

March 2022 Newsletter

Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

-- Joel 2:13

Dear Siblings in Christ,

My little dog, Amy, is one of the great joys in my life. She's a ten-year-old, rotund, black and white, Cocker Spaniel/Cavalier King Charles mix with a little Poodle thrown in for good measure. She's smart and companionable, hates the rain and loves to go in the car. She wants the last bite of everything I eat and will tell me if I've forgotten a thing about her care, even that she gets the choicest spot on my pillow at night. But she's stubborn and will NOT COME. It used to be that, in tandem with my own activity, Amy would respond positively to every indication that I wanted her to be near me: "You can come," on the way to anywhere... "Come on," as I'd pat the seat next to me... "Come get it," regarding anything edible I'd dropped... "Let's go! Come get your leash," on the way to a walk... Or, even just, "Come!" because I'd called her.

Not anymore. Amy's decided for some reason that maybe she can't fully trust where I'm taking her??? I'm not sure. But she's really good at watching from a distance or coming part way toward me and then standing stock still and refusing to budge. She has even slipped her collar on occasion when she thinks she'd rather not take the walk I've invited her on. My son Luke has gotten into the habit of carrying her outside to potty, or into the car, and even sometimes just moving her from one spot in the house to another. And none of this is because she's gone deaf or become inactive; she can hear a cheese wrapper from two rooms away and runs and plays whenever she wants to. She's just "rotten," as we say.

How have we also become stubborn, obstinate, unwilling, even "rotten" in our faith life and response to the Lord's call to us? Boggled down by busy-ness, distracted by other things, too engaged in caring for others to care for ourselves, especially spiritually, we

neglect to respond to God’s call to us to come and be loved. We, like my rotten dog, stand and stare at our bibles, our church building, our fellow congregation members, our prayer time and think things like, “I’ll get to it.” “I should call.” “I should go to church this week.” “I should sit and pray.” And then, also like Amy, we simply stay still and stare, unwilling for whatever reason to take those steps toward the reward that the joining together with the Lord and each other brings.

The church sets aside the entire season of Lent as a time to focus on removing the obstacles that get in the way of our relationship with our saving Lord. This Lent let’s heed the words above of Joel and return to the Lord our God, who is gracious and merciful. God will meet us wherever we are in our stuck-ness and receive us with a deep love and eternal grace. The forty days between Ash Wednesday and Easter are a perfect time to allow yourself that self-care that addresses your spiritual life. Hear God’s call to you to “Come!” for the Lord only wants to love us when we draw near. If you’d like to talk about your spiritual life and what a return to the Lord might look like for you, give me a call; that’s what pastors are for. I’d love to chat and pray with you!

In Christ,
Pr. Susan



We pray for our homebound members and for those battling injury or long-term illness, especially: *Freda Manzullo, Christine Sheads, Mark Deputy, 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!



Wednesday *Lenten Services*

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Again this year, due to pandemic precautions, local congregations have decided against joining together for a mid-week Lenten service. Hopefully the

community's gatherings will resume next Lent! Trinity's faithful will be gathering each Wednesday evening, March 9-April 6 at 7:30pm via Zoom. The service will be a live Zoom prayer service. The Zoom links will be shared in your weekly email. If you would like to participate but don't Zoom, please call the church office; Pr. Susan can Zoom from church.

Bible Study will continue to gather on Zoom Mondays in March at 6:00pm. The Zoom Meeting ID: **819 8762 1052**

Passcode: **Bible**

We'll continue to use Zoom for gathering throughout 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 so she's sure to be at the church.



Holy Communion distribution will be held Sunday, March 6 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.



News flash: Be on the lookout for information about an upcoming series of presentations in March/April on the topic of prayer led by Intern Katharine Beckman. This will be an interactive experience examining the role of prayer in our lives.

Care Packages for Students Away from Home

The Outreach Committee will be sending “exam care packages” to college and technical school students in late April. We hope they will receive “survival” items in time for their studying for final exams. We would like the Congregation to donate any of the following by Sunday, April 24, 2022.

