie Ryder:

A Happy Speckled Dog

So much depends upon
A happy, speckled dog
Wagging her long tail
Waiting in my home



The World Needs

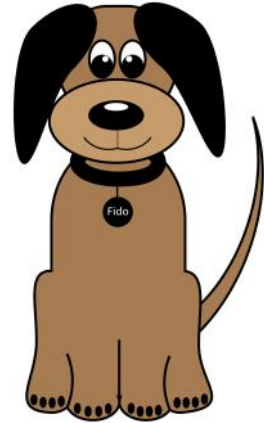
A little more positivity and a little less weary
Little more happy and a little less dreary
Little more "I love you" and a little less "I'm ignoring you!"
Little less "I give up" and a little more "Let's learn something new"
Little more cuddling pets and a little less crate
Little more kindness and a little less hate
Little more beach time in the sun
Little less sad and a little more fun

Christmas Wonderland 2021, Imagine Christmas!

Christian Life Assembly (CLA) invites you to attend this brand new, full length, dramatic musical for the whole family. Performances December 4 through December 12 at various dates/times. Public tickets can be purchased claproductions.com Cost is \$15 adults \$10 students.



On Sunday, October 3, we held a pet blessing in our outside yard including 20 dogs!



Special Thanks to Addie Ryder for leading our hymn on her Ukulele.





Thank you Pumpkin Hill for the wonderful fall décor for our Sanctuary.



Thank you to the Men's Group for our amazing Pancake Breakfast on October 24.





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Members present: Pastor Susan, Bob King, Sue Clauser, Judy Burgard, Noah Rinehart, Louise Haugh, Dona Lerew, Karen Sheaffer, and Mark Boyer joined at 8 PM.

Members absent: Stephanie Haley, Lisa Miller, Jake Sharrer, and Bill Tritsch

Bob called the meeting to order and Pastor Susan led with a Devotional Liturgy with scripture reading from Romans 15: 13-14.

The agenda was reviewed and one item, the proposed budget was moved from Old Business to New Business in the agenda list.

Secretary's Report-was reviewed and Dona made a motion to approve as written, Louise seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion carried.

Bob shared correspondence from Bill Tritsch letting us know that sadly he is leaving Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and resigning from council.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and Bob said the information will be shared with the congregation in the newsletter.

Ministry Reports

Learning and Youth:

October 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for Biblical Ghost Stories and Storytelling. We will gather together in the East Berlin Cemetery as Pastor Susan and volunteers entertain with biblical stories of the season. If you are interested in volunteering to share a story, do a dramatic reading or act out a story with others please contact Pastor Susan. We will warm up with hot chocolate and warm apple cider. Please bring a chair.

This event is open to all ages but may not be the best setting for our littlest ones as we do not wish for them to be frightened.

October 24, 2021, for Fall Fun at Trinity with Pumpkins and Scarecrows. In place of our regularly scheduled Sunday School starting at 10:15 a.m. we will decorate a pumpkin and/or build a scarecrow. This event is open to all ages! Food and fellowship to follow.

It was suggested that we try a service project type activity related to God's Work Our Hands in November. (We thought we could revisit this idea again in the Spring with a similar event) Also, we plan to hold the gingerbread house decorating on November 28.

In December we thought we could arrange caroling or chimes (if not comfortable with singing). We will plan on coordinating with Karen to set this event up.

Worship & Music:

Communion Distribution

Pastor will resume Monthly DRIVE IN Communion, first Sunday of the month 10:30AM.

We discussed how to do communion distribution safely with wafer and wine. We will do on Sunday, and improve as needed.

Singing

Per synod recommendations and in light of ever increasing new cases of the COVID virus, we believe singing aloud poses some added risk to members, vaccinated and unvaccinated. Until COVID cases begin to fall rather than rise, we recommend ceasing congregational singing while worshipping indoors. However, cantor(s), masked and plexiglass shielded, can serve as the voice of the congregation in hymn singing or singing parts of the liturgy. In addition, liturgical parts could be spoken by the congregation. Please consider moving to OUTDOOR worship. The weather allows it, but it would also make us safer to continue congregational singing, as well as allowing the choir to return to their important role. The choir should not resume singing indoors.

