

# December 2022 Newsletter

*On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

–Matthew 2:11

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have a love-hate relationship with gift wrapping. I really love good-looking presents. You know, the sort where the lines of the pattern on the paper line up where they've been cut, the tape is perfectly laid and invisible, the bow is centered just so on the top of the package at an excellent angle to the tag. Even the tag itself is printed in loving handwriting, clever and true. From: ME To: YOU.

But I absolutely hate trying to make it happen. I just don't have the patience, the concentration, or the dedication to the task. Hence, I'm in great favor of gift bags or cards with cold hard cash inside. (To be honest, that's not a cop-out in many respects; my favorite gift is a gift card because it means that even weeks or months from now, I can spend it and feel loved on a dreary day.) It's tricky work to gather the supplies and pay such attention to detail, a true calling for some – thank you for undertaking it! Our attention, though, should be focused more on what's INSIDE those packages, and even beyond...

We're all called to prepare for Christmas, outside of the present buying and wrapping we so feverishly attempt to accomplish while the sales are hot. We're called to bring the gift of worship to our King, the Holy Babe born in a stable, swaddled and tucked into a manger for his first holy nap. We give gifts to one another and make offerings to the poor in honor and remembrance of the above passage where the Wise Men present gifts to Baby Jesus. We gather our hearts and minds, our resources, and our very souls to present to the Holy One Incarnate.

It's not about the tree, the wrappings under it, the carols on the radio, or the traditions we hold so dear. They help, of course, to bring light and life and love into our world, our communities, our families,

our homes. There's nothing wrong with them. But worshipping the New Born King is about preparing the inside of our selves as we offer our whole being to the Lord as a gift in adoration of the Babe. What is your gift to the Lord, and how is it wrapped?

Jesus wants to know you as you are, just as he thoroughly knew his first disciples. The greatest gift any of us can give is the gift of a prepared heart to greet the Lord on Christmas as we celebrate Immanuel, "God with us." What's your inside like? Angry or forgiving? Faithful or full of doubt? Hateful or loving? Giving or taking? Honest or deceitful? Condemning or grace filled? Freed from sin or bound? A quick assessment of our spiritual health will help us determine steps to prepare ourselves for a healthy, happy, and holy Christmas – that's what Advent is for.

I encourage all of us to add to our list of Christmas preparations something that will make the rest of the list easier: a peaceful heart. Seek to bring your most genuine self to the Lord, work to get there if you must. Give to God in these next few weeks all the negatives in your heart, and be filled with positives through reading scripture, worship and song, prayer, community, nature, etc. Be open to watching for the Lord around every corner and put away those things that aren't helpful to your focus on the Mighty Lord, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace. Answer God's call to seek justice and righteousness. Love where you're drawn to love, even if it's hard. Make way for Jesus and the Way he teaches. Now is the season. Now is the time. Now He is here.

Thanks be to God!



In Christ,  
Pr. Susan  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**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, December 4 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!

### **Special Appeal Update**

Through November 21, contributions to the Special Appeal 2022 have totaled \$20,610! The response through the first 8 weeks has been SPECTACULAR! Thank you to all for your continued support.

**Poinsettias** for the Christmas Eve service are now available to order for \$9.00 each. Please stop by the church office or call the secretary to order. Orders and money are due by Dec 12th.



# MEN'S MINISTRY

Thanks to Jim, Leon, Earl, Jay, Bob, & Chris who assisted the Lion's Club to hang the beautiful copper lanterns throughout East Berlin Saturday, November 19. Just another way of serving our community. Next project: WELCA Holiday Banquet Tuesday, December 6. Ham/Turkey and all the trimmings! Food preparation will start at 1:00 p.m. to start baking the ham and turkey and prepare stuffing. We'll need additional help for other food preparation beginning at 4:00 p.m. and serving the meal at 6:00 p.m. All men are invited to assist. Contact Bob King via email: [rlkingwalst@comcast.net](mailto:rlkingwalst@comcast.net) or via cell/text 717-877-0616 if you wish to help.

**Parish Life Committee** will meet next on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00pm. Anyone interested in planning activities at Trinity is invited to attend. We are always looking for new ideas.

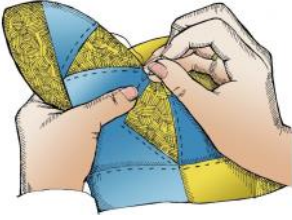
**EBACC Christmas Bazaar:** Trinity's Missionary Support will have a table at the EBACC Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd. Doors open at 8. Please remember, if you have any kind of crafts or small item (s) to donate to the table, let Ruthann (717-634-6047) or Shelly ( 717-259-9711) know. You may drop items off at the church. All proceeds go to help others. This year, we used some of our money from last year to purchase some larger items from the Angel Tree.



**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 table in the upstairs lobby (Narthex). There is also a sign-up sheet on the table—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 in the social hall. All are welcome to join this worthwhile ministry! Upcoming meeting will be held from 2:00-4:00pm on December 14th. We will not meet December 28. We will resume meeting second and fourth Wednesdays of every month starting in January. 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.



### **FREE ADVENT DEVOTION FROM LUTHER SEMINARY**

Here's a link to sign up for a FREE Advent Devotion from Luther Seminary. The link will offer you a chance to sign up for the devotion (and probably include you on the mailing list; you're free to take yourself off of the list at any time). "Fling Wide the Door" is free for you to read and share with others: <https://www.luthersem.edu/resources/advent-devo/> . Check out Luther Seminary's website for other cool features and free faith tools!

