

June 2022 Newsletter

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." —Revelation 21:3-4

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

I pray this grace and peace to you in yet another time of tragedy for our nation and world. As I sit down to write this letter for our June newsletter, I'm hearing the news that at least two are dead in Uvalde, TX. At least nine... Fourteen... Eighteen... and last I checked the news, nineteen children and two adults. Killed by violence in a hometown brought on by what? Hate? Intolerance? Bullying? Retaliation? Mental illness? You know what, it doesn't matter what. There is no reason for the loss of life and suffering that has occurred.

We can talk about gun rights. We can talk about "catching" the signs of someone about to go off the deep end. We can talk about any number of ways to prevent such tragedy. We can, as they say on the news, send our "thoughts and prayers" to the families affected. But, you know what? This is not the only mass shooting of this type in the last month. Churches, grocery stores, schools... are not safe. This is sometimes and especially true for our neighbors of color. And we are all affected.

We can no longer send sympathies far away and make ourselves feel safer by saying what a disaster this has been for "those people." We ARE those people. The prevalence of this violence in our country has taught us that this can happen anywhere, to anyone, even to the most innocent among us. I wish we had answers for fixing the problem - and quickly, I sure do. But, I don't have the answers, not by myself, and I expect you don't either, not alone. But, for the sake of one another, we MUST, as a nation, do better.

So, Church, we pray that God shows us the way. We must draw our hope from the Lord. We must pray for the new heaven and the new earth where God comes to dwell among us, where God will wipe away our tears and stop death. As resurrection people we believe God can do this.

But, praying is not enough. We, the Body of Christ, are the hands and feet and hearts and voices of the Lord in the world here and now. We must lead with love, going into the places where pain and trauma are present. Jesus shows us the way, all the way to the cross.

We must, wherever we go, wherever we are, put a stop to the hate we see around us—speak out against talk and action that hurts our neighbors. We must lead with love and understanding. We must bring compassion into the hurting corners of the world. We must stand up and against that which divides us and stand for that which unites us. We must love in all our thoughts, words and deeds. Love for Jesus is not simply emotion, but ACTION: Acts of service, deeds of love, advocacy, truth-speaking, reconciliation... hard work.

God unites us in love. God loves ALL of us. Only love can win a battle with hate, with sin, with death, with evil. **Let us not just pray about the news, but be the love that changes the news.** This is why we exist, dear Church, to be Christ in the world—making a difference.

I pray the hope you have in the Lord and in the power of God's love comfort you in this time of sorrow, and that it empower you to bring about the change in our society that Jesus' love calls for.

Every little thing we do matters. And the way you love makes a difference.

In His 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, June 5 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.

YOU'RE INVITED!



This year's Synod Assembly will be held as a virtual conference. Pastor Susan, Sherry Brown, and Bob King will represent Trinity. The Assembly convenes Friday June 3 at 7:00 p.m. and resumes Saturday at 8:00 a.m. We will take part in the meeting using the large screen ROKU TV from the Parlor. All members are invited to join the meeting for a few minutes, an hour or for the entire session. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bob, Sherry, or Pastor.

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.****



The second annual **Spring Fling** will be held on Sunday, June 5th at 12:00pm at Mark Boyer's Plum Run Acres, 1440 East Berlin Road. The Parish Life committee will provide hot dogs and drinks. We are looking forward to all the delicious dishes that everyone will bring! Don't forget to bring a chair!

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

We met on Tuesday, May 3 and Anna Mae Foreman was our guest speaker. She shared her knowledge of butterflies and their life cycle. She also shared how to attract butterflies and birds to your backyard and gardens. Everyone enjoyed her visit!

We also assembled the Spring-Cleaning Buckets that were handed out at May's Food Pantry. A Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card was used to purchase the items! Thank you to Deb King for applying for the gift card and for leading this project!

Our Shoo Fly and Cherry Pie sale was a huge event, and we 140 pies. We believe this was our largest pie sale we have done! Thank you to everyone who helped and purchased pies.

Our next meeting will be a picnic held at Janet McMaster's home at 5:30 PM on June 7th. Everyone should bring a covered dish to share. Even if you do not regularly attend our WELCA meetings, please join us for our picnic. All women of Trinity are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WELCOME TO THE E-TEAM!

