

November 2022 Newsletter

² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

—Romans 12:2

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Renewal, as a topic all by itself, keeps popping up before me no matter where I go: Ads appear to renew subscriptions. Someone asked if Terry and I ever renewed our wedding vows. I needed to renew my car registration. Luke had a prescription come up for renewal. The bishop shared information about a program designed to renew the spirit of preachers. Renewal. It's everywhere just now.

It's possible that the most meaningful spot in which I encountered the topic of renewal was in the watching of an episode of *Call the Midwife* on Netflix one evening before bed. The nuns were seated together in the parlor of their common dwelling engaged in what they sometimes refer to as The Great Silence, or the Restorative Quiet and someone comes in to disturb them. The entire theme of the segment revolves around the nuns' inability to be renewed, refreshed, and restored for proper rest that night and the dawn and demands of the coming day.

That portion of the episode was significant enough to me that I, having also just read an article about rest and its relationship to healthy blood sugar, actually turned off my streaming and went to bed for some proper rest in true restorative silence, save the dog's snoring. The whole experience invited me to think a great deal about what is renewing for me—my spirit, my emotions, my body, my mind. What gives me energy and what doesn't? Where does my strength come from?

When I turned to scripture for guidance about renewal, I discovered a wealth of references to renewal in the holy writings, not the least of which is the brief reference above in Paul's letter to the church in Rome. He's busy telling the Gentile believers about the inclusion of God's chosen, the Jewish people, in the good news and promise—the grace of God in Christ Jesus—and telling them not to make judgements

about who God will include, but to instead offer themselves to the Lord, body and soul, prepared to be renewed just as God has continually been renewing the Covenant with Israel since Abraham walked the earth.

We, too, are offered this powerful renewal through the grace of God. And WOW, are we in need of it!?! There are only a few of us in our faith family who are adept at setting boundaries, saying NO, and taking time for physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, and mental renewal. Even those folks can find themselves rather overwhelmed with worry and activity given the needs of the families and communities to which they belong. ... which brings me back to that Holy Silence ...

When was the last time you turned off and just spent time turning your whole self over to God? No phones, no TV, no talking, no radio or canned music? Silence isn't something we embrace readily; it makes us insecure a lot of the time. But quiet is restorative. Time in full peace brings renewal. Just Google "restorative quiet" or some similar phrase and see how many references come up. Then, turn to your Bible and see what the Lord has to say about renewing your spirit in the company of God.

To that end, I make an invitation to you — visit your church. Come when it's quiet, empty of worshipers. The front door is open during office hours: Mon-Thurs 7:45—11:45 a.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Or, you can make arrangements to come another time. Trinity, the building, is our gas station and launching pad into ministry. Come to worship, sure. But, assess your need for renewal, and come to sit in the quiet with the Lord any time — may he bring the renewal we all so badly need, always.

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!



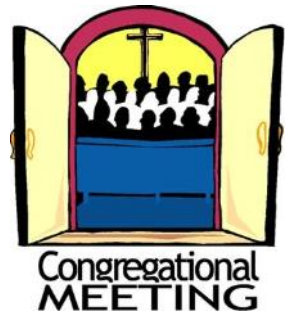
Drive Thru Holy Communion distribution will be held Sunday, November 6 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.



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!

Annual Congregational Meeting – November 13, 2022

Our annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship Sunday, November 13. The agenda will include adoption of the 2023 budget and election of 6 Council Representatives (4-3 year terms; 2-2 year vacant unexpired terms). If you are interested in serving Trinity in a leadership role on Council, please contact Mark Boyer or any current member of Council. Council meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.



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 a 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.

Parish Life Committee will meet next on Thursday, November 3rd 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 are in need of crafts and handmade

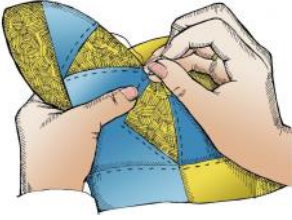
items. Please place any donations under the coat rack in the box before Dec 2nd or see Ruthann Bowen or Shelly Livingston for more information. Thank you!



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 November 9th. 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. No meeting on November 23 due to Thanksgiving.



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.



