

July / August 2022 Newsletter

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

—Psalm 63:5

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I must confess, sometimes when I'm prepping my part of the newsletter I start and stop and start before settling on a topic or scripture to write about. This happened, with added pressure since this is a two-month edition, this time around and as a result while Snap-chatting with my nephew and his fiancé I wrote, "I'm struggling with my newsletter article. Need inspiration."

Brittany, our soon-to-be-newest family member (No insult to our brand new great nephew Beckett's position as newest member; they're different categories after all.), sent back a photo of her dinner, labeled "Inspiration." It was a piece of pepperoni pizza. If I made a guess, I'd think it came from Sam's Club, which is across the parking lot from the Walmart where she's an assistant manager. It's pretty good, pretty convenient, and pretty cheap. She's made of the stuff. I would be too if I worked there.

That piece of pizza instantly became a wondrous inspiration for me—my message, and God's, for us is to eat more pizza! Heck, put pepperoni on it if you like! Why? Because we need it.

I'm not talking about actual pizza, though it's mighty good. I invite you to follow my metaphor into the realm of spiritual pizza. David, the psalmist, is writing from the wilderness where he's seeking the Lord with a "thirsty" soul (v.1). He calls God's love better than life (v.3) and once meditating on the Lord (v.6) his soul "is satisfied as with a rich feast" (v.5).

Don't we, too, hunger and thirst for the Lord's embrace? Don't we seek something always to bolster our days and nights when the troubles of this world weigh us down? Don't we sometimes suffer from doubt, depression, anxiety, physical ailments, stress, wondering... the list goes on. And wouldn't a feast that's easy to get, doesn't cost

much, and tastes great be a marvelous respite from the heavy load? Like a piece of pizza from Sam's Club after a busy work week? With pepperoni to boot?

We hunger for God's presence with us throughout this journey called life and there's nothing wrong with satisfying that hunger with what nourishes your soul: prayer, scripture, music, holy communion, worship, staying home from worship, the woods, the beach, laughing with friends, engaging in service to others, giving to the church or a project or a ministry... that list also goes on. Sometimes we just need a piece of spiritual pizza.

David, in the psalm, and the living Christ, remind us that we are not called to a diet of fasting all the time. We American Lutherans can be a pretty stoic bunch, believing that our own needs can only be met by self-sacrifice. And, there's a time and place for those sorts of observances. But, I want to remind us all that it's okay to indulge in the pizza too.

What nourishes your soul? What do you need right now to enhance your walk of faith? Your discipleship? Your relationship with God and with others in faithful community? Brittany's goofy response to my need for inspiration has prompted me to ask myself these questions and to think of genuine answers:

- ◇ Time in the woods
- ◇ Time alone
- ◇ A good fictional read
- ◇ Some new recipes to feed my family
- ◇ A good drama
- ◇ Deep scriptural study
- ◇ Time with colleagues
- ◇ Silence
- ◇ Laughter

What's on your pizza?

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, July 3 and August 7 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place Sunday, August 7. Bring your backpacks, or anything else you would like to have blessed for Back to School! We will also bless the supply bags being distributed at the Penny Carnival.



We pray for our homebound members and for those battling injury or long-term illness, *especially: Wanda Crackett, 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.***





On May 31, the Wellness Group enjoyed a visit to the Old School-house.



WELCA News

Our June meeting was a picnic at Janet McMaster's home. Thank you, Janet for hosting! Unfortunately, weather forced us to have it inside. No matter, we had a wonderful time and enjoyed the covered dishes everyone brought to share. We voted to pay Trinity's \$300 contribution for the second half of the year to our local Food Pantry.

WELCA does not meet during July and August. Our next meeting will be September 6 at 5:30, and we will try again to enjoy Janet McMaster's gardens when she hosts us for a picnic. All women of Trinity are welcome and encouraged to attend! Later that week, on Thursday and Friday, we will be baking pies for Trinity's bake table for the East Berlin's Fall Festival. We plan on having a variety of pies to choose from.