A good luck card or message for our students:

GW Sebright

Charlie Sebright

Luther Rinehart

Donations of items including:

- Packages of snack crackers and/or granola bars (no potato chips or pretzels, please)
- Candies
- Pens
- Small puzzle, sudoku, or similar item

If you know of any other students that we might have missed that would appreciate a care package, please notify the church office.



Donate Eye Glasses: The East Berlin Lion's Club has a donation box for old eye glasses located under the bulletin board near the Annex. Bring in your glasses that you no longer need and drop them in the box!



Trinity's next blood drive will be Tuesday, March 15 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.

WELCA will have a Pie Sale March 3rd & 4th.

Please sign up for Lemon Sponge, Blueberry or Blueberry Crumb and indicate when you will pick up your order please. The pickup times are Thursday March 3 at 11am to 12 noon. On Friday March 4, pick up times are 11am to 12 noon & 5-6pm. Orders can also be placed by calling Judy Burgard 717-259-9507.



Due to increased cost of ingredients, we will charge \$10 per pie. Proceeds raised will be used for WELCA projects which help others in our community. Thank you for your support!

Green LBW's

If anyone would like one of our old Lutheran Books of Worship, please feel free to take one of the many that will be available in the Narthex. We have more than 100 of these old hymnals still in storage. After a period of 30 days any remaining hymnals will be taken to the Adams County Rescue Mission for recycling.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry ham & bean soup sale resulted in a profit of \$400. These proceeds will be used for upcoming projects and events. A Thrivent Action Team Grant of \$250 was used to offset the cost of the project. Thanks to all the men who took part in this fund raiser.

The next Men's Ministry project is to offer take out soup and a bag lunch for those persons receiving "Ashes-to-Go" on Ash Wednesday, March 2 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Later that day from 3:30 – 6:00 the men will host and offer soup and sandwiches for Food Pantry guests. Looking for 2 volunteers to assist in food preparation Wednesday March 2 from 9:30 – 11:00, 2 persons to serve from 11:00 – 1:00 and 2 – 3 servers from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Contact Bob King if you can assist during any of these times.

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Men's Ministry Group will be Saturday, March 12. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. for a sausage and pancake breakfast followed by a brief business meeting. We will then travel to AgCom in New Chester where Dave Sharrer will give us a tour of their milling operation. To plan and reserve your spot for breakfast and the tour, please register by completing the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Bob King 717-877-0616 or email rlkingwalst@comcast.net.



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1472485>

The next time you shop on Amazon, please use the link above. Or instead of just typing Amazon.com, go to: Smile.Amazon.com and select Trinity Lutheran Church from the list of charities. Each time you shop on Amazon Smile, Trinity receives 0.5% of eligible purchases. It's the same great Amazon that you're used to; just with an added benefit! Contact the church office for details!

KNOTTY KNOTTERS: The Knotty Knotters make and distribute quilts to those in need. The quilt tops are pieced, or sewn together. The quilt sandwich, which includes the pieced top, batting in the center, and a bed sheet for the backing, is held together by tying knots through all three layers. The quilts measure 60"x80". The Knotters meet the second and fourth



Wednesday of every month from 2:00-4:00, in the church social hall. All are welcome to join this worthwhile ministry. Upcoming meetings will be held from 2:00-4:00pm on March 9 & March 23.

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 is held 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 online or at the church.

Zoom Cocktail Hour with Pastor Susan is a great way to keep in touch with others. There is no agenda. Just fun! Join us on zoom using the link sent in Monday's email or using the Meeting ID: 431 450 3914 Passcode: Cocktails. *We will meet:*

- *Thursday, March 3 at 7:00pm*
- *Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm*
- *Thursday, March 17 at 7:00pm*
- *Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm*
- *Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm*





EPIPHANY CANDLES



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wherever you are on your journey with God, you are invited and welcome here.

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

Morning Prayer Service

10:00 AM Prayer Service

Ashes-to-Go

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Drive-through
ashes along with a bagged lunch to go.

Devotion Station During Food Pantry

4:00-6:00 PM Devotion Station

Ash Wednesday Evening Service

7:30 PM Service with Communion

All Services will offer the
Imposition of Ashes for
anyone who wishes to
receive this sign.

