

# October 2022 Newsletter

*“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”*

—Isaiah 41:10

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Have you heard, or said, “People just don’t care anymore?” Does it seem like we’re missing the same level of engagement, interest, commitment or enthusiasm for community events and organizations? Familial gatherings? Festivals? Faith?

Society has been changing since the widespread use of technology began. Older generations don’t understand those who text each other in the same room. Younger folks can’t understand waiting on hold to speak to someone when you can go online and do it yourself. The same was true when people got TVs and started staying home instead of visiting.

We’ve been given permission through our daily habits and devices to keep to ourselves, to disengage, to remain in our own little world, to close in on ourselves. (That’s sin, by the way.) It’s today’s “normal” for much of our work, both personal and professional. And there’s nothing wrong with it. Until there is.

All this isolation leads to a loneliness we’re so used to we don’t know how to detect it or recognize it properly when we do notice something amiss. I recently attended a webinar hosted by RightNow Media where Pastor Ben Stuart, author of Rest & War: Rhythms of a Well-Fought Life spoke about the apathy we see in the world today and its causes.

As a culture, he says, having become accustomed to fast information via TV, the web on our computers, and computers in the palms of our hands, we’re addicted to perpetual novelty. Most of us are constantly scrolling for something new, something fascinating, a jolt of feeling good from a meme, a short video, a picture of a puppy. This quick fix doesn't allow time for deep thought, connection, meditation... attachment. “We are in awe of nothing,” he says. Therefore, we don’t join together in worship, in service, in prayer. People who don’t care about something together, passionately, lack community.

The result is an epidemic of loneliness, a frightening increase of depression and anxiety in our children, and a lack of true purpose in our lives. We, as a culture, have become less and less happy since the invention of the television; and it just keeps getting worse. ***Without realizing it, multiple generations are going around searching for one another, and looking in the wrong places.***

What's this lonely looking look like? A shrug and a turn away. Being ghosted. Eyes cast down. Nasty comments on social media. The word "hate" flung around every day. Angry drivers. Empty tables. Empty theaters. Empty pews. Empty hearts. It looks like not caring, when inside deeply we each do care. We've just unlearned over time how to connect, how to stand together.

This Isaiah verse is a powerful reminder of God's connection with us. That's EXTREMELY important today, extremely. The community we share in is life-giving and the world NEEDS it.

Each of us is called to this task even beyond the programmatic outreach at Trinity. We're called to develop relationship, even when it's not easy, to encourage those we'd hide ourselves from, to use technology wisely to **make connections** and not to avoid them. That's why becoming a hybrid church is important for us—so that we can connect to the lonely where they're looking.

Only the Church offers this connection in our world. We're the only ones peddling love in a world concerned with power, prestige and cash. And love is the only thing that can treat loneliness. Love is the only thing that can create connection. We are connected to the Lord and his mission. We serve a hurting world. This gives us community, a cause, and a compelling and passionate reason to be together.

Who do you know that might be lonely? Who do you know who doesn't know life any other way? How can you change that for them? Try an invitation to church, maybe not even for worship, but a concrete action that empowers them to engage. That's curative; and God has put the power in our hands.

In Christ,  
Pastor 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, October 2 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.



**Bible Study** continues via Zoom every Monday at 6pm. The Zoom meeting ID for these sessions is **853 9326 0808**. Passcode is **Bible** Please join the conversation! We're discussing Joseph. 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: Jack Hinkle, Jim Kline, Louise Haugh, Freda Manzullo, Mark Deputy, Doug Sheaffer, Kim Smith, 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

After taking a break during the summer months, the Men's Ministry group met Friday September 9 with 8 persons attending. All attendees supported a continuation of our monthly breakfast meetings to be held on the second Saturday of each month.

Bob reported the Men's Ministry checking account has a balance around \$900 from previous soup sales so there is some seed money to support some ministry projects and events. Once again, the group positively commented on the tour of AgCom conducted by Dave Sharrer this past spring. The group spoke about interest in other local industry tours.

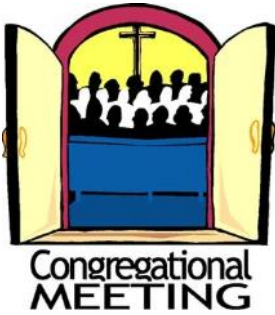
Following our breakfast meeting the men made 60 quarts of chicken corn soup and 36 quarts of ham and bean soup for sale at East Berlin's Fall Festival on September 10. All proceeds from the Fall Festival are donated back to the East Berlin Community and to designated Trinity Ministries. Next Men's Group meeting will be Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Annex. Men of all ages are invited to attend!