Wellness Group

We met on June 31 at the Church Schoolhouse in the East Berlin Cemetery for a look inside and to learn the history of the first school in East Berlin. Owned by the Union Cemetery Association (Trinity Lutheran and Zwingli UCC) and maintained by the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society, the school was started by our early church members to teach the Bible and other religious studies. Later, public school classes were held there in various forms until 1930. The building was also used for meetings of our town's organizations including the Berlin Improvement Society (an early library to teach German residents to read English), and the Berlin Beneficial Society, which helped residents in need of help. Today, the Historical Society's Education Program uses the building for local schools' field trips.

Those attending this meeting, were able to write with a quill pen, use a slate board and slate pencil to do a math problem, and seal a letter shut with hot wax and a brass seal.

We are hoping to schedule another visit to this wonderful East Berlin treasure, as many were not able to attend our June meeting date.

Pastor
installation
SERVICE



Rev. Susan J. McCarthy and Rev. Ben Siebert (from Trinity Lutheran Church in Arendtsville).





On Sunday, May 22, the Reverend Susan J. McCarthy was officially installed as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran church. We celebrated with a meal afterwards and some great fellowship!



Rev. Susan J. McCarthy pictured here with husband, Rev. Terry McCarthy and son Luke McCarthy

Finance

At the Annual Congregational Meeting November 2021, Trinity adopted a budget totaling \$219,579. To meet this budget required an increase in giving levels and we highlighted that requirement in a letter to the congregation in January 2022. As we examine our financial position through May we are falling way short of our budgeted requirements for giving. What's even more concerning is that giving levels for current (operating expenses) are below 2021 levels by \$6,328.

Through May we are \$14,641 short in meeting our current budget requirements (operating expenses) and \$1038 short in meeting our Synod Commitment. While total operating expenses are below budget, we are not currently meeting expenses and have an operating deficit of \$5,476. Like everyone we are feeling the impact of higher costs (especially utilities) but our present rate of giving is below what is needed to sustain our ministries. Funds available to meet operating expenses on

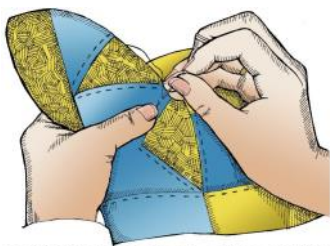
May 31, 2022 are \$22,576. June & July are heavy expense months due to insurance premiums and maintenance/service contracts that fall due in these periods. The Finance Committee feels the need to raise awareness of the reality of the current trend and the importance in meeting our budgeted giving commitment.

We all must make sacrifices during these financially trying times. The church is no exception. We must look at ways to reduce costs but, must all do our part in prayerfully increasing our giving to sustain our active ministries.

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.



KNOTTY KNOTTERS: The Knotty Knotters make and distribute quilts to those in need. The quilt tops are pieced, or sewn together. The Knotters meet the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 2:00-4:00, in the social hall. All are welcome to join this worthwhile ministry. Upcoming meetings will be held from 2:00-4:00pm on July 13 and 27 as well as



August 10 and 24. 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. Also, those who wish to join for breakfast 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.

FATHER'S DAY CLASSIC CAR SHOW



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!



Vacation Bible School will be held at Zwingli UCC on Sunday,



July 10 - Thursday, July 14 from 6:00-8:30pm. Dinner will be served Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday beginning at 5:30pm. There is a need for assistance in the kitchen to prepare the meals on Tuesday & Wednesday. Registration forms are available in the

church office. Adult and junior (ages 13-17) volunteers and donations are also needed. Decorating will take place the week of July 4 and many hands are needed to help decorate. This year will be a FULL VBS with 100+ kids! Lots of help is needed. Contact Rhonda Feiser if you would like to volunteer: (717) 654-0727 or rfeiser5049@comcast.net

Churchwide Assembly Bible Study Sessions



Save the dates! ELCA members are encouraged to participate in a series of online Bible studies in advance of the Churchwide Assembly. Each session will explore the meaning of "embodiment" from Luke 24, followed by engagement with the presenter. More information about registering for these Zoom webinars will be available soon at ELCA.org/CWA. The sessions will be held Sunday afternoons in July, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Central time, and will be presented by Jay Alanis (July 10), Sally Azar (July 17), Man Hei Yip (July 24) and Denise Rector (July 31). This series will also be streamed live at YouTube.com/ELCA.