All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.
Ecclesiastes 3:20



**Don't forget to turn
your clocks forward
Sunday, March 13**



March 6

Assisting Minister

Bob King

Communion Helper

Becky Rinehart

Lector

Madeleine Haley

Ushers

Ruthann & Mark

Altar Guild

Janet McMaster



Baptism for Elizabeth McSherry was celebrated on Sunday, January 30. Elizabeth is the daughter of Jordan & Jennifer McSherry.

Lent



March 13

Becky Rinehart

Charlie Hoffman

Jayne Sebright

Janet & Mac

Kathy Kuhn

March 20

Katharine Beckman

Jim Kline

Sam Haley

Jay & Sue

Ruthann Bowen

March 27

Jim Kline

Alex Sharrer

Noelle Kline

Louise & Kathy

Anita Madsen



The Warner kids making Valentine's Cards for our homebound members.

Ministry Pages



Sharing Shelf Update

As we navigate through the winter months, the Sharing Shelf operations and hours have been modified and adjusted to better serve the community. Wheels have been added to the bookshelf so that freezable items be rolled in/out and outside hours have been modified to Monday, Wednesday, Friday from noon – 4:00 p.m. Non-freezable items will continue to be offered continuously on the wooden shelves outside the rear doors. Donations of non-perishable goods are welcomed.

WELLNESS GROUP – The wellness group will meet via Zoom on Sunday evening, March 13th for a two-hour mini-retreat from 6:00-8:00p.m. on Renewing Your Spirit. Please watch your email for the Zoom link. If you don't Zoom but would like to join, please let Pastor Susan know and she'll lead the session from the church so that we can Zoom together!



Food Pantry: New Hope is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, March 2. (Note the new time). The guests will be able to shop for their needs. **REMINDER:** Volunteers are needed to serve as personal shopping assistants, set-up and tear-down, stockers and loading assistance. No need to sign-up in advance to help. Simply show up anytime after 3:00 p.m. on day of the Food Pantry . Any questions contact Anita Madsen.



Laundry Love Ministry will be held Tuesday, March 8 from 5:30-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat in East Berlin behind Jim & Nena's Pizza. 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.** Judy met with Laundry Love people from all over

the US. Sharing of ideas or questions were brought up. Just from January 1st to Jan. 25th from 16 locations there was 1200 loads of laundry & 550 people cared for. We are truly blessed in East Berlin that we don't have homeless people like other parts of the US. Some locations give clothes for patrons to wear while they wash the only clothes they have. We now have free detergent given to us by Earth Breeze which is just a sheet that turns into soap enough for a load of wash. For every order Earth Breeze gets they give 10 loads for charities like Laundry Love. This is eco friendly & saves on a lot of waste with detergent bottles. Please try to support Earth Breeze. Just a reminder to donate your quarters for Laundry Love. We give each patron approximately \$10 to \$15 of quarters to launder their clothes. Thank you, Judy





















Ruth's Harvest is working hard this school year. On Tuesday, March 15 at 1:00pm we will pack 60 bags for Bermudian Springs 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. **Currently there is a great need for fruit cups, pop tarts, vegetable cups, breakfast bars, SpaghettiOs and individual milk boxes (unrefrigerated).**



Let Us Pray to the Lord—P

Each day in Lent, read a prayer prompt from below, fill in the

Prayer: **“Dear God, today we pray for (today’s pro**

<p>Police Officers</p> 	<p>Teachers</p> 	<p>Doctors & Nurses</p> 	<p>Firefighters</p> 
<p>People Needing Homes</p> 	<p>Families On The News</p> 	<p>People Who Are Hungry</p> 	<p>Kids In Foster Care</p> 
<p>Postal Workers</p> 	<p>Coffee Shop Baristas</p> 	<p>Smiley People</p> 	<p>People That Are Sick</p> 
<p>Government Workers</p> 	<p>Street Cleaners</p> 	<p>Teenagers</p> 	<p>People in Prison</p> 
<p>Someone Who Passed Away</p> 	<p>People Driving Cars</p> 	<p>Pets and Stuffies</p> 	<p>People Who Forgive</p> 

