

November 2024 Newsletter

¹³ ...we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.^{17b} and so we will be with the Lord forever.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 17b-18*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Every single Thanksgiving, every single anniversary of her death, and every single Christmas Eve my mom mourned her grandmother, Alice Mae Balliet, who EVERYONE called “Mom.” I can remember as a little girl that as we’d begin to prepare the meal, stories about Mom would begin. She’d shed a tear here and there as she remembered. On Christmas Eve at church as soon as the candles were lit and the first bars of *Silent Night* were heard, my mom would need a tissue and wasn’t ever able to sing.

When I met Terry McCarthy in the spring of 1998 one of the first stories he told me was of his mother crying every Christmas Eve for her dad. And now, all these years later, I watch him mourn his mom every Thanksgiving. I cry for my mom nearly every December 15th, on my own birthday, because she was always the first to wish me a happy day—doing silly things like calling me at 5:30 in the morning when I’d left for college just so she could beat my roommate to it.

Mourning through the fall, holidays, significant events, or any time a memory pops up is common among us mortals. The shortening of the days and chilling of the air doesn't help our sense of loss as the flowers fade, the grass turns brown, and the leaves fall off the trees. I want to let you know, siblings, I see your grief in this time where, on the first Sunday in November, we pause to remember all those who have passed before us into the Church Triumphant.

In Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians, he uses Chapter 4 to teach the community about how we now live as those connected to God through Christ. There’s the usual morality stuff, pointers about loving one another, and lots of complicated Paulish language. But, there’s also this gem about how we

are to view death in light of Christ's coming to take us to an expected eternity in glory—as people who rely on HOPE.

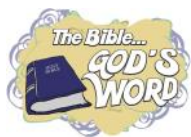
Hope is difficult to grasp when we're in sorrow. We too often allow ourselves to wallow and end up instead of hoping, just wishing. What's the difference?

Wishing is the grasping onto future times without a handle to hold onto. In hopeless grief we grasp for air. Hoping is the grasping onto future times while hanging onto the handle of faith. In hopeful grief we grasp for Christ and His promises to and for us. Does hoping make grief go away? No. But, it fills even the sorrow with joy, joy in the trust that we'll be reunited with our loved ones and joy in the imagery we can see through faith of the life they're living now.

Let us, as we enter this holiday season, remember with hope those we love and live in joy at their resurrection life and the one promised to us as well. We are Easter people!

Love,

Pr. Susan



UPCOMING SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS

As we gather for worship on Sundays, our time together revolves around God's Holy Word, most usually a reading from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), a Psalm (ancient hymn), a reading from the Epistles (letters to early churches), and a Gospel reading (good news about Jesus). The upcoming scriptures are listed below to help you worship each Sunday morning. Need help navigating the Bible or figuring out a particular passage? Give Pastor Susan a call; she'd love to chat with you about the Bible!

11/3 Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

11/10 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

11/17 Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

11/24 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

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!



Bible Study Plans for November



The Bible Study group is studying some of our favorite (and maybe not so favorite) hymns this fall. They tell us biblical stories, offer praises to God, echo the Psalms, and so much more!

Please zoom in to be a part of this great conversation and learning! Zoom link opens at 5:30 for social time; study begins at 6. Ask Pastor Susan if you have questions.

The Zoom meeting ID for these sessions is **818 4814 6815**. Passcode is **Bible**. Or, watch weekly emails for the Zoom link to join! Newcomers welcome; each study stands pretty much on its own so you won't be lost.

Drive Thru Holy Communion distribution will be held Sunday, November 3, at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.



Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry is scheduling its first of its Saturday breakfast meetings for Saturday, November 23, with breakfast being served at 7:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Yes, that's a little earlier than normal but there's a reason. Following the meeting/breakfast we will assist the E. B. Lions Club in hanging the Christmas Lanterns in East Berlin later that morning, which usually concludes between 11:00 and Noon. Our Lions Club friends will be invited to join us for breakfast as well. Men of all ages are invited to attend. If you are only interested/able to join the group for breakfast and a short business meeting that's OK, please join us. Future upcoming 2024 events for Men's Ministry: December 3 – Preparing and serving WELCA Christmas Banquet. Watch your email in the coming weeks for more details.