We pray for our homebound members and for those battling injury or long-term illness. If you know of anyone needing pastoral care, please contact the church office. Please note the prayer list in your weekly bulletin, or contact the office for a copy, and join your voice with those already praying daily for these brothers and sisters. Need a simple prayer? **"Dear Lord, I lift before you Name and ask your blessing upon them, in the name of Christ, Amen."** \*\*Please notify the church as soon as possible if someone you know is hospitalized.\*





**The Mission in Motion committee** will meet in the new year (date to be determined) to set priorities for our mission work. We will examine various agencies such as Adams County Habitat for Humanity, Servants, and Tree of Hope, to decide where we want to put our resources of time and money in our mission work. In the meantime, there will be some work with Servants on a mobile home in Abbottstown. We also continue to help with the refugee project through HURR (Hanover United Refugee Resettlement.). Currently, Furaha and

her two children are temporarily living in the Zwingli house and volunteers are helping as needed. Thank you to all who have contributed gift cards to José to help with food expenses. José's SNAP application has been accepted which will certainly help. However, there will continue to be extra expenses for this sibling family such as paper products, etc, that are not covered by SNAP. If you are interested in continuing to help them, gift certificates to Giant, Walmart, Rutters, or a fast food restaurant are always helpful. Their Christmas will be covered by gifts from two county agencies. Thank you for your continued prayers for these siblings as they learn to navigate their independent life. We hope the wristbands that were distributed in church serve as a reminder to you about all that Trinity does to serve our community and beyond.

On November 10, Bob King received a call from Servants looking for volunteers to assist them in doing some re-hab work on a mobile home in Abbottstown. Our past work with Servants and Trinity's success with the Jose' project was the catalyst for the inquiry. Bob King, Jay Smith, Earl Kauffman, and Leon Leas "answered the call" and assisted Servants on Tuesday November 15. Servants' plan is to work on this project on Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) until finished. Demo work, electrical, and plumbing is 80% completed and drywall installation has been started by the Trinity team. The opportunity for work on Saturdays is a possibility if we have persons who would commit to work during on a Saturday. We would just need firm up a date/time for a Saturday workday and coordinate with Servants. Anyone interested in helping any Tuesday or Thursday or possibly a given Saturday, please contact Bob King or Jay Smith and we'll get you registered with Servants.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

in support of the congregation's Sharing Shelf Ministry

Instead of opening a window on a traditional advent calendar and receiving a gift as we count the days to Christmas, you're invited to check this calendar and collect items for sharing. Bring your favorites to truly gift our neighbors. When your bag gets full, bring it to the church to empty it. The items collected will be used to stock our Sharing Shelf for the East Berlin Community. Need details? See Deb King or Pastor Susan or call the church office at 717-259-9125. Thank you!

**Nov 27** – Peanut Butter & Jelly

**Nov 28** – Bath soap, deodorant

**Nov 29** – Salad Dressing

**Nov 30** – Canned vegetables & fruits (remember low or no sodium, light or sugar free)

**Dec 1** – Gloves, socks & hand/toe warmers

**Dec 2** – Raisins and other dried fruits

**Dec 3** – Cereal, instant oatmeal (

**Dec 4** – Grab & Go Breakfast

**Dec 5** – Toilet paper & paper towels

**Dec 6** – Cheese crackers, snack mixes (lots of varieties – look for individual pouches)

**Dec 7** – Mac & cheese dinners

**Dec 8** – Hamburger Helper (Tuna Helper too!)

**Dec 9** – Canned tuna, chicken, Spam, or other canned meats

**Dec 10** – throws or other blankets

**Dec 11** – Rice & noodle side dishes

**Dec 12** – Baby wipes & hand lotion

**Dec 13** – Stovetop stuffing

**Dec 14** – Gravy mixes

**Dec 15** – Instant mashed potatoes

**Dec 16** – Scalloped & au gratin potato mixes

**Dec 17** – Soups (cans, boxed instant, and bagged mixes)

**Dec 18** – Ramen noodles (cups & instant bags)

**Dec 19** – Spaghetti sauce (non-glass in case of freezing; meat sauce & non-meat)

**Dec 20** – Pasta (all shapes & sizes)

**Dec 21** – Pudding (instant & ready-made cups)

**Dec 22** – Baking mixes (Jiffy, Bisquick, Cakes, Muffins, Cookies, Brownies)

**Dec 23** – Snack packs (fruit, Jello, puddings)

**Dec 24** – Hot chocolate packets, tea bags, cider, instant coffee & creamer

## WELCA News

At our November meeting the Women of ELCA voted to give SpiriTrust Lutheran at the Village of Gettysburg, two \$15 Walmart gift cards to assist them with providing Christmas gifts for the residents. We also voted to donate \$30 to New Life for Girls in Dover to assist them with providing Christmas gifts for their girls.

The Christmas Angel Tree wish lists were received from Tonya Mincey at Adams County Housing Authority and the Angel tags were offered to our congregation to help make these families' wishes come true this Christmas. We are happy with the generous response to this annual giving project. Almost all the tags were taken from the tree by the second Sunday the tree was displayed!! Thank you so much for your generosity and kind hearts. We will need the wrapped gifts returned by December 5. Please place the gifts in the chapel.

Our next meeting will be on December 6 at 5:30 PM in the social hall and is our Christmas party and meal. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. All ladies of Trinity are encouraged to attend, even if you are unable to attend other meetings! Our Men's Ministry Group graciously offered to prepare and serve our Christmas meal of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings. Chris Sheads will have games to play. A free-will offering will be collected and will be given to the José Project family.

Deb King applied for and was approved for a \$250 Thrivent Gift Card which will be used for Christmas baking kits for the December Food Pantry families. Each kit will include muffin and cupcake mixes, muffin pan, spatula, frosting, all wrapped in a Christmas designed serving container. We will assemble these kits at the December meeting.

**Prayer Request:** The Rev. Julia Beall, Pastor, Zwingli UCC, East Berlin is recovering from surgery. Please add her, her family, and her congregation to your prayers. Let's shower Pastor Julie with our thoughts and prayers. Cards and well-wishes may be sent to:

Pastor Julia Beall  
1 Lee Street  
Hanover, PA 17331



# WINTER Retreat

Trinity is bringing back the late winter retreat at Camp Nawakwa! This year's retreat will be March 3, 4, & 5 (Fri/Sat/Sun). Save the dates!

