

September 2022 Newsletter

“...love your neighbor as yourself.”

—Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 5:43, 19:19, 22:36-40; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27;
Romans 13:9; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Do you think God might be interested in how we're doing? I mean, really—God loves us; God is love; Jesus gave his life for us; God grants us mercy no matter how rotten we may be/do/feel. LOVE is all the rage in the Bible and in our relating with our Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier. L.O.V.E.

But, that's not the only thing. It's not just about me and my relationship with the Lord, not my knowledge of and testimony to the Savior, not my ministry or works or faith. If you look at the NINE sightings in the above scripture and pay attention to how the Ten Commandments teach us how to live with one another, we see that God is intently interested in how we're doing, not just in receiving and sharing divine adoration, but with our COMMUNITY.

How's our community? How are you doing, collectively? And, yes, individually as well since our collective is made up of discreet parts. As your pastor, I especially want to know. How are our neighbors, within and around Trinity?

We're into the third year of handling covid among us. About a third of our congregation has not returned to worship on Sundays. Consistent with this drop in attendance is also an overall shortfall in financial contributions to the ministry of Trinity. We have expanded our online ministry but have no idea who is participating and when. Our youth ministry has struggled since the original lockdown in 2020. Plus, there's a whole new pastor on scene since the beginning of the pandemic and we haven't gotten to know one another in the traditional ways.

I know we're in a changing time and I know that we can't look backwards and expect what we used to think of as normal to simply return. We're in a time that calls for new understanding, new expectations, and new listening to God and to one another.

All these circumstances seriously draw me back to scripture and leads me to ponder how you are. Those not participating as much or at all—are your needs being met elsewhere? How's your spirit? You'll find no shaming going on here if you aren't ok, if you are feeling shy about coming back, or if you've moved on to another spiritual home.

If you don't know how to get back into the pattern of worship, try joining online first. If your financial situation has changed and you can't participate as you once did, please let us know if you need help. If you aren't being fed spiritually here by our worship, study, and service, please tell us so we can address what we may do differently.

Our calling from the Lord, as people of God, long before Trinity itself even existed, is to love the Lord, love ourselves, and love our neighbor. My prayer for all of you is that we, as a community, are helping one another do just that. Trinity isn't alone in experiencing changes since March of 2020 threw us into a tailspin. Every pastor or other church leader I speak to shares the same story. Church isn't the same as it was.

The whole world isn't the same as it was. We'll be recovering for a while. If you need help doing it, come here, where we're all seeking the Lord together—and listening as best we can to God's teaching to LOVE.

I love you,
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, September 4 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.



Bible Study will resume, via Zoom, on Monday, September 12, at 6pm. The Zoom meeting ID for these sessions is **853 9326 0808**. Passcode is **Bi-ble** Please join the conversation! We're in Genesis talking about Israel's patriarchs. If you have questions, or ideas for a specific study, please contact

Pastor Susan or the Learning & Youth Committee. It's fun!

We pray for our homebound members and for those battling injury or long-term illness, *especially: Bob Aims, Louise Haugh, 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.****

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry Group will be re-engaging in September. The Men's group has been asked to make chicken corn soup and ham and bean soup for sale at the upcoming East Berlin Fall Festival September 10. If anyone has sweet corn they are willing to donate to that effort contact Bob King (717-877-0616 or rlkingwalst@comcast.net). We'll gladly pick it from the field! In addition, we have been asked for one or two persons to oversee parking at Wellspan on Locust Street. Stay tuned. More information to follow on these events and future meeting dates.

Finance

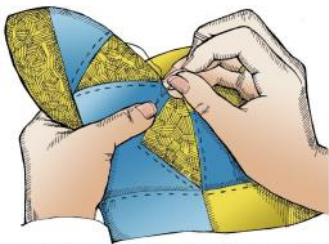
July giving for "Current" of \$20,694 was higher than our budgeted requirement of \$19,912 – Good news! However, we are still short on our **budgeted income** requirements on a year-to-date basis by \$17,076 (Current) and, also short by \$1,471 on our Synod Benevolence commitment. Thus far for 2022 our total income is \$112,356 and expenses \$125,873 resulting in a **deficit of \$13,517**. Non budgeted income of approximately \$5,407 effectively reduces the **deficit to \$8,110** through July. If you want to learn more, see Bob King or anyone from the Finance Committee and THANK YOU for your participation in all we do!