Christ, in Matthew 28:19-20, tells us, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." In accordance to that call, here's some news - ***We're all members of Trinity's E-Team, called to make disciples of all nations together!*** If you'd like to learn more about what this means, please join the conversation on Monday, June 27th at 6:30pm in the social hall. We'll spend some time studying what that scary word, "Evangelism" means and how we'll respond to Christ's command. Let's get going! 😊





Madeleine Haley graduated from Bermudian Springs High School on May 27, 2022 and received her Girl



Scout Gold Award at Bucknell University on June 12, after 13 years as a Girl Scout. She will attend Bloomsburg University in the fall, majoring in Medical Imaging, and plans to study abroad in South Korea.

Amber Nickey graduated from Bermudian Springs High School on May 27th. Amber was a member of student council, national honor society, national art honor society, and played varsity Soccer and Track (pole vault). She will attend Millersville



University in the fall and plans to major in Chemistry.



Jacob Ohrum graduated from Bermudian Springs High School on May 27th. Jacob plans to work after graduation and will possibly continue his education in 2023.



2022
class of
CONGRATULATIONS!



Dr. Rachael Erdman daughter of Jeff & Kim Erdman is Doctor of Physical Therapy from the class of 2022 at Lebanon Valley College.



Nick Erdman son of Jeff & Kim Erdman graduated from Bermudian Springs, class of 2022, and will attend Virginia Tech majoring in Architecture.



Paige Erdman daughter of Jeff & Kim Erdman graduated from the Villanova School of Business May 13 with a BBA in Marketing and Business Analytics.



MEN'S MINISTRY

On May 7 the Men's Ministry Group were honored to receive a tour of AgCom conducted by Dave Sharrer. Following a breakfast at Rosie's, we travelled to New Chester and met Dave and enjoyed a tour of the flour milling operation owned by the Sharrer family for 100 years. The operation recently completed a expansion and renovation to take the business into the next century. Thank you Dave for a enjoyable and informative morning. (Photos below from the tour)



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 June 8 and June 22.

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.

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.



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!



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.

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Brunch: The Parish Life committee will host a farewell brunch on Sunday, June 26th for Trinity's Intern, Katharine Beckman's last Sunday with us here at Trinity.

DONATION SOUGHT— Does anyone have a wireless keyboard/mouse combo and/or spare monitor you would be willing to donate for Pastor Susan to use with her laptop? Thank you!

The Constitution Committee is looking for some new members to be part of this committee. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00pm. Please contact Mark Boyer or the church office if you are interested.

PASTOR SUSAN WILL BE AWAY from Sunday afternoon, June 19 through Saturday, June 25. In case of pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Jan Mills at jmills4@hotmail.com or 717-816-8156.

OUR FAITH AT TRINITY CLASS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST

Mark your calendars for a 3-week faith refresher course on what it means to be a Christian at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Berlin. Pastor Susan will lead the 3-week session Sundays after worship on August 7th, 14th, and 21st. We'll follow the schedule to explore: Week 1 - Our Belief Statements/Creeds; Week 2 - Our Worship and the Sacraments; Week 3 - Trinity and Our Ministries. Please bring your questions! This is a good class for both old and new Christians, old and new Lutherans, and old and new members of Trinity's fellowship. If you're interested in joining the congregation, this is a great way to prepare for that! See Pastor Susan with any questions. No registration required; come to one session or come to them all.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP - What it means and is it for you? Trinity Lutheran is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), regionally of the ELCA's Lower Susquehanna Synod, and locally of the LSS's Hanover Conference. The congregation operates under a Constitution that has been adopted and ratified by the congregation, the synod office, and thereby by the ELCA. Membership within the congregation means you're offered the opportunity to serve as an individual with both voice and vote in business decisions at congregational meetings, serve as a member of the congregation's council (governing board), and reap the benefits of things like using the church facilities without a rental fee. Membership also comes with responsibility: regular use of the means of grace (God's Word and Sacraments), live a Christian life in accordance with Christ's teachings, and support the work of the Church in all its forms. Once a member, your membership is defined by our constitution as someone who makes a contribution of record (time, talent, or finance) and communes at least annually. **EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME** to participate in worship, Christian education, ministry committees and other service opportunities, the sacraments, pastoral care, fellowship, and other aspects of our shared life of faith regardless of membership. If you have questions about any of this, feel free to contact Pastor Susan or any member of the church Council. Is membership for you?