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.*



Financial Update September 30, 2022

Trinity Lutheran Church					
2022 Actual Income and Expenses versus Budget					
Restated to Include Non-Budgeted "Current" and "Benevolence" Income					
	September	YTD September 2022		YTD Change	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Act. vs. Bdgt.	%
<u>Budgeted Income</u>					
Current	12,451	132,979	155,310	(22,331)	(14.4)
Benevolence	835	7,676	9,375	(1,699)	(18.1)
Total Income (Budget)	13,286	140,655	164,685	(24,030)	(14.6)
<u>Non Budgeted Current Income</u>					
Miscellaneous	98	3,143			
Evang/Outreach	85	1,182			
Initial, Flowers		575			
Gruver Trust - Current		516			
Special Appeal 2022					
Total Non-Budgeted Current Income	183	5,416			
<u>Non Budgeted Benevolence Income</u>					
World Hunger	14	317			
Other Benevolence	10	1,080			
Total Non-Budgeted Benevolence Income	24	1,397			
Total Current and Benevolence Income	13,493	147,468	164,685		
Total Benevolence, Ministry and Operating Expenses	16,504	160,384	163,080	(2,696)	(1.7)
Operating Surplus(Deficit)	(3,011)	(12,916)	1,605		
Cash Balance to meet Current Operating Expenses at 9/30/22		10,742.69			

Special Appeal 2022

As you likely know, Council approved a Special Appeal to offset our giving shortfall and reduce our operating deficit. The response to date has been great! Thank you! Through October 17, Special Appeal contributions have totaled \$10,875. We are nearly halfway to the goal of \$22K. Let's keep it going! For anyone who needs them, additional Special Appeal 2022 envelopes are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary. Thank you for your participation!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2022

Saturday, October 1, 2022

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Account # Account Name YTD Balance

Assets

<i>1.100.100 CHECKING ACCOUNT</i>			
1.101.101	CURRENT CHECKING ACCT.	14,343.69	Includes \$3601 in Fall Fest. proceeds
1.101.102	MEMORIAL CHECKING	26,694.81	\$3k designated for Kitchen equipment
1.101.103	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CHECKING	39,664.87	Contributions for capital improvements
1.101.104	YOUTH CHECKING	3,562.65	Accumulated Gruver Trust receipts
1.101.105	ENDOWMENT HOLDING ACCOUNT	11,994.27	Available funds for Benevolence req.
1.101.106	RUTH'S HARVEST	7,199.06	
1.101.107	LAUNDRY LOVE	670.71	
1.101.108	SHARING SHELF	765.03	
1.101.109	MEN'S MINISTRY	925.66	
1.101.110	SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,664.15	
1.101.111	PROJECT JOSE	8,342.06	
	<i>Total CHECKING ACCOUNT</i>	<i>\$115,826.96</i>	
	CHECKING ACCT. BALANCE	\$115,826.96	
1.102.103	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-SABBATICAL LEAVE	6,107.97	
1.102.104	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	75,315.76	
1.105.001	MISSION IN MOTION CHECKING	5,038.88	
1.105.009	W.E.L.C.A. CHECKING	2,497.98	
	TOTAL - OTHER BANK ACCOUNTS	\$88,960.59	
1.103.001	LAND	45,000.00	
1.103.002	BUILDING	1,564,562.70	
1.103.003	FURNITURE, FIXTURES,	26,598.91	
	OTHER ASSETS TOTAL	\$1,725,122.20	
1.104.001	ENDOWMENT FUND	276,477.63	
	Total Assets	\$2,117,426.79	
 Fund Balance			
3.100.100	GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(3,707.70)	
3.200.200	MISC. NON-BUDGET FUND BALANCE	16,556.99	
3.400.400	ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCE	12,000.00	
3.500.500	RUTH'S HARVEST Balance	(197.78)	
3.600.600	PROJECT JOSE Balance	6,342.06	
3.999.999	Suspense Fund	2,086,433.22	
	Total Fund Balance	\$2,117,426.79	Equity
	Total Short Term Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$2,117,426.79	

Note: Use of funds for ministry and operating expenses must be funded from Current Checking. Designated funds cannot be used for purposes other than which they were designated.

WELCA News

The women of ELCA met and Anita Madsen shared her Italy vacation adventures and photos with us. We enjoyed her stories and the beautiful pictures of the historic sights. We also made plans for the upcoming months. Future projects include:

- Christmas Angel Tree for our congregation to help families from Adams County Housing Authority. We are hoping to have the Angel Tree in place in early November. Look for more information in our upcoming weekly announcements.
- Making gifts for our homebound members
- Christmas gifts for our Food Pantry Families - we will make 25-30 Christmas baking kits to be handed out at the December Food Pantry
- Participation in the Wreaths across America. We voted to donate \$250 to our local VFW to help purchase wreaths to be placed at the East Berlin Union cemetery at this event. Information on the date and time will come soon.