Prayers for 40 Days of Lent

details with your own words and end together with "Amen!"

ayer prompt); **help them** [fill in the blank]. **Amen"**

<p>Animals & Forests</p> 	<p>Church</p> 	<p>Choir Directors & Musicians</p> 	<p>Grand-parents</p> 
<p>School Custodians</p> 	<p>Clean Water For everyone</p> 	<p>Widows & Widowers</p> 	<p>People Who Make Us Angry</p> 
<p>Store Greeters</p> 	<p>Ambulance Drivers</p> 	<p>Parents</p> 	<p>Neighbors You Don't Know</p> 
<p>My Friends</p> 	<p>Relatives</p> 	<p>School Principals</p> 	<p>Earth</p> 
<p>Airline Workers</p> 	<p>People That Lost Jobs</p> 	<p>Spring Breakers</p> 	<p>Babies Everywhere</p> 

Choice Dollars® Details



Eligible clients with memberships can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These recommendations are shared by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches.

Eligibility requirements

To be eligible to direct Choice Dollars as part of Thrivent Choice®, you must be a client with benefit membership. Individual eligibility is also based on at least one of the following:

- Having \$750 or more in annual billed premiums of qualifying life and health insurance products.
- Having \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying life insurance and annuity products.

Eligibility is determined monthly and reevaluated on an annual basis.

Minimum and maximum Choice Dollars designations

Eligible clients will be designated a minimum of 25 Choice Dollars and a maximum of 5,000 Choice Dollars per eligibility period each year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31).

Choice Dollars expiration date

Choice Dollars designated during the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year.



Thank you from Louise Eisenhart:

Thank you so much for the surprise package for me on Valentine's Day. What cute little things you gave me. I felt like a little girl again. My church family has just been wonderful to me. Thanks again especially to the Youth Group.

In God's Love, E. Louise Eisenhart




Special Thank You to everyone for their donations for the Souper Bowl Challenge. As of the printing, we don't know the winning church, but we are grateful for all the donations!



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!





Worship Schedule

(All services begin at 9 am on Sunday unless indicated otherwise)

- Mar 2: Ash Wednesday (**10:00am Chapel, 11-1 Ashes to Go, 7:30pm Service**)
- Mar 6: First Sunday in Lent
- Mar 9: Mid-Week Lent Service (**7:30pm via Zoom**)
- Mar 13: Second Sunday in Lent
- Mar 16: Mid-Week Lent Service (**7:30pm via Zoom**)
- Mar 20: Third Sunday in Lent
- Mar 23: Mid-Week Lent Service (**7:30pm via Zoom**)
- Mar 27: Fourth Sunday in Lent
- Mar 30: Mid-Week Lent Service (**7:30pm via Zoom**)

NOTES:

- Please note the following elements are available during Communion: pre-blessed sealed wafer and grape juice packages, wheat wafers, gluten-free wafers, poured grape juice, poured wine.
- While Holy Communion distribution is a continuous flow, you are invited to step out of the line to spend time at the chancel rail as you desire.
- Anyone interested in serving as a Lector, Assisting Minister, Usher, Hymn Leader or Altar Guild is asked to contact the church office.
- We are in need of volunteers to serve during the **Holy Week services**: *Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service, Easter Festival Service*. If you would like to volunteer to serve as Assisting Minister, Lector or Ushers, please contact Jen in the church office.

Notes
From
the
Music Director



So much gratitude is sent to Trinity's church family! I have been overwhelmed by the beautiful expressions of "Happy Birthday to you!" and well wishes from this extended family of mine here. I have received 40(!) cards, all so beautifully written and so many pictures of flowers, butterflies, and gifts.

Trinity's church is an excellent "fit" for me as your organist—I hear so many sad stories of churches without an engaged and reliable musician to add joy to their worship. So thank you for all the beautiful blessings you shared with me (and the cupcakes!) as we continue our walk following Jesus. Just watch out for Jen and Pastor Susan. They may plan a special event for you!