Trinity's Caregivers' Group meets Thursday, November 7th at 10:00am in the chapel. A safe space to share your story and both give and receive support from people like you, please come if you think you might want to talk and listen to others in similar circumstances. No agenda. Not a therapy group, just a place to share with and care about one another. Caregiving is a special calling needing special support. Please see Pastor Susan with questions or suggestions. No registration necessary.

INVITATION FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



We will be lighting candles in memory of our loved ones who have passed into the Church Triumphant on Sunday, November 3rd at worship. Please use a taper (provided) to light a candle(s) found within the remembrance display prior to taking your seat in the pew. These candles will remain lit throughout the worship time in acknowledgement that our loved ones worship the Lord with us from the other side of the sanctuary and are indeed present with us at Christ's Banquet Table, merely seated at the other end. We celebrate Christ's promise of eternal life shown to us in his life, death and resurrection and we remember fondly those who now are with him face to face.

We give thanks to God as we remember our congregational siblings who have passed into heaven during this worship year: Nancy McCully, Jan Paul, Helen Bair, Rodney Sebright, Glenn Arentz, Steve Bjonnes, and Gloria Gruver.

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen*



Nancy J. McCully



Gloria A. Gruver



Rodney Sebright



Steve Bjonnes



ALL ABOARD!

Sunday November 3rd: 3:00 until 5:00 pm

Trinity Trains Open House!

*A fun filled afternoon of fellowship for
Trinity families and their friends*

Kids of ALL generations can *RUN* the large 3 track interactive O-Gauge train layout.

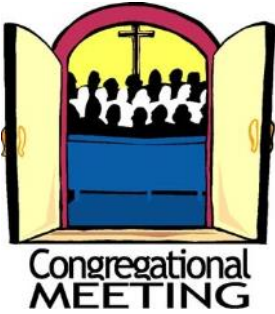
Light Refreshments
Seek-N-Finds
Hunt for Strawberry the Cow
Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends
Handicapped Accessible Playground for the kids



**In the Carousel Building
Brookside Park
4054 Fox Run Rd
Dover Pa 17315**

Trinity Trains Open House will be held on Sunday November 3rd between 3:00pm and 5:00pm in the Carousel Building at Brookside Park, 4054 Fox Run Rd. Dover, Pa. 17315. This is a new fun filled afternoon of fellowship time for our Trinity family and their friends. There will be *Pap's Modular Railroad* which is an interactive train layout that runs model trains from 1924 thru the modern era that kids of all generations will be able to *operate*. There will be Seek-N-Finds and you can hunt for Strawberry the Cow. There's a playground for the kids and you'll be able to take your picture in front of the Polar Express. Light refreshments will be provided.

Good News & Brews is held the second Tuesday of each month at the Altland House in Abbottstown. Join with other local disciples to enjoy conversation, food and refreshments. Next meeting is November 12 from 6:30pm -8:00pm. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



Annual Congregational Meeting –

November 17, 2024

Mark your calendars! Our next congregational meeting will be Sunday, November 17 after worship. The budget for 2025 will be reviewed and voted on along with newly nominated council members. Please plan to attend to support our ministry. The meeting should be completed within 30 minutes. Specific information about the budget will be communicated for review to the congregation prior to the meeting.



2025 Calendars donated by Feiser’s Funeral Home are available throughout the church. Take home as many as you want! Share one with a friend!

All Saints' Sunday Celebrated November 3rd

On Sunday, November 3, we will commemorate all our loved ones who have gone on to be with the Lord in heaven. Names will be read during the worship service. Please ask Pastor Susan if you have questions.



Apple Dumpling Day is Friday, Nov 1. Pickup your pre-ordered dumplings between 4-6pm. Call the church office if you have any questions.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Our Gingerbread House Workshop will be held Sunday, December 1 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.