Our November meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 1 at 7 PM in the social hall. Looking ahead, our December meeting and Christmas Party will be held December 6 at 5:30 PM. Our Men's Ministry Group offered to make the Christmas meal for us. So, mark your calendars, and plan on attending. All women of Trinity are welcome and encouraged to attend.

★ **December 17, 2022** ★

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.



All Saints' Day is a Christian holy day observed by many Western churches on November 1st and by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The day honors all saints of the church, even those not known by name. Sunday, November 6, we will be observing All Saints' Day here at Trinity, and we have set aside a portion of our liturgy to recognize Trinity's saints who passed during the past year, along with those family and friends you may wish to remember. Please submit names to the church office by Friday, November 4th at 9a.m., **firm deadline**, so that the list is ready for Sunday morning. Thank you. Trinity's saints from this past year are pictured below.



Itoe Hoak
December 24, 2021



Dottie Mae Eisenhart
April 23, 2022



Esther Baker
January 22, 2022



Donald Linebaugh
April 2, 2022



Bob Wickline
October 6, 2022

Ministry Pages



Sharing Shelf Update

The Sharing Shelf is available 24/7 on Trinity's back porch. Donations of non-perishable goods are welcomed. We will attempt to keep the shelf stocked but due depleting inventory it may not be available every day. 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 November 15 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, November 2. 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, November 8 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 November 6th 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.**



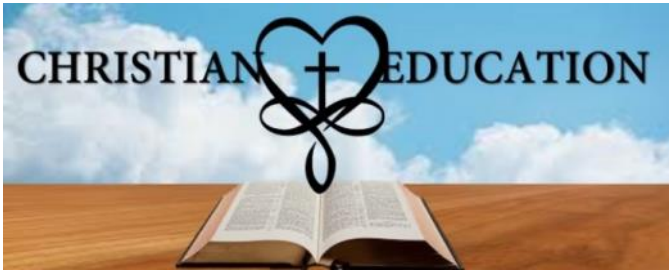
Apple Dumpling Pick-up will take place Friday, November 4, 2022.

I ♥
Apple
Dumplings

Thank you all so much for supporting our Mission Trips and Local Missions. Pick up your pre-ordered dumplings between 4-6pm on November 4.

WELLNESS GROUP – The Wellness Group will gather on Tuesday, November 15th at 7PM via ZOOM under the leadership of MaryAnn Vance. Mary Ann will lead us in exploring "First Place 4 Health," a faith-based wellness program she's familiar with. Here's a short blurb from their website: *"First Place For Health believes in the power of Christ to ignite radical, transformative change in our lives, which includes our physical health. Though the journey is never easy, we are committed to helping others pursue whole-person wellness by looking to Christ as our ultimate sustainer. We keep His Word at the core of our identity and cultivate a dedicated community defined by truth and grace."* Please join us to learn more!





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 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.

Hymns for Hope Gala supporting **New Hope Ministries** will be held Tuesday, November 15 at Highland Taps and Table, 925 Westminister Ave, Hanover 5:30-8:00pm. Good food and drinks mixed together with great music, singing and spirit filled fellowship. This is an evening you do not want to miss. For \$25 you will have several food and dessert options, plus a cash bar. Invite a few friends and help us support New Hope Ministries as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary! Contact New Hope Ministries for more information. (717) 432-2087

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Our Gingerbread House Workshop will be held Sunday, November 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the social hall. Everyone is invited to attend this fun annual event! Look out for a donation list and sign-up sheets coming in November.

Any questions, contact Deb King at 717-259-0494.



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.

Community Thanksgiving Service hosted at Zwingli UCC will take place Sunday, November 20 at 6:00pm.

Everyone is invited!
The service will be followed by a time of fellowship and PIE!



A Budget is a Statement of Faith

What does your church's annual budget represent?

Is it a proud menu of the hopes, dreams and missionary ministries your congregation wants to accomplish in the year to come?

Or is it a life-support prescription for how the congregation expects to pay the staff, keep the lights burning, the staff paid and property maintained?

In a workshop when she was stewardship officer for the Episcopal Church, the late Terry Parsons gave this "Devil's Dictionary" definition of a church budget: "It is the means by which we notify the Lord of the limitations we intend to impose on his gifts for the coming year."