- The goal of the experience is to have fun and fellowship with our church family in a relaxed setting removed from our day-to-day life.
- This is a family centered event. We are looking to include all ages--especially the youth from pre-K to teens.
- Activities include games, entertainment, food, campfires and walks in the woods.
- Lodging is at Zinn-Tozer lodge at Camp Nawakwa, with a combination of private rooms for sleeping and bathrooms that include private showers. Also in the lodge is a large activity room, a kitchen, and a dining room. The building is located in a wooded area with lots of parking.
- Camp Nawakwa is about a 30-minute drive from East Berlin. Near Arendtsville, PA.
- More information to come.
- For questions contact Mike Brown.

★ **December 17, 2022** At 12:00pm

## National Wreaths Across America Day



Join East Berlin VFW and the East Berlin community to honor Veterans!

A Wreaths Across America Service will be held Saturday, December 17, 2022, at East Berlin Union Cemetery (North Avenue, East Berlin).

Immediately following the service, live balsam wreaths will be placed on Veterans graves.

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online.



# 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. To contribute to this ministry, simply mark your offering "Sharing Shelf". Thank you for supporting this valuable community ministry!

**Ruth's Harvest Collection** packs 88 bags for the Bermudian Springs Schools. Our next packing is December 13 at 12:45pm at St. John's in Abbottstown. Items that are in short supply include tuna & chicken salad, veggie cups, mac & cheese, juice boxes, and milk boxes. Donations can be left in the bin in the Narthex.

**Food Pantry:** New Hope Ministries is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, December 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, doing a puzzle, and even having a time of prayer. Light refreshments will be served.



**Laundry Love Ministry** will be held Tuesday, December 13 from 5:00 -6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat in East Berlin behind Jim & Nena's Pizza. Laundry Love is getting busier each month. We have approximately 25 people making use of our laundry love. We need volunteers for the second Tuesday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM to sign up on bulletin board to help at laundromat. We're also in need of quarters. **Continuing December 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. PLEASE bring in your quarters to support this important outreach ministry. Quarters (carefully labeled) may also be offered in the Offering Plate.**



***THE WELLNESS GROUP invites you to  
FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH***

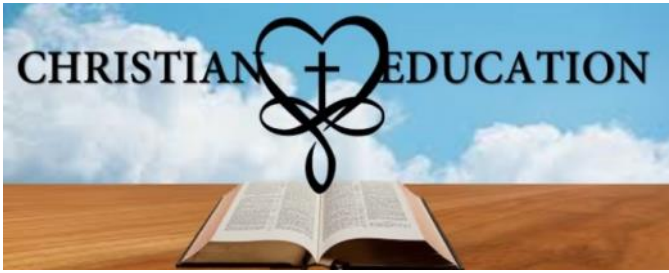
***Most of us want to be healthy. Are you willing to “do” healthy?  
Here is a chance to improve your physical, mental, spiritual, and  
emotional health.***

***This group will meet via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of each month  
at 7:00pm beginning January 17th. At the initial meeting you will  
hear about the program and be invited to join the group. Cost for  
the program is \$20 to pay for the Bible Study books used through-  
out the program.***

***To register, or for more information,  
contact Trinity Lutheran Church in  
East Berlin, PA. (717)259-9125, or  
email Mary Ann Vance at  
mavance@comcast.net.***

***THERE WILL BE NO WELLNESS GROUP  
MEETING IN DECEMBER.***





Our Christian Education for all ages continue each Sunday at 10:30am. The Teen Time class continues their studies of *“The Weirdest Stories in the Bible.”* The teen class enjoys breakfast items each week as we meet. Bring a friend!



### ***Are you happy?***

The Adult Sunday School Class is 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.

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## **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.



**Homebound Gifts:** On Thursday, December 1 at 2:00 pm, WELCA will be meeting to make 6 Small Christmas Floral Arrangements for our Homebound members (See above photo). Please contact Chris Sheads if you're interested in helping.

Trinity's quilts will be going to benefit The Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project.

The Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project will be an art installation at the nation's capital on December 21, 2022 – the day we think, not only of those who live unstably housed but of those who die that way.



Generous blanket makers knitting, crocheting, or quilting will create a special gift for a total stranger experiencing homelessness. After the event at the capitol, the blankets will be distributed to those in need.

Each state is encouraged to make 100 or more blankets – shipping 10 of them to the event in DC and distributing the others through outreach organizations across their state.

For more information, see: [www.MemorialBlanket.org](http://www.MemorialBlanket.org)

## Property News

There's been a lot happening with the Property Committee. Here's a quick update of some recently completed projects, projects underway, and new projects being considered.

Recent major projects completed:

- Roof Repairs over the offices, attaching and terminating roofing membrane around the curb of the Sanctuary HVAC unit. New insulation and membrane to the external ductwork to the Sanctuary HVAC unit. – Donald B. Smith Roofing Co.
- Stripping and waxing of tile floors – One Way Janitorial Company
- Re-organization of Choir Room, move bell choir rehearsal room to Chapel, and set up Music Ministry office and music library in former Bell Choir rehearsal area- Property Committee
- Fire Suppression System repaired-Kistler-Obrien Inc.

Current projects underway:

- New office layout and furniture for Jen and Pastor
- Clean carpet
- Re-paint offices
- New layout for Music Ministry office
- Winterize front door and rear Social Hall door

New Projects under consideration for 2023

- Replace flooring in Nursery – tiles loose and need replaced
- Getting quotes to repair and repaint Social Hall fascia or having fascia repaired and covered with aluminum.
- Replace front entrance doors to church
- Replace rear Social Hall doors

We'd also like to offer a special thanks to our Cleaning Crews who faithfully clean our church twice a month and to all the volunteers who help maintain our property by weeding flower beds, mowing, snow removal and all the other routine items necessary to maintain our property and facilities. If you are interested in serving on the Property Committee, please contact Jay Smith.