Turkey Donations: New Hope Ministries is asking Trinity for donations of Turkeys & Hams (any size) for their Thanksgiving food drive. You can deliver directly to New Hope , 154 Enterprise Drive, New Oxford or bring them to the church and we'll deliver them before November 11.

Organ Recital: Mr. Richard Frey will present an organ recital on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 3:00pm. The program will include a variety of musical styles and demonstrate the many different sounds available on the organ. Everyone is welcome to attend!



RECYCLE! We, as a church, can set a good example for the community by using the recycling bins in the church: one in the kitchen, a blue one in the social hall and one outside.

Please take your plastic to these recycle bins. Let's take good care of our beautiful Earth. Recycle!

BAGS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY SHOPPERS

Please bring your clean, intact plastic store bags to the church for our Food Pantry guests' use as they shop for groceries in the mobile food truck brought by New Hope Ministries and on our table in the social hall. Each month our guests need more bags than we have available. This is a great way to recycle your used grocery bags. Thank you!

EBACC Christmas Bazaar—Trinity will have a booth at the EBACC Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024. We hope to receive donations of craft and homemade items from the congregation. We plan to set up on Friday December 6th, in the afternoon. If you have questions regarding what to donate, please contact Shelly Livingston at 717-259-9711 or Ruthann Bowen at 717-634-6047.

PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS should be directed to the church office or directly to Pastor Susan or Judy Burgard, Trinity's visitation coordinator. We don't know when someone has had a crisis, a health concern, or other reason for care. Please share concerns so that we may love one another well. Thank you!

We are in need of people to volunteer to take meals to friends coming home from the hospital. Contact Judy Burgard at 717-259-9507 or sign up on bulletin board near the elevator by the back door.



HAVE YOU BEEN WORSHIPING ONLINE?

In the month of October, we had 233 video views, with 59 hours of watch time. Of those 233 views we have 67 new viewers! We now have 196 subscribers! Thank you to those worshiping from home (and away). If you're an online worshiper, please feel free to contact the church office with requests for connection, pastoral needs, and feedback about your online experience. We'd love to hear from you!

WELCA News

The Women of ELCA met October 1 and worked together to prepare Angels for the Angel Tree. We also worked on making a difference in our community and the world.

We voted to donate \$500 to Lutheran Disaster Response to help recent hurricane damaged areas. We later found out Thrivent will add \$1 to each \$2 donated, so we were able to do so along with Trinity's donation from the Endowment Fund.

Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift cards will be used for the Angel Tree gifts if possible, and we will use another for the Food Pantry families at Christmas for Cookie Kits/Holiday Baking Kits.

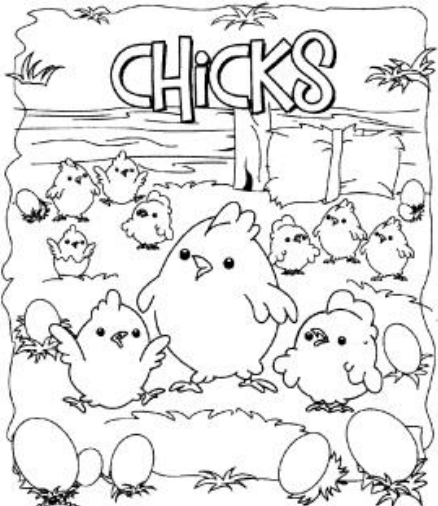
Looking ahead-would we like to have a Christmas party in December, and we will ask the Men's Ministry to make our meal. A sign-up sheet will be on our bulletin board in November so that we may prepare for the party.

We will collect coins (other than quarters) for ELCA Good Gifts. Samantha Kurtz created a piggy bank made from a water cooler bottle. We will collect and empty it frequently to show the dollar amount collected on our poster's thermometer. Let's see what we can do until the end of the year...although there is no time limit to this project...we may want to continue this into next year.