If we view the budget — and present it to our congregations — as an administrative necessity to ensure proper financial management, then we shouldn't be surprised to wind up with bare-bones measures that are grudgingly funded. If funded at all.

But if we present the budget to our congregations as opportunities to invest in the Reign of God and stretch ourselves to see how much we can do with even the nickels and dimes God has given us, then the possibilities increase.

In the end, a budget is a statement about how a congregation views the future. Do your people trust that ours is the God of abundance who rewards faithful stewards and will stand behind servants who proclaim the Reign of God? If an outsider looked at your budget, what would he or she conclude about your congregation's faith?

And what would be a "God's Dictionary" definition of a church budget? How about, "It is the means by which we make the most of the abundance the Lord is giving us." Hmmm. That will look nice on the cover of the annual report.

--Rob Blezard

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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.

Happy  Thanksgiving



Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Helper	Lector	Us
Nov 6	Sue C.	Luke M.	Amber N.	Janet/M
Nov 13	Becky R.	Chris L.	Eddie S.	Jay/S
Nov 20	Charlie H.	Jim K.	Louise H.	Barb/E
Nov 27	Jim K.	Bob K.	Dona L.	Jim/Noe



Schedule—November 2022

Leaders	Altar Guild	Cantor(s)	Acolyte	Cookie Break
Mac/Kathy	Janet M.	Sue C.	Konner	Erin & helper
Joe/Terry	Ruthann B.	Barry B.	Claire	Lisa & Andrew
Earl/Leon	Anita M.	Chris L.	Grace	Anita & helper
Alle/Ruthann	Deb K.	Joshlyn/Dona	Addie	Laura R. & helper



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.





Mission in Motion Update: Heavenly Hamburgers was a success! At least 120 burgers were distributed every week to hungry families. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this hunger mission possible! The José Project continues with food support. If you are interested in helping this family of siblings with food, please consider buying a gift card from Giant, Walmart, or a fast food restaurant. If you are interested in making a meal for them, please see Anita Madsen or Dona Lerew for suggestions. Our next Mission in Motion projects will be determined at our meeting on Oct. 27. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Caroling December 16, Friday 7pm

A community event for all ages to be held at the Old Holtzschwamm Paradise Union Church, 3241 Church Road Thomasville on Friday, December 16 at 7pm. Christmas caroling for all ages, all families, church choirs and singers who enjoy the season's Christmas carols. This event is held outdoors, maybe in the snow(!), so dress warm. Bathroom facilities will be an "outhouse", (outdoor restroom!), choir chimes will accompany a few of the carols. Bring your choir chimes if you have them. Potluck snacks, cookies, and hot chocolate will be shared, so bring a few cookies, or other goodies and even a chair if you need a chair. (Maybe a flashlight too!) No walking, just gathered together to sing and share a joyous spirit. Call Trinity Lutheran Church (717) 259-9125 for more information.





The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

November 6—Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

November 11-13—Women’s Craft Retreat at Nawakwa

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

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



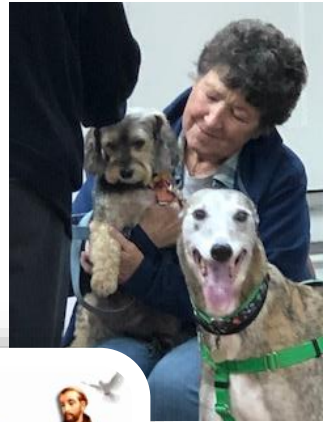
Trinity's next blood drive will be Tuesday, November 8 from 1:00 to 6:30 pm. Please consider signing up to donate life-saving blood. If you are unable to sign up, how about getting a friend or family member to donate? Sign up by calling the church office or go online to the Red Cross website. Each unit 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!





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Worship Schedule



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

- November 6—All Saints Sunday (Drive-In Communion)
- November 13—Pentecost 23 (Congregational Meeting)
- November 20—Christ the King Sunday (Blanket Sunday)
- November 20 6pm—Community Thanksgiving Service held at Zwingli UCC 403 W. King St. East Berlin
- November 27—First Sunday of Advent



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 hymn leaders, the people that help with the service, our youth chime choir, the adult Chancel Choir and the Handbell Ringers that are coming for rehearsal. We are blessed with your many talents!

Our Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 20th at 6:00pm. Zwingli UCC is hosting the service this year. A combined choir led by Mr. Frey and Karen Wire will accompany. All are invited to join this combined choir in November. More information coming later.