Parish Life Committee will meet next on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00pm. Anyone interested in planning activities at Trinity is invited to attend. We are always looking for new ideas.

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 upstairs lobby (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 Wednesdays 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 September 14 and 28. 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. Or, worship online through 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.



The Mission-in-Motion ministry here at Trinity would like to invite all of you to participate in our support of a community wide and ecumenical partnership to assist a refugee family from Afghanistan relocating in our area. The type of and size of the family and exactly where they will be living is still to be determined. But we have an opportunity to help stock up their household with non-food household items. If you are able, please bring to the church in the coming weeks various paper goods or household cleaning supplies, detergents, and similar items that one would need when setting up a household. This includes NEW pillows, sheets, mattress covers and towels. Thanks as always for your generous help, and for your prayers for this and all our ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Terry McCarthy or Dona Lerew.

WELCA News

Summer is on its way to being over, and Fall is just ahead of us....time to meet and plan! Our WELCA ladies will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 5:30 PM. Janet McMaster will be hosting our meeting at her beautiful home and gardens! Please bring a cover dish to share. The meat and place settings will be provided. All ladies of Trinity are welcome and encouraged to attend. For those attending, please plan on sharing a summer blessing, story about your summer vacation or something special happening in your life! We need to catch up after not meeting for two months!

Also, Tonya Mincey contacted WELCA to see if we would be able to help local families at Christmas. She now works with the Adams County Housing Authority instead of SCCAP. We will discuss this and decide at our meeting.

We will be baking pies for Trinity's Bake Sale table at The East Berlin Historic Falls Festival. The dough will be made Monday, September 5 in the evening. A variety of pies will be baked on Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9.

Hope to see you at the picnic!

Blanket Sunday is coming November 20. The work of the Knotty Knotters will be on display in the Sanctuary as the blankets are blessed before being distributed to those in need. We are grateful for all of the many hours of work the Knotters perform.



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. Give it a try!

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, Trinity continues 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 upstairs lobby/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, September 7. 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.

Fellowship Hour is held the first Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some time playing games, talking, and even having a time of prayer. Light refreshments will be served.



Laundry Love Ministry will be held Tuesday, September 13 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. Laundry Love is serving more patrons the past few months, which is resulting in the ministry running out of quarters. **Beginning September 4th we'll have a Noisy Offering the first Sunday of each month to collect quarters for this ministry, or you may drop them any time in the collection box in the narthex.** This ministry is helping families who have lost their jobs or are having a hard time in their lives. They are very appreciative. **PLEASE bring in your quarters to support this important outreach ministry. Quarters (carefully labeled) may also be offered in the Offering Plate.**



Fruit Belt Farmworkers Visit will take place on September 20th. We will take a meal and have fellowship with the farmworkers at the York Springs camp. Everyone is invited to come along. The workers enjoy having us and our food! More information and times will be announced soon.



Ruth's Harvest Collection begins again as the new school year is upon us. We will continue to collect individual servings of meals for kids in need at the local school district. Trinity is collecting apple sauce, granola bars, and milk drink boxes. There is a collection bin in the Narthex for these supplies.





Heavenly Hamburgers is coming in September and October. Just like Holy Hot Dogs, 150 Heavenly Hamburgers will be served to the East Berlin Community along with chips, applesauce and water every Wednesday beginning at 5pm (except Food Pantry week). This is not a need-based ministry (just for the economically-challenged), but rather MIM simply sharing a meal with our neighbors. Volunteers will be needed each week beginning at 4pm. See Ruthann Bowen or Kay Hinkle for more information.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our food ministries - Food Pantry, Pie Sales, Sharing Shelf, and Heavenly Hamburgers. **The need for bottled water continues!**

We Lutherans seem to be rather food-focused, right!?!

God's work.
Our hands.

As of the date of printing this newsletter, there was no official date set for *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*. Look for more details coming soon! If you would like to take the lead on this ministry or have ideas for projects, please contact the church office.



The Hybrid Church Team will be meeting soon to recommend concrete next steps to the congregational council. This will likely include plans for continuing to educate the congregation about using technology in discipleship, forming a policy regarding our use of social media, and a wish-list for equipment to continue providing our online ministries. Please become involved in the conversation! See Pastor Susan for more details.