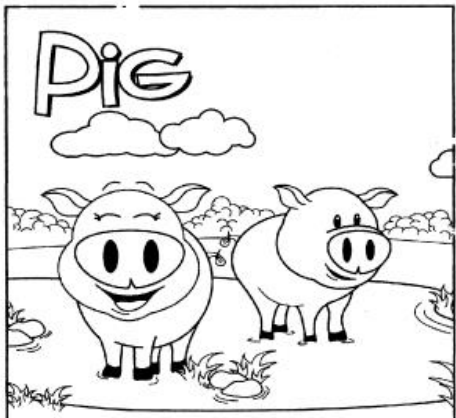
Tonya Mincey from Adams County Housing Authority has agreed to help us with an Angel Tree wish list for the clients they serve. She still works with these clients but as an independent. She now has her own business called TM Integrity Care. We will have the Angel Tree names and wish lists at the beginning of November and will fill out the Angels for the tree at our November meeting on 11/5/2024 at 7 PM in the social hall. Please join us!

The Women of ELCA at Trinity are asking you to help us collect coins for ELCA's Good Gifts. We will collect any coin other than quarters. Save your quarters for Laundry Love! Donated coins will help purchase animals and other items to help families world-wide. Each gift makes a difference for the family that receives it! These are a few examples of gifts we will be able to purchase with your coin donations.



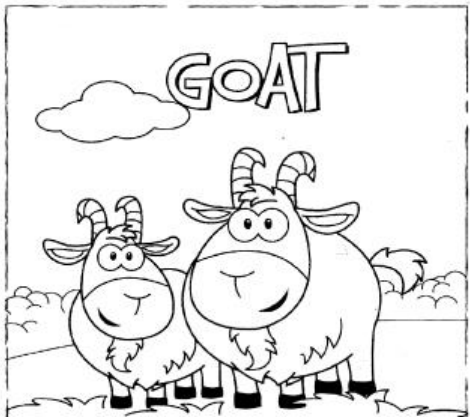
\$10

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.



\$30

A pig in the pen is like money in the bank! Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds - bringing a big payoff at the market.



\$50

Fresh milk from a goat is good for staying healthy and strong and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese.



Trinity's Mission-in-Motion team will meet Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00pm. Anyone interested in learning more about MiM is encouraged to attend.



Trinity's Fall Fellowship

The craft activities included: pumpkin painting, salt painting, decoupage fall ornaments, mum garland





Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Helper	Lector	U
Nov 3	Charlie H.	Chris L.	Mary J.	Janet/
Nov 10	Ruthann B.	Violet C.	Jayne S.	Jay/S
Nov 17	Alex S.	Mark B.	Sue C.	Jim/Noe
Nov 24	Becky R.	Jim K.	Jan M.	Rick/A

Note: If you need to change the date you are scheduled to serve, please contact our



Harvest Home Sunday was held October 13. Special Thanks to Pumpkin Hill for the donations of decorations!

Schedule—November 2024

Preachers	Altar Guild	Cantor(s)	Acolyte	Cookie Break
Mac/Kathy	Sami K.	Becky R.	Grace W.	Anita M.
Sue/Terry	Deb K.	Chris L.	Konner H.	Jen M.
Alle/Ruthann	Noelle K.	Barry B.	Jack B.	Giovanna B.
Anita/Mark	Anita M.	Sue C.	Brody M.	Laura R.

Others on the list and arrange a swap. Please notify the church office of the change.



THANK YOU! We appreciate all of the donations for the Fruitbelt Farm Workers. We received 6 hats, 5 blankets, 15 hoodies, 3 flannel shirts and 14 jackets. They were delivered to the farm workers camp in York Springs just in time for the cooler weather.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATES

Join us for the next gathering of the Prayer Shawl Ministry **Wednesday, November 13 at 2pm** in the church parlor to learn more about this community ministry. Come learn to knit and/or crochet. Volunteer to visit and deliver prayer shawls all over. Sit and pray with us as we bless the shawls ready to go out. We will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. See Pat Bjornes (see directory) for more information or with questions. Everyone can join in!