**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.

**Christmas Bazaar:** Trinity will have a craft table at the EBACC Christmas Bazaar on Sat, Dec. 3rd. We crafts and handmade items. Please put donations in the closet at the front of the church before Dec 2nd or see Ruthann Bowen or Shelly Livingston for more information.

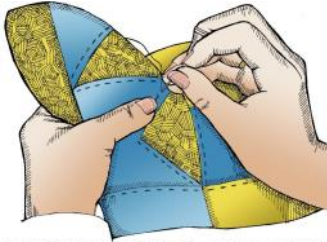
**Are you creative?** Would you like to help us welcome guests who attend our weekly service? Then please consider helping us to make Visitor Gift Bags. A handout with additional details is available on the counter in the upstairs lobby (Narthex). There is also a sign-up sheet on the counter—if you'd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





## Annual Congregational Meeting – November 13, 2022

Our next congregational meeting will be Sunday, November 13 after worship. We will be voting to approve a 2023 budget and to elect new council members.



**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 October 12 and 26. 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.

We are collecting individually wrapped Halloween candy to distribute to the community. There is a collection box in the Narthex.



## WELCA News

The women of ELCA met on September 6 at Janet McMaster's home and enjoyed a lovely evening and picnic in her backyard. We shared our summer adventures and special happenings with each other after a delicious, covered dish dinner.

Recent events included baking 70 pies for Trinity's bake sale table for East Berlin's Fall Festival. And a Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card was received and was used to help purchase Spark Children Story Bibles to be given to Trinity's Kindergarten through 2nd grade students.

We were contacted by Tonya Mincey, who now works with Adams County Housing Authority. She asked if we would help her and the families they serve, this Christmas, by putting up a Christmas Angel Tree at Trinity. Our women voted yes, and we look forward to receiving information soon to share with our congregation. We hope to have the Christmas Angel Tree up in October to give us plenty of time to shop for these families before the holiday season rush starts. Look for information in our weekly announcements! And thank you in advance for helping with this wonderful ministry.

Our next meeting will be October 4 at 7 PM in Trinity's social hall. Anita Madsen and Dona Lerew will share their vacation experiences to Italy. Please plan on attending!

***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 to depleting inventory it may not be available every day. Thank you for supporting this valuable community ministry.

**Ruth's Harvest Collection** held their first packing in September. Items that are in short supply include applesauce, milk boxes, fruit snacks, raisins, vegetable cups, mac-n-cheese, chef boy-r-dee individual meals. The next packing is Oct 18. There is a collection bin in the Narthex for these supplies.

**Food Pantry:** New Hope Ministries is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, October 5. 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, October 11 from 5:00-6:30pm 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 October 2nd 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.**



***Heavenly Hamburgers*** continues in October. Just like Holy Hot Dogs, Heavenly Hamburger meals will be served to the East Berlin community every Wednesday beginning at 5pm until the supply runs out each week. (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. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our food ministries - Food Pantry, Sharing Shelf, and Holy Hotdogs/Heavenly Hamburgers. *If you'd like to make a designated gift toward these ministries, please contact Jim Kline, Mission in Motion Treasurer.* Thank you!





**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.

**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!

### East Berlin Fall Festival

Once again Trinity participated in East Berlin's Fall Festival held September 10. Breakfast lunch, baked goods and pies were offered at the church. Sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks, and quarts of soup To Go were sold at Trinity's stand at EBACC. Total proceeds for the event \$3,601. All profits will be given back to the East Berlin Community organizations and selected Trinity Ministries. Thanks to Ruthann Bowen who coordinated the event and to all the volunteers who assisted in any manner to make this event a huge success! See some of the photos on the left.

### GOOD NEWS AND BREWS IS BACK!!!

Let's join our siblings in Christ at St. John's, Abbottstown.

**Good News & Brews**  
 Second Tuesday of the Month  
 at the Altland House  
 (1 Center Square, Abbottstown)  
 6:30pm to 8:00pm

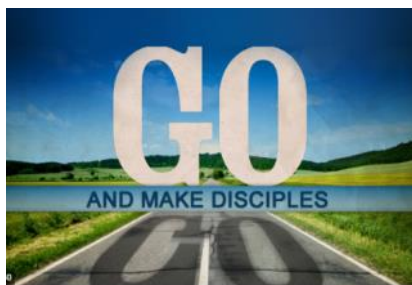
Good News and Brews is a time of faithful discussion and enjoying good food. Pastor Shawn and other faith leaders will bring a conversation to the table for discussion and those that gather can order off the menu at the Altland House.



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 a few jobs for you!