The Evangelism Committee (E-Team) has resumed meeting and will be distributing Spark Story Bibles (the family edition) to all of our Sunday School students infant—2nd grade, to all of our Food Pantry guest families, and to the newly baptized as the baptisms occur.



Would you like to write a personalized message to the young disciples about why your Bible was important to you as a young follower of Jesus? Each Bible will be given with just such a note. Please see Pastor Susan to learn more!

ELCA Church Wide Assembly 2022 Update

The tri-annual meeting of the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA was held Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12, 2022 in Columbus, OH. Kay Hinkle shares her experience as a voting member.

It was something that elicited in me a wide range of emotions - from frustration with the process which moved very slowly at times - to elation as I worshiped with about 900 other members of the ELCA. It was an experience I would recommend to every Lutheran who has an interest in learning about the governing body of our church. One critical election was to fill the open position of ELCA Vice President, and we did that on the fifth ecclesiastical ballot; our new VP is Imran Siddiqui. All candidates had a chance to present their vision of and actions planned to further the ELCA's reach in the future. Coincidentally, the final 3 nominees were all people of

ELCA Church Wide Assembly Update Continued....

color. The VP of the ELCA, as it is with the VP of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, is the lone layperson on the Bishop's Executive Staff.

There were about 800 voting members present for each agenda item. Small handheld voting machines made the yes/ no results immediately available. For some less critical decisions, a green or red card was raised by the voter, with the majority color deciding the outcome. The 2023 budget was adopted at about \$63 million with just over \$40 million dedicated to mission support. The ELCA currently supports 240 missionaries in 40 countries. Trinity dollars, in large part, go to Mission Support.

Much of the meeting focused on diversity, and concern with the racism present in North America today. The ELCA has partnered with other denominations throughout the world, most notably the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada to enact a united approach. In addition, many other ecumenical relationships have been developed with faith leaders present from the United States and countries across the globe. Our theme for the week was Embody the Word and the message throughout was that it is one thing to say we are an inclusive body of faith, but quite another to actually "live into" being an inclusive body of believers.

One final note to share is this observation of the way our Lutheran lives are structured. At the start of the meetings, I heard reference to 3 expressions of church - 1) our local church council (Trinity), 2) regionally through our synod councils (Lower Susquehanna) and 3) churchwide, or the ELCA. It occurred to me that we are each more personally guided by another very spiritual Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And throughout the week, I realized that it is a combination of all these expressions of "three" that lead us through decision making in holy discernment. The week was a great experience for both Jack and I - exhausting, but rewarding. I would urge you to give thoughtful consideration to accepting the role of serving as a representative to one of the 3 governing bodies within our Lutheran church when asked - it is an opportunity to serve that I think you'll appreciate. Amen.



Vacation Bible School was held at Zwingli UCC July 10-14. Lots of volunteers made a great week of music, ministry and fun for local kids in the community.

Kid's Cookie Break Returns September 25. We need adults to take the kids (ages 12 and younger) downstairs for a snack and activity during the sermon and returning at the sharing of the peace. Two adults are needed each week to chaperone.



Call the church office if you would like to volunteer. Clearances are needed to volunteer (they are free, and the secretary can run them for you). Thank you!



The Learning and Youth Committee is excited for the many upcoming events planned this fall! We will be kicking off Sunday School with Rally Day, September 18th. Please join us as we will ride, scoot, and roll our way to the EB Community Park and enjoy games and a bag lunch. All are welcome to bring their bikes, scooters, or anything with wheels and join the

fun! We also have several intergenerational events planned this fall to promote Christian education and the joy of fellowship! Please look for a separate newsletter to come out in early September highlighting these events.



Are you happy?

The Adult Sunday School Class will be studying happiness this year. What is happiness? What makes you happy? Is happiness a goal for life? Do we Christians have a happiness that is different than those without faith? How can we use our faith to improve our feeling of well-being?

Please join us Sunday mornings following the worship service. Adult Sunday School meets in the Chapel.

WELLNESS GROUP – Personal wellness is an important part of being a good disciple—**1 Corinthians 3:16** tells us, *“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”* Watch this space and weekly announcements for upcoming Wellness events and programs. See Laura Ryder for more information.





**PENNY
CARNIVAL**



**At the
CARNIVAL**





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.