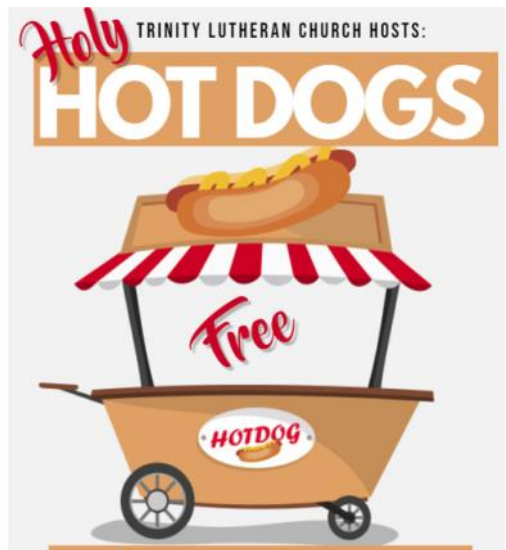
Ministry Pages



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.

Holy Hot Dogs will return this summer beginning June 8. Volunteers are needed beginning at 4:00pm. We will serve hotdog meals to the East Berlin Community every Wednesday (except Food Pantry week) during the summer months. Drive-through meals will be served beginning at 5pm.



Food Pantry: New Hope Ministries is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, June 1. 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, June 14 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.**

Meals for the José Project: Continuing during the month of June, we hope to provide meals once per week for these teens. 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.



Trinity's next blood drive will be Tuesday, July 5 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.



SAVE THE DATE:
Trinity Lutheran's Penny Carnival
Sat. August 13, 2022 from 4pm-7pm

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our **2022 Penny Carnival!** We have begun working on event details, including lots of food, fun and games. Stay tuned for more info soon on how **you** can participate and support this year's Penny Carnival! If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Ali Long for more details. The next planning meeting for the Penny Carnival will be held Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00pm.

WELLNESS GROUP – The Wellness Group will be taking a break throughout the summer but will be reconvening in the fall. If you have ideas for topics please contact Laura Ryder and/or Pastor Susan. Guest speakers are always welcome! We'd love to have you join us as a participant and/or a leader!



COMING THIS FALL - BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Want to become more familiar with the Bible? Interested in learning more about the passages we read in worship? Love serving as a Reader (lector) in church and wish you could expand on those readings? Here's a great chance! Biblical Storytelling is a method of proclaiming Scripture that involves becoming familiar with a passage and then telling the story to others. There's a general goal of 75% accuracy in repeating the words of the passage and 95% accuracy in sharing the content or message of the passage. YOU can do this! This is particularly a great way to share the stories of Scripture if you're not comfortable reading out loud - you get to tell the story in your own words.

Here are some tips on how to become a Biblical Storyteller:

- *Pick a passage of Scripture that you'd like to share (The list of fall options can be found on the table in the upstairs lobby/narthex.)
- *Know your passage well enough to tell it, not read it. Study its context. Set the scene by describing it and introducing the characters.
- *Pace yourself. Don't rush through the story, tell it at a natural pace with your normal voice. Speak clearly so you can be heard.
- *Use props and other visuals if they'll help.
- *Figure out how you'll enlist the help of others if it's appropriate.
- *Practice, practice, practice. Practice alone, in front of the mirror, and in front of people.



If you'd like to be a Biblical Storyteller this fall during worship, September 11 - November 20, check out the list of lectionary passages on the sign-up sheet on the table in the upstairs lobby/narthex. See

Pastor Susan with any questions or to learn more. The Storyteller will serve to tell the story during the worship time and will act in the place of the Lector for that particular passage. If no Storyteller signs up, then the Lector's job remains the same as always.

Worship Assistant

Worship Assistants	June 5	June 12	June 19
Assisting Minister	Ruthann Bowen	Sue Clauser	Katharine Beckman
Communion Helper	Sue Clauser	Katharine Beckman	Alex Sharrer
Lector	Amber Nickey	Sandy Emig	Bob Aims
Ushers	Jay & Sue, Terry, Bob A.	Les & Maxine, Judy	Rick & Anita, Ruthann, Kathy
Altar Guild	Anita Madsen	Deb King	Noelle Kline



On Sunday, May 15, our Sunday School Class joined with all ages to learn about Holy Communion

Summer Schedule

June 26

July 3

July 10

July 17

Alex Sharrer

Becky Rinehart

Bob King

Charlie Hoffman

Becky Rinehart

Bob King

Charlie Hoffman

Chris Long

Bob King

Greta Haley

Madeleine Haley

Eddie Sebright

Ruthann, Mark,
Janet & Mac

Bob & Deb,
Jim & Noelle

Rick & Anita,
Terry, Bob A.