-Karen Wire





March Birthdays



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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 3-2 Bill Tritsch | 3-3 Rev. Dan Biles |
| 3-3 Pam Eisenhart | 3-4 Ivy Livingston-Ramirez |
| 3-4 Scott Young | 3-5 Jack Miller |
| 3-7 Mindy Brasher | 3-10 Eva Boyer |
| 3-10 Jordan McSherry | 3-11 Mary Jacobs |
| 3-12 Dave Livingston | 3-13 Trace Fortuna |
| 3-13 Weston Fortuna | 3-15 Joshua Hinkle |
| 3-16 Allen Weigand | 3-18 Dana Bollinger |
| 3-19 Shirley Sebright | 3-20 Anita Madsen |
| 3-22 Myles Anthony | 3-23 Henry Bowen |
| 3-24 Lorin Boger | 3-24 Carly Eisenhart |
| 3-24 Alex Sharrer | 3-26 Tristan Biles |
| 3-28 Chase Storm | 3-29 Jack Crackett |
| 3-29 John Rinehart | 3-30 Abby McSherry |
| 3-30 Robby Sebright | 3-31 Claire Warner |
| 3-31 Grace Warner | |



3-20 Barry & Mary Jacobs ~ 57 Years

3-28 Ryan & Pamela Eisenhart ~ 13 Years

3-30 Hal & Kathy Atkinson ~ 31 Years

SHENANIGAN SUNDAY

March 13
1-3pm

YOU ARE INVITED!

Paint a leprechaun

Play St. Patrick's Day Bingo & win a prize

Take photos at the photo booth

Leave with supplies to build your own leprechaun trap!



- Cost is \$25 per painter
- Email shaley205@gmail.com to register
- Payment accepted via cash, check, Venmo or PayPal

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
117 W. King St., East Berlin

*Hosted by Bermudian Springs High School Girl Scouts
All proceeds go to Girl Scout trip to Iceland in Summer 2023*



Please complete the lower portion of this form, including your payment (make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church). You may put your order in the collection plate or the church office.

Deadline for ordering flowers is Sunday, March 20

___ Lilies - \$9.00 ea. _____

___ Tulips - \$9.00 ea. _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Presented by:

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

CHURCH COUNCIL

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022

Present: Bob King, Rick Madsen, Dona Lerew, Sherry Brown, Jay Smith, Sue Clauser, Stephanie Haley, Lisa Miller, Mark Boyer, and joining via Zoom-Pastor Susan, Katherine Beckman, and Karen Sheaffer

Bob called the meeting to order and Pastor Susan used our Council Meeting Liturgy, reading from Psalm 1:1-3. Our agenda was reviewed with no additional items needed.

Secretary's Report

The January minutes were reviewed, and Jay made a motion to accept the minutes, Sherry seconded the motion, all agreed, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The report was reviewed, and our recent giving has increased. More information will be covered in the Finance Report.

Ministry Reports

Learning & Youth-Lisa reported their committee met Thursday February 3 and reviewed the mandatory clearances needed for those who volunteer. Plans were made to make Valentine's Day goodie bags for our shut-ins during their class time and they will be delivered on Sunday. Easter program practice and egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 16 at 4 PM. The next meeting will be held April 7 at 6:30 PM.

Worship & Music Committee

Feb 3 W&M Meeting Summary/Highlights:

Attendees: Pastor, Karen Wire, Karen Sheaffer, Noah Rinehart, Noelle Kline, Becky Rinehart

Agenda:

Review of Recent Epiphany worship services

Checkpoint on covid restrictions during worship:

Singing – In light of covid cases dropping rapidly, we recommend to council to resume congregational singing, but still recommend that people mask.

Communion Distribution- no change, but strongly considering moving to real bread for Easter Sunday.

Checkpoint on midweek prayer

Lent plans review:

Ash Wednesday. Planning an ashes-to-go (drive in imposition of ashes and absolution) 11AM – 1PM. Consider having Men's Group prepare and hand out bag lunches. Hang black cloth on cross during Lent.