Gift Boxes for youth away from home

Outreach is again planning to send gift boxes to our young adults who are away at college, away at technical schools, or in the military. We would like to welcome Trinity members' children, grandchildren, and other family members. Please send the following information to Jen Guiher: **Name, accurate mailing address to receive packages, age, and what the person is doing, by September 11, 2022.**

We will collect donations of: candy, snack crackers, fiber bars, puzzle books, pens, and might include homemade cookies. A donation box will be available September 11-25 at the church.

We will also need donations of take-out boxes that Koi uses for take-out (not Styrofoam from leftovers from a dine-in dinner). If you wish to help with the mailing cost, we will have envelopes labeled for this specific donation later in September. For more information, please contact Sherry Brown.

Trinity Yard Sale will take place Saturday, October 15 from 8am-2pm. Tables will be available to rent both indoors & outdoors for \$10 each. We will be selling food inside. See Ruthann Bowen or call the church office if you would like to reserve your spot!

Pet Blessing: Our next pet blessing will be held Sunday, October 2 at 4:00pm in the yard behind the church. All types of pets are invited

(leashed or crated) as well as photos of your pet(s) if you don't feel comfortable bringing them to the service. Want to help? See Pastor Susan and/or Karen Wire.





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

Upcoming Events:

September 24—Full Belly, Empty Pockets Fundraising Event

October 2—Capture the Flag Spectacular (Kirchenwald)

October 4—Adult Study Retreat (Nawakwa)

October 23—Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald

October 23—Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa

November 6—Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

Visit www.lutherancamping.org to learn more and register.



The Church Office is Closed for Labor Day—Monday, September 5. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Susan, (717) 778-5548.

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 (Social Hall). Bring in your glasses that you no longer need and drop them in the box!



Adopt a Senior Member in Need - We have senior members who need our company. 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 near the elevator, first floor. If you have questions, please contact Judy Burgard or Dona Lerew. Thank you!



Project Jose' Volunteer Outing

In recognition of the dedication of the construction volunteers who labored faithfully over the 14 -15 weeks, eight members of that team enjoyed a day on Raystown Lake hosted at Bob & Deb King's campsite at Heritage Cove Resort. Skipper Bob took the group on a "three-hour boat tour" of the lake and unlike the SS Minnow, returned for some R & R time, food, and refreshments.





Thank you message written by
José, Yadira, and Christian.

Thank you so much for all you did for us. You really helped us out. You are the first people that ever helped us out. You put us in an environment where we could actually be happy. Thank you for our first car and our first house. Thank you for helping us grow up as people, for helping us learn about life, and for showing us that there are people who actually help and care. Thank you for showing us that there are still good people in the world and for setting an example for us to help other people.

~José, Yadira, and Christian

The Mission in Motion committee is quite busy! The José Project is in the next phase of helping José and his siblings learn to cook, budget their money, and manage their schedules. They are extremely happy to be living in their new home. If anyone is interested in giving them a cooking lesson, please let Dona Lerew know. Andie Guiher has produced a wonderful video of this project to showcase Trinity's work along with the extended community support. It will be posted on our website soon.

Holy Hotdogs has been a huge success! Some weeks there were cars lined up down the alley waiting for hotdogs! What a great feeding ministry this is! Ruthann Bowen has done a great job of coordinating this effort. Holy Hotdogs will continue through August. Then we will transition into Heavenly Hamburgers for September and October. Jack Hinkle is taking care of getting the burger and Kay Hinkle wrote a hunger grant through the synod to support this project.

The Hanover United Refugee Resettlement group is expecting at least one Afghanistan refugee family very soon. Pastor Terry wrote and received a \$5000 grant for this project! Thank you, Pastor Terry!! He will be providing details about the family and the project as soon as he learns them. If you have items to donate for this family, please let Pastor Terry know.

We hope to work with Servants again to help a local family with home repairs. Please think about giving 2-3 hours on one Saturday to help. Details will be forthcoming. It is rewarding to help as Jesus taught us! Thank you to everyone for supporting the Mission in Motion projects. The committee will meet again in late September.



Worship Schedule

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

- September 4: 13th Sunday after Pentecost
- September 11: 14th Sunday after Pentecost
- September 18: 15th Sunday after Pentecost
- September 25: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
Assisting Minister	Becky R.	Bob K.	Charlie H.	Chris L.
Communion Helper	Bob K.	Charlie H.	Chris L.	Jim K.
Lector	Dona L.	Mary J.	Sandy E.	Bob A.
Ushers	Rick, Anita, Terry	Barb, Earl, Ruthann	Bob K., Deb, Bob A.	Janet, Mac, Kathy
Altar Guild	Deb K.	Noelle K.	Janet M.	Ruthann B.
Acolyte	n/a	Addie R.	Grace W.	Claire W.