Keep your ears open for the Christmas caroling for all ages, all families, church choirs and singers who enjoy the season's Christmas carols. This community event will be held at the Old Holtzschwamm Paradise Union Church on December 16th at 7:00pm.

~ Karen



Chancel Choir Rehearsals Sunday mornings at 8:15am

Children's Choir Rehearsals during Sunday School time.

Handbell Ringer Rehearsals Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm (except Food Pantry week)

November Birthdays



11-2 Morgan Hoak

11-3 Noah Rinehart

11-5 Jake Sharrer

11-5 Camdyn Storm

11-6 Bob Aims

11-10 Debbie Hoffman

11-10 Andrew Miller

11-12 Michael Sheads

11-19 Debra Young

11-20 Koltyn Hermansen

11-22 Jim Kline

11-23 Louise Haugh

11-23 Giovanna Biles

11-23 William Bowen Jr.

11-23 Luke McCarthy

11-28 Nathan Hoffman

11-30 Mindy Eaton



Our Church Family at Trinity are beloved as our immediate Family and even though our membership status will change we will return on regular basis to be with our friends. You do not stop being friends when the Church and People that you knew since childhood are so special including attending Sunday School, Church worship, Confirmation, Marriage, Baptism of our Son Tim, The Alpha Program and all the friends we know will not be left behind because Trinity Church East Berlin is still a part of our lives.

Blessings
Mike & Charmaine Resh

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



11-2 Glenn & Gloria Gruver ~ 65 Years

11-2 Jay & Susan Smith ~ 32 Years

11-19 George & Karen Ruth ~ 40 Years

11-24 Mike & Sherry Brown ~ 44 Years

THANK YOU!

Our love and thanks to Trinity for all the prayers and calls and visits. Special thanks to Pastor Susan for sitting with Kay on the day of surgery until the kids arrived for moral support.

Thanks to the men who spent time with Jack while Kay went to her appointments. Thanks for the cards that brightened our day in convalescence. The chicken pies were delicious.

We appreciate all you do that makes us realize how special it is to be a part of the Trinity EB Church Family in so many ways God Bless You All!

Jack and Kay





**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022**

Present: Pastor Susan McCarthy, Bob King, Sherry Brown, Lisa Miller, Sue Clauser, Stephanie Haley, Rick Madsen, Mark Boyer, and Karen Sheaffer, and joining via Zoom: Dona Lerew. Absent- Jay Smith, Sitting in Bob Aims and Charlie Hoffman from the Finance Committee

Bob called the meeting to order, and our Pastor Susan used a handout titled "How is Your Vision?" given to her by Kay Hinkle. The Visionary Literature was used at the Synod Council Meeting and included a reading from Psalm 1:1-3.

The agenda was reviewed, and under Old Business, an Audit Report was added. Under New Business, Property Committee recommendation for HVAC and Roof Repair Quotation from Don Smith Roofing \$4,420. And under Benevolence Opportunities (Endowment Fund) add Jay Smith Dominican Republic Mission Trip - \$500 for any needed supplies to be purchased and given to affected residents.

Treasurer's Report-the report was reviewed, and it was decided that the monthly newsletter will include a non-budgeted current income line. Bob reported that income from the Special Appeal letter to our congregation so far is \$6,255.00

This update will also be included in the monthly newsletter and the bulletins.

Council and the Financial Committee worked on the 2023 Budget and discussed ways to keep from having any increase in the 2023 budget despite the ever-increasing costs of utilities and other operating expenses. After much discussion, we were able to tweak line items and arrive at total budget that was agreeable. A motion was made by Sherry for this budget to be presented to our congregation at the Congregational Meeting on November 13, 2022. Stephanie seconded the motion, all agreed, and the motion carried.

Ministry Reports

Learning & Youth-Lisa reported the plans are in place for Fall activities and the Christmas Pageant. They will hold the next meeting in November.

Worship & Music-plans are in place for the Confirmation and the Advent season. Training will be held for the ushers and their role in the service.

Finance-October 3, 2022, meeting Attendees: Kim McSherry, Jay Smith, Charlie Hoffman, Sue Clauser, Pastor Susan, Bob King

September financial results were reviewed. The giving shortfall is continuing. YTD has shortfall increased to \$24K and our operating deficit to \$18K. Cash available to fund operations (\$14,343) is overstated by \$3,601 (proceeds from Fall Festival). The "Current" cash balance available for operating expenses is \$10,742. All

undistributed Fall Festival proceeds will be transferred out of Current and into Special Projects before end of October.

Special Appeal letters mailed Friday, September 30.