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.

SHARE THE HARVEST

As an extension of the success of our Sharing Shelf, beginning July 10, Trinity will start a Share the Harvest program. Anyone wishing to offer produce, flowers, etc. is encouraged to bring those goods and place them in baskets in the Narthex. This produce will be offered to anyone in the congregation. Donations received for these goods will be used to continue funding the purchase of food for the Sharing Shelf. Any goods left after the worship service will be placed on the Sharing Shelf for those in need of food.



Food Pantry: New Hope Ministries is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, July 6 & August 3. 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, July 12 & August 9 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.**

Holy Hot Dogs will continue this summer in July & August. 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.





VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED:

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! To make the event a success, we need **YOUR** help and support!

In early July, we'll place **sign-up sheets** in the Narthex (for food donations, for game sponsors and for volunteers for the day of the event). Please watch for those sign-up sheets and consider how **YOU** can help support this year's event through your time, talent or donations.

Stay tuned for more info soon! If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Ali Long for more details.



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.

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	July 3	July 10	July 17
Assisting Minister	Becky Rinehart	Bob King	Charlie Hoffman
Communion Helper	Charlie Hoffman	Charlie Hoffman	Chris Long
Lector	Greta Haley	Madeleine Haley	Eddie Sebright
Ushers	Rick & Anita, Jim & Noelle	Bob & Deb, Terry, Bob A.	
Altar Guild	Kathy Kuhn	Ruthann Bowen	Anita Madsen



Congratulations to Trinity's Intern, Katharine Beckman on her graduation from the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg.

Summer Schedule

July 24

July 31

August 7

August 14

Chris Long

Jim Kline

Jim Kline

Jake Sharrer

Sam Haley

Sandy Emig

Jay & Sue Smith,
Kathy Kuhn

Ruthann, Mark,
Janet & Mac

Deb King

Noelle Kline

Janet McMaster

Kathy Kuhn



The WELCA picnic was held on Tuesday, June 7 at the home of Janet McMaster. Rainy weather brought the group inside but fun and fellowship was had by all.



THE JOSÉ PROJECT

Trinity's Commitment to
Stewardship, Discipleship, Loving and
Serving God and Neighbors
July/August 2022

God is surely present in our mission work! The José Project has proven that over and over. It truly is amazing what the work crew from Trinity has accomplished in that trailer. It is going to be a wonderful place for José, Christian, and Yadira to live and they are very excited about it! In addition to the trailer work, numerous meals for these siblings have been provided from our generous congregation! (see photos on opposite page)

This week, the teachers, along with Christian and Yadira, helped paint the outside of the trailer and it looks great!! As the trailer nears completion, we are working on the furnishings and even more Trinity members are helping with that. Just as our mission statement says, we are loving and serving God and neighbors!

If you are interested in providing a few needed items for the trailer to be move-in ready, please see the sign up in the narthex for the necessary items. Your help is appreciated.

We are still waiting to hear about a refugee family in our participation with the Hanover United Refugee Resettlement group. It sure is a long process for refugees to get placed in a settlement.

Thank you for being such a generous and loving congregation. Please continue to pray for José, Christian, and Yadira, for all refugees, and for our work to care for our neighbors.

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!





York Revolution "Lutherans Fight Hunger Night"



The Parish Life Committee needs to know how many folks would be interested in attending a York Revs game on Saturday, August 20, 2022 for "Lutherans Fight Hunger Night" at 6:30pm including Fireworks.

We would get a block of tickets so our church members family & friends can sit together. We do not yet have ticket costs. Please contact Anita or the church office if you have questions. Other family and friends are invited to attend! Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or by going to <https://bit.ly/3yscxnz> and filling out the short form. Signing up on the sheet or website does not lock you in to purchasing tickets. We are just trying to gauge interest in going. Thanks!