## **Sale of Obsolete or Unused Property**

Trinity has a beautiful church property and we want to provide members and visitors with a pleasant experience and professional looking offices when they visit our facilities. As the Property Committee readied the church for stripping and waxing floors, it became painfully evident we have been accumulating a lot of items that are obsolete, unused, and simply taking up space. At the November Council meeting, Council approved the sale of certain obsolete or unused church property. Over the next few weeks, Property Committee will be examining all property, openly visible and in storage areas, and prepare a list of items that will be considered for sale/disposal. Prior to offering these items for sale/disposal, this list will be reviewed by Pastor and Staff and then a final list submitted to Council for approval. All items will first be offered to the Congregation with a deadline date for purchase and removal. Following that deadline, any remaining items will be offered for sale to the public and anything left from that sale will then be subject to disposal. Expect to submit the final list to Council for approval at the January Council Meeting with the sale to commence shortly thereafter. Any questions, please contact any member of Council.

## **New Office Furniture**

While this was totally unplanned, Trinity became aware of an opportunity to purchase some like-new office furniture at very low cost. Thanks to the Men's Ministry and Fall Festival Committee funding and private donations, members of the Property Committee traveled to Mechanicsburg to look at the furniture and purchased two complete sets (desk, return and 2-drawer under desktop lateral file) of office furniture, 4 side chairs and a bookcase for \$380. **Yes, that's \$380!!!** In addition, Josh Hinkle (Jack and Kay's son) donated 3 nearly new rolling office chairs. Thanks Josh! Special thanks to Earl Kauffman, Leon Leas, Jay Smith, Jack Hinkle, and Bob King for jumping on this opportunity and within 2 days completing the purchase and picking up the furniture. Next step is to clear the offices of old furniture, and readying Pastor's and Jen's offices space for the new items.



**Mission Trip:** Jay Smith & friends on their mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Thank you to everyone for all of your donations that will be given to the people in need there.



**Apple Dumplings!** Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and purchasers of the delicious Apple Dumplings!



**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!





## The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

### Upcoming Events:

December 3—Advent Day Apart at the Wittel Farm

December 18—Advent/Christmas in the Barn at the Wittel Farm

January 6-8—Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald

January 15—Chicken & Waffles at Camp Nawakwa

January 15—Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald

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

**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. The service is available via video downstairs during the break.



WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members: Pat Bjonnes and George & Mary Ann Vance. Our new sisters and brother in Christ were welcomed on Sunday, October 30.



# Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Helper	Lector	U
Dec 4	Chris L.	Ruthann B.	Mary J.	Bob K/
Dec 11	Bob K.	Sue C.	Sue C.	Rick/A
Dec 18	Jake S.	Alex S.	Sandy E.	Janet/
Dec 24 Early	Ruthann B.			M
Dec 24 Late	Bob K.	Ruthann B.	Dona L.	Rick/ Rutha
Dec 25	Ruthann B.	Bob K.	Bob K.	Leo



**Blessing of the Blankets:** On Sunday November 20, the quilts that were stitched by the Knotty Knotters were blessed. They will be distributed to those in need (see page 13 for more details) . Thank you to everyone who donated materials, money and time to make these lovely quilts.

# Schedule—December 2022

Worshippers	Altar Guild	Cantor(s)	Acolyte	Cookie Break
Deb/Bob A	Noelle K.	Mary J.	Jack	Maxine & Janet
Anita/Mark	Janet M.	Becky R.	Koltyn	Jessica & Jason
Mac/Kathy	Kathy K.	Karen S.	Tristan	Jen & Jordan
Mark	Ruthann B.			N/A
Mark/Anita/ Ann/Mark	Anita M.	Becky R.		N/A
Ann/Deb	Deb K.			N/A



**A Community Thanksgiving Service** was held on Sunday, November 20. A combined choir sang two lovely anthems and Pastor Barb Brenneman provided the message. The service is available to watch anytime on Trinity's YouTube page.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting  
November 13, 2022

**Congregational  
MEETING**

Bob King called the meeting to order at 10:06am. Ruthann Bowen was asked to count the members present to establish a quorum. A quorum was established with 50 members present. It was verified that all voting members had a packet and ballot. Pastor Susan offered a prayer.

**2021 Minutes:** The minutes from the Congregational meeting of November 14, 2021, were reviewed. Dona Lerew made a motion to accept the minutes. Leon Leas made a second. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

**Council Elections:** Bob King welcomed everyone. He thanked out-going Council members Rick Madsen and Steph Haley for their assistance and service. Bob also thanked all the members who volunteered to put their names on the ballot. He thanked Mark Boyer for his work with the nomination committee. This is the first time in many years that Trinity has had a full Council of 12, if one of the write-in names opts to serve. Bob explained the ballot. Bob also mentioned that as the church moves towards a hybrid church format, we would be incorporating voting via zoom, or similar electronic voting method. Voting electronically is valid voting. The proper voting program must be utilized. In the future, if voting is to be done electronically, it would need to be organized well in advance of the Congregational meeting, or any other similar meeting. Bob asked for nominations from the floor. None were heard. Janet McMaster moved to close the nominations. There was a second from Mary Jacobs. Via voice vote, the motion carried. Nominations were closed. Dona Lerew and Jay Smith were appointed collectors and counters for the ballots. Time was allowed for members to fill out the ballots. All ballots were collected, and Dona and Jay left to another room for counting. While the counting was proceeding, Mark Boyer briefly spoke of the church's activities that are listed in the 2022 Annual Report. Bob thanked the congregation for their involvement and thanked all the volunteers who took part in the activities.

**Proposed 2023 Budget:** Bob mentioned how Trinity's on-line presence is growing. New equipment is needed to support our on-line broadcasting needs. Regarding the funding of new equipment to meet our technological needs for broadcasting our Sunday service, and perhaps others, the Council approved the purchase a MacBook Air, camera, and a few peripherals at a cost not to exceed \$2000. This purchase is covered by previous donations and a pledge. These would be ordered fairly soon.

