

October 2024 Newsletter

*¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.
Declare God's deeds among the peoples.*

Psalm 9:11

Dear Siblings in Christ,

“Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!” the man cried as he came up the steps of Terry’s dad’s house. We were there visiting for Christmas—me (Terry’s girlfriend at the time), his dad’s two brothers, Terry’s sister and her boyfriend, his dad’s girlfriend. It was hot in the house, the drinks were flowing, the food being prepared. Someone had been tasked with setting out Terry’s mom’s beloved gold-rimmed China for the meal. Laughter and a lot of hollering could be heard. And above it all, “Bless the Lord! O my soul!” It seemed like every single gesture, act, conversation, emotion, was punctuated with Uncle Bill’s exclamation of the greatness of God.

“What an odd guy,” I thought. The memory makes me chuckle now, all these years later, especially considering the affection I ended up developing for him. “How odd.”

In the last several weeks I’ve heard a lot of feedback about how nice some of you found the weeks when we didn’t sing or read the Psalm in worship. In fact, many folks told me that they always found the Psalms to be distracting, confusing, and unhelpful in worship. Some say they have “no idea why they’re there.” They’re “odd.”

In reality, they’re the Uncle Bill of scripture, and as verse 11 of Psalm 9 tells us above, the whole Book of Psalms praises God and tells of God’s deeds in the world. (Psalm means “praise!”) Without apology. Loudly. And sometimes, seemingly with bizarre timing. That’s why we use them to aid in our worship and in our learning about the Lord.

Unlike most of scripture, which teaches us about God—Father, Son & Holy Spirit—sort of a From Heaven toward Humanity approach, the Psalms go the other direction. The Psalms are an ancient hymnbook filled with human words directed toward the Lord. Like today’s hymns these ancient songs praise God, seek God’s help, lament, and tell the story of God’s actions in the world. Ideally, they do it about the Old Testament lesson we’ve just read in the worship service. Take a look the next few weeks and see if you can find the connection.

One of my favorite uses of the psalms is to read through them when I’m looking for the words I need to pray. When my own words fail

there are always ancient words the children of the Lord used to fill the gaps. They're a tool for our community worship and our individual conversations with the Holy One in Three, Three in One. I'm so grateful for their place in our discipleship. Jesus liked 'em too!

Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

Love, Pastor Susan



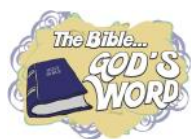
TRAINS
ALL ABOARD! Sunday November 3rd: 3:00 until 5:00 pm
Trinity Trains Open House!

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

Seek-N-Finds!
Thomas the Tank Engine and his Friends!
Hunt for Strawberry the Cow!

In the Carousel Building
Brookside Park
4050 Fox Run Rd
Dover Pa 17315

The poster features a cartoon conductor shouting, a photograph of a large O-gauge train layout on a table, and a photograph of the carousel building.



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!

10/6 Genesis.2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark10:2-16

10/13 Amos 5:6-7,10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

10/20 Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

10/27 Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

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 October



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.

NOTE: NO BIBLE STUDY MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

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, October 6 at 10:30am.

Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.

Pet Blessing: Our next pet blessing will be held Sunday, October 6 at 4:00pm in the yard behind the church. All types of pets are invited (leashed or crated) as well as photos of your pet(s) if you don't feel comfortable bringing them to the service. Want to help? See Pastor Susan and/or Karen Wire.



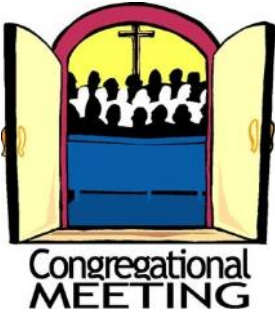


CHURCH YARD SALE

Trinity's Yard Sale will take place Saturday, October 26 from 8am-2pm. Tables will be available to rent both indoors & outdoors for \$10 each. We will be selling food inside. See Ruthann Bowen or call the church office if you would like to reserve your spot!

Trinity's Caregivers' Group meets Thursday, October 10 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.