East Berlin Fall Festival will be held Saturday, September 10 from



8:00am—2:00pm. This community event has something for everyone. We will be looking for volunteers to participate.

Luther’s Defense: On June 3, 2022 Luther Rinehart successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, “Uniform acceleration radiation with a Proca field.” He graduates with a Ph.D. in mathematical physics from Texas A&M University in August. Many thanks to his Trinity family for their ongoing support and prayers during his difficult but successful cancer treatments while he was pursuing these studies. Congratulations to Dr. Rinehart!



OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4TH. In observance of Independence Day the -church office will be closed on Monday, July 4. The office will reopen at 9AM on -Tuesday, July 5. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Susan directly, 717-778-5548. Happy Fourth of July!



Congratulations
and best wishes to
Michael Sheads on
his recent
retirement!



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania**
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

July 10-16—Elder Camp at Nawakwa

July 17-23—Family Camp at Nawakwa

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

July 24-27—The ‘Boundless’ Celebration & Retreat at Nawakwa

August 7-13—Family Camp at Kirchenwald

August 7—13—Family Camp II at Nawakwa

Visit www.lutherancamping.org to learn more



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!



SPRING
FLING



Trinity's annual Spring Fling was held Sunday, June 5 at Plum Run Acres. Thank you Mark Boyer for your hospitality!





CHANGE OF PLANS FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC! Zwingli UCC has invited us to Worship in the Park on Sunday morning, **August 28th**, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a carry-in meal to be shared in fellowship.

Trinity's Parish Life and Worship & Music Committees have decided to accept our neighbors' hospitality and enjoy worship and time together at the park on that Sunday morning. **We'll gather at 9:00 a.m. at the park pavilion.**

Please watch your bulletins and emails for any forthcoming details, and mark your calendars for great worship and a good time! Details about livestreaming and/or an alternative service being available electronically will be shared asap.

TH *thank you!* **YOU!**

To my brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you for the many get well cards, for the many sympathy cards and especially for all your prayers. They really made a difference! Hugs, Pixie



Many thanks to everyone who helped the McCarthys with their move last month! It's a great relief to finally be in the new house. Once we're fully settled, we'll be inviting the Trinity Family over for an open house – watch for the invite! Thank you!



Worship Schedule

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

- July 3: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
- July 10: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
- July 17: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
- July 24: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
- July 31: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
- Aug 7: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
- Aug 14: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
- Aug 21: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
- Aug 28: Twelfth 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.



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. *We'll begin our fall study by looking at Joseph's story in Genesis.* Please join the conversation! If you have questions, or ideas for a specific study, please contact Pastor Susan or the Learning & Youth Committee.

Notes
From
the
Music Director



I am grateful we have all “made it” this far in 2022! I look forward to our National celebration of Independence Day on July 4th. I enjoy the fireworks, food, music and parades. My family celebrates several birthdays and anniversaries, reunions and many picnics—it is a wonderful time for us.

Our church family has many celebrations this summer. We have been blessed with a faithful choir, Katharine Beckman, our ever diligent church secretary Jen, Andie who gets up early on Sundays to stream worship services and then prepare a video for us to view during the week, and our tireless pastor—ever open to chat, always working on new projects for adults and children, and challenges us each week with the Gospel message.

I celebrate and I am grateful for all our families! Also looking forward to a restful summer as planning for fall need to fit in as we get closer to September and October.

Enjoy this blessed time.

~ Karen



**Pastor Is On
Vacation**

Pastor Susan will be off on vacation, July 18– July 22.