ALL SAINTS

Pastor Susan has a great idea for using congregational candles during All Saints, during the reading of the saints. The congregational candles will be lit prior to the reading of names, and when the name of a loved one is read, the family is encouraged to raise their candle.

Finance:

Finance Committee Summary Report- Month Ending September 30,2021

Total income for September was 15,594 and total expenses \$15,099; Year to date income \$144,938 and YTD expenses \$148,763 for a YTD deficit \$3,825. Of this total, Current Income for September was \$14,421 and Current Expenses \$13,905. Year to date Current income \$134,094 and YTD Current Expenses (Excludes Benevolence) \$136,696 for a YTD Deficit of \$2,602. Compared to 2021 budgeted income of \$148,257 our cur-

rent giving is short by \$14,162. Due to reduced expenses in 2021 the effect of this shortfall has been minimized but we are operating with a small deficit. As we continue to “return to normal” we can expect to incur more normal budgeted expenses so meeting our budgeted Income will be important to avoid a reduction of cash. This past month we received a bill for Pastor’s benefits of over \$5K. This bill is being challenged as it appears that Terry’s benefits were incorrectly suspended, and Trinity was being billed for certain portions of his medical coverage. We are awaiting a review of this situation from the Portico and will continue to pay the normal budgeted benefits until this situation is resolved. Cash on hand to meet current operating expenses is \$30,121. Income for our commitment to Synod Benevolence (\$12K) is ahead of budget and is currently at \$10,843. Please keep in mind the Newsletter Treasurer’s report only includes budgeted income and expense accounts. Income and expenses for capital projects (contributions designated for “property”) are not part of current income and operating expenses. In the last quarter of the year, we do have some notable larger expenses such as HVAC maintenance contracts, cemetery maintenance and insurance payments which will total approximately \$5K.

A snapshot of cash balances at September 30 follows:

Sunday, October 3, 2021		Page 1 of 1
Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
<i>1.100.100</i>	<i>CHECKING ACCOUNT</i>	
1.101.101	CURRENT CHECKING ACCT.	30,121.76
1.101.102	MEMORIAL CHECKING	24,574.81
1.101.103	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CHECKING	27,947.34
1.101.104	YOUTH CHECKING	3,771.26
1.101.105	ENDOWMENT HOLDING ACCOUNT	11,039.35
1.101.106	RUTH'S HARVEST	6,708.99
1.101.107	LAUNDRY LOVE	670.71
	<i>Total CHECKING ACCOUNT</i>	<i>\$104,834.22</i>

It should be noted that donations of goods to Ruth’s Harvest are currently more than adequate. We have not funded any Ruth’s Harvest purchases from “cash” in more than 2 years. Since these funds were specifically designated for Ruth’s Harvest, these funds cannot be re-allocated until the expiration of 10 years or unless authorized by the donor(s).

Other cash and equivalents totaling \$88,835 follow.

1.102.103	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-SABBATICAL LEAVE	4,591.12
1.102.104	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	75,181.47
1.105.001	MISSION IN MOTION CHECKING	6,314.26
1.105.005	MISSIONARY SUPPORT CHECKING	1,054.56
1.105.009	W.E.L.C.A. CHECKING	1,693.72
	TOTAL - OTHER BANK ACCOUNTS	\$88,835.13

Capital Improvement Checking and CD's

Recognizing a near term (3-5 years) need to tuckpoint our bell tower and perform some other capital maintenance, Council began placing contributions that were designated for Property/Capital Improvements into CD's in anticipation of the financial need to have these services performed. We currently have \$75K in Capital improvement CD's and \$28K in the Capital improvement checking account. Sometime next year the Finance Committee will consider a recommendation to move additional funds from Capital Improvement checking and place these funds in Capital improvement CD's leaving a portion in checking to cover any unexpected Capital expenditures.

Other

Unlike other accounts designated as "checking", Mission in Motion, WELCA and Missionary Support checking accounts are not part of Trinity's "General Fund" and are maintained separately with different authorized signors of the accounts.