Remainder of the meeting spent on 2023 budget. After 2 hours, work was not yet completed and it was determined that in lieu of another meeting prior to the October 13 Council Meeting, we would simply have another joint Finance Committee and Council Meeting October 13 to finalize the remaining items and submit budget to Council for approval.

Parish Life- The Parish Life committee met on Thursday October 6th.

The November food pantry lunch will be hosted by Zwingli and Trinity will host the lunch for December

October 30 - Confirmand/new member brunch. We decided to make breakfast casseroles again since everyone liked them before. Ruthie, Deb, Anita and Judy volunteered to make a casserole. We need one more. Please let me know if anyone else is willing to make one. Fruit will be provided by Chris - grapes, Kathy - strawberries, Dona - pineapple. We need a donation of apples or another fruit; Chris is going to get a small, decorated cake to honor the confirmand. I will ask Noelle and Sue Smith if they could make sticky buns as they did before.

October 30 - Ghost stories at the cemetery - I will get cider and milk for hot chocolate. Deb, Ruthie and Judy volunteered to bring cookies. If anyone else would like to bring cookies, please let me know.

October 31 - Trick or treat 6-8. We will meet at the church at 5:15 to set up the table and decorate for this. Deb said she would bring her decorations. Everyone is invited to help give candy out. We need to bring dog treats too.

December 11 - After rehearsal for the Christmas program the kids will decorate the tree outside and the nativity scene. We will provide lunch. The menu will be determined at our next meeting.

December 17, Saturday - rehearsal for the Christmas program. We will provide lunch at 12:00 for the rehearsal at 1:00 if that time is confirmed. The menu will be determined at our next meeting.

December 18 - Christmas program during the Sunday school time. We will ask for donations for cookies for refreshments for this.

December 24th - Christmas Eve between services. We will ask for cookie donations, and we will provide drinks, setup and cleanup.

March 3,4 5 - Retreat - This is not a Parish life event, but Sherry wanted to discuss it to get feedback. It was suggested that a separate committee be set up to plan the activities and meals.

Harvest Home - We did not discuss this, and I am not sure of the date for this. I have contacted the Pastor for the date. We always get pumpkins and gourds from

Pumpkin Hill to decorate the sanctuary for the fall season. I will contact everyone when I know the date and when we will decorate.

November 3rd, 7:00 - The next Parish Life meeting.

Social Ministry: The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, November 2 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.

Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, November 8 from 5:00-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat. Please note that we are still collecting quarters!

WELCA: Future projects include:

-Christmas Angel Tree for our congregation to help families from Adams County Housing Authority

-making gifts for our homebound members

-Christmas gifts for our Food Pantry Families

Our November meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 1

Outreach-Gift Boxes for youth away from home mailed Friday, October 7.

Evangelism-E-Team Notes September 7, 2022

Present: Karen Sheaffer, Ruthann Bowen, MaryAnn Vance, Deb King, Bob King, Pastor Susan McCarthy

Devotion: Luke 1:1-4

The minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

Mary Ann shared a time when God worked through a ministry, she was a part of. Pastor Susan shared a time when God provided a job for Terry when it was needed. We evaluated the Fellowship Hour and noted the following:

- It's going well but slowly
- We're building community as people come to attend
- We need smaller puzzles for children
- We should put the border of a puzzle together to make it invitational for people to work on
- Perhaps have a poster to color that then could be displayed, a holiday themed one?
- We need more free stuff to hand out (devotionals, coloring/craft items, bibles, bible story books)
- Prepare a craft around holidays or even each month
- Add the large TV with the PowerPoint show Jen preps each week, perhaps prep something especially for Food Pantry guests

- Play soft music
- We discussed the possibility of hosting a social each month: Jan, Feb, March
- We talked about various ideas for serving families:
- PBJ Camp, inviting kids for sandwich meal, VBS-short-type activity
- Evening at church for children, parents can drop off and go out
- Include at-home elements of discipleship activities for families
- We talked about “spicing up” the Trinity ad in the Lake Meade newsletter
- We talked about putting tables in the parking lot to invite those who’d like to eat their Holy Hotdog/Heavenly Hamburger here in fellowship
- MaryAnn will send Jen information for help to be included in Heavenly Hamburger bags (dial 211)
- We adjourned at approximately 8:40, not having finished our “talking points” from 7/25/22. Still to do:
- Follow up with materials for Fellowship Hour
- Assess how welcoming our space is to visitors and/or newcomers
- Continued reevaluation and assessment of website

Next Meeting is October 25th at 6:30.