July Birthdays

7-1 Phyllis Spahr

7-5 Steve Haley

7-9 George Ruth

7-14 Charmaine Resh

7-17 Gloria Gruver

7-21 Kate Miller

7-22 Ryan Ruth

7-25 Barbara Kauffman

7-27 Greta Haley

7-4 Elizabeth McSherry

7-5 Mike Resh

7-9 Logan Siekerman

7-15 Lester Herman

7-19 Valerie Staines

7-22 Louise Boyer

7-24 George Sebright

7-26 Hal Atkinson

7-28 Sally Leas



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

7-5 Dave & Shelly Livingston ~ 47 Years

7-12 Chris & Ali Long ~ 25 Years

7-20 Jeff & Pam Eisenhart ~ 49 Years

7-20 Mike & Charmaine Resh ~ 54 Years

7-21 Andrew & Lisa Miller ~ 10 Years

7-22 Robby & Jayne Sebright ~ 27 Years

7-28 Barry & Sandy Emig ~ 49 Years



August Anniversaries

8-9 Allen & Gay Weigand ~ 47 Years

8-10 Jordan & Jennifer McSherry ~ 14 Years

8-11 Larry & Eva Boyer ~ 21 Years

8-23 Steve & Lisa Hoak ~ 25 Years

August Birthdays

8-4 Laura Ryder

8-8 Mike Brown

8-13 Ricky Kohler

8-14 Emily Booth

8-15 Kim McSherry

8-19 Cash Storm

8-29 Dona Lerew

8-6 Brynn Nickey

8-10 Tracy Smith

8-13 Jay Smith

8-15 Mitchell Eaton

8-16 Hannah McSherry

8-23 Lisa Miller

8-30 Shirley Heltibridle



On July 12, 2022, Chris and Ali Long will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They met while working part-time jobs at Weis Markets in Williamsport, PA and started dating just as Ali was finishing her junior year of high school. They were engaged in 1996 and married one year later at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Williamsport, PA after Ali's graduation from college. Following the wedding, they relocated to York, PA and have resided in the York/Adams county area ever since. They currently live on a small farm in East Berlin and love having found such a wonderful church family at Trinity Lutheran.



Trinity's Intern, Katharine Beckman graduated from the Seminary and was honored at the service on June 26 followed by brunch.



Trinity Maintenance Day July 16, 2022

The Property Committee is scheduling a workday for Saturday July 16 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and we are seeking volunteers to assist. Many hands make the projects easier! We have identified the following maintenance projects:

- Paint back kitchen doors (some prep work already done but additional scraping will be needed)
- Paint Bilco door to basement
- Paint overhang at back kitchen door
- Paint overhang at rear Annex door
- Paint rear Annex door
- General outside maintenance: weed flower beds, mulch flower beds, remove grass growing in sidewalk, clean/wash front and rear entrances
- Remove and recycle old water fountain
- Remove and recycle water conditioner in basement
- General clean-up of closets, etc.

There may be more tasks to be considered not mentioned above. Please contact Jay Smith if there are additional tasks to be considered and added to the list. Also, some tasks may take more than this specific day to complete. If you are willing to undertake the responsibility for a specific task, please contact Jay Smith.



**WORKDAY AT THE
CHURCH**



Church
Council

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2022

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

Bob called the meeting to order and our Intern Katharine Beckman used our Council Meeting Liturgy, reading from John 12-15. She then offered us Holy Communion.

Our agenda was reviewed and three items were added under Old Business: July council meeting conflicts with Vacation Bible School, VBS contribution from Trinity, and a report on our Intern, Katharine Beckman.

Secretary's Report-the written report was reviewed and was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-the report was reviewed and discussion began on our giving from the congregation is below last year to date and the cost of our utilities have increased this year. More information is in the Finance Committee Report.

Ministry Reports

Learning & Youth-Lisa reported their next meeting has to be re-scheduled due to Vacation Bible School and is now scheduled for July 11. The VBS registration form was shared via email. July's meeting will include planning for the remaining year's events.

Worship & Music-Our meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7.

Finance-Meeting held Monday, June 6.