Lent Midweek prayer service- 7:30PM (to avoid food pantry time). LIVE ZOOM (completely virtual) will include a re-recorded cantor-led hymn, prayer service.

Sunday Holy Week Planning

Palm Sunday – consider starting service outdoors, process into the church (elevator or stairs), start the hymn immediately after entering into chancel. Dramatic reading of Passion according to Luke

Maundy Thursday: 7:30PM in-person and live streamed service. No foot washing, or hand washing. Arrange for Altar Guild stripping of altar. Cover the Resurrection painting.

Good Friday—Considering an online 24-hour prayer event. Each hour with different prayer request. Invite other churches to participate. Facebook post for each hour. Use messaging?

Service 7:30PM (not Tenebrae).

Easter Planning

7AM outdoor service, to be live streamed. Could include a choir (pickup or other)

8AM breakfast

9AM kids' program

10:15 late Service. Hopeful that Covid case numbers have dropped significantly allowing some type of return of choir. Could include return of acolytes. Could include return of real bread.

Parish Life: The Spring Fling is tentatively scheduled for May 22. More details to come later.

Social Ministry: The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday; March 2 and the new time is 4:00-6:00pm.

Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, February 8 from 5:30 -6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat. Please note that we are still collecting quarters! The change drop is located in the Narthex by the elevator. Please bring your quarters the next time you come and drop them in the coin collection bin. Laundry Love had a meeting, January 27. Judy met via Zoom for Laundry Love people from all over the US. Sharing of ideas or questions were brought up. Just from January 1st to Jan. 25th from 16 locations there was 1200 loads of laundry & 550 people cared for. We are truly blessed in East Berlin that we don't have homeless people like other parts of the US. Some locations give clothes for patrons to wear while they wash the only clothes they have. We now have free detergent given to us by Earth Breeze which is just a sheet that turns into soap enough for a load of wash. For every order Earth Breeze gets they give 10 loads for charities like Laundry Love. This is eco-friendly & saves on a lot of waste with detergent bottles. Just a reminder to donate your quarters for Laundry Love. We give each patron approximately \$10 to \$15 of quarters to launder their clothes. Judy Ruth's Harvest Packing continues Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00pm at St. John's in Abbottstown.

WELCA

Projects that are currently being worked on by WELCA include:

- 1) Esther Baker's funeral luncheon on Friday, February 4.
- 2) A pie sale March 3 and 4. We will be making lemon sponge, blueberry, and blueberry crumb. The price of pies is now \$10 due to increased prices of our ingredients.
- 3) Thrivent Action Team dollars can possibly be used for two different projects this spring. We have done spring cleaning buckets in the past and most likely will do them again. Another idea is Emergency bag/first aid kit to be given to local families that use our food pantry. And we are still investigating ways to help the homeless and waiting for more information

from those who held a conference in January.

Mission-in-Motion

We continue to wait for a refugee family. In the meantime, we are collecting non-perishable household products to assist the refugee family in setting up a household. In addition, various members are donating furniture items. We hope to again offer Holy Hotdogs and free pizza to our neighbors in the spring and summer.

Outreach: Sherry reported she was contacted about Community Center's Easter Berlin event on April 9 at 11 AM. She was asked if Trinity would like to participate and set up a table to show our outreach projects to those attending. Sherry will contact our members who helped with this event in the past and work on this with them.

Property: We held our property meeting January 20, 2022. Present: Bob King, Mac McMaster, Les Herman Jay Smith

Projects/Repairs Completed:

Replaced burnt out 4' fluorescent bulb on stage

Replaced damaged toilet seal in ladies' room

Replaced burnt out 4' fluorescent bulb in Pastor's Office

Repaired loose faucet in kitchen

Cleaned and organized storage area on stage

Discussed proposal from Blasser Security for keyless entry/security doors. Decided not to proceed at this time. We will continue current operation of requiring back door to remain locked during office hours.

A suggestion was made to have a box to drop a note in for the property committee when anyone sees a problem or a repair that is needed at Trinity.

Next meeting February 17, 2022.