- ◆ Please sign a bible for a new disciple (young and old) from the stack on the table in the narthex.
- ◆ Take a look around our church campus as though you were a visitor. Are our signs clear? Is there ample parking? Are all the doors unlocked? How does it smell? Who greets you? The E-Team is looking for ways to make sure we EXPECT and WELCOME visitors at every gathering. Have feedback to share? Give us a call in the church office and let us know.
- ◆ Go to worship somewhere else one Sunday. The best disciples strengthen one another. Share with them things we do well to welcome and make disciples and bring back ideas from their church campus to help enhance ours. No spying necessary.
- ◆ Join us for the next E-Team meeting: Tuesday, October 25th @ 6:30 in the parlor.



### Membership Survey

The pandemic has brought about many changes in the way we worship today. Along with the need to update our church records, these changes make it necessary to conduct a brief survey of our membership. Steph Haley is leading this effort. Look for a survey to be available on-line and in the mail in the coming weeks.

## How Can I Serve????

Trinity is blessed with many and varied ministries. There's an opportunity for everyone to be involved. One of those opportunities to serve is as a member of Trinity's Church Council. Church Council serves as the governing body of the church. Council members are elected for a 3-year term at our annual meeting the second Sunday of each November. Constitutionally we can have up to 12 members of Council including a Youth Representative. Mark Boyer is a current member of Council and leads the Constitution and Governance Committee and will be serving on the Nominating Committee for Council representatives. Please consider offering your time and talent by serving on Council.

### **STEWARDSHIP IS A PART OF DISCIPLESHIP**

*We're called by God to give generously as God gives to us. Often we think of the bible's call for us to tithe (give 10%) back to God. Here's a handy chart to help you stay on track with your giving goals.*



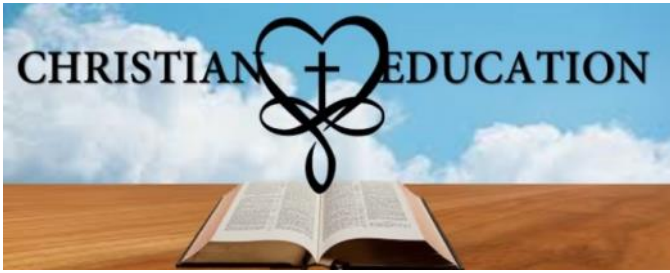
I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.  
+ Jeremiah 29:10-11

## **GIVING CHART**

To calculate your weekly gift, find your income on the left, and read across to the percentage of income you feel called to give.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$1,333	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	39	58
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361





Our Christian Education for all ages program is officially underway! Kids in grades nursery-6th grade began meeting in September. **The Teen Time class will begin October 2 to begin their studies of “*The Weirdest Stories in the Bible.*”** The Adult Sunday School class will also begin October 2 and will be studying *Happiness* this year.



### ***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.

**Intergenerational Activities** will also be held each month. Featured on October 23, Pastor Susan will teach everyone about All Hallows’ Eve and we will all be decorating pumpkins and making scarecrows.





**Kids' Cookie Break** Kids in 6th grade and younger are invited to take a break after the reading of the Gospel to head down to the Social Hall for a snack and an activity. They will return to the sanctuary during the sharing of the peace. Additional volunteers who have not signed up are asked to contact the secretary to register.



# Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Helper	Lector	Us
Oct 2	Jim K.	Ruthann B.	Noelle K.	Jay/S
Oct 9	Bob K.	Sue C.	Jayne S.	Barb/E
Oct 16	Jake S.	Alex S.	Sam H.	Jim/Noel
Oct 23	Ruthann B.	Becky R.	Bob K.	Rick/An
Oct 30	Sue C.	Charlie H.	Greta H.	Bob K/D

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** is coming up on the 6th of November and we'll be remembering all our loved ones who are at rest in the Lord. Please submit the names of all the loved ones you'd like to remember to Jen in the office no later than Monday, October 31st. The list of names will be read during worship on Sunday morning, November 6th, at 9:00 a.m.



**RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**—We'll be receiving new members on Reformation Sunday, October 30th, at worship when we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism with Confirmation for our very own Sam Haley. If you'd like to become a member of Trinity please see Pastor Susan.



**Fall Fest Disbursement Plans Meeting** will be held after Food Pantry on Wednesday, October 5. In the past, the majority of the proceeds have been donated for local needs and organizations. Please bring your thoughts and ideas. Our plan will be to disburse the funds by the end of October. Anyone involved with the Fall Festival is invited to participate in this meeting.