Les & Maxine,
Judy

Janet McMaster

Kathy Kuhn

Ruthann Bowen

Anita Madsen



During our Sunday School Celebration, we were joined by a special guest, Donna Scott, who assisted the kids as they cut Pastor Susan's hair to be donated.



THE JOSÉ PROJECT

Trinity's Commitment to Stewardship, Discipleship, Loving and Serving God and Neighbors

May 2022

Who: José is an 18 year old high school senior caring for his sister and brother

because their mother basically abandoned them. They are living by themselves while attending school.

What: This family of siblings needs a safe place to live and support along the way in order to lead productive and independent lives. The high school teachers became aware of the situation and took action and organized support. They contacted Trinity. We answered! A high school teacher's family had an old trailer they were willing to rent to José at a very low cost. To meet their needs, we are concentrating on two concurrent phases: Phase A-- Rehabilitation of a dilapidated trailer to provide a safe and reliable place for these siblings to live. Phase B—Teaching these teenagers life skills to allow them to lead independent, productive, and meaningful lives.

Helpers: All aspects of the entire project are being overseen by the high school teaching team. The trailer rehab is being overseen by Trinity's Mission in Motion ministry and Servants Inc., a Red Lion based Christian organization committed to helping low-income homeowners with building and repairs. To date, at least 13 individuals have contributed over 254 hours rehabbing the trailer. Servants Inc. is managing the roof repair while Trinity is managing the interior as well as windows, doors and utility connections.

Funds and Materials Raised So far:

- \$1000 from Trinity's Mission In Motion budget began the fund raising.
- \$2000 from Trinity's Endowment Fund contributed to the fund raising.
- \$1600+ was raised in a school district fund raiser.
- \$5275 was collected on a Go Fund Me page initiated by a teach-

er at the high school.

- \$2753 has been contributed from 3 other churches local churches: Red Run, Holy Trinity in York Springs, and Harmony Church of God.
- \$859 worth of supplies was contributed by Exeter Supply Co., York.
- \$2050 has been donated by at least 15 other individuals.
- Servants from Red Lion has donated supplies and is taking care of the trailer roof.
- Four Square Church in York Springs has committed to purchasing an apartment size washer/dryer.
- A community member is installing the heat/ac at a much discounted rate.
- The Lion's Club supplied eyeglasses for José.
- The Center for Traffic Safety contributed funds for José's driver's ed.
- The Salvation Army is paying the first 2 months rent.
- York Springs UMC Church is paying the rent for 4 months.
- Numerous church members and community members are contributing household furnishings.
- Lowe's of Hanover has partnered with Trinity to provide building materials at a much discounted rate.
- A community member has organized a meal donation for these siblings until they can learn to cook for themselves in their new home.
 - ◇ 13 Trinity members have volunteered to contribute a meal so far.
 - ◇ At least 6 Trinity members have donated money towards meals.

José earned his driver's license on May 19 and he graduates on May 27. He will then begin working full time as a school district custodian. We have enough funds to purchase an inexpensive but reliable used car for him. We hope the siblings will be able to move into their new home mid-June. Then the cooking lessons will begin!

Thank you, everyone, for your generous support for these three siblings!! *(see the rehab progress photos on the next page)*



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These photos were taken during the trailer renovation. After pictures are coming soon!!!





The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

June 12-17—All Saints Confirmation Camp at Nawakwa

July 10-15—Leadership Training Camp at Nawakwa

July 10-16—Elder Camp at Nawakwa

July 17-23—Family Camp at Nawakwa

July 17-23—Adult “Bring your own craft” at Kirchenwald

Visit www.lutherancamping.org to learn more



Bible Study takes a break through the late spring and summer months. Bible Study will resume, via Zoom, on Monday, September 12, at 6pm. The Zoom link and study details will be sent out in advance of the first fall gathering. Please join the conversation!