Stewardship: More committee members are needed. Discussion was held on doing a Time and Talent Survey of Trinity's members because this was not done for quite a while.

Governance/Mutual Ministry/Constitution Committee: discussion was held on revisions to our constitution and where do they come from. Any member of Trinity can ask for a revision and given to our council for consideration. This committee consists of two members of our congregation, one

representative from council and our Pastor.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Susan's calendar was reviewed, and she reported that she has seen an increase in requests for assistance from people in need. Some requests come from people stopping in and others from phone calls. Pastor Susan and Bob King use discretionary funds whenever possible and refer others to places that can help with their needs.

Old Business

Covid 19-Bob reported he viewed 9 live streamed services from other churches in our area, 7 of them being Lutheran Churches, and these churches were singing, mostly with masks. Discussion followed and Sherry made a motion following the recommendation of the Worship & Music Committee to resume singing and encourage mask wearing. Jay seconded the motion, all but one council member was in agreement, and the motion carried.

East Berlin Community Chorus-a request from this group to use our church for practice was approved by council.

Web Site Update-new revisions are being worked on including ministry reports, updated church history, our newsletters and bulletins. The FaithLife App is being rolled out and Bob will be sending an email to our members on this.

Council Positions-work continues on this

Hybrid Church-Pastor and Dona have been attending on Zoom and agree that this is a helpful program but has lacked information on technology and using it to reach others.

ELCA Annual Report-this is due next week, and Bob is working with Sue and Jen Guiher to complete it.

Recruitment of Committe Members-some committees need reformed due to inactivity. Mutual Ministry requires 4 committee members-one for each staff member and Ali Long has agreed to help. We need one other congregational member to help. Stewardship Committee needs 1 or 2 people. The Constitution Committee needs 3 people from our congregation.

Pastor Susan's Installation Service-discussion was held on when this event can occur. Pastor Susan will contact the Dean of Conference to help set a date for this.

Audio/Visual Needs-Bob continue to work with Reynold's AV to

add a fixed camera to the sanctuary. A quote will be available soon. Volunteers are still needed to use the system to record and live stream our services.

New Business

Congregation's Letter-discussion was held on the letter recently sent to our members explaining our giving needs. We will continue to monitor results in the next few months.

College Students-a suggestion was made to send a care package to our college students, reaching out to them, and letting them know we are thinking of them. Our Outreach Committee will work on this.

Dona made a motion to adjourn, Sherry seconded, all were in agreement and the motion carried. Pastor Susan led us in closing with our devotional liturgy and The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sheaffer

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH					
Treasurer's Report as of January 2022 (NEWSLETTER)					
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Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Monthly Budget	% of Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)
Income					
CURRENT INCOME TOTAL	\$18,539.78	\$18,539.78	\$19,912.00	93	(\$1,372.22)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$866.26	\$866.26	\$1,201.00	72	(\$334.74)
Total Income	\$19,406.04	\$19,406.04	\$21,113.00	92	(\$1,706.96)
Expense					
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,246.00	\$1,246.00*	\$1,142.00	109	\$104.00
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$88.21	\$88.21	\$375.00	24	(\$286.79)
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$104.89	\$104.89	\$142.00	74	(\$37.11)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$120.33	\$120.33	\$266.00	45	(\$145.67)
SALARIES TOTAL	\$8,301.75	\$8,301.75	\$8,394.00	99	(\$92.25)
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$2,724.98	\$2,724.98	\$3,054.00	89	(\$329.02)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$267.30	\$267.30*	\$266.00	100	\$1.30
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$11,294.03	\$11,294.03	\$11,714.00	96	(\$419.97)
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$759.09	\$759.09	\$1,776.00	43	(\$1,016.91)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$1,872.90	\$1,872.90*	\$1,466.00	128	\$406.90
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$238.62	\$238.62	\$708.00	34	(\$469.38)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$488.00	0	(\$488.00)
Total Expense	\$15,724.07	\$15,724.07	\$18,077.00	87	(\$2,352.93)
Difference	<u>\$3,681.97</u>	<u>\$3,681.97</u>	<u>\$3,036.00</u>		