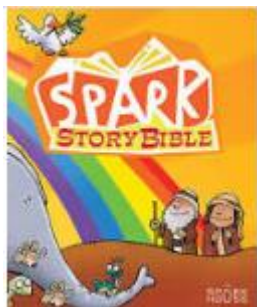


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Leaders	Altar Guild	Cantor(s)	Acolyte	Cookie Break
Dee/Terry	Kathy K.	Chris L.	Addie	Anita & helper
Earl/Leon	Anita M.	Dona L.	Addie	Laura R. & helper
Dee/Ruthann	Deb K.	Mary J.	Jack	Maxine & Janet
Anita/Mark	Noelle K.	Becky R.	Koltyn	Jessica & Jason
Dee/Bob A	Janet M.	Karen S.	Tristan	Jen & Jordan

## Thank You for Supporting Our Youth's Faith

New materials have been ordered and (most) received for our Christian Education classes. This was made possible by a joint effort through the Evangelism and Christian Education (A/K/A Learning and Youth) Committees.



Spark Story Bibles will be provided to all our Nursery – Grade 2 students, The Adventure Bible will be gifted to Grades 3 -6, and The Message – Confirmation and Teens. Funding for the entire cost of these materials (approximately \$1,100) was paid through a donation from Trinity's Missionary Support, 2-Thrivent Action Team Grants (Karen and Doug Sheaffer, and Bob & Deb King)

and a donation from Ruthann and Bill Bowen. **THANK YOU!**

## More Good News...

FYI – The GOOD NEWS BIBLES previously used by Grades 3 – 6 and other classes are available for **free** anyone if you would like a copy. These bibles are located in the Annex (windowsill on the right side) with other free materials. **HELP YOURSELF** and take one for a friend!



**Mission in Motion** has been busy with Heavenly Hamburgers. Every Wednesday, other than Food Pantry Wednesdays, 120 hamburger meals are given out to community members. Thank you to all the volunteers who faithfully serve these meals each week. Thank you to Kay and Jack Hinkle for getting chips donated, a good price on the burgers, and a gift certificate to Weis for rolls. This is a wonderful meal ministry!

The José Project is not over. José, Yadira, and Cristian are getting used to living independently. José is working full time and Cristian and Yadira are doing well in school. They are a wonderful sibling family and love their new home. However, they are still teenagers and continue to need some support. The court has given José guardianship of Cristian but the state will not provide any financial assistance to José because he is not 21. Therefore, finances are tight for food as José begins to take over paying bills. The fund that has been collected from many churches and community members is helping with household bills for now, but that help only goes so far. If you are interested in giving this sibling family additional support for their food budget, please consider purchasing a gift card from Giant, Walmart, or a fast food restaurant. You can sign up on the sheet in the narthex or just buy a gift card and give it to Dona Lerew to deliver to the siblings. If you are interested in providing a home cooked meal for them, please see Anita Madsen or Dona Lerew for suggested meals. Dona will deliver anything you may provide. Thank you for any continued help you can give to assist this family in learning to lead productive, independent lives.



Please watch your email updates and/or weekly bulletin for information about our joint efforts with the Hanover United Refugee Resettlement team; things are changing rather quickly in this ministry, day to day or even hour to hour. As of this printing, a woman from the Congo has been temporarily settled in the house next to Zwingli UCC in East Berlin with her family arriving within the next week. Please pray for her and them as they settle her among us.



## The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

### Upcoming Events:

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](http://www.lutherancamping.org) to learn more and register.



Trinity's next blood drive will be Tuesday, November 8 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.

**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!

## Finance

Based on some feedback received by the finance committee, our Newsletter Treasurer’s Report has been revised. The report below has been simplified to show:

- \* Current Month Actual income
- \* Current Month Total Expenses
- \* Year-to-Date Actual Income
- \* Year-to-Date Actual Expenses
- \* Year-to-Date Budgeted Income
- \* Difference b/w Year-to-Date Actual Income vs. Budgeted Income

Here are the results for the Month of August and the eight months Year-to-Date through August 2022. If you would like any more information or have questions, please contact Bob King and/or any member of the Finance Committee.

<b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b>						
2022 Actual Income and Expenses versus Budget						
		August 2022	YTD August 2022		YTD Difference	%
		Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual vs. Budget	Over(under)
<b>Income</b>						
	Current	14,152	120,528	139,381	(18,853)	(13.5)
	Benevolence	862	6,841	8,413	(1,572)	(18.7)
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,014</b>	<b>127,369</b>	<b>147,794</b>	<b>(20,425)</b>	<b>(13.8)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
	Total Expenses	16,663	142,536	144,573	(2,037)	(1.4)
	<b>Surplus(Deficit)</b>	<b>(1,649)</b>	<b>(15,167)</b>			
	Cash Balance to meet Current Expenses at 8/31/22		12,765.37			

### **Key Points as of August 31,2022**

- Budgeted Income is short by \$20,425.
  - This results in an operating deficit of \$15,167.
- Cash, CD’s and other liquid accounts total \$182,146.

