

May 2022 Newsletter

¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

--Luke 24:12

Dear Siblings in Christ,

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter, everyone! My blessing of your Easter celebration is as genuine today as it was at our Easter Sunrise worship on Sunday, April 17th, when we first shouted together that ancient Christian greeting—HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

You see, though Walmart and television, radio and the internet would have us believe that the celebration of Christ's resurrection was over by the time the leftover ham was put away, Easter is a celebration that lasts 50 days. Yes, 50 whole days! This festival season is the most prominent and prevalent feast time in all of Christendom, even though Walmart and television, radio and the internet would have us believe that Christmas begins before Halloween and lasts... But, that's another topic entirely.

Our entire identity as Christians is wrapped up in the reality of Easter, the promise of the empty tomb. To use the frequently-heard teenage language in my house, "It's a big freakin' deal!" Christ is risen! Our invitation to celebrate Jesus' most well-defined event through Pentecost Sunday (June 5th this year) is just one opportunity to note how Christ being alive defines us. Peter's example in the biblical text above is another, more personal, invitation to do the same.

The disciples have all just been told by the women who went to the tomb that Christ is living, not dead. The scripture tells us that it seemed to them an idle tale and that they did not believe, but Peter goes to check out the scene for himself. And then he goes home, amazed. Isn't that what we do when we attend church Easter morning, or any Sunday, and learn of Christ's mighty acts?

Don't we go home, amazed by the wonder of the Lord?

I wonder what Peter did when he got there? It's not likely he ate a leftover ham sandwich or hid any eggs. What do you think he did?

I imagine myself to be in Peter's shoes nearly every year at Easter, and often during other times of the year. He's a powerful character in the biblical narrative around everything Jesus did and was and is. I like to imagine that I'd be as brave as Peter, as loyal, as willing to return even after I'd failed Christ in such a huge way. And, I'd like to imagine that I, like Peter, would have gone to the grave to see for myself.

We are invited to carry Peter's amazement with us every day, even beyond the 50 days of Easter. Christ is amazing from his birth, through his work, to his death and his resurrection—the utter definition of AMAZING. “Causing great surprise or wonder; astonishing; startlingly impressive,” dictionary.com says.

I imagine, in Peter's amazement, as he returned home to feed the cat, mow the grass, go to work... he also began to carry with him the expectation of surprise. I hope he looked to be astonished. I pray he sought that which is startlingly impressive. I imagine that Peter came to know he was going to be blown away by the life-giving power of God in Christ over and over again. And I imagine this, because I want that hope for myself and for all of you, too.

Easter defines us, disciples, because we live each day in the amazing love Jesus shows for the children of God, us. We are witnesses to the living love of Christ each time we're amazed by anything good. And, we can live in hope so powerful that we expect good, restorative, loving miracles in our lives too. The God who loves us, even unto death on a cross, has shown us mighty power. **Life cannot be stopped, even by death.**

THAT good news, friends, is the message we carry and what calls us to shout for a whole season, HE IS RISEN INDEED!

In love,

Pr. Susan



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!



Drive Thru Holy Communion distribution will be held Sunday, May 1 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.



SPEAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION...

Sunday, May 15th, during the Sunday School hour, the Learning & Youth Committee will sponsor an intergenerational learning event for EVERYONE centered on Holy Communion. If you've never learned about the sacrament, why it's a sacrament, and/or why we celebrate the meal, please join us!

Children will be baking the bread for the workshop during worship and Pastor Susan will lead the presentation. Please bring questions and plan to share your experiences of Holy Communion.

Bible Study gathers on Zoom Mondays in May at 6:00pm. The Zoom Meeting ID: **825 3480 3619**

Passcode: **Bible**

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. **NO BIBLE STUDY MONDAY,**

MAY 30, IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.