Sabbatical Leave CD is part of the Pastor's compensation package. We currently contribute \$750/year to this CD. The balance that has accumulated in this CD to date was accumulated during Pastor George's service at Trinity. The conditions of the Sabbatical Leave policy were not met during Pastor George's call therefore this money remains as an asset of Trinity and was not subject to payment under the terms of the Sabbatical Leave Policy.

Social Ministry:

Parish Life Committee will have a planning meeting on Thursday, October 14 at 6:00pm.

The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, November 3

Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, November 9 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.

Ruth's Harvest Packing continues Tuesday, October 19
at 1:00pm at St. John's in Abbottstown.

WELCA-voted to pay the \$300 semi-annual Food Pantry contribution for Trinity Lutheran Church. This is our church's contribution and is based on the Food Pantry's council's recommendation that each church contribute annually.

We also donated \$250 to our local VFW for their Wreaths Across America project. Deb King has information to share with our congregation & will include this in our next newsletter.

We are hoping to help local SCCAP families with their Christmas wish lists by doing a Christmas Angel Tree. More information will be shared soon.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry Group will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, October 24 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until the start of worship. There is no charge for breakfast but a free will offering will be accepted. 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 in December. Date to be determined.

Outreach-will meet soon to discuss the distribution of the funds raised during the Fall Fest in September.

Mission in Motion-met October 5, 2021

Attendees: Jack Hinkle, Kay Hinkle, Jim Kline, Dona Lerew, Steph Haley, Ruthann Bowen, Bob King, Deb King, Pastor Susan, Terry McCarthy

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Susan and opened with a Devotional Liturgy. Kay Hinkle presented a historical summary of MIM and discussion followed about the future path of MIM and the various options being considered. Kay Hinkle has resigned from a leadership role in MIM and none of the four remaining voting members were willing to assume that vacancy. After a lengthy discussion, the group reached a consensus there is a desire to continue MIM under a new leadership format. A motion was made by Mike

Brown to disband the core voting group currently existing and open voting to all participants of MIM activities. The three core voters in attendance unanimously voted to disband the current voting structure accordingly.

Additional discussion then ensued to determine a new organizational structure. The members in attendance agreed to adopt a structure whereby MIM will continue to be an arm of Trinity's overall mission program and operate under a project-based model with a chairperson for each individual project required. Dona Lerew and Terry McCarthy agreed to co-chair the new MIM. A motion was made by Jack Hinkle to nominate Dona and Terry as co-chairs. The motion was seconded by Mike Brown. The motion carried via voice vote.

While the exact operational structure and reporting structure of MIM is yet to be determined, MIM will continue to operate as it has in the past and as a result will maintain its own separate bank account. Jim Kline agreed to continue his role as Treasurer. A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Dona to nominate Jim to continue his role as Treasurer. The motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion then turned to Trinity's/MIM's role in the Afghan Refugee response that was approved by Council. There are lots of option for participation. Steph Haley agreed to chair this effort. The first thing will be to evaluate the options for service and come back with a recommendation for a course of action. Co-chairs Dona and Terry will convene the next meeting and determine its agenda.

The meeting concluded with the Sending portion of the Devotional Liturgy

They will meet again November 3 at 7 PM.

Property:

Meeting held Sept 23, 2021 Attendance: Jay Smith, Bob King, Louise Haugh

- Primary discussion of meeting was the Budget for 2022.
- Items included in our budget are Utilities & Repairs: Gas, Electric, Internet, Sewer/Water/Refuse, Sexton, Cemetery. and Repairs.
- The total for our 2022 budget is \$24,100. (Note: \$6,000 Budgeted for repairs)
- We need to develop a 10-year plan for Capital Improvements. (Major repairs are in our future)

- A request came in to allow people to park in our parking lot that live in a neighboring apartment. It was decided against this request. The parking lot is for the church.
- Attention Church members!!! Property Committee is requesting additional help in the cleaning and maintenance areas and to become members of the Property committee. Most of members are now in retirement age and some younger members sure would be GREAT!! Their next meeting will be held October 21 in the morning.