**Note:** These funds have been given and designated to other ministries and needs. These funds cannot be used for operating expenses. Thank you to the Finance Committee for all their work.

**The Parish Life Committee** supplied the lunch for the September food pantry. We served hamburg barbeque, macaroni salad and had a sundae bar with lots of toppings. The guests enjoyed the meal.

We visited the Fruitbelt Farmworkers on Tuesday, September 20th at the York Springs camp. There were approximately 25 men at the camp. We had a meal of Bury's burgers, mac and cheese, baked beans and lots of delicious desserts. We also took 40 sweat-shirts that were donated, and work gloves for the workers. Thanks to everyone who donated shirts and food for them. They really appreciated the shirts and enjoyed the meal. (see photos below)

We will be planning a reception/brunch for our confirmand, Sam Haley, and new members on October 30th after the service. And we will be supplying drinks and cookies for the Bible ghost stories on October 30th at the East Berlin cemetery.

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





## Worship Schedule

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

- October 2: 17th Sunday after Pentecost
- October 2: Drive-In Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m., outside
- October 2: Blessing of Pets, 4pm, outside
- October 9: 18th Sunday after Pentecost; Healing Service
- October 16: 19th Sunday after Pentecost; Harvest Home
- October 23: 20th Sunday after Pentecost
- October 30: Reformation Sunday; Confirmation, New Members

### NOTES:

- Please note the following elements are available during Communion: wheat bread, wine, grape juice, gluten-free wafers, pre-blessed sealed wheat wafer and grape juice packages.
- 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, Communion Assistant, Usher, Hymn Leader, Acolyte or Altar Guild is asked to contact the church office.

Do you have a voice remote with your smart TV or cable box? If you do, try saying, “**Trinity Lutheran Church, East Berlin, YouTube,**” with the remote’s microphone button held in. Our YouTube page should come up and your remote can let you select the service you’d like to attend by watching. Slides on the video allow you to fully participate in the service, no bulletin needed! Call the church office if you need help.

**Notes**  
From  
the  
**Music Director**



Greetings to all and welcome to fall!

Cooler temperatures are so refreshing after such an intensely hot summer!

Trinity's adult choir is back in action (we have certainly missed them!) and welcome all who enjoy the fellowship of choir and singing. We meet at 8:15am each Sunday before worship and rehearse hymns and choir anthems. If you cannot be present each Sunday morning for rehearsal, I will gladly supply music for you and rehearse with each individual. Most of the music you can download from the internet and sing along with it at home.

Trinity Ringers will begin practice on October 12, Wednesday 7pm. New ringers are encouraged to join the choir and I will gladly give you private instruction to give you confidence. Bell ringing is a totally team effort; all ringers are important! Come join us—any ability, any age.

~ Karen





# October Birthdays



10-2 William Bowen Sr.

10-2 Jim Hoak

10-2 Terry Yealy

10-4 Rachael Pinkas (Black)

10-4 Jeff Fortuna

10-9 Poncho Moore

10-10 Amber Nickey

10-11 Rachael Erdman

10-11 Beth Deputy

10-12 Adam Kline

10-17 Becky Rinehart

10-17 Estella Smith

10-18 Victoria Mason

10-19 Heather Young

10-21 Patrick McSherry

10-23 Elizabeth Clauser

10-25 Barry Jacobs

10-25 Deb King

10-27 Judy Burgard

10-29 Madison Hoak



**WELLNESS GROUP** – Summer vacations have come to an end and the Wellness Group will be meeting again. Please join us on **Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm via Zoom** to kick off another season of wellness discussions. During our time together on the 11th we will be discussing the change of season and the importance of changing our self-care/wellbeing routine to fit the season. Colder temperatures and less daylight can have a big impact on our health and wellbeing. We will plan to discuss ways to keep ourselves healthy both physically and mentally as the fall and winter seasons approach. We look forward to seeing you on the 11th. ***Watch your email for the Zoom link.***



**Hello! From Rodger Grim  
to all his friends at Trinity!**

**HELLO**





# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- 10-6 Leeann & Nic Lieberum ~ 4 Years
- 10-6 Theresa & John McGee ~ 32 Years
- 10-6 Michael & Christine Sheads ~ 32 Years
- 10-11 Nathan & Giovanna Biles ~ 14 Years
- 10-12 Steve & Tracy Smith ~ 42 Years
- 10-14 Jeff & Kim Erdman ~ 27 Years
- 10-17 Scott & Valerie Stains ~ 36 Years
- 10-23 Brad & Michelle Boyer ~ 18 Years
- 10-25 Bill & Ruthann Bowen ~ 37 Years
- 10-31 Steve & Steph Haley ~ 24 Years

THANK YOU!