We pray for our homebound members and for those battling injury or long-term illness, *especially: Lester & Maxine Herman, Freda Manzullo, Mark Deputy, Theresa McGee, Kim Smith, Logan Siekerman, Pr. Terry McCarthy and Pixie Henry.* If you know of anyone needing pastoral care, please contact the church office. ****Please notify the church as soon as possible if someone you know is hospitalized.***



Pastor Susan Installation

Mark you calendars for Sunday, May 22, 4:00 p.m. to honor and celebrate the official installation of Pastor Susan McCarthy. It has been a long time coming! Immediately following the installation, please plan to continue the celebration with a light meal/refreshments.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-TRINITY FAMILY RETREAT 2023

Preparations are underway and reservations have been made for a Trinity Family Retreat March 3 -5 2023 at Camp Nawakwa. We have reserved Zinn-Tozer Lodge for the event which has capacity to house 40-50 persons and contains a large meeting room, kitchen, and dining room. Many of you have participated in the retreats in the past, the last of which was held in 2015. Mike Brown has agreed to chair and organize the event so look for more information to be coming to you in the upcoming weeks/months as a retreat committee is formed and organized. Zinn-Tozer Lodge is well suited for families with children as most rooms can accommodate 4-5 persons. **STAY TUNED!!!**

WELCA News

The Women of ELCA met on April 5 and began with a message to shine our light to everyone by looking for ways to show love to others.

Our speaker, Anna Mae Foreman had to postpone due to illness and she will present a program on butterflies and their life cycle at our May 3 meeting at 2 PM. Please note the change in time!



We assembled the Emergency/ Health kits for April's Food Pantry, and they were well received



by the families that received them. Our next giving project will be assembling Spring Cleaning buckets for the May Food Pantry families. Items will be purchases with a \$250 Thrivent Action Team gift card. We will hopefully include the following items: all-purpose cleaner, paper towels, sponges/scrubbing pads, window/glass cleaner, bucket, etc. We will prepare these buckets at our May 3 meeting.

Recent happenings-The Women of ELCA prepared and served the funeral luncheon for the Donald Linebaugh family and friends on Friday, April 8. And we will bake twelve Shoo Fly pies for the East Berlin Community Center for their Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, April 30.

On May 5 and 6 we will have a Pie sale. A sign sheet is at the bulletin board for Shoo Fly and Cherry Pies, or you can order by calling Judy Burgard. Proceeds will be used for future projects at Trinity.

Graduates: If you have a child or grandchild member of Trinity who is graduating from high school or college this year, please notify the church office as soon as possible. We would like to be sure they are recognized in the newsletter and during the Sunday School Celebration activities!





Easter Egg Hunt





Easter Children's Program



MEN'S MINISTRY

The next meeting of Men's Ministry will be held Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. featuring a tour of AgCom (Sharrer's Mill), New Chester, PA. Dave Sharrer has offered to give us a tour of the 100 year old family owned mill and the recent expansion to the flour milling facility. The tour is limited to 15 persons so if you haven't reserved your spot please do so today as there are only 7 remaining. We will all meet at the church at 7:30 and carpool to a local restaurant (location to be determined) for breakfast prior to the tour. To reserve call or text Bob King 717-877-0616, email rlkingwalst@comcast.net or complete sign-up sheet found on church bulletin board.



Are you creative? Would you like to help us welcome guests who attend our weekly service? Then please consider helping us to make Visitor Gift Bags. A handout with additional details is available on the counter in the Narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet on the counter—if you'd like to help, please sign your name to cover a month of this calendar year. If you have any questions, please contact Ali Long.



**Mother's Day is
Sunday, May 8, 2022.**

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 May 11 & May 25.

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.

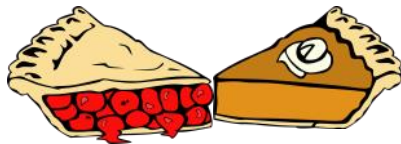
WEDNESDAYS FELLOWSHIP & FAITH



You're invited to gather each **Wednesday morning @ 10AM in the Chapel** for a mid-week spoken **Morning Prayer** service. The service may also be seen online in the Trinity Lutheran EB Fellowship Group on Facebook. Everyone is invited to participate in person or online—and we're adding some fun! Beginning the first Wednesday of April, April 6, those who wish to join in will gather between **8:30-8:45 at Rene's Restaurant for breakfast**, dutch treat. Orders will be taken at 8:45 so we can return to church in time for worship.

MAY PIE SALE

WELCA will be baking Shoo Fly and Cherry pies on May 5 and 6. Pick up times are May 5 from 11am-12pm and May 6 from 11am-12pm and 5-6pm. Proceeds will continue to help those in need through our WELCA projects!



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!



The second annual **Spring Fling** will be held on Sunday, June 5th at noon. The Parish Life committee will provide hot dogs and drinks. We are looking forward to all the delicious dishes that everyone will bring! Please stay tuned for the location.