If you have questions, or ideas for a specific study, please contact Pastor Susan or the Learning & Youth Committee.

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!



Have a great

Summer
Vacation!



During our Sunday School Celebration on May 22, the children, with assistance from Donna Scott, cut Pastor Susan's hair which will be donated to an organization.



Worship Schedule



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

- June 5: Day of Pentecost
- June 12: The Holy Trinity
- June 19: Second Sunday after Pentecost
- June 26: Third Sunday after 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.

FATHER'S DAY CLASSIC CAR SHOW



Father's Day is Sunday, June 19. We will celebrate with a drive-in car show and outdoor worship in our parking lot that morning. Then we'll have a special treat afterwards during fellowship!

Notes
From
the
Music Director



The sixth month of 2022 has arrived and aren't we happy! Flowers blooming, gardens growing, the promise of beautiful fresh tomatoes and red strawberries makes me smile. Here at Trinity our activities seem to increase as we live our faith each day.

The adult choir rehearses in June to prepare for the festival days... Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, June 5 and June 12. Thank you, choir, for your dedication and talent you shared during Lent, Easter and now Pentecost season. We will sing a new setting for Pentecost and continue to encourage a hymn leader for each Sunday this summer. I plan to call the women of the congregation to sing a "ladies-only" piece for worship—I'll be calling you soon. We will practice two weeks at 8:30am on two Sundays before worship. Be prepared to say Yes! Any volunteers to sing a solo, trio, duet? I'll be calling you too.

I thank Mike Brown for playing the piano in June so I may enjoy a Sunday "off".

Oh yes Trinity Ringers! How about two rehearsals to prepare two numbers for worship this summer? I'll be phoning several people—experienced and new talent to ring bells. This will be a good experience in patience and team work for everyone.

Check your phone. The next call may be from the music director!

~ Karen



June Birthdays



6-3 Shelly Livingston

6-5 Gary Myers

6-5 Easton Ramirez

6-8 Doug Sheaffer

6-9 Zachery Siekerman

6-10 Jessica Warner

6-13 Louise Eisenhart

6-15 Ali Long

6-18 Heather Kohler

6-23 Katie Gentzler

6-23 Kay Hinkle

6-24 James Thomson

6-25 Alison McSherry

6-26 Reneé Anthony

6-26 Sarah Nickey



6-1 Rick & Wanda Fink ~ 36 Years

6-7 Rev. Dan & Barbara Biles ~ 42 Years

6-8 Skip & Sandy Boyer ~ 64 Years

6-17 Ed & Karen Wire ~ 44 Years

6-21 Jason & Jessica Warner ~ 14 Years

6-28 Jim & Linda Hoak ~ 58 Years



Thank You

WELCA would like to thank everyone who helped us make our Shoo Fly and Cherry Pie sale so successful. Donations from Sharer's Mill for the flour to make our pie crusts, and donations of pie fill from Charlie Hoffman were so appreciated! Many hands were involved in each step of the process-thank you to each and every one of those volunteers. We baked 140 pies and proceeds will help us with future giving projects. Trinity is blessed with many members eager to lend a hand. And thank you to everyone purchasing pies! We will be baking again in September for Fall Festival to help with Trinity's bake table.

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East Berlin Community Singers write:

Trinity Lutheran, thank you for once again opening your doors to the East Berlin Community Singers to allow the group to rehearse in the church. We appreciate your support of our group. Special thanks to Karen Wire for providing snacks for the Singers!
~ Julie Maher, Secretary, EB Community Singers

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Dear Trinity Family, Thank you all for the wonderful reception into the congregation at my installation. I'm so very honored to serve with you all here and feel incredibly blessed to be installed here as your pastor. I'm looking very much forward to the ways God is calling us together in ministries to one another, our community and the world. God is good! Thank you, also, for the gift card to Sydney! Terry and I have been talking for years about going there someday and we look forward to fulfilling that wish! Your gift is much appreciated!

Love, Pastor Susan  



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022

Meeting Minutes

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

Bob called the meeting to order and Pastor Susan used our Council Meeting Liturgy, reading from John 20:19-23. Our agenda was reviewed and one item was added under Hybrid Church: we need to set a meeting date to review the committee's report.