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, Acolyte or Altar Guild is asked to contact the church office.

Notes
From
the
Music Director



Hello all singers, musicians and bell ringers!

September is a new beginning for us in 2022. We are gathered together in worship and praise for our God each Sunday. Our adult choir ministry will begin September 4 at 8:15am. All hymn leaders who have shared their talent with us for the past 2 1/2 years are encouraged to take a seat in the choir room with their very own music folder. Children will sing and ring during Sunday School time at the end of September and onward and the Trinity Ringers will begin rehearsals in October. Wonderful opportunities for musicians to participate in any capacity in Trinity's music program.

I look forward to seeing and hearing everyone in choir!

~ Karen



September Birthdays



9-3 Barbara Biles

9-3 Christina Clauser

9-6 Paige Erdman

9-6 Jacob Ohrum

9-7 Larry Boyer

9-10 Joyce Altland

9-12 Carter Storm

9-13 David Moore

9-14 Wayne Mummert Jr.

9-14 Zoey Smith

9-15 Travis Hull

9-15 Trenton Hull

9-18 Charlie Sebright

9-23 Andrew Lieberum

9-24 Joshlyn Sharrer

9-24 Samantha Hull

9-27 Mac McMaster

9-27 Linda Hoak

9-27 Jeffrey Eisenhart



Blessing of the Backpacks: On Sunday, August 7, we held our back-to-school blessing here at Trinity. We wish all the best to the students, teachers, bus drivers, school staff and parents as our kiddos go back to school!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- 9-1 Jack & Wanda Crackett ~ 15 Years
- 9-6 Kyle & Erin Hermansen ~ 14 Years
- 9-6 Charlie & Deborah Hoffman ~ 47 Years
- 9-10 Bob & Deb King ~ 51 Years
- 9-17 Ricky & Heather Kohler ~ 11 Years
- 9-18 Gary & Deborah Myers ~ 46 Years
- 9-21 Steve & Mindy Eaton ~ 18 Years
- 9-26 Lester & Maxine Herman ~ 58 Years

Happy 15th Anniversary



Jack and Wanda Crackett met in the early 1980s while they were both working at the Mechanicsburg Navy Base. Jack says “at first she didn’t like me very much; but I wore her down.” They have been married for 15 years and Jack often tells Wanda, “In another five years, we’ll both be eligible for parole.” Best wishes for many more!



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2022

Present: Pastor Susan McCarthy, Lisa Miller, Jay Smith, Bob King, Sue Clauser, Rick Madsen, Mark Boyer, Dona Lerew

Bob called the meeting to order and Pastor Susan led our Council Meeting Liturgy with prayer and a reading from Micha 6:8. The agenda was reviewed and no new items were added.

Secretary's Report: The written report was reviewed and was approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The report was reviewed and discussion was held about the continued deficit of \$13,000 on budgeted items. There is \$6000-7000 remaining on non-budgeted income which in reality, reduces the deficit to \$7000. Utilities are still high and discussion was held about checking the time sequence for the AC in an effort to keep utilities as low as possible. Specific information is in the Finance Committee Report.

Ministry Reports:

Learning and Youth – All events are scheduled up to Christmas. Rosters have been updated including teen time with Pastor, Mark Boyer, and Steph Haley. Teachers are confirmed for all classes. Music will be included and all topics have been identified. The cookie break will resume this fall. Rally day is September 18. A newsletter will be created two times through the year. The Spark Bible will be purchased and distributed to all children K-2. The Adventure Bible is being considered for grades 3-6. The intergenerational sessions will be expanded in the fall with All Hallows Eve and Ghost Stories. There will be a Christmas pageant.

Worship & Music Committee:

August 4, 2022 - Present: Karen Wire, Mike Brown, Karen Sheaffer, Pastor Susan
Review of the Worship in July:

Mike played twice and went well. Luke McCarthy and the Kline girls shared their musical gifts. Pastor Susan was sick and Pastor Terry filled in.

Still need to train others to set up outside or other mobile worship opportunities and learn how to use the portable sound system.

More concern was shared regarding singing directly into the microphone in the choir space. Andie has placed a sign but we need to continue to problem solve and educate.