Mark your calendars for our annual Church Picnic to be held on Sunday August 28th. Everyone always has a great time of fellowship, so please plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

COCKTAIL HOUR TAKES A BREAK

Cocktail hour won't be scheduled on a regular basis from now until October because of the busy, longer daylight times that call us away from our computers and into other activities. But, we'll watch the weather and make plans to gather sporadically when it's rainy or just rather yucky to be outside. **Keep an eye on your emails for a Zoom invitation.** Thanks be to God for all who have gathered through the cold, dark fall/winter seasons for these times of pure fellowship, and thanks be to God for the technology that allows it!



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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!



New White Paraments: The new white paraments we use during this Easter Season are a gift from the Leas Family, Sally, Leon, Chad and Stephanie, in loving memory of Sally's sister, *Ann Sterner*. It is fitting that we remember Ann in this way, as she served her Lord here at Trinity for many years as part of the Altar Guild. Thank you, Leas Family!



ELW Sponsors: We are looking for sponsors to help us obtain 16 more ELWs. This is to put an ELW in every slot in every pew. The cost is \$25 and there will be a sign-up table to take your orders (including honor and memorial designation on the nameplate inside the front cover) in the narthex during the month of May. We hope to have all the new ELWs in place by Pentecost.

Ministry Pages



Sharing Shelf Update

The Sharing Shelf is available 24/7 on Trinity's back porch. Donations of non-perishable goods are welcomed. We will attempt to keep the shelf stocked but due depleting inventory it may not be available every day. Thank you for supporting this valuable community ministry.

WELLNESS GROUP – Please watch for information about coming Wellness Group topics and gathering times in the weekly announcements. We are always looking for suggested topics as well as ideas for presenters. If you have any ideas or questions about the group, please contact Laura Ryder and/or Pastor Susan. Be well!



Food Pantry: New Hope Ministries is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, May 4. 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.

The Central PA Food Bank is offering an opportunity to virtually meet and chat with the Senior Program Manager and learn how innovative advances are being made to meet the needs of our neighbors facing food insecurity. Thursday, May 5 at 12:00noon call (717) 547-6266 to register or email development@centralpafoodbank.org



Laundry Love Ministry will be held Tuesday, May 10 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.**



Pizza and Prayer Workshop- May 1 and May 15 at 5:00 pm in the Social Hall. There is a sign up sheet on the table just outside the sanctuary. If you don't enjoy pizza, the prayer workshop will begin very close to

5:30 pm. Anyone is welcome. (there is no need to have attended previous workshops)

Katharine, Trinity Intern

Ruth's Harvest is working hard this school year. On Tuesday, May 17 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).**



Worship Assistants

May 1

May 8

May 15

Assisting Minister

Sue Clauser

Charlie Hoffman

Chris Long

Communion Helper

Becky Rinehart

Chris Long

Jim Kline

Lector

Greta Haley

Louise Haugh

Madeleine Haley

Ushers

Rick, Anita, Terry,
Bob A.

Judy, Leon

Jay & Sue,
Louise, Kathy

Altar Guild

Deb King

Anita Madsen

Janet McMaster



“Remember Your Baptism” Our helpers, Claire and Preston, assisted Pastor Susan on Sunday, April 24 as we are reminded of our baptism.

May 22

May 29

June 5

June 12

Jim Kline

Jake Sharrer

Jake Sharrer

Katharine
Beckman

Jayne Sebright

Sam Haley

Ruthann, Mark,
Janet & Mac

Jay & Sue, Louise
Kathy

Kathy Kuhn

Ruthann Bowen

Anita Madsen

Deb King



Easter Sunrise Service, April 17 was held outdoors.

Mission in Motion is focusing on “The José Project.”

We are helping an 18 year old senior at Bermudian have a safe place to live with his 17 year old sister and 15 year old brother. José is caring for his siblings. We are rehabbing a trailer in York Springs for their home. This is a joint effort involving the staff at Bermudian, Servants Ministry in Red Lion, and various community members. In addition, New Hope and our food pantry have provided food and some household items. It is truly the work of God! If you are interested in donating funds for this important project, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran and write, “The José Project” on the memo line. If you are interested in helping with the work, please let Jay Smith know. If you are interested in contributing household items, please see Dona Lerew to find out what is needed. Your help is appreciated! José is an admirable young man, taking on high responsibility in his young life!