Bob asked if there were any questions. Pastor Terry McCarthy spoke. He was concerned about the lack of increase in the salaries, as well as the decrease in the Synod Benevolence. Pastor Terry hoped that these would be increased in the 2024 budget. With no further questions, Judy Burgard made a motion to accept the 2023 budget. Bob Aims gave a second. With a voice vote, motion carried.

**Announcement of new Council members:** All five names on the ballot were approved: Bob Aims, Mark Boyer, Leon Leas, Joshlyn Sharrer, and Karen Sheaffer. Bob will talk to the write-in nominations and an announcement will be made later.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Pastor Terry and Noah Rinehart gave a second. With a voice vote, the motion carried. Pastor Susan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Brown

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- \* Jay Smith, Leon Leas, Sally Leas for refurbishing and re-covering one of the unused Sanctuary Pews that has been sitting in the choir room for 20+ years. It's now sitting in the Narthex!
- \* Thanks to all who helped clear closets, move furniture and file cabinets, re-organize the Choir Rehearsal Room, and re-locate the Bell Choir Rehearsal area to the Chapel in conjunction with the stripping and waxing of the tile floors.
- \* To all those who helped with making, packaging, and selling/distributing apple dumplings.
- \* Thanks to outgoing Council Members Rick Madsen and Steph Haley. Thank your for your service to Trinity.

### **Welcome New Council Members**

At the November 13 Congregational Meeting Bob Aims, Joshlyn Sharrer, and Leon Leas were newly elected to Trinity's Church Council. Mark Boyer and Karen Sheaffer were also re-elected to their second terms on Council. Our December 8 Council meeting will be a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming members and will include election of new Council Officers and re-organization of Council Committee representatives.

## Financial Report October 31, 2022

Current budgeted income for October was \$16,336 and expenses \$18,631 resulting in an operating deficit of \$2,295 for the month. Year-to-date budgeted income \$156,991; operating expenses \$179,015 resulting in a YTD operating deficit \$22,024. When adding non-budgeted income and contributions from the Special Appeal October total income for October was \$32,206; Year-to-date \$179,674 resulting in a surplus of \$13,575 for October and \$659 year-to-date. As a result of the non-budgeted income and Special Appeal we are at a break-even (income vs. expenses through October. While the Special Appeal and other non-budgeted income has helped satisfy the deficit to date, we must be mindful we are still not meeting expenses through our regular "current" giving.

Trinity Lutheran Church					
2022 Actual Income and Expenses versus Budget					
Restated to Include Non-Budgeted "Current" and "Benevolence" Income					
	October	YTD October 2022		YTD Change	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Act. vs. Bdgt.	%
<b>Budgeted Income</b>					
Current	15,456	148,435	175,221	(26,786)	(15.3)
Benevolence	880	8,556	10,576	(2,020)	(19.1)
<b>Total Income (Budget)</b>	<b>16,336</b>	<b>156,991</b>	<b>185,797</b>	<b>(28,806)</b>	<b>(15.5)</b>
<b>Non Budgeted Current Income</b>					
Miscellaneous	1,386	4,529			
Evang/Outreach	60	1,241			
Initial, Flowers	-	575			
Gruver Trust - Current	-	516			
Special Appeal 2022	14,345	14,345			
<b>Total Non-Budgeted Current Income</b>	<b>15,791</b>	<b>21,206</b>			
<b>Non Budgeted Benevolence Income</b>					
World Hunger	34	352			
Other Benevolence	45	1,125			
<b>Total Non-Budgeted Benevolence Income</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,477</b>			
<b>Total Current and Benevolence Income</b>	<b>32,206</b>	<b>179,674</b>	<b>185,797</b>		
<b>Total Benevolence, Ministry and Operating Expenses</b>	<b>18,631</b>	<b>179,015</b>	<b>180,187</b>	<b>(1,172)</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>
<b>Operating Surplus(Deficit)</b>	<b>13,575</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>5,610</b>		
Cash Balance to meet Current Operating Expenses at 10/31/22		24,640			

Dear friends,

I've been in the role of a pastor's spouse now for over 15 years as Susan has served three different congregations. Up until now I have never written a submission to the newsletter for the congregations she serves. But I really wanted to share this with you today.



**Our Church Family**

As soon as you know professionally I serve as a pastoral presence or basically as a chaplain to the United Lutheran Seminary campus at Gettysburg and to students who take their courses virtually. As a part of this role, I wanted to thank you so very much for welcoming two of the new United Lutheran Seminary students to worship with us in October. Eric and Hannah are a couple and have transferred together from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio to United Lutheran Seminary this fall and reside on the Gettysburg campus. They attended worship together with Eric's family in October. Several weeks later Hannah spontaneously remarked to me how much she enjoyed the congregation and the worship service and described it as fun! She particularly enjoyed the noisy offering for the laundry love ministry.

I wanted to let you know this and lift this up because you don't always hear worship services described as being fun and I wanted to let you know that a completely objective person experienced our congregation in this way! This is also significant because Hannah is a devout Roman Catholic studying theology at the Seminary and not pastoral ministry. To have this feedback come from someone from a different faith tradition and practice I think is also significantly telling.

They all felt quite welcomed and in fact Eric's father volunteered to help with the noisy offering that day. Any time someone feels welcome to the congregation it is because of individual actions that take place that may not be noticed by anyone else but that contribute to the welcome someone receives. I'm sure this is true in this case. I want to lift up what I saw particularly those who made physical room for Eric's family into the sanctuary including Eric's sister who is in a wheelchair following a stroke as a young child. Your acts of love that welcome others make a difference!

May each one of us continue to show love and welcome to others no matter how they come to us and continue to have fun in worship!!

Peace to you all! Pastor Terry McCarthy.

## CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

Please join in the celebration of Christmas this season at the following services:

- \* **Wed. 12/21 @ 10:00 a.m.—Blue Christmas Service of Morning Prayer**, a daytime service in the chapel recognizing that grief impacts our celebration.
- \* **Fri. 12/24 @ 7:00 p.m.—Family Christmas Eve Service**. This service will focus on our children's celebration of Christ's Nativity, including a parade, telling of the Christmas story with a child-friendly Nativity scene, all readings from the children's bible, battery candles, Holy Communion, and a children's handbell choir.
- \* **Fri. 12/24 @ 10:15 p.m.—Traditional Christmas Eve Service**. This service will feature a traditional Christmas liturgy with Holy Communion, and candlelight.
- \* **Sun. 12/25 @ 9:00 a.m.—A Festival of Lessons and Carols**. We'll gather Sunday morning to continue the Christmas celebration with scripture, singing and Holy Communion. It's ok to wear your jammies!







**2023 Directory Updates:** If you have any changes to the directory, including phone numbers, email addresses, physical addresses etc., please notify the church office.

**2023 Calendars:** Special thank you to Feiser's Funeral Home for the donation of the 2023 calendars. Please take home a few for your family to use in the upcoming year. They are located in the Narthex and various locations throughout the building.



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The next time you shop on Amazon, please use the link above. Or instead of just typing Amazon.com, go to: *Smile.Amazon.com* and select *Trinity Lutheran Church* from the list of charities. Each time you shop on Amazon Smile, Trinity receives 0.5% of eligible purchases. It's the same great Amazon that you're used to, just with an added benefit! Contact the church office for details!

# Worship Schedule



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

- December 4—Second Sunday of Advent
- December 11—Third Sunday of Advent
- December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24 7:00pm—Family Christmas Eve Service
- December 24 10:15pm—Traditional Christmas Eve Service
- December 25—Christmas Sunday



## 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**



Thank you to all of our musicians and volunteers who contributed to our festival services in November: All Saints' Sunday, Christ the King, dedication of new choir folders, and the most beautiful quilts our talented sewers created.

With clear eyes we look towards Advent and all the preparations it has. The Trinity Ringers will ring in Advent 2 on December 4 with ten dedicated ringers. We have our rehearsal in the Chapel now on Wednesday evenings. The Ringers will celebrate Christmas Eve at the 10:15pm service.

Trinity's faithful adult choir gathers at 8:15am every Sunday rehearsing Advent and Christmas music.

Here is an opportunity to sing Christmas Carols for our community on two different dates: December 4 at 3:00pm gathering at Redman's Hall in East Berlin to sing at the Hall or walk through the town spreading cheer. December 16, a Friday night, gather at Paradise Old Holtzschwamm Union Church, Thomasville, for an evening of singing outdoors. The church building was built in 1838, a charming brick building with huge windows. Dress warm and bring a chair and a flashlight. Christmas Blessings to all!

~ Karen

# December Birthdays

12-4 Butch Mummert

12-15 Pastor Susan McCarthy

12-16 Ayla Kohler

12-18 Mary Bowen

12-19 Kyle Hermansen

12-21 Maxine Herman

12-21 Daniela Biles

12-23 Ryan Hoffman

12-24 Noelle Kline

12-24 Amanda Smith

12-26 Sandy Boyer

12-28 Milon Eaton

12-28 Mia Fortuna

12-29 Erin Hermansen

12-29 Chris Long

12-29 Doris Wolf

12-30 Robbie Teal

12-31 Leon Leas

12-31 Adeline Ryder



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

12-6 Matt & Sarah Nickey ~ 20 Years

12-22 John & Rebecca Rinehart ~ 44 Years

12-27 Butch & Barb Mummert ~ 63 Years

12-28 Dave & Joshlyn Sharrer ~ 20 Years

12-28 Scott & Debra Young ~ 40 Years



# Confirmation



Sam Haley was Confirmed in Christ on Sunday, October 30. (pictured here with parents, Steve & Steph Haley and Pastor Susan).

## Happy Anniversary!

*Dave and Joshlyn*

*Sharrer* were married at Trinity Lutheran Church on December 28, 2002 by the Reverend James Young. They have two sons, Jake and Alex. Jake is a senior in high school and Alex is a sophomore. As a family they enjoy hiking, golfing, going to the beach, and visiting National Parks!





## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

### Council Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2022

**Present:** Pastor Susan McCarthy, Bob King, Sherry Brown, Jay Smith, Dona Lerew, Rick Madsen, Mark Boyer

**Absent:** Sue Clauser, Steph Haley, Lisa Miller, Karen Sheaffer. No one was attending via Zoom.

**Call to order:** Bob King called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

**Devotions:** The Pastor offered a greeting and a prayer. She then read a passage from Thessalonians. Pastor also mentioned that Trinity will be hosting the Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 7:00pm instead of Zwingli.

**Agenda approval:** The agenda was amended, adding two topics under New Business. 8.4 – Possible church rental; and 8.5 Helping Zwingli Church

**Approval of the October minutes:** On a Mark Boyer motion, and second from Pastor McCarthy, the minutes of the October 13, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** No formal report was given. Bob updated the special appeal giving total, saying we have reached about 80% of the appeal goal.

#### **Ministry Reports:**

**Learning & Youth:** No report

**Worship & Music:** No report

**Finance:** Bob reported: Period Ending October 31, 2022; to date, contributions to the Special Appeal have totaled \$14,345 which, with other non-budgeted income, gets us back to a break-even income vs. expenses through 10/31/22. However, Current and Synod Benevolence contributions for October were short by \$4,456 and \$321 respectively so our giving deficit (actual income versus budgeted income), while being partially offset by the special appeal, still continues. Fortunately, we did see a drop in our gas and electricity bills for October which we will start to realize when paid in November. Roof repairs are being

made the week of November 7. That cost (approx. \$4,500) will be paid from capital projects and will not be recognized as a budgeted 2022 maintenance expense. We did, however, incur \$1,600 in maintenance expenses in October to repair the fire suppression system after it failed the last inspection. Like most investments our Endowment fund took a big hit in the last quarter ending September 30. The market value of that fund decreased in value by \$70K in Q3 and at September 30 the balance was \$257K. Bob said that some new expenses will be discussed in the Hybrid Church report.