Property-Attendees: Bob King, Les Herman, Earl Kauffman, Mac McMaster

The first topic of the meeting was to work on a proposed budget for 2023. As we reviewed the different property budget items, the main concern was our increase in utility costs. YTD gas and electric costs were 30% and 40 % over budget through August, respectively. We did not have usage details so we decided to evaluate usage but in meantime for budget purposes recommended to increase gas and electricity by 15% and will recommend a 2023 budget of \$9,900 for gas and \$10,450 for electricity Both doors are showing signs of wear and deterioration. Proposed budget for remaining items as follows: Telephone/internet \$4,134; Piano/organ contract \$1,400; Sexton Supplies \$500; Repairs and Maintenance \$6,000; Cemetery Maintenance \$1,000; Water/Sewer \$1,300.

Floor Cleaning – Reviewed quote from One-Way Janitorial from March. Decided to move forward with cleaning all tile floors before Christmas. Wood floors will be considered next year. Bob will check to see if the quote for tile floors is still valid (\$832) and if so, set a date to have tile floors cleaned. Main concern is Choir Room. Will need to give Karen ample time to clear out and store items before we can move them out for cleaning. Bob will speak with Karen. Potential time frame late October/early November. Will need help to clear areas day before cleaning and day after to replace furniture. Need to determine where we can store extension ladder.

Gas/Electric ---We'll check bills to determine usage. Not knowing our current settings, we discussed changing temperature settings on all thermostats during occupancy times to 68 for heating and 75 for cooling. Bob will advise Jen accordingly. It was also discussed about the possibility of having a thermal scan done at the rear annex door and Church entrance door on King Street to determine energy loss. Both doors are showing wear and tear and it may make sense to have them replaced depending on results of that analysis. Not sure who we can get to do a thermal analysis.

Roof Repairs – Bob will follow up with Don Smith Roofing to get a quote to attach membrane to HVAC curb on the unit over the Choir Room.

Other Maintenance/Repair items that need to be considered:

- Remove leaking pressure relief valve at water meter – October
- Finish painting exterior kitchen door
- Obtain estimate to repair/clean/paint exterior soffit on Annex and/or consider a maintenance free covering (aluminum or vinyl)
- Replace recessed ceiling lights in offices, Parlor, and Chapel with LED's. Lights already purchased.
- Arrange for Snow Removal – 2022/2023
- Check Snowblower for coming season.
- Weatherproof front door and rear Annex door for winter.
- Make temporary repair to Annex soffit.

Next meeting October 20, 10:00 a.m.

Stewardship-No Report.

"Governance" Mutual Ministry/Constitution Committee- No Report.

Pastor's Report

September Highlights—September was busy! The WELCA picnic at the McMasters' was lovely; Wednesday morning's fellowship breakfast generally includes just a few of us but is delightful, Wed. worship continues to be attended by between 3-12 people both in-person and via Facebook; the E-Team's involvement with Fellowship Hour continues to be worked out with mixed success, the coloring pages and free bible story/devotional materials are a hit but conversation is still struggling; met with E-Team to continue to tweak Fellowship Hour, purchasing and signing new bibles to be distributed to young disciples, building strong discipleship, and planning for a discipleship program; the Fall Festival was pretty well attended, I helped to staff the bake table much of the day; I continue to meet weekly with other area pastors for collaboration and biblical study; made five visits, two hospital visits; have been participating in the distribution of Heavenly Hamburgers; Rally Day was tons of fun! We strolled, rode, and rolled to the park for some fun and

kicked off the Sunday School year; Bible Study resumed for the fall and we're studying Joseph, attendance has been good and conversation is enlightening; participated with Parish Life in Fruitbelt Farmworker Camp visit; worked with Finance Committee and Council to plan for budget and Special Appeal 2022; working with Mike & Sherry Brown (retreat chairs) to plan retreat budget and initial plans; attended church webinar from RightNow Media about apathy in church and society; spent time away (9/23-9/25) for my nephew's wedding; baptized my new niece-in-law Brittany Blowers Harlos 9/23 at the wedding rehearsal, she's joined the congregation through the sacrament and her first contribution was styrofoam bowls, plastic cups, lemonade and iced tea cans, and plastic stirrers to our kitchen (reception leftovers); planned and conducted burial service for Lucy Hoffheins; began fall continuing education topic, "Soul Care," through synod office; continue to work with members of the Hybrid Church Team to formulate a proposal for council; met with Samantha Hull and her fiancé Jeremy Kurtz to plan their wedding for Oct 28th, a simple and short service with plans for a more formal affair next year; developed plan and invited all teens to the new Sunday School class for their age-group.