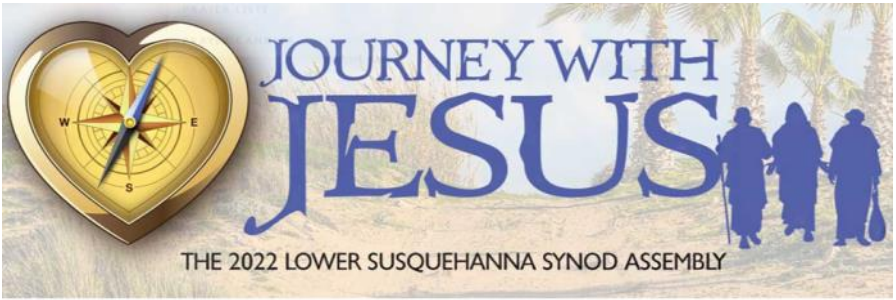


Could you spare one meal in the next eight weeks? As part of The José Project, a community meal plan has begun to help feed these teenagers as they learn how to cook for themselves. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex along with an information sheet with some ideas about a meal for them. The meal must be ready on a Thursday morning. It will be picked up and delivered by Dona Lerew. Thank you so much for any help you can give as we all work together to help these teenagers learn to live independent, productive lives.



a heartfelt
TH❤️**ANKS**
for all you do! **NATIONAL
NURSES
WEEK**

May 6-12, 2022



This year's Synod Assembly will be held Friday evening, June 3 and all day June 4. Once again the meeting will be held virtually via ZOOM. Sherry Brown and Bob King have agreed to serve as voting representatives for Trinity. For those that have not experienced a Synod Assembly it is an eye-opening experience. Since the Assembly will be held virtually, we want to extend the offer to anyone who would want to experience the meeting to stop by the church and spend a few hours joining Bob, Sherry, and Pastor Susan in this virtual convention. We will be viewing the sessions using the Roku TV. Only Bob, Sherry, and Pastor can cast votes on the various business items, which will be done by a separate software application installed on a personal mobile device, but as representatives of Trinity we would welcome your input. If you would like to see the agenda and any other related documents you can download these from the Synod website (lss-elca.org) or contact Bob, Sherry or Pastor and we'll gladly provide you with an electronic or written copy.



Trinity is so blessed to have such an amazing Property Team that takes care of our church's building and grounds each week. From the cleaning teams to the mowing crew, the volunteers that care for Trinity are always willing to go the extra mile. We are grateful for everyone who uses their talents for our church.

Getting Rid of ‘All the Crap’

And Jesus said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” -

Luke 12:

The father of small children was commiserating about how hard it is to keep the house clean with energetic, active, creative kids at home.

“What really gets to me about cleaning the house,” he said, “is all the crap.”

Crap. Not just the toys and stuffed animals that overflow from toy bins, under beds and closets. The adult stuff, too – the gadgets crowding the kitchen, the cleaning products jammed under the sink, the stuff crammed in the medicine cabinet, the yard junk all over the lawn, and on and on.

The crap factor comes to mind in Jesus' parable of “the rich fool” in Luke 12:17-20. The fool has so much stuff, he wants bigger barns to hold it all. The parable should strike a chord with us in America, where accumulation is such a big problem that self-storage (our “bigger barns”) is booming business.

A man of few possessions, Jesus kept everything simple. He must have known how hard it is to focus on godly living when our lives are cluttered with stuff. Of course, Jesus’ parable talks about possessions, but the same principle applies to the mind and heart’s clutter of ideas, loyalties and desires that distract us from God.

How cluttered is your house? Your mind? Your soul?

For the month of May, consider a house cleaning to get rid of unneeded, unnecessary stuff. And prayerfully consider what “clutter” may be in your mind, heart and soul as well. What needs to be tossed out, recycled or donated in order that your house and your spirit can focus on what’s truly important? That is, the things of God.