**Thank You** to everyone who helped with the farm workers visit. They enjoyed the meal and loved the sweatshirts. Thanks to everyone that donated food, sweatshirts and to those that were able to come along for the visit. It was a wonderful evening.

## “CORN”UCOPIA OF THANKS!

The Men’s Ministry Group would like to offer a special “THANK YOU” to Butch and Barb Mummert and to Pleasant Acres Farm, York Springs (Jeff King- Bob’s brother) for donating sweet corn for use in the Men’s group chicken corn soup. Thanks to these donors we have enough corn in the church freezers for chicken corn soup for the next year. P.S. A special thanks to Les, Mac, Charlie, Bob, Butch, Barb, Deb, and Janet for husking and preparing the corn for freezing. FYI...we use about 20 quarts of corn for every 30 quart batch of soup!



Church  
Council

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022

Present: Pastor Susan McCarthy, Bob King, Dona Lerew, Sue Clauser, Stephanie Haley, Rick Madsen, Mark Boyer, and Karen Sheaffer.

Absent- Jay Smith, Sherry Brown, and Lisa Miller

Sitting in Bob Aims from the Finance Committee

Bob called the meeting to order, and our Pastor Susan used our Council Meeting Liturgy, reading from Psalm 1:1-3.

The agenda was reviewed, the Secretary's Report heading was added as well as Mutual Ministry Committee under New Business.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and approved as written. Karen shared two thank you notes sent to Trinity. One was from Jose, Yadira, and Christian thanking Trinity for all the help they were given to them in the past several months. The other thank you note was from Deb Blasone, Lori King, and Bermudian Springs Class of 2022 thanking Trinity for their Baccalaureate Service.

### **Ministry Reports**

#### Learning & Youth

- Fall 2022 Christian Learning Newsletter completed and to go out this week.
- New materials have been purchased for the younger Sunday School classes:

- Spark Story Bible
- The Message, Ministry Edition
- Here We Stand Lutheran Study Bible and Student Book

- Upcoming dates of Importance:

- Sept. 18 Rally Day
- Sept. 25 First Sunday School Class for new year

- Updated Learning and Youth Schedule and Roster provided to committee.

A Christian Education newsletter is coming in the next week. Details of class members and their agenda will be included in the newsletter.

#### Worship & Music

- 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

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.

Next Worship & Music Committee Meeting September 15, 2022

Finance-met on August 8, 2022

Members Attending: Pastor Susan, Charlie Hoffman, Sue Clauser, Bob King

Agenda

1. Review July Financial Results-Financial results were reviewed for July. While July giving for current did meet budget, our deficit continued to grow since July and August are high expense months. Our operating deficit on a year-to-date basis at July 31 was \$13,517. Non-budgeted miscellaneous current income year to date is \$5,821 which nets to an operating deficit of \$7,696. We should also note that an insurance payment of \$1,900 was issued by mistake that would become due in December.

2. Endowment Fund - Endowment fund like most investments, suffered a market value decrease of \$51,500 January1 – June 30. In addition, we withdrew \$12K to fund the Endowment Holding Account as approved by Council. The current value of the Endowment Fund on June 30 was \$273,194

3. 2023 Budget Discussion - Work will begin on the proposed 2023 Budget in next couple weeks. First, the Finance Committee recognizes that everyone has done a good job with managing the finances for their committees. After a lengthy discussion about our current operating deficit, impact of inflation, giving patterns and all other factors, it was recommended by the committee that budget guidance for 2023 is that our overall budget in total should not increase in 2023. This is not to say if there is a specific need, that a valid budget increase would not be considered but the request must be fully supported with costs and plan. In fact, all 2023 budget requests should be supported with the specifics of the requested budget. This recommendation will be discussed at the upcoming August 11 Council meeting. Timetable for the 2023 budget will be provided to Council Reps for presentation to the Committee Chairpersons.

4. Mid-Year Financial Review – Charlie agreed to do this review. Bob will forward the info provided by Sue to Charlie.

5. Giving Analysis – As discussed in June, Jen was asked to prepare a summary report of giving 2021 vs. 2022. A preliminary report was provided in June and an updated summary provided as of July 31. Bob took that summary information and evaluated the results for Current and Benevolence. The good news is that giving for Current is now slightly ahead of 2021. The bad news is we are not currently meeting our required budgeted income requirements and not meeting expenses result-

ing in a reduction of cash to fund our operation. What is noticed is that the congregation has reacted to the letter issued in January and many have increased their giving and/or re-allocated their giving. The analysis was broken down into 3 segments: Increases (46 giving units), decreases (27 giving units), and no change (19 giving units). There is somewhat of a disparity in the numbers provided in 2021 which requires some additional review but do feel this analysis does provide an adequate snapshot of the current patterns.