**Parish Life:** The Parish Life committee met on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00. Attending were Chris Sheads, Deb King, Judy Burgard, Kathy Kuhn, Ruthann Bowen and Anita Madsen.

The following events were planned:

November 6th - Ghost stories in the cemetery - we will provide cookies and drinks.

December 7th -We will make the Food pantry meal of burgers left from Heavenly Hamburgers, side dishes and desserts.

December 11th - We will provide lunch after the kids' Christmas program rehearsal and after the decorating of the outside of the church.

December 17th - Kids dress rehearsal for the Christmas program. We will provide lunch.

December 18th - Kids Christmas program. We will ask the congregation for donations of cookies, and we will provide the drinks.

December 24th - Christmas Eve refreshments between services. We will ask for cookie donations and provide the drinks.

Next meeting - Thursday, January 5th at 7:00.

Dona presented that all the fall activities have depleted the Parish Life budget for 2022. However, they have been asked to provide refreshments at the Thanksgiving Service. Since they have no money, and refreshments are needed, a motion to take money from another Committee and use it for the service was made by Jay Smith, seconded by Pastor McCarthy. Motion passed.

**Social Ministry:** The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, December 7 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, December 13 from 5:00-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat. Please note that we are still collecting quarters!

**Men's Ministry:** The Men's Ministry Group held their breakfast meeting Saturday, October 8 with 14 persons attending. Upcoming projects were outlined as follows:

November 19 – Assist E.B. Lions Club with hanging Christmas Lanterns – Meet at shed at cemetery at 8:00 a.m.

December 6 – Prepare and serve WELCA Annual Holiday Banquet.

January/February specific dates TBD. Soup Sale, possible day trip to National Air and Space Museum, Washington DC; Jay also offered to arrange a plant tour at his employer's manufacturing facility in Ohio. The latter would necessitate an overnight stay.

Since there are two projects scheduled each of the next two months the next breakfast meeting will be held sometime after January 1.

**Mission-in-Motion:** The Mission in Motion committee met on Thursday, October 27. The committee shared the success of Heavenly Hamburgers, but it was decided that Holy Hotdogs are the better option for this food ministry. They are easier, cheaper, and seemed to be more well-liked by the recipients. Many thanks to Kay Hinkle for writing a hunger grant so we could fund the hamburgers. She will send a report to the Synod about how we used the grant. Currently, Furaha, a refugee from the Congo, and her two sons are living in the Zwingli house. This is temporary housing for this family until a residence in Hanover can be found. If anyone knows of available housing in Hanover, please let Pastor Terry, Pastor Susan, or Dona Lerew know. We continue to support José and his family through gift certificates for food, helping José learn about his car maintenance, and helping these siblings learn how to live independently. The teachers at the high school continue to be involved as are Children and Youth. Please continue to pray for them and support them in any way you feel comfortable. The committee approved \$500 for Jay Smith to take on his mission trip and spend it where he sees a need while he is there. The newly purchased wrist bands have been distributed to the congregation.

They will also be put in the welcome bags, given out at Food Pantry, and given to all volunteers during church activities. We hope these bands will spread the good news of Trinity. The committee is considering next projects such as Adams County Habitat for Humanity, Tree of Hope, and Servants. The next meeting will take place in January.



Bob mentioned a possible “Mission in Motion” request. Servants called asking for help with a double-wide trailer renovation in Abbottstown. No details about the condition of the trailer and what might be needed were known. Bob will try to stop by the site next week when someone from Servants is at the location. Once reviewed, the Committee will meet to discuss what was found.

**Outreach:** No report

**Evangelism:** E-TEAM Meeting for October was canceled and will be re-scheduled.

**Property:** Jay presented several items. The Property Committee met on October 20, 2022, at 10:00am. Present were: Les Herman, Mack McMaster, Earl Kaufman, Bob King, and Jay Smith. Items discussed were: 1) Front church doors are very cracked, showing gaps. We might try to do a repair to seal the cracks, and add weatherstripping. A new set of doors should be considered in the near future. 2) Someone reported to the church that an individual tripped walking from the parking lot, east side, onto the sidewalk. It is not a large steep-up, but considered normal. A person who tripped suggested Trinity should paint the curb between the parking lot and sidewalk yellow, to increase visibility. After discussion, the Committee decided to table it until brought to Council. Council discussed this and decided that Trinity will not paint the curb between our east parking lot and the east sidewalk along the church building. 3) The outside mercury light was checked. After putting in a new fixture, the light still wasn’t working. Someone will check this again for possible repair in the near future. 4) The fascia around the social hall exterior is in bad shape. The committee will look at doing possible repairs and painting themselves. 5) The committee discussed the possibility of turning the hand bell storage room into a storage room for music and related music ministry items. They will work with Karen on this issue. 6) The bare old baseboard in the old choir loft was painted. 7) Snow removal and using ice melt was discussed. Barry Jacobs, Robbie Seabright, and Jay Smith will handle snow removal and application of ice melt when needed. 8) Next meeting is to be determined. Council brought up the possibility of a more permanent banner frame in the front lawn, instead of the white PVC arrangement. A more fixed frame would need to meet East Berlin Borough sign ordinance. Property will discuss this later.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Constitution Governance:** No report