Secretary's Report-the written report was reviewed and Mark made a motion to approve, Sherry seconded the motion, all agreed and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report-the report was reviewed and more information is in the Finance Committee Report.

Ministry Reports

Learning & Youth-Lisa reported no meeting was held since our last council meeting. The youth will be baking bread after the Children's Sermon on Sunday, to be used during the intergenerational learning event on the sacrament, during the Sunday School hour.

Worship & Music-the committee met on and reviewed the Easter services and then finalized plans for Pastor Susan's Installation Service on May 22. We also plan on having one outdoor service each month this summer. The dates are June 19, July 3, and August 28.

Finance-Committee did not schedule a meeting at our April meeting for the month of May. It was decided that if a meeting was needed one would be called at that time. The Audit Team is currently in process of finalizing their written report and will meet later this month to review and sign off on the report. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled for Monday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

April Financial Results

Total budgeted receipts (Current and Synod Benevolence) for April were \$16,934 and budgeted expenses \$17,249 for a monthly deficit of \$314. Current April budgeted receipts were \$16,089 against a budget of \$15,929. While we did slightly exceed our current

budget for April, YTD we are still \$7,842 behind our target. YTD Synod Benevolence is also a bit short by \$773 against a YTD budget of \$4,087. Total budgeted income vs. expenses were \$63,221 vs. \$65,935 for a deficit \$2,714. Overall, our budgeted income is \$8,565 below our YTD target but expenses to date are also under budget by \$4,123. June/July are heavy expense months as our HVAC service contract and insurance premiums fall due in these periods.

Parish Life-This committee is organizing food and fellowship for the following dates: May 15, Intergenerational Communion and Faith Formation Class snacks; Prayer workshop; May 22, Sunday School Celebration, meal for Pastor's Installation; June 5, Spring Fling, June 26, Katherine's last day send off.

Social Ministry-The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, June 1 from 4:00-6:00pm.

Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, June 14 from 5:30-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat. Please note that we are still collecting quarters!

Ruth's Harvest Packing continues Tuesday, May 17 at 1:00pm at St. John's in Abbottstown.

WELCA: We met on Tuesday, May 3 and Anna Mae Foreman was our guest speaker. She shared her knowledge of butterflies and their life cycle. She also shared how to attract butterflies and birds to your backyard and gardens. Everyone enjoyed her visit! We also assembled the Spring-Cleaning Buckets that were handed out at Wednesday's Food Pantry. A Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card was used to purchase the items!

Our Shoo Fly and Cherry Pie sale was a huge event, and we made over 140 pies. Thank you to everyone who helped and purchased pies.

Our next meeting will be a picnic held at Janet McMaster's home at 5:30 PM on June 7th . Everyone should bring a covered dish to share.

Mission in Motion-We are still waiting to hear about a refugee family. The José Project activity has been busy with many volunteers helping to rehab the trailer, people committing to donate household items, and others contributing meals for the siblings. José is close to getting his license and we are investigating a used car for him. These siblings are most appreciative of all the help and sup-

port. Thank you to all who are helping!!

Outreach-Care Kits for College Students were mailed on April 19. Penny Carnival Planning Meeting – May 11 where they brainstormed for this year's event. The date selected for the Penny Carnival is August 13, 2022, 4-7 PM.

The committee will meet soon to discuss how to proceed with expanding the gift boxes to families that are studying away from home. Because their address will not be known until after the students are settled into new residences, we will not send gift boxes until mid-September.

Evangelism-discuss was held at our council meeting on ways we can be disciples. We will work on this at a meeting on June 27.

Property-Jay reported that there are still nursery chairs available for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing a wooden chair should contact Jen Guiher.

Stewardship-Rick reported he is actively looking for committee members. Council discussed that overall, we are doing well with Stewardship, especially with the José project.