6. New IRS mileage reimbursement rate – Effective July 1 the reimbursement rate has been increased to \$ .62.5/mile.

Finance will be meeting several times in the coming weeks as we begin work on the 2023 budget, and we will set a date(s) that works for the majority of our members.

Bob reported that the next meeting will be held September 20.

### Parish Life

The church picnic was a great success! It was wonderful to share the picnic with other local churches! The Parish Life Committee will host the meal for September Food Pantry. Hamburg barbeque, macaroni salad, chips, pretzels, and ice cream sundaes will be served. A visit to the Fruit Belt farm workers will take place on September 20. Burgers, mac and cheese, baked beans, cantaloupe, watermelon, and cookies will be served. Sweatshirts will be collected to distribute to the farm workers for their cool work during the fall months.

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

Social Ministry-The next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, October 5 from 4:00-6:00pm. A Fellowship Hour will be held at Trinity at 3PM prior to every Food Pantry. 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 met on September 6 at 5:30, at Janet McMaster's gardens 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 decided at our meeting that we will be happy do a Christmas angel tree to help these families this year. Details will be shared soon.

Mission in Motion-Heavenly Hamburgers will replace Holy Hotdogs dur-

ing the months of September and October. Jack Hinkle was able to get a good deal on the burgers and Kay Hinkle submitted a hunger grant to the synod for this food ministry. A quick meeting will be held Sunday after church service to plan how to cook and keep the burgers hot for these events.

José, Yadira, and Christian continue to receive support from various Trinity members concerning trailer upkeep, financial planning, cooking, and just dealing with life. Thank you, Andie Guiher, for an outstanding video about The José Project. Dona added that meals are still needed to help feed them. She reported that she will contact other churches as well to help with this.

The Hanover United Refugee Resettlement group is expecting a refugee family to arrive and live at the Zwingli parsonage at any time. Thank you to all who helped clean the home and gather necessary items for living in the home. Watch weekly announcements and emails for more information about the family as we learn them. Babysitting may be need as they settle in and as the parents are meeting with different services that are helping them.

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 September 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-met September 7th and had a brainstorming session on different ways to enhance the lives of our community members. Discussion was held on possibly setting up tables for dining, in the parking lot, for anyone who would like to enjoy their hamburger meals at Heavenly Hamburg events. This month's fellowship time before the Food Pantry was better than last month. We will explore a new program "First Place for Health" and will meet on Thursday at noon.

## Property

July 21, 2022 Meeting Notes:

Attendees: Bob King, Les Herman, Mac McMaster, Earl Kauffman, Jay Smith

A workday was held July 8 in which the following tasks were completed:

- Removed water fountain in Social Hall

- Secured downspout from second level roof over office
- Determined outside security light at front door needs replaced
- Checked light in Pastor's office that was not working. Decided to order new recessed lights to replace those not working.
- Replaced damaged/soiled ceiling tiles.
- Removed door closer at top of back stairwell that was leaking. Jay will try to find a suitable replacement.

Other items discussed.

- Floor Cleaning - All hard surface floors in church need to be professionally cleaned. This will be considered in the 2023 budget.
- Discussed a quote to outsource bathroom supplies. Cost was not justified when comparing to current costs. Decided against proposal and will continue to order our supplies through our current sources
- Rescheduled workday for August 27, 2022

Property Committee Meeting August 18, 2022:

Attendees: Bob King, Les Herman, Mac McMaster, Earl Kauffman, Jay Smith

Items discussed

- Workday tasks:
  - o Paint back kitchen door
  - o Wash Windows Social Hall and back entrance
  - o Clean and paint steel basement door
  - o Install new Security light
  - o Weed flower beds and remove grass from street and in sidewalk
  - o Check into cause for projection room light not working
  - o Remove water softener salt
  - o Install a weathertight sweep on front doors
  - o Remove/Replace Pressure release valve at water meter
  - o Back Social Hall door needs repaired or replaced. Not weathertight § Jay will ask Mike Winklespecht to investigate what it would take to repair.
  - o Move September cleaning team 1 to September 8; Cleaning team #2 to September 22

Workday August 27, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendees: Earl Kauffman, Jim Kline, Jack Hinkle, Kay Hinkle, Bob King  
Tasks Completed

- Flower Beds Weeded
- Removed weeds and grass from street level gutters and sidewalks
- Replaced front security light
- Painting of back kitchen door started
- Cleaned rear entrance door windows
- Started cleaning Social Hall windows
- Washed walls behind refrigerator and freezer and cleaned kitchen floor
- Removed weeds from area around shed

## Stewardship-No report

Constitution-Governance-Mark will be scheduling a meeting soon.