--Rob Blezard

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The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

May 7, 14 & 21—The Wittel Farm Growing Project Planting Days

May 7—Work Day at Kirchenwald

May 15—Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic at Kirchenwald

May 14 & 21—Nawakwa Garden Project Planting Days

Visit www.lutherancamping.org to learn more

Making a difference in the lives of people with Dementia conference will be held Friday, May 13, 2022 from 8:00am-12:30pm at the Church of the Open Door-East York Campus 4075 E. Market Street. The keynote speaker is author, caregiver and motivational speaker, Loretta Woodward Veney. She will be speaking about the JOY of caregiving. There will also be a panel discussion with partners. Registration is FREE. You can attend in person or online. To register, call (717) 843-1504 or email makingadifferenceindementia@gmail.com

Geraniums for Pentecost: Please consider buying and donating a red geranium to be brought in on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. They will decorate the worship space that day and will then be planted in the church gardens.



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)

- May 1: Third Sunday of Easter
- May 8: Fourth Sunday of Easter
- May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter
- May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- May 29: Ascension of our Lord
- June 5: Day of Pentecost

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.





Thank you all musicians, instrumentalists, singers, plus the many “behind the scenes” workers who helped pull together our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Day Celebration. I was enjoying the sin of “pride” when so many people came forward to sing the Hallelujah choruses at 7:00am service and the 10:15am service. How exciting this congregation is able to gather and sing a beautiful composition written in 1741! And our most handsome and talented children singing and reciting holy words that has become a simple tradition loved by Trinity for over 75 years! Thank you to all adults and children for making this happen in 2022.

We look forward to May now, still celebrating Easter each week, our adult choir is rehearsing each Sunday at 8:15am in the chapel. We look forward to the installation of our Pastor Susan who works so very hard now and the past 2 1/2 years. Perhaps, an East Berlin tradition for Memorial Day, our handbells will ring in a parade. Stay tuned.

-Karen Wire



Our Sunday School Celebration will be held May 22. We will celebrate the end of the Sunday School Year and enjoy fellowship afterwards.



May Birthdays



5-2 Glenn Gruver

5-4 Sherry Brown

5-7 Austin Kohler

5-8 Nathan Biles

5-12 Amanda Moore

5-13 Madeleine Haley

5-14 Jasmine Livingston

5-17 Jason Ohrum

5-18 Dottie Mae Eisenhart

5-22 Laura Storm

5-25 Elena Hull

5-29 Ruthann Bowen

5-30 Rick Fink

5-30 Rick Madsen



5-5 Leon & Sally Leas ~ 49 Years

5-9 Jeff & Courtney Fortuna ~ 7 Years

5-22 Doug & Karen Sheaffer ~ 29 Years

5-23 Gene & Cindy St. Clair ~ 47 Years

5-31 Poncho & Amanda Moore ~ 14 Years

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.





My name is David Roberts (aka The Red Sweater and Walker Guy). I am a retired United Methodist pastor (and musician) in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. After fully retiring in 2020, I moved to live with my family in East Berlin (we live in Hampton Heights). My wife Sarah has seizures, so she is not able to attend worship services. I underwent some kind of mysterious medical something the summer of 2020, which quickly changed me from an ordinary guy in his 60s to the disabled man I am today (I never had walking or memory, etc. problems before). I have gone through a million tests and they still don't know what happened or how to make things better (the testing continues). Because of my greatly reduced memory, I cannot remember names. I was truly blessed by God through my connections with Pr. Susan and the Trinity Family. Thank you all, and may God richly bless you and those whom you love.

THANK YOU!
thank you!

Prayers Work!!!!!!

Thank you to our Trinity Church Family and Friends, we have been asking God for a Lot through the last few weeks and with the help of you all, prayers have been answered.

John has been released from hospital, all tubes removed and all staples removed he is in full recovery mode from operation of which news from Dr's was very good. He may return to normal "Light" life. Had to put that light in there, hard for John to understand those words. But on the road for full recovery.

John, Jonathan and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the prayers and condolences given to us in our time of need.

Healing takes a very long time, but we are all on the mend.

Thank all of you and thank you God, for answering our prayers.

Louise Haugh



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2022

Meeting
Minutes

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

Bob called the meeting to order and Pastor Susan used our Council Meeting Liturgy, reading from Philippians 2:5-11. Our agenda was reviewed and one item was deleted, because it was duplicated.

Secretary's Report

March's minutes were reviewed and Dona made a motion to accept as written, Pastor Susan seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion carried. Two thank you notes were shared: EBACC thanked the Missionary Support committee for their donation of \$500 and The Austin Disaster Relief Network thanked for Trinity's donation to their disaster relief group.