WEDNESDAYS FELLOWSHIP & FAITH

You're welcome at the **Wednesday Morning Prayer** service **@ 10AM in the Chapel**, or worship online through the Trinity Lutheran EB Fellowship Group on Facebook. A fellowship time will be held at **8:30 at Graybill's Diner, Abbottstown**, Dutch treat.



Kids' Quarter Collection: The next Tin-Cup Quarter Collection will be on Sunday, November 10 with a **NOISY OFFERING**. *Please bring your quarters with you to worship that day.*

All the money we collect goes to
Laundry Love



On Sunday, October 20, we welcomed our new sister in Christ, Sherry Miller.



Survey: The *Worship and Music Team* strives to plan and conduct worship in ways that serve God through Word and Sacrament in interesting, engaging, understanding, and welcoming ways, with the participation and involvement of all of God's people, wherever they may be. The *Discipleship Team* strives to plan and conduct opportunities for all to grow as disciples of Christ. Please complete the survey so that we may provide the most meaningful opportunities for worship and growth. Use the QR code above to complete the survey. If you are unable to complete the survey electronically, there are paper copies available in the Narthex. Each member of your family is invited to complete an individual survey. Thank you for taking the time to help us grow and learn from each other!

Ministry Pages

THE SHARING SHELF

UPDATE:



- A very heartfelt thank you to Cedar Lake Campground for their donations to our Sharing Shelf.
- Also a hearty thanks to New Hope Ministries for their donations to the Sharing Shelf
- With Thanksgiving coming soon, we could use donations of instant mashed potatoes (individual packets), stovetop stuffing, canned sweet potatoes and canned fruit.
- Thank you all for your donations to this valuable, local community ministry!



Get New Glasses Recently? The East Berlin Lion's Club has a donation box for old eye glasses at Trinity located under the bulletin board near the elevator. Thank you for thinking of others.

Ruth's Harvest Packing will occur Wednesday, November 13 at 12:30pm at St. John's in Abbots-town. This year we will be packing approximately 100 bags of food each month for students attending Bermudian Springs Elementary. Items needed this month are **tuna/chicken salad packs and non refrigerated, individual milk boxes (any flavor).** There is a bin in the Narthex for donations.

EB Laundry Love will be held **Tuesday, November 12 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 this ministry. We need volunteers for the second Tuesday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. To sign up to help at the laundromat see the sheet on bul-



letin board by the elevator. This ministry is always in need of quarters. **Nov 10th Noisy Offering will collect quarters for this ministry, or you may drop them any time in the collection box in the narthex (upstairs lobby). Quarters or other monies (all carefully labeled) may also be offered in the Offering Plate.** Thank you for your support of this important, loving, ministry.



PLEASE NOTE: the Laundry Love Ministry has been expanded to twice per month! On the second Tuesday and third Wednesday each month (same location and time). Zwingli UCC, our partner in this ministry has decided to host the additional Wednesday of each month. Spread the word!

Food Pantry: New Hope Ministries is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, November 6.

REMINDER: Volunteers are needed to serve as personal shopping assistants, set-up and tear-down, stockers and loading assistants. No need to sign-up in advance to help. Simply show up anytime after 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Food Pantry. Any questions, contact Anita Madsen (see directory for contact info).

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 having a time of prayer as needed. Light refreshments will be served.

2025 Church Directory

We are off and running! If you have a smartphone, tablet, or a computer, the Church Connect mobile app is an easy way to stay “connected” with Trinity and we highly encourage you to use this tool, which will help us assemble the directory more efficiently, enable you to manage your profile information, and harness the power of technology. If you have not yet created your Church Connect account, now is the time to do so. Instructions have been previously emailed. Please see/contact Bob King (717-877-0616; email rlking-waslst@comcast.net) or Mark Boyer (917-913-0196; email mabnyc5@gmail.com) if you need any assistance.