Pastor Susan worshiped online the week she was sick. She shared feedback with Andie about small tweaks to make in the service: more verbiage on screen for things like the confession, psalm, etc.

This conversation resulted in us discussing the possibility of an online host or usher to manage online interaction. Also discussed being proactive in purchase of our own equipment and alternative personnel for when she makes a professional change in her life. Mike suggested breaking up the position to be shared with others.

Planning worship for the future:

Just a possibility – if enough singers are available to use Of the Land and Seasons for summer on Labor day weekend, Sept 4.

Sept 11 we will change the setting to a fall setting; and also change the Wed worship service for fall

Sept 18 is Rally Day

Sept 25 Pastor is off. Katharine Beckman will supply.

Oct 2 Pet Blessing

Oct 16 Harvest Home with Of the Land and Seasons

Oct 30 Reformation – Confirmation

Acolyte training will take place Aug 21 after worship. Jen sent invitations to all in grades 3-8 for acolyte training. Acolytes will begin in September.

Pastor Susan will teach a Faith class series Aug 7, 14, and 21 after worship.

Karen will start choir on September 11 and begin rehearsal on September 4.

Becky offered last month to prepare a draft for our budget.

Distribution of ELW for at-home worshipers has been placed on a back burner;

Mike and Noelle are in charge.

Notes from the last month's meeting: Recruit new assisting ministers. Send automatic email reminders to all service leaders for Sunday's service.

The meeting concluded with prayer, specifically for Becky and her family as we don't know why they weren't able to join us today.

Finance:

The endowment fund has dropped by \$50,000 due to the economy, but it has started to come back up. There is currently a \$100,000 surplus over the principal in this fund. The committee is working on a new budget and will be meeting several times over the next couple weeks. They are recommending 0 budget increase. The committee will be asking for more specific information from each committee on their budget request in order to better track spending.

Parish Life:

The Parish Life committee met on Thursday, August 4th. Pastor attended a meeting with the pastors from Zwingli and Emmanuel concerning the combined church picnic to be held on Sunday, August 28th at the East Berlin community park. The combined service will be held at 10:00. Everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. Zwingli will provide all the paper products; Emmanuel will provide drinks and Trinity will provide hot dogs and rolls. It was suggested that we bring some canopies for shade and some tables. We will host Bible bingo and they are asking for bingo prizes. If there is rain the service and pic-

nic will be held inside at Zwingli.

We will be providing the meal for the food pantry on September 7th with a sundae bar.

New Oxford New Hope is having a back-to-school night at the Cross Keys church on August 16th. We are going to see how many school bags we have left from Penny carnival and decide if we will set up a table. We also gave out bags of chips when we attended before.

We discussed visiting the Fruit Belt Farm Workers at the York Springs camp. Sharon Kaya was contacted, and she said they would welcome a visit. We decided to do it on September 20th. They will let us know if they need anything such as health kits, work gloves, sweatshirts, or anything else.

Ten people will be attending the York Revolutions ball game for Lutheran fight hunger night on August 20th.

Our next Parish Life meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th at 7:00.

Social Ministry:

The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, September 7 from 4:00-6:00pm. A Fellowship Hour will be held at Trinity at 3PM prior to every Food Pantry gathering that began on Wednesday, August 3rd. Please come for a time to be together for the sake of being together. Games, puzzles, coloring pages, beverages, and prayer opportunities will be available. No agenda. No fee. No registration needed. EVERYONE is welcome to participate.

Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, September 13 from 5:30-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat. Please note that we are still collecting quarters!

WELCA: We will meet on September 6 at 5:30, at Janet McMaster's gardens when she hosts us for a picnic.

We will be baking pies for Trinity's bake table for the East Berlin's Fall Festival on September 8 and 9.

Tonya Mincey contacted WELCA to see if we would be able to help local families at Christmas. She now works with the Adams County Housing Authority instead of SCCAP. We will decide at our meeting.