Review of May Financial Results-Results are disappointing and of concern. Through May, we are short \$15,679 from our budgeted giving. Even with reduced expenses thus far in 2022 we are currently not meeting expenses and have an operating deficit of \$5,476. YTD 2022 giving for "Current" is behind 2021 by \$6,328. June and July are heavy expense months so unless the current trend changes, we will experience an increase in the deficit. We need to understand why this is occurring, so Bob is going to request Jen to do a summary analysis of giving units and giving allocations to determine if there are patterns of persons reducing giving or no

longer giving at all. Pastor will also be preparing an announcement during the offering, and we want our giving results to appear in every bulletin. It is sometimes omitted due to space considerations. Discussion ensued about what we will do if this trend continues. Bob reported that Memorial funds of \$22,694 of the total \$25,694 are undesignated. \$3000 of Memorial funds from Ralph and Judy Burgard has been designated for kitchen equipment. Bob indicated we would not use any Memorial Funds for current expenses without first holding a congregational meeting. Constitutionally, we are not required to do so for undesignated memorial funds, but when addressed at a congregational meeting we are fully transparent in disclosing our financial position.

Audit Findings

Other than a few minor adjustments for unposted interest, the reconciliation of our balance sheet values at 12/31/2021 fairly represents our financial position at that date. An internal control issue was discovered in our random selection of paid invoices. Invoices paid for Met Ed and Comcast are paid electronically and have not received the appropriate check request forms and approvals as dictated by policy. The same exists for payroll and Portico benefits. After discussion, since staff salaries and benefits are approved by Council and the Congregation those expenses will not require check request forms and approvals. All other payments including billings for services that are done electronically must be printed and submitted to Jen for standard check request processing and subsequent approval. The final audit report will now be prepared for Audit Committee approval and submission to Council for approval.

Project Jose Income and Expenditures

A spreadsheet containing all income and expenditures for Project Jose' was reviewed by the committee. Since donations of cash and other equipment and services have been provided from multiple sources it is extremely important to make sure all donations and expenditures are carefully monitored and fully transparent. At the time of the meeting, there is an available balance of \$10,401. We know of at least \$3000 of expenses will be forthcoming for car title and tags, auto insurance and expenses for the trailer rehab. There will also be other expenses for furniture and other household items Jose, Yadira and Christen will need.

Movement of Funds from Capital Improvement Checking to CD

At May 31, 2022, the balance in Capital Improvement checking is \$36,839. Finance Committee will recommend withdrawal of \$25,000 from Capital Improvement Checking and open a new Capi-

tal Improvement CD. We suggest a short-term CD of less than a year since rates for CD's appear to be getting higher and we don't want to get locked in on a long-term rate.

Hull Property Purchase not Capitalized on Balance Sheets

A review of our financial records revealed the purchase of the Hull Property October 2017 was never capitalized and entered on our financial balance sheet. The purchase price of the land and building was \$27,500 and the demolition was \$14,000 for a total of \$41,500. Bob will check with his accountant on the exact value that should be capitalized, and we will then instruct Sue to make the appropriate accounting entry.

Mid-year Audit of Balance Sheet

All agreed a mid-year audit of the balance sheet should be performed following the June 2022 month end. Sue will provide all the necessary bank statements, CD statements, and any other documents required to complete this audit.

Parish Life-Thank you to all who help with this busy committee!! Refreshments have been provided for Pastor's Installation, end of year Sunday school, Katherine's prayer workshops, June food pantry and the Spring Fling. They will organize the church picnic in August. We held a Parish Life meeting today, June, 9th at 10:00 am. Our first discussion was about Father's Day. We decided to have donuts for Dads and coffee and juice. It will be set up in the Narthex and will be available after the service.

We went over our plan for intern Katherine's last official Sunday with us which is June 26th. We will have brunch after the service of egg casseroles, fruit, croissants, juice and coffee. Last meeting Sherry, Ruthie, Deb and Anita volunteered to make the casseroles. Kathy will bring grapes and strawberries and Dona will bring pineapple and cantaloupe. Jen will be putting a sign up sheet up so we know how many people to plan for. We will be setting up the tables and place setting on Saturday morning at 10:00.

Anita will discuss a possible visit to the Fruitbelt Farm workers with possibly a meal and/or health kits with Pastor Susan. She will find out who we should contact to set this up and decide on a date.