For those who do not wish to choose the Church Connect option, the other alternatives are as follows:

1. Submit your digital photo via email to Bob King (rlkingwalst@comcast.net) or Jen Guiher (secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org). We will upload your photo and ask you to verify your contact info to be sure it is up to date.
2. Contact Bob King or Mark Boyer to schedule a time to have your contact information verified and your photo taken by Bob or Mark Sundays after worship from 10:30 – 11:30, starting Nov 3.

The deadline for all photos to be included in the 2025 Directory will be December 31. By submitting your photo, you also consent to have your family’s name, address, phone #, email address, month/day of birthdate, and photo published in both the printed and online Church Connect directories. For security purposes, names and contact information for children under the age of 18 will not be published in the online directory.

“CHURCH CONNECT-DO YOU KNOW”

- You can make calls or send an email directly from the Church Connect Online Directory simply by clicking on the person’s phone # or email address.
- Church Connect lists all Events on the Church Calendar.
- You can view and print your Contribution Statements on demand.



Community
Thanksgiving
SERVICE

6:00PM | NOVEMBER, 24

ST. JOHN'S (ABBOTTSTOWN)
100 E Water Street

COMBINED CHOIR
DESSERT SOCIAL AFTER
FAIR TRADE MARKET



Poinsettias for Christmas will go on sale at the end of November. The cost will remain at \$9.00 again this year. Look for sign-up sheets in the bulletins in November/December.

Worship Schedule

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

- November 3— All Saints' Sunday
- November 10—Pentecost 25
- November 17—Pentecost 26
- November 24—Christ the King Sunday

Midweek Morning Prayer Service

Every Wednesday at 10AM (chapel)

Drive-thru Holy Communion Distribution will be held Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the rear of the church near the disability parking.

NOTES:

- The following elements are available during Communion: wheat bread, wine, grape juice, gluten-free wafers, pre-blessed sealed wheat wafer and grape juice packages
- At any time during Holy Communion you may step out of line to spend time at the chancel rail as you desire. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the distributors will come to you.
- *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. Your remote lets you select the service you'd like to attend by watching. Please join us! Call the church office if you need help.

Notes
From
the
Music Director



Beautiful fall scenery; beautiful fall weather—brisk, refreshing, clean air. Like many in our community, I enjoy the fall season. Fall is a wonderful time to start anew—break a negative habit—get off the couch and call a neighbor to take a walk. Another opportunity to begin a new adventure—join a choir at Trinity Lutheran Church! The Chancel Choir rehearsals are 8:15am each Sunday morning—a great way to start a Sunday. We thank our choir for their dedication and talent as they lead us in worship. Trinity Ringers will present 2 numbers on November 24, Christ the King Sunday, with all choir members present. How very blessed we are to have Ringers for these beautiful bells.

Our children are learning songs and hymns from our hymnal. They are amazed these hymns are older than grandma & grandpa!

And so there is much to learn in November's beautiful fall and we do this with great joy and Thankfulness.

~Karen

****Mark your calendars for November 3 at 3pm for an outstanding organ recital by Richard Frey at Zwingli United Church of Christ, our neighbors. Mr. Frey, an excellent musician, composes choir music, organ and piano music, handbell music plus pieces for solo instruments. This recital will be a treat for all our ears. A reception follows the free program.****

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 John Henry

11-10 Andrew Miller

11-12 Michael Sheads

11-19 Debra Young

11-20 Koltyn Hermansen

11-22 Jim Kline

11-23 Giovanna Biles

11-23 William Bowen Jr.

11-23 Luke McCarthy

11-28 Nathan Hoffman

11-30 Mindy Eaton



11-1 Richard & Beth Drawbaugh ~ 38 Years

11-2 Jay & Susan Smith ~ 34 Years

11-19 George & Karen Ruth ~ 42 Years

11-24 Mike & Sherry Brown ~ 46 Years

11-26 Larry & Lynne Elicker ~ 58 Years

UPDATE ON JOSÉ, YADIRA, AND CRISTIAN

This sibling family that Trinity has helped in so many ways, is progressing through life. José, soon to be 21, and Yadira, 10, work full time. Cristian, 17, is finishing his senior year at Bermudian in the Eagles Academy cyber school and is doing very well. He works part time and is enrolled in driver's education funded by Mission in Motion. His immediate goals are to pass his driver's test on his 18th birthday, February 8, get a car and insurance, and graduate from high school. He is anxious to be independent and self-sufficient. He is saving for his car and insurance which is quite expensive for him. If you would like to help him with a donation to purchase a car, please make a donation to Trinity and mark it, "The Cristian Fund." This would show our continued care for Cristian to give him a big helping hand towards his independence. Thank you!!