Mission-in-Motion:

Mission in Motion committee met on August 15. We are expecting a refugee family through the Hanover Refugee Resettlement group in the next week or two. This is a cooperative project with a number of churches in the area. The family is expected to live temporarily in the Zwingli parsonage. The José Project is now in the phase of helping José and his siblings become financially independent, productive citizens. They are loving living in their new home and have begun to learn to cook. They will need some continued support as they navigate life. If anyone is interested in helping with cooking lessons, please let Dona Lerew know. Thank you to all who have helped this young family. They are most appreciative. Holy Hotdogs has been a great success! Every week 150 hotdogs are given out! Cars line up to get

their hotdogs and on July 17, all hotdogs were given out in 30 minutes! There was some discussion about who comes to receive hotdogs. It is a variety of people, some returning each week and some just passing through town. No matter who is served, this is a great feeding ministry. Holy Hotdogs will continue in August. Heavenly Hamburgers will take over for September and October. Kay Hinkle has submitted a hunger grant through the synod to fund the hamburgers. Thank you to all the volunteers' distributing meals to hungry people!

Outreach:

Gift Boxes for youth away from home: Outreach is again planning on sending gift boxes to our youth who are away at college, away at technical schools, or in the military. We would like to welcome Trinity members' children, grandchildren, and other family members. Please send the following information to Jen Guiher. Name, accurate mailing address to receive packages, age, and what the person is doing, BY Sept 11, 2022. We will again collect donations of candy, snack crackers, fiber bars, puzzle books, pens, and might include homemade cookies. A donation box will be available September 11-25 at the church.

We will also need donations of take-out boxes that Koi uses for take-out (not Styrofoam from leftovers from a dine-in dinner). If you wish to help with the mailing cost, we will have envelopes labeled for this specific donation later in September.

Evangelism:

The Evangelism Team met on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 6:30p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Ruthann Bowen, Karen Sheaffer, Bob King, Pr. Terry McCarthy, Pr. Susan McCarthy

The meeting began with a time of Biblical Devotion using Luke 11:1-13.

Minutes/notes from the June 27, 2022, meeting were reviewed with no additions or corrections.

Talking Points for the meeting were distributed based on goals defined at the June 27 meeting. See attached sheet.

The following notes were taken and/or action items identified under their specific goal categories:

BE STRENGTHENED IN OUR FAITH

Spark Story Bibles will be purchased for each child grade 2 and younger and distributed personally at Rally Day 9/18/22. We need to communicate and work with Learning & Youth on this project.

Bob King will review bibles appropriate for the 3-6 grade age group. Two suggested were The Adventure Bible and The Action Bible. We propose, once determined which Bible to use, that a copy be purchased for each child grades 3-6 and distributed personally at Rally Day. Again, we'll work with L & Y to complete this project.

We propose that extra Good News and other (mostly RSV) translation bibles be made freely available for disciples to take home and keep. These may be available: At worship, At Fellowship Hour and during Food Pantry ,On the Sharing Shelf, Upon request

We propose that Spark Story Bibles and other age-appropriate bibles be handed out personally, including gift-signed, to guests at the Food Pantry. The personal note is intentional to include the signer's witness about their attachment to their bible and/or the hope the biblical narrative brings.

Pastor Susan will talk with New Hope to determine how many of each age-appropriate bible we may need for distribution in September and/or October.

ENGAGE PEOPLE IN NEED OF HOPE

Ruthann will represent the congregation at the East Berlin National Night Out and will contact others to help.

The first Fellowship Hour is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd. Plans include: puzzles, coloring pages, games, Coffee, lemonade, ice water, some cookies and/or other snacks will be provided

Pastor Susan will welcome and invite the group into prayer. We'll work toward others leading the prayer and/or welcoming in the future.

The rest of the items on the list of Talking Points were tabled until our next meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 29th at 6:30p.m.

Property:

June Meeting Notes: Present: Bob King, Mac McMaster, Jay Smith

Need to make sure all fire doors are closed when rooms are not in use (maybe add to usher list – maybe put instructions on all fire doors)

Pick up drop ceiling tiles to replace all water-stained ones.

Schedule church workday 7/16/22 8am start

Paint back door in kitchen

Paint bilco basement door

Remove old water fountain in social hall

Clean rear entrance ceiling of cobwebs

Secure 2nd floor drain spout

Paint ramp door canopy

Remove old water softener from basement

Follow up with Don Smith Roofing

July Meeting Notes: Present: Bob King, Mac McMaster, Les Herman, Earl Kauffman, Jay Smith

We removed door closure that was leaking oil onto the floor. Searching to repair or replace.

Continued the floor cleaning: look to fit into next year's budget.

Had discussion about outsourcing bathroom supplies. Voted NO – was not cost effective.