**Pastor's report:** OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS: Planned and led Pet Blessing Service 10/2; Bible Study continues via Zoom with 8-13 participants; participating in the Hanover United Refugee Resettlement work for Mission in Motion; welcomed guests for Fellowship Hour & Food Pantry; attended meeting to determine gift disbursement from Fall Festival & other sales; attended RightNow Media conference on religious apathy; hosted healing service during Sunday worship 10/9; made 5 visits; had 6 other pastoral contacts either in person, via phone, or online; continue to meet with area pastors weekly for bible study on the weekly texts; continue hosting fellowship breakfast on Wednesdays; continue planning and leading Midweek Morning Prayer on Wednesdays in person and in Facebook Fellowship group with attendance between 3-9; helped with Heavenly Hamburger distribution 2 weeks; met with Lisa Miller & Karen Wire re: Christmas pageant; prepared for and held memorial service for Bob Wickline; celebrated Harvest Home Sunday; participated in Hanover Conference meeting via Zoom; provided brief Sunday School lesson about the connection between faith and Halloween for intergenerational Fall Festival 10/23; continue working with Worship & Music Committee to review and plan services; participated in new Mutual Ministry Committee formation; attended two Luther Colloquy lectures via YouTube from United Lutheran Seminary (10/26; participated in Mission in Motion meeting; performed wedding ceremony for Samantha Hull and Jeremy Kurtz 10/28; celebrated Rite of Confirmation for Sam Haley and welcomed new members: Patricia Bjonnes, George Vance and Mary Ann Vance on Reformation Sunday 10/30. The calendar for November Pastoral activities was included. \*\*\*

**Old Business:**

**Hybrid Church:** It was suggested that a small working group be organized to meet to pursue the visions of the Hybrid church as presented to Council a few months ago. Bob, Dona, and Pastor will work on this. Regarding the technology of broadcasting our Sunday service, and perhaps others, Dona made a motion to purchase the new equipment as suggested by Andrea Guiher, a MacBook Air, camera, and a few peripherals at a cost not to exceed \$2000. Second was from Mark. Discussion: This purchase can be made if "funds-in-hand." This means that \$500 from each of the 2021 and 2022 Fall Fest proceeds were targeted for these purchases. Also, a matching gift from an anonymous donor of approximately \$970, this will cover the new purchases. These would be ordered fairly soon. The current microphone and sound system will be evaluated to determine what changes need to be made to work well with the new purchase. Motion carried. Some members have offered to

learn the recording process in preparation for Andrea's departure at a future time.

**Nominating Committee:** Mark presented the slate of congregational members who accepted the call to be placed on the ballot for Council. These are: Mark Boyer, Karen Sheaffer, Joshlyn Sharrer, Bob Aims, and Leon Leas. On the ballot will be spaces for a write in for one youth member or one adult member. Bob mentioned that if the write-in member accepts the nomination, then Trinity will have a full 12-member Council for the first time in several years. He and the Council are excited about the generosity of the members to be involved.

**Membership update:** Bob presented the report. The membership list is nearly finished. Once in a viewable format, it will be sent to every confirmed member to verify the information. It is hoped that it can be added to the next newsletter.

**Congregational meeting:** A member(s) will be attending the meeting via zoom. Pastor will establish a zoom and be moderator. Voting cannot be done via zoom. Dona brought a motion to devise a plan to allow congregational members to participate remotely and vote at a congregational meeting. Pastor seconded. Motion carried. After the service every voting member will receive: the church's annual report, the agenda, minutes from 2021 meeting, explanation of the new proposed budget, a copy of a spread sheet showing 2021 and 2022 differences/increases, and a ballot. The of the counters will be Dona and Jay. While the ballots are counted, Mark will highlight some of the projects/activities within the annual report. With Karen Sheaffer away, Sherry Brown will take the minutes at the meeting.

**Mutual Ministry Reorganization:** Bob mentioned that this committee is being reorganized, reformed. Current members are Karen Sheaffer, Chris Sheads, Ali Long, and Holly Seikerman. The committee would like to add a man or two to the committee.

## **New Business**

**Sale & disposal of obsolete/old/unused property/assets:** Bob mentioned that many items that are considered obsolete/old/unused have been examined and asked the Council how we could dispose of them. Via the Constitution, these items are not considered part of the physical building, and hence they can be sold. Dona presented a motion to offer these items to the congregation to buy at a suggested price, and that after a designated time, they can be placed on selling sites. The motion was seconded by Pastor. Motion carried. Sherry suggested that a letter

be sent to the congregation when the list and prices are ready, to include an end date for purchase. Bob will work with Property to gather prices.

Faithlife web: Faithlife is discontinuing their web site which we use Sept. 30, 2023. A new search is needed and those interested in examining new sites as they are found, should contact Bob.

December Council meeting: The December Council meeting will meet in the Social Hall on December 8, 2022 at 7pm. Current Council members, out-going Council members, and new Council members will all be invited. Light food will be provided. Bob will organize this. The election of officers will also take place.

Possible rental: A woman called pastor and left a phone message that her congregation would like to use our sanctuary for their church service. No other information was available. Pastor will call the woman back for further details, such as what they specifically want to use of ours, time of day, payment, and other questions.

Zwingli's pastor and church: Pastor Julia from Zwingli will be having brain surgery next week (November 14 & 15). While she recovers, Pastor Susan will cover pastoral care. Pastor Terry offered to help with anything needed. Pastor offered their congregation an invitation to join Trinity on any Sunday they would like. Mount Olivet was assisted by Zwingli, so Pastor will call to extend an invitation to them also. If long-term coverage is needed, future discussion will come. (With this news, Zwingli had asked Trinity to host the Thanksgiving Service on November 20.)

**Endowment holding:** Bob presented that there is about \$8400 in the Endowment fund. Council felt they would like to keep some money in reserve to help local people when need arises. Dona made a motion to have Outreach propose several non-profits or other organization that would benefit from our donations. Mark seconded it. Motion Carried. Sherry will lead this for Outreach.

**Announcements:** Newsletter deadline is November 18, 2022. Next Council meeting is December 8, 2022, with old and new Council members attending for a light meal.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Dona. Second by Pastor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Sherry Brown