Thank You!

**Thank you for the cards, prayers and well-wishes while I was ill. Thank you to my church family! ~ Doris Wolf*



Save the Date for the next Family Retreat – March 21, 22, 23 2025.



The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.

Save the Date to come play in our new Gingerbread House at Trinity's annual Gingerbread House Workshop!

This year's workshop to be held **Sunday, December 1** and will offer lots of fun, fellowship and creativity. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and email announcements!



CHURCH COUNCIL

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

Present: Pastor Susan, Dona Lerew, Sherry Brown, Sandy Emig, Leon Leas, Bob King, Bob Aims, Susan Clauser, Joshlyn Sharrer, Karen Sheaffer, and Mark Boyer. Absent were Barb Kaufman and Michael Sheads.

Dona called the meeting to order and the agenda was reviewed. The following changes were made: 1) Added discussion on Worship & Music Survey; 2) Discussion on Endowment Holding Account.

The Secretary's Report was reviewed. Pastor Susan made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Sherry seconded, all agreed and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed with no major updates.

Ministry Reports

Fellowship Team (Parish Life):

The Parish Life meeting was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. The following items were planned -

- For the food pantry lunch on September 4th, we will serve picnic food. Zwingli will host the lunch on October 2nd and Bermudian was asked to host the lunch on either November or December.
- We will supply drinks for the combined, outdoor service on September 15th at the East Berlin community park.
- We discussed helping the fruit belt farm workers at the York Springs camp again this fall in some way. I left a voicemail for Pastor Aquilar and am waiting to hear back. We discussed taking a meal, health kits, sweatshirts, rain ponchos, and/or snack bags.
- If the Thanksgiving service is held at Trinity, we will ask for donations of desserts and supply drinks.
- We will pass out Halloween candy again this year in East Berlin on Thursday, October 31st. We will ask for candy donations from the congregation.
- We discussed possibly having a coffee hour for Reformation Day on Oct 27th.

Administrative Ministries:

Finance & Endowment:

Trinity Finance Committee meeting August 21, 2024

Members present; Bob Aims, Bob King, Sue Clauser, Jay Smith, Charles Hoffman
1. After discussion of the balance of the Endowment Holding Account being \$253, the Finance Committee agreed to recommend funding an additional \$10K from the proceeds/earnings of the Endowment Fund to fund the Endowment Holding account. This request will be made first to the Endowment Committee and then to Council for approval.

2. Finance will meet at 6:30 PM September 9 to start consideration of the 2025 budget. The committee will use the same Excel report structure and process as used for the 2024 budget.
3. Bob Aims will draft a message for review by Finance for the September newsletter indicating the general financial condition of Church finances based on July numbers. The intent is to keep church members generally knowledgeable.
4. Charlie Hoffman and Bob King will continue stewardship of Trinity's investment strategies for CDs and Money Market fund renewals due in October.
5. Bob King and Jay Smith discussed the bids requested and received by Property for church building repairs, primarily masonry restoration, totaling around \$322,000. He discussed additional items (like windowsills, soffit, steeple repairs) which may likely raise the required repair amounts to about \$400,000. Finance discussed the likelihood of a Capital Campaign to raise the needed funds. Bob Aims will research the processes involved in the last Trinity campaign for the building addition in ~2000.
6. Finance discussed the ~\$17,000 grant funds request for a church security system that has been submitted.