Pastor's Report

The Pastor's calendar for November was reviewed. Also, Pastor Susan reported that she had her first Hybrid Church Academy meeting and it is going well. Her visits to the home bound members at nursing facilities have been challenging as Covid numbers keep shutting the doors to visitors. She reschedules them and tries again.

Old Business

Covid 19-discussion was held on Worship & Music Committee's recommendations for worshipping. Our congregation should be masked when indoors, plexiglass should go back up at the choir loft for the cantors, and at the pulpit. Holy Communion may continue using the elements handed out with tongs. No choir will sing at this time. Louise made a motion to accept the new recommendations, Mark seconded, all agreed and the motion carried.

Discussion was also held about the upcoming events scheduled with our congregation, and registration will be required for events to help plan safely and masks must be worn.

Benevolence Request-Bob worked on benevolence disbursements to our local area and the following will receive entities will receive money: East Berlin VFW-\$250, East Berlin Community Center-\$500, Northeast Adams Fire and EMS-\$500, Adams Co Rescue Mission-\$500, Jean Barnett Trone Library-\$500, East Berlin Parks & Rec-\$500, and Trinity Sharing Shelf-\$250. Dona made a motion to accept these recommendations, Louise seconded, all agreed and the motion carried.

Congregational Meeting-discussion was held on the council seats that will be open for 2022, and who may be asked to serve on our council. There are three vacancies where appointments may be used to fill those spots, and four spots with a 3 year commitment where the election process is needed to fill those four spots. Our meeting will be held on November 14 following the worship service and we will use the same voting methods as last year to include those worshipping online.

Resuming the Constitutional Committee Structure-discussion was held on disbanding the Coordination Committee and resuming the old way of committee structuring. Pastor Susan thanked everyone who stepped up and led the Coordination Committee during the past year. Judy made the

motion to disband the Coordination Committee and resume the old way of committee structuring, Pastor Susan seconded, all agreed and the motion carried.

New Business

Constitution Review-Bob reported that a review of the constitution to address gaps in organization and committees will start in the new year. We will also assign council members to committee reports for the year 2022.

2022 Budget-it was reviewed and details were discussed. Dona made a motion to accept the proposed budget presented by the Finance Committee, Louise seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned, and Pastor gave a sending blessing and we ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sheaffer



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH						
Treasurer's Report as of September 2021 for GENERAL FUND (NEWSLETTER)						
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Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	% of Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD(+/-)
Income						
CURRENT INCOME TOTAL	\$14,421.85	\$134,094.52	\$16,473.00	\$148,257.00	90	(\$14,162.48)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,172.46	\$10,843.70	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00	120	\$1,843.70
Total Income	\$15,594.31	\$144,938.22	\$17,473.00	\$157,257.00	92	(\$12,318.78)
Expense						
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,194.46	\$12,065.96	\$1,100.00	\$9,900.00	122	\$2,165.96
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$145.00	\$2,904.05	\$330.00	\$3,370.00	86	(\$465.95)
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$0.00	\$724.76	\$158.00	\$1,422.00	51	(\$697.24)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$78.55	\$1,672.15	\$338.00	\$3,042.00	55	(\$1,369.85)
SALARIES TOTAL	\$7,975.74	\$79,897.05	\$8,158.00	\$81,576.00	98	(\$1,678.95)
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$2,629.98	\$24,091.89	\$2,976.00	\$27,549.00	87	(\$3,457.11)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$242.36	\$2,308.27	\$241.00	\$2,417.00	96	(\$108.73)
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$10,848.08	\$106,297.21	\$11,375.00	\$111,542.00	95	(\$5,244.79)
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$541.50	\$5,551.68	\$748.00	\$7,482.00	74	(\$1,930.32)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$1,689.77	\$12,895.66	\$1,259.00	\$12,456.00	104	\$439.66
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$602.44	\$3,420.31	\$708.00	\$6,372.00	54	(\$2,951.69)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$3,231.00	\$58.00	\$4,272.00	76	(\$1,041.00)
Total Expense	\$15,099.80	\$148,762.78	\$16,074.00	\$159,858.00	93	(\$11,095.22)
Difference	\$494.51	(\$3,824.56)	\$1,399.00	(\$2,601.00)		