Anita will ask Jen to put an article in the newsletter and bulletins and a sign up sheet to ask who would be interested to attend the August 20th, Lutheran fight hunger night at the York Revolutions. If we have enough interest we will go ahead and plan this event.

Pastor Susan was contacted by Zwingli inviting Trinity to share in worship on August 28th and a covered dish brunch after the service

at the East Berlin park. This is the date that we chose for our picnic so this would be instead of our own picnic. As the pastor pointed out this would be a wonderful opportunity for sharing fellowship and collaboration with Zwingli. The Worship and Music committee will also be discussing this.

Thank you for all those that helped with the food pantry meal, the Pastor's installation meal and the spring fling. It is a lot of work to make these events successful, so thank you for all your help. Thank you to Chris Sheads for cleaning the sinks in the kitchen. They look so much better.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4th. I am changing the time to 7:00 thinking this may be a better time to have more people able to attend the meeting.

Social Ministry-The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, July 6 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!

WELCA picnic held Tuesday, June 7 at Janet McMaster's home. We voted to pay \$300 to the Food Pantry for Trinity's contribution for the second half of 2022. We will not meet again until Tuesday, September 6 at 5:30 at Janet McMaster's home again for a picnic. All ladies of Trinity are welcome and asked to bring a covered dish.

Mission in Motion-We are still waiting for a refugee family to arrive for the Hanover United Refugee Resettlement group to sponsor. Catholic Charities still does not know when a family will be placed in the area. We will begin helping as soon as we hear our help is needed.

The José Project continues work on rehabbing the trailer for this sibling family. Hopefully, they will be moving into their new home in mid to late June. Thank you to the faithful workers! We also provide 2 meals each week for this family. Thank you to all those contributing to the meals! José has graduated and is now working full time. A used car has been purchased for him from the funds donated from multiple churches and community members. Dona reported that she wants our members to understand that the contributions for the José project are coming from many outside sources, and not all of those contributions are from Trinity. Many churches in our area, the Bermudian Springs School District and its teachers, plus others in our community are helping with this project with monetary contributions, as well as donations of their goods and services.

Outreach-Outreach will meet sometime in June after church to review the gift boxes sent to college students, and to discuss future gift boxes for the fall.

Report via email from Ali Long, Chair of the Penny Carnival is below: Attached is the checklist that we began to review. The biggest news is that we have SET A DATE - this year's Penny Carnival will be held Sat. 8/13...please plan to attend/volunteer to help out!

Here are a few updates and some early progress following our first meeting:

- Ruthann is working with Jen to get a "Save the Date" flyer created and shared out with our local schools
- Bob is working to reserve the Dunk Tank
- Pastor Susan has already confirmed our "face painting team" can attend and help out again at this year's event
- Ali has created a "Save the Date" announcement for both our bulletin and the June newsletter; both have been submitted to Jen already
- Ruthann and Bob will be applying for Thrivent cards to support various aspects of the event
- Deb will begin checking supplies (prizes, gift bags, etc.) to see what we have on hand and what we need to order for this year
- Ali will begin updating posters, menus, free hotdog coupons, etc.

And now for what we NEED HELP with yet:

- Coupons for Goodie Bags
- Confirming Balloon Artist
- ◇ NEXT Penny Carnival Planning meeting, scheduled for Wed. 6/22 @ 7pm!

Evangelism-the E-Team will meet June 27 at 6:30

Property-Jay reported their committee did not meet formally this month, but have taken care of items that needed their help. The next meeting will be held on June 16.