Finance Committee/Council member discussion-the latest financial reports were reviewed and discussed. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Dona to initiate a special appeal to try and raise funds to close our budget deficit. Mark seconded the motion, all agreed, and the motion carried. The finance committee will work on this and share it with council members for approval within the next two weeks.

## Pastor's Report

Pastor Susan's calendar was reviewed.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS—Met with Worship & Music to plan for summer-to-fall transition and set fall significant dates; held back-to-school blessing 8/7; participated in the Fellowship Hour and Food Pantry 8/3; worked with Prs. Julia Beall and Barb Breneman to plan for Aug 28 Worship/Picnic in the Park event and shared in the leading of the service; followed the activities of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly; participated in the Penny Carnival (what fun!); made four home visits; made 9 pastoral phone calls; attended Hanover United Refugee Resettlement group meetings on behalf of Mission in Motion to prep for Afghan refugee family; worked with Andie Guiher re: Jose Project Video; continue to meet with other area Lutheran ministers weekly for text study and collaboration efforts; helped with Holy Hotdogs; continue work with E-Team and Learning & Youth to provide age appropriate bibles to children and youth; continue to work with Hybrid Church Team to formulate a specific proposal to Church council for planning, education, and equipment purchase; planned with Learning & Youth to teach a Teen Sunday School Class each week; met with former intern Katharine Beckman to edit and coach her about her essay submitted for her approval for ordination interviews; registered for an eight month continuing education course, "Soul Care," with Dr. Gary Neal Hansen, author of *Kneeling With Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers*.

## Old Business

Hybrid Church-Pastor Susan reported that committee members will meet, compile their findings, all information, and recommendations for equipment needed, and will be shared at the October Council meeting.

Nominating Committee-we discussed members needed for the 2023 Church Council. Mark will make an announcement at Sunday's service.

## New Business

Membership Update/Survey-Steph volunteered to lead this project. Council members were asked to review the information provided at

last month's council meeting and give any suggestions or thoughts to Bob, Pastor Susan and Stephanie. We hope to have it ready to mail out in early October.

Pastor's discretionary funds-money in this fund that is not spent may be considered taxable income to Pastor Susan, so the Finance Committee will review this policy.

Mutual Ministry Committee-Bob is getting this committee revived and we are in need of four members.

**Endowment Holding**-Bob asked us to look at any opportunities where we can share our benevolence funds. Any suggestions should be sent to Bob before our next council meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dona, seconded by Pastor Susan, all agreed, and the motion carried. We closed with a sending blessing and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Sheaffer

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH						
Treasurer's Report as of August 2022 for GENERAL FUND (NEWSLETTER)						
Monday, September 5, 2022						Page 1 of 1
Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	% of Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)
<b>Income</b>						
CURRENT INCOME TOTAL	\$14,151.55	\$120,527.82	\$15,929.00	\$139,381.00	86	(\$18,853.18)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$861.62	\$6,841.26	\$962.00	\$8,413.00	81	(\$1,571.74)
Total Income	\$15,013.17	\$127,369.08	\$16,891.00	\$147,794.00	86	(\$20,424.92)
<b>Expense</b>						
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$962.00	\$9,020.89	\$1,142.00	\$9,136.00	99	(\$115.11)
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$130.25	\$2,986.62	\$375.00	\$3,000.00	100	(\$13.38)
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$85.00	\$685.25	\$142.00	\$1,136.00	60	(\$450.75)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$293.03	\$2,411.09*	\$266.00	\$2,128.00	113	\$283.09
SALARIES TOTAL	\$8,508.88	\$70,669.55*	\$8,394.00	\$70,351.00	100	\$318.55
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$3,151.94	\$24,495.26	\$3,054.00	\$24,810.00	99	(\$314.74)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$274.32	\$2,323.84*	\$266.00	\$2,258.00	103	\$65.84
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$11,935.14	\$97,488.65	\$11,714.00	\$97,419.00	100	\$69.65
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$918.62	\$6,093.42	\$1,026.00	\$8,958.00	68	(\$2,864.58)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$2,084.60	\$14,813.36*	\$1,466.00	\$11,730.00	126	\$3,083.36
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$254.71	\$3,646.98	\$708.00	\$5,664.00	64	(\$2,017.02)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$5,390.00*	\$488.00	\$3,902.00	138	\$1,488.00
Total Expense	\$16,663.35	\$142,536.26	\$17,327.00	\$143,073.00	100	(\$536.74)
Difference	<u>(\$1,650.18)</u>	<u>(\$15,167.18)</u>	<u>(\$436.00)</u>	<u>\$4,721.00</u>		