Constitution-Governance- a meeting will be planned to take a look at the constitution and any changes that may need done.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Susan's calendar was reviewed. Report is below:

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS: Enjoyed a Sunday off April 3; initiated Fellowship Breakfast @ Rene's prior to Wednesday mornings' morning prayer services; performed funeral services for Donald Linebaugh (4/8) and Dottie Mae Eisenhart (4/29); continue to participate with area pastors for biblical text study and conference work; planned for and led Holy Week services including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Dawn with Worship & Music; participated with Learning & Youth for Children's Easter Program rehearsal and performance; continue to attend Preaching in Traumatic Times monthly continuing education event via Zoom, monthly; continue to participate with Trinity members to attend Hybrid Church Academy and envision what this means for Trinity and the future; continuing to work with Katharine Beckman, especially focused on her mid-term evaluation and her discernment about the type of ministries she's

called to; beginning to plan a summer Sunday School offering; meeting with several potential new members; engaged in pastoral care with three individuals one time; engaged with four individuals for ongoing pastoral care; made 6 visits; planning for my installation on May 22; working with Learning & Youth for Sunday School celebration 5/22.

Old Business

Website-our mobile app is available to all members, and we are welcome to use it to keep track of Trinity's events. Any changes to committee calendars MUST be given to Jen so she can update our calendar! Communication is vital to making this work! Pastor Susan should also be included in any emails as well.

Hybrid Church-their last meeting will be in June. The committee will meet with the council on Monday, June 28 at 7 PM to share power point presentation and their knowledge and suggestions for helping us continue to minister using technology.

Pastor Susan's Installation-the service details are complete, and everyone is asked to sign up to be included in the meal after the service. Pastor Chris Thomas will preside at the service, and Pastor Ben Siebert will preach. Pastor Thomas will be installing Pastor Susan on behalf of the Hanover Conference.

Synod Assembly-Pastor Susan, Bob King and Sherry Brown are our representatives and Bob & Sherry are allowed one vote during the proceedings. Congregational members are encouraged to attend to see the workings of this event! A large screen will be set up in the social hall to view via Zoom. Dates are Friday June 3 and Saturday, June 4.

New Business

Insurance Policy Renewal-all policies are fine and up to date

Trinity Family Retreat-is scheduled for March 3-5, 2023 at Camp Nawaka. Sherry & Mike Brown are working on this event and more information is coming. The Zinn-Tozer Lodge has been reserved for the retreat.

Committees-council discussed communications with in and after committee meetings and asked that all committee minutes be written and

shared with committee members and with Pastor Susan and Jen after their meetings. This way everyone is informed of the happenings at Trinity!

Internship-Katharine Beckman had her mid-term review. Her Pizza and Prayer workshop has been going well and the last one is Sunday, May 15. Katharine's last Sunday with us will be June 26.

Dona made a motion to adjourn, Sherry seconded the motion, all were in agreement and our meeting ended at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sheaffer

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH						
Treasurer's Report as of April 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	\$16,089.84	\$59,857.19	\$15,929.00	\$67,699.00	88	(\$7,841.81)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$844.62	\$3,363.78	\$962.00	\$4,087.00	82	(\$723.22)
Total Income	\$16,934.46	\$63,220.97	\$16,891.00	\$71,786.00	88	(\$8,565.03)
<i>Expense</i>						
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,020.29	\$4,569.88*	\$1,142.00	\$4,568.00	100	\$1.88
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$659.70	\$1,648.30*	\$375.00	\$1,500.00	110	\$148.30
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$0.00	\$157.25	\$142.00	\$568.00	28	(\$410.75)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$203.79	\$924.25	\$266.00	\$1,064.00	87	(\$139.75)
SALARIES TOTAL	\$8,414.63	\$33,011.02	\$8,394.00	\$33,576.00	98	(\$564.98)
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$3,224.24	\$11,510.88	\$3,054.00	\$12,216.00	94	(\$705.12)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$267.11	\$946.23	\$266.00	\$1,064.00	89	(\$117.77)
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$11,905.98	\$45,468.13	\$11,714.00	\$46,856.00	97	(\$1,387.87)
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/AUTO TOTAL	\$1,162.15	\$3,502.78	\$1,026.00	\$4,854.00	72	(\$1,351.22)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$1,967.19	\$7,185.74*	\$1,466.00	\$5,865.00	123	\$1,320.74
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$330.00	\$2,461.83	\$708.00	\$2,832.00	87	(\$370.17)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$17.00	\$488.00	\$1,951.00	1	(\$1,934.00)
Total Expense	\$17,249.10	\$65,935.16	\$17,327.00	\$70,058.00	94	(\$4,122.84)
Difference	<u>(\$314.64)</u>	<u>(\$2,714.19)</u>	<u>(\$436.00)</u>	<u>\$1,728.00</u>		