Old Business

Hybrid Church-we tabled this until next month.

Nomination Committee for 2023 Council members-we discussed possible candidates and have several members willing to serve.

Membership Update-Stephanie is still working on this and will have it ready for the November newsletter.

Congregational Meeting-to be held on November 13. Bob reported the service will be shortened before the meeting.

Sherry Brown offered to take the minutes at this meeting because Karen will be unable to attend. Council elections, 2023 Budget approval, a report on our special appeal, and other items will be discussed during the meeting. Christian Education classed will be held after the meeting.

Audit Report-Bob presented the 2021 audit prepared August 9, 2022, for council's approval. A motion was made by Dona to approve the audit report as written, Mark seconded the motion, all agreed, and the motion carried.

New Business

Mutual Ministry-Bob reported this committee will meet again and we would like to add three new members: Ali Long, Chris Sheads, Holly Siekerman. A motion was made by Rick and seconded by Sherry to approve the addition of these three new members to the Mutual Ministry committee. All were in agreement and the motion carried. Bob King and Karen Sheaffer are the other committee members.

HVAC/Roof Repairs-the Property Committee presented a quote in the amount of \$4,400 from Don Smith Roofing to attach membrane to HVAC curb on the unit over the Choir Room. A motion was made by Rick to approve this repair, and seconded by Stephanie, all agreed, and the motion carried.

Endowment Holding/Benevolence Opportunities

A list of recommendations was presented for consideration. Also, Jay Smith requested \$500 from the endowment fund to be used for his mission trip to the Dominion Republic. Stephanie made a motion to approve his request, Pastor Susan seconded the motion, all agreed, and the motion carried.

Discussion followed and Sherry made a motion to donate \$3,000 from the Endowment Fund to Lutheran Disaster Relief for Hurricane Ian recovery. Lisa seconded, all agreed, and the motion carried.

We agreed to continue work on this at November's council meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry, seconded by Rick, all agreed, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sheaffer

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH						
Treasurer's Report as of September 2022 (NEWSLETTER)						
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Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Monthly Budget	Budget YTD	% of Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)
Income						
CURRENT INCOME TOTAL	\$12,451.14	\$132,978.96	\$15,929.00	\$155,310.00	86	(\$22,331.04)
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$834.62	\$7,675.88	\$962.00	\$9,375.00	82	(\$1,699.12)
Total Income	\$13,285.76	\$140,654.84	\$16,891.00	\$164,685.00	85	(\$24,030.16)
Expense						
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$982.00	\$10,002.89	\$1,142.00	\$10,278.00	97	(\$275.11)
WORSHIP TOTAL	\$192.33	\$3,178.95	\$375.00	\$3,375.00	94	(\$196.05)
LEARNING AND YOUTH TOTAL	\$92.74	\$777.99	\$267.00	\$2,403.00	32	(\$1,625.01)
OTHER COMMITTEES TOTAL	\$69.89	\$2,480.98*	\$266.00	\$2,394.00	104	\$86.98
SALARIES TOTAL	\$8,297.20	\$78,966.75*	\$8,394.00	\$78,745.00	100	\$221.75
PASTOR'S BENEFITS	\$3,151.94	\$27,647.20	\$3,054.00	\$27,864.00	99	(\$216.80)
STAFF BENEFITS	\$258.12	\$2,581.96*	\$266.00	\$2,524.00	102	\$57.96
TOTAL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$11,707.26	\$109,195.91	\$11,714.00	\$109,133.00	100	\$62.91
OFFICE/ADMIN/CONF/ AUTO TOTAL	\$481.88	\$6,575.30	\$1,026.00	\$9,984.00	66	(\$3,408.70)
UTILITIES TOTAL	\$2,365.77	\$17,179.13*	\$1,467.00	\$13,197.00	130	\$3,982.13
MAINTENANCE TOTAL	\$409.74	\$4,056.72	\$708.00	\$6,372.00	64	(\$2,315.28)
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$0.00	\$5,390.00*	\$487.00	\$4,389.00	123	\$1,001.00
Total Expense	\$16,301.61	\$158,837.87	\$17,452.00	\$161,525.00	98	(\$2,687.13)
Difference	(\$3,015.85)	(\$18,183.03)	(\$561.00)	\$3,160.00		