Treasurer's Report

The report was reviewed. Our income is running a deficit of \$2,400. The Finance Committee will meet Monday, April 11.

Ministry Reports

Learning & Youth-rehearsal for Easter Program will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 4 PM followed by the egg hunt. The Easter program will be Easter Sunday at 9am in the Social Hall and will be recorded to share out after Sunday School.

On May 15, an inter-generational Holy Communion instruction class will be held, followed by light refreshments. The children will be baking the bread during Cookie Break to be used during the class.

May 22 is the end of Sunday School Celebration.

Plans are under way to start an Evangelistic Committee and hope to meet on June 27 at 6:30.

The next Learning & Youth meeting is scheduled for July 11, at 6:30 to plan the fall classes. And Rally Day is September 18.

Worship & Music-Attending: Pastor, Noelle, Mike, Karen S, Noah, Becky

We did a short review of previous services and decided to keep Song Leaders (Cantors) in place to help guide the vocal parts of our

service.

We will continue to keep center aisle communion distribution – but revisit discussion next month.

Preparations for Holy Week were discussed.

New paraments will be picked up by Jen tomorrow. They will be used and dedicated at the 10:15 Easter Sunday service.

The new Pascal Candle is not yet available. Becky will find a possible replacement for Easter.

Easter Season Worship Planning

Easter Season – Keep banners up front.

ELW for home worshippers: We will purchase 16 new ones to give those worshipping at home. Mike will put together appeal for sponsors and the books will be a gift from Trinity.

Pastor's Installation: May 22nd – W&M committee prefers the installation on this day, and will have council approve this date.

Music Appreciation day – June 5th.

Usher Duties were reviewed and we issued a written list for all ushers.

Pastor Susan added that Mike Brown will teach a class on Crucifixion after our Palm Sunday service.

Finance-Bob reported their next meeting will be held Monday, April 11. The Audit is 95% complete, and a report will be written.

Parish Life-Dona reported there will be breakfast served after the 7 AM Easter Service and before the Children's Program. Our Spring Fling is scheduled for June 5. The committee is helping with the Prayer Program with Katherine and her pizza dinners Sunday evenings, as well as the end of year Sunday School Program. They will host the Food Pantry Lunch for June. Our Church Picnic will be held August 28.

Social Ministry-The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, May 4 from 4:00-6:00pm.

Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, April 12 from 5:30-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat. Please note that we are still collecting quarters!

Ruth's Harvest Packing continues Tuesday, April 12 at 1:00pm at St. John's in Abbottstown.

WELCA: Our meeting held, March 1, where we packed the Emergency/Health Kits for the Food Pantry families. Our speaker had to re-schedule due to illness and plans to attend our May 3 meeting at 2

PM instead. We will also prepare Spring Cleaning Buckets to distribute at our May Food Pantry. A shoo fly and cherry pie sale will be held on May 5 and 6.

Mission In Motion-is hard at work on The José Project. Work on the trailer has begun, funds have been coming in and many people are volunteering. Holly Wallen at the high school is coordinating all efforts for José and his family. Dona Lerew is coordinating all charitable funds and Trinity's efforts, Jay Smith is coordinating the rehab of the inside of the trailer and Servants is providing rehab of the outside of the trailer. God is providing all that is needed for this project!!

Outreach-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.

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

Evangelism- a E-Team meeting will be held on Monday June 27, at 6:30 PM

Property-We held our property meeting March 17. Present: Bob King & Jay Smith

Discussed quote from One Way Janitorial and decided to wait until later in the year if the budget allows to do the vinyl floor cleaning this year.

Decided to offer for sale to the congregation, (16) antique wooden children's chairs from the nursery classroom. Asking \$20 each with proceeds to go towards learning and youth. Note: the little rocking chair is not for sale. The yellow plywood table is free.

Front door upgrade was discussed. Options were listed but due to low attendance at the meeting, we tabled the issue till next month. 2022 Mowing schedule is being worked up.

Set Saturday, April 23 as a Trinity Work Day to coincide with the East Berlin Work Day.

Canceled order for rug due to price increase. We are looking for

less expensive options. Next Meeting April 21, 2022.