Property:

Property Meeting from 8/22/24 10:00am. Present: Leon, Mac, Earl, Bob, Les, Jay

1. Need to call Moore Wood Floors for Less for two places: back & choir loft.
2. Witmer is returning to relook at some additional bell tower work.
3. Grant has been applied for the door security system.
4. Workday to fix drywall holes, touch up paint on heater covers, and c/o windowsills.
5. Rebuild door closures – Leon/Jay

Next meeting 9/19/24 at 10:00am.

Constitution:

Meetings will be held September 9, 16, 23 & 30.

Social Ministry:

The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, October 2 from 4:00-6:00pm. A Fellowship Hour will be held at Trinity at 3PM prior to every Food Pantry.

Our Next Laundry Love date is Tuesday, October 8 from 5:00-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat.

WELCA:

- We assembled and distributed 10 men's & 10 women's health kit back packs filled with items donated by our congregation and also by using Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card
- Baking pies for the Fall Festival on September 12 & 13
- We will collect coins (other than quarters-they are collected for Laundry Love) in Piggy Banks for ELCA Good Gifts. Money collected will be used to purchase farm animals and/or other helpful items from their Good Gifts catalog. We have received bulletin inserts, coloring books, and stickers explaining this project. We hope to have our youth get excited and help with this collection! More information is coming soon.
- We will be making the dough October 28 or 29 for the Apple Dumpling Sale on November 1.
- We will reach out to Adams County Housing Authority to ask if we can receive Christmas Wish Lists for their clients again this year. Look for the Angel Tree in early November!

- Pastor Susan will share photos and stories of their family's trip out west this summer at our October meeting on October 1 at 7 PM.

Pastor's Report

August Highlights: Prepared & preached sermon series on Jesus the Bread of Life, loved encouraging families to offer favorite breads; attended & helped with Penny Carnival; continue work with constitution review committee; continue to meet with Worship & Music to review and plan; meeting regularly with local pastors to plan for community worship & fellowship opportunities; worked with Sharing Shelf team & others to write grant for summer feeding program for kids; participated in prayer shawls gathering; continuing planning for leading Bible Study & Sunday School soon; held blessing of the school year on 8/18; hosted Caregivers' meeting; made 7 visits; participated in Holy Hotdogs whenever able; planned with Pr. Sigrid Hipkiss how we'll serve together as Hanover Conference Secretaries; serving on emergency pastoral care list for St. Paul, Stoverstown, until an interim pastor is in place there.

Upcoming: Bible Study resumes 9/16; Ruth's Harvest begins packing 9/18; Rally Day 9/22; Terry's having surgery (minor) 9/26; Sunday School classes begin 9/29; planning trip to Cape May evening of 10/2-morning of 10/5; Pet Blessing 10/6 @ 4pm; Conference Deans & Secretaries Retreat @ Nawakwa 10/6-7; Harvest Home Sunday 10/20; continuing ed gatherings begin 10/22.

Old Business

New Membership Guidelines- Draft modifications to Constitution were provided and will continue to be discussed.

2024 Trinity Disciples Directory- Bob and Mark to hold training sessions on ChurchTrac. Will reach out to encourage people to install App, register and provide photos.

Parking Issue- (Neighbor parking in Church's Parking Lot) Resolved.

Advertisement for Lakemeader and EBACC- Draft complete and reviewed.

God's Work. Our Hands- ELCA September 22nd.

Key List- List of current key holders was provided, noting keys that were misplaced.

Masonry work estimate update- Still waiting. Decision to be made in October.

Council Terms- Bob King and Sherry Brown will have completed terms this year. 2 new members are needed. Individuals to be asked.

New Business

Funding Request- Endowment Holding Account: 10K will be moved from Endowment Fund to Endowment Holding Account.

Policy Revisions- Meeting in October to begin discussions.

Worship & Music Survey- Will be distributed electronically. Paper-based will also be collected. Mark volunteered to help enter.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Newsletter Deadline: October 21st.

Next Council Meeting: October 15th.

Bob King made a motion to adjourn meeting, Leon seconded, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Boyer