Front door emergency light was full of water and not working. Plan to remove and replace with a new one.

Had discussion on outsourcing flower bed upkeep. Spoke to Earl, who just joined the Property Committee “thank you Earl” and he would like to take the lead on the weeds.

Set a date for Property Committee to do some much needed mechanical repairs – July 8 at 8am

- Removed water fountain

- Secure down spout

- Repair or remove leaking door closure

- Remove outside security light

- Trouble shoot lighting in pastor’s office

- Replace ceiling tiles

- Replace leaking water valve in ladies’ room

Reschedule Trinity Workday to August 27, 2022, 8:00am start

Results of July 8, 2022, workday. Completed:

- Removed water fountain

- Replaced leaking water valve in ladies’ room

- Secured 2nd floor downspout

- Removed outside security light – Mac purchased a new one

- Office light is defective – going to replace with new LED lights

- Replaced all damaged ceiling tiles

- Removed some of the old water softener from the basement

- Cleaned the ceiling at the rear entrance of the church

Next meeting, 8/18/22 after cleaning

Stewardship:

No Report.

“Governance” Mutual Ministry/Constitution Committee:

No report. A meeting will be scheduled to address a possible change of Learning and Youth to address Faith Formation wording or Christian Education.

Pastor’s Report

Pastor’s calendar and summary report were reviewed.

Old Business

Hybrid Church – A brief report was given concerning what stood out to council members who attended the last meeting on July 16. However, Council needs recommendations from the Hybrid Academy group concerning specific priorities. A motion was made by Dona Lerew and seconded by Mark Boyer for the small group to meet and bring these recommendations to the September Council meeting so action can be taken.

Nominating Committee - At least 3 people are needed for this committee, usually those going off council this year. More information will be discussed in September.

New Business

Giving Analysis – This was conducted to get a better understanding of Trinity’s giving units and how it has changed over the past two years. 46% have increased giving, 31% have decreased giving, and 22% have stayed the same. There was no study or indication about why these trends are as they are.

Member survey – Council feels it is time to do a member survey in order to update our membership list. There is a sample survey from Paradise that will help in developing Trinity’s survey. Work will take place on this during the fall.

Budget time line –

- Expense details from committees to Council Reps by 9/10/22
- Council Reps recommend budget to Finance Committee 9/20/22
- Finance Committee review and recommendation 9/30/22
- Budget presentation to Council 10/13/22

Jay Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rick Madsen seconded the motion.

The meeting was closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH						
Treasurer’s Report as of July 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+(-)
Income						
CURRENT INCOME TOTAL	\$20,694.56	\$106,376.27	\$19,912.00	\$123,452.00	86	(\$17,075.73)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$904.62	\$5,979.64	\$1,201.00	\$7,451.00	80	(\$1,471.36)
Total Income	\$21,599.18	\$112,355.91	\$21,113.00	\$130,903.00	86	(\$18,547.09)
Expense						
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1,226.01	\$8,058.89*	\$1,142.00	\$7,994.00	101	\$64.89
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$715.57	\$2,856.37*	\$375.00	\$2,625.00	109	\$231.37
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$0.00	\$600.25	\$142.00	\$994.00	60	(\$393.75)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$65.66	\$2,118.06*	\$266.00	\$1,862.00	114	\$256.06
SALARIES TOTAL	\$12,575.36	\$62,160.67*	\$11,593.00	\$61,957.00	100	\$203.67
PASTOR’S BENEFITS	\$3,528.56	\$21,343.32	\$3,432.00	\$21,756.00	98	(\$412.68)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$397.12	\$2,049.52*	\$396.00	\$1,992.00	103	\$57.52
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$16,501.04	\$85,553.51	\$15,421.00	\$85,705.00	100	(\$151.49)
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$496.00	\$5,174.80	\$1,026.00	\$7,932.00	65	(\$2,757.20)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$2,313.45	\$12,728.76*	\$1,466.00	\$10,264.00	124	\$2,464.76
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$333.97	\$3,392.27	\$708.00	\$4,956.00	68	(\$1,563.73)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$2,924.00	\$5,390.00*	\$488.00	\$3,414.00	158	\$1,976.00
Total Expense	\$24,575.70	\$125,872.91	\$21,034.00	\$125,746.00	100	\$126.91
Difference	(\$2,976.52)	(\$13,517.00)	\$79.00	\$5,157.00		