Stewardship-no report

Constitution/Governance-no report

Pastor's Report

Pastor Susan's calendar and report was reviewed and included the following:

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS: Planned & led March Wellness mini-retreat. Made 3 home visits, 2 nursing home visits, 1 hospital visit. Following two families and 1 individual for pastoral care. Continue to mentor Seminary Intern Katharine Beckman. Continue to attend continuing education re: preaching in traumatic times. Continue to participate in Hybrid Church Academy. Planned and executed evening midweek Lenten services, sometimes leading and sometimes mentoring Katharine's leadership. Held a Healing Service for the congregation on Sunday, 3/27. Planned services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter with Karen Wire and W & M Committee. Planned funeral service for Donald Linebaugh, 4/8. Wrapped up scheduled Cocktail Hour fellowship times until summer's end; may hold some sporadically throughout the spring/summer when weather keeps folks inside—they've been a joy. Continue to lead Bible Study with two new participants; talking about taking a summer break. Planning for my installation May 22 with Council's approval; W & M Committee agreed to that date. Began Fellowship Breakfast on Wednesdays prior to Midweek Morning Prayer—8:30 a.m. at Rene's Family Restaurant.

Old Business

Website update-Faithlife web site had no new members additions in the last 30 days even after a second request being sent out to our members. Our web site has the information on it as well.

Any online calendar changes need to be sent to Jen so she can update it as soon as possible.

Hybrid Church Update-the committee will have a report for council at the May meeting. Discussion will include the equipment we need to make live stream services with our own equipment. At this time, we are using Andie Guiher's equipment.

We have not received a quote from Reynold's A/V after several requests for one, so Bob will contact Jamie Lerew in Biglerville.

Committee Members-Bob reminded council members that committee chairpersons are to be recruiting members to their committees.

Pastor Susan's Installation Service-the date set for the installation is May 22. This service will start at 4 PM and will be a full worship service followed by a meal in our social hall.

New Business

Synod Assembly-will be on line on Saturday, May 14, and June 3 & 4. Two congregational member are needed to attend. Sherry Brown and Bob King agreed to attend. Bob would like to possibly set up a screening of the event, in our social hall and open it up to anyone to attend as well. More information to come soon.

Endowment Fund-a recommended was made for \$12,000 be move from the Endowment Fund to the Endowment Holding account. Stephanie made a motion to do so, Mark seconded, all were in agreement, and the motion carried.

Dona made a motion to adjourn, Sherry seconded, all were in agreement, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Sheaffer

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH							
Treasurer's Report as of March 2022 for GENERAL FUND (NEWSLETTER)							
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Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	% of Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)	
<i>Income</i>							
CURRENT INCOME TOTAL	\$13,310.06	\$43,767.35	\$15,929.00	\$51,770.00	85	(\$8,002.65)	
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$848.24	\$2,519.16	\$962.00	\$3,125.00	81	(\$605.84)	
Total Income	\$14,158.30	\$46,286.51	\$16,891.00	\$54,895.00	84	(\$8,608.49)	
<i>Expense</i>							
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$962.00	\$3,549.59*	\$1,142.00	\$3,426.00	104	\$123.59	
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$600.40	\$988.60	\$375.00	\$1,125.00	88	(\$136.40)	
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$52.36	\$157.25	\$142.00	\$426.00	37	(\$268.75)	
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$449.10	\$720.46	\$266.00	\$798.00	90	(\$77.54)	
SALARIES TOTAL	\$8,323.24	\$24,596.39	\$8,394.00	\$25,182.00	98	(\$585.61)	
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$2,724.98	\$8,286.64	\$3,054.00	\$9,162.00	90	(\$875.36)	
STAFF BENEFITS	\$268.95	\$679.12	\$266.00	\$798.00	85	(\$118.88)	
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$11,317.17	\$33,562.15	\$11,714.00	\$35,142.00	96	(\$1,579.85)	
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$700.67	\$2,340.63	\$1,026.00	\$3,828.00	61	(\$1,487.37)	
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$1,640.27	\$5,218.55*	\$1,467.00	\$4,399.00	119	\$819.55	
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$649.72	\$2,131.83*	\$708.00	\$2,124.00	100	\$7.83	
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$17.00	\$487.00	\$1,463.00	1	(\$1,446.00)	
Total Expense	\$16,371.69	\$48,686.06	\$17,327.00	\$52,731.00	92	(\$4,044.94)	
Difference	(\$2,213.39)	(\$2,399.55)	(\$436.00)	\$2,164.00			