Constitution-Governance- a meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14 at 7 PM.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Susan's calendar was reviewed.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS—Participated in Intern Katharine Beckman's prayer workshops, attended Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home grief workshop, continue to participate in Hybrid Church Academy and prepare presentation to Trinity's council, participated in monthly food pantry,

assisted Knotty Knotters one week and learned how to knot a quilt!, participated in Penny Carnival planning, attended synod edification day in association with the synod assembly, attended Mission in Motion meeting, celebrated my installation as Trinity's pastor—YAY! Planned, hosted, and preached at Bermudian Springs High School baccalaureate service in conjunction with several Bermudian seniors, made 5 visits, following four individuals and one couple re: pastoral care needs, planned outdoor worship services for the summer with W & M Committee, working with leaders at Zwingli to assist with VBS this summer, planned to read and record a bible story for our community each week while Sunday School doesn't meet, plan to assist with Holy Hotdogs most weeks they're offered, continue to supervise Katharine Beckman on her internship, visited the trailer in York Springs associated with the Jose Project—what wonderful work! Planned for fall liturgical texts so that congregation members may learn and exercise Biblical Storytelling as an offering during worship, I continue to give thanks to God for mission and ministry with the people at Trinity!

Old Business

Hybrid Church—their last meeting will be on June 11. 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. The committee members include Pastor Susan, Dona Lerew, Kay Hinkle, Becky & Noah Rinehart, Katharine Beckman, & Andie Guiher.

Synod Assembly—this meeting was attended by Pastor Susan, Bob King, and Sherry Brown via Zoom. Bob reported that overall, the meeting went well and moved along nicely.

July Council Meeting—discussion on July's meeting and its conflict with the VBS schedule led to Rick making a motion for council to not meet in July. Mark seconded the motion, and with discussion we decided if anything arises that would need our attention, we would be contacted by Bob and meet. All were in agreement and the motion carried.

VBS contribution from Trinity—Zwingli is hosting the event and Trinity is willing to contribute to help with expenses. Dona made a motion for Trinity to contribute \$300 to Zwingli out of the Learning & Youth Budget to help with the event. Jay seconded the motion, all were in agreement, and the motion carried.

Seminary Intern—Sherry reported on Katharine Beckman's internship at Trinity. The committee has a final report to prepare and submit by Monday, June 13.

New Business

Nominating Committee-Bob shared his spread sheet which contained the council member's terms, when each member's term ends, and their committee assignments. He needs us to consider a nominating committee before the congregational meeting this fall.

Dona made a motion to adjourn, Lisa seconded the motion, all agreed, and the motion carried.

Katharine closed our meeting with a sending blessing and followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sheaffer

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH						
Treasurer's Report as of May 2022 (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	\$13,112.48	\$72,969.67	\$19,912.00	\$87,611.00	83	(\$14,641.33)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$886.62	\$4,250.40	\$1,201.00	\$5,288.00	80	(\$1,037.60)
Total Income	\$13,999.10	\$77,220.07	\$21,113.00	\$92,899.00	83	(\$15,678.93)
<i>Expense</i>						
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,276.00	\$5,845.88*	\$1,142.00	\$5,710.00	102	\$135.88
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$209.25	\$1,857.55	\$375.00	\$1,875.00	99	(\$17.45)
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$143.00	\$300.25	\$142.00	\$710.00	42	(\$409.75)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$953.15	\$1,877.40*	\$266.00	\$1,330.00	141	\$547.40
SALARIES TOTAL	\$8,389.75	\$41,400.77	\$8,394.00	\$41,970.00	99	(\$569.23)
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$3,151.94	\$14,662.82	\$3,054.00	\$15,270.00	96	(\$607.18)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$265.22	\$1,211.45	\$266.00	\$1,330.00	91	(\$118.55)
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$11,806.91	\$57,275.04	\$11,714.00	\$58,570.00	98	(\$1,294.96)
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$731.45	\$4,234.23	\$1,026.00	\$5,880.00	72	(\$1,645.77)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$1,604.67	\$8,790.41*	\$1,466.00	\$7,331.00	120	\$1,459.41
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$36.02	\$2,497.85	\$708.00	\$3,540.00	71	(\$1,042.15)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$17.00	\$488.00	\$2,439.00	1	(\$2,422.00)
Total Expense	\$16,760.45	\$82,695.61	\$17,327.00	\$87,385.00	95	(\$4,689.39)
Difference	(\$2,761.35)	(\$5,475.54)	\$3,786.00	\$5,514.00		