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 October 8 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. If you would like your loved ones' names read, please submit them to Jen in the church office by Wednesday, October 30th. Please ask Pastor Susan if you have questions.



Apple Dumpling Sale will take place on Friday, November 1. Cost per dumpling is \$4.50 each or \$4.00 for 4 or more. All orders are due by Sunday, October 27. You can sign-up on the bulletin board, in the Narthex or by calling the church office (717) 259-9125.

We are collecting individually wrapped Halloween candy to distribute to the community. There is a collection box in the Narthex. Trick-or-Treat is Thursday, Oct 31.



FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministries in the name of Christ! And thank you for your stewarding of those ministries and their funding.

The Finance Committee would like to inform you about our General Fund financial status as of August 31, 2024. Year To Date (YTD) income (Current, Benevolence, and Miscellaneous) is \$146,942 compared to a budget of \$153,731, a budget shortfall of \$7,788. Our YTD expenses are \$143,712 compared to a budget of \$152,381, a favorable budget variance of \$8,669. Overall, income (\$146,942) less expenses (\$143,712) reflects a surplus of \$3,230. The good news is that giving is up over the same period in 2023 but so are expenses by nearly the same amount. Our expenses typically increase the last four months of the year, so as we move into the fall/winter we ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving. Just 1% makes a huge difference. Above all, we thank you for your generous support and participation in our many missions and ministries.

Please see here our current Fund Balances (as of 8/31/24):

- GENERAL OPERATING FUND balance \$41,072
- SPECIAL PROJECTS/ALL OTHER balance \$8,362
- ENDOWMENT FUND (restricted balance/principle) \$190,000 (designated use-missions and outreach) \$147,883
- MEMORIAL FUND balance \$27,271
- RUTH'S HARVEST balance \$8,544
- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND balance \$101,654
- MISSION IN MOTION FUND balance \$4,520
- SABBATICAL LEAVE FUND balance \$6,865

Please see any member of the Finance Committee if you have questions. Thank you again for your generous giving and your care for all Jesus sends us to do, both internally at Trinity and as an outreach to the world God loves.

Bob Aims, Finance Committee Chair

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 September, we had 214 video views, with 48 hours of watch time. Of those 214 views we have 55 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!

You Are Called to Share Your Talents & Gifts

Greetings to you, my friends during this Season of Creation and time of Autumn transitions and beauty. My name is Pastor Terry McCarthy and as a member of the nominating committee for the upcoming Synod elections in June, I am writing to you to implore you to either nominate someone you know or nominate yourself for one of many positions that will be elected in the upcoming synod assembly.

Foundational to this sharing of your skills, talents, leadership, and love with the church is the belief that each one of us are given unique gifts and skills and love to share with others. In the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes, and I paraphrase that, there is one Spirit and one Lord who gives unique and varied gifts to each of us. And he lists many of them in that passage. He goes on to insist that even though each of us have gifts that differ from our neighbor, that does not make one person's gifts greater or more valuable than another's because like the parts of a human body each person's gifts or talents are needed to build up the ONE BODY OF CHRIST.

So How does one respond when asked by another or called by the inner voice of the Holy Spirit to put into action the sharing of these gifts that one has been given?

For me, it has come down to the openness to a "HOLY MAYBE". Five years ago, after suffering a permanently disabling stroke 3-years earlier, I heard of an open position to be a pastoral presence or chaplain at the seminary, I graduated from in Gettysburg. I sat on that information and just sort of processed it for a couple of weeks as I knew someone else who was also interested in the position.

The spark that entered my heart over that time was the thought that MAYBE JUST MAYBE I had gifts for this much needed role. And then I simply followed up on that and shared that spark with the Bishops office and the seminary. 5 years later I am so very blessed to continue in that role and have been told that my contributions have been a blessing to students and to the seminary community. Maybe just maybe you have unique gifts and love to share by holding one of the positions up for election in the upcoming assembly.

Consider this letter and bulletin reminders to be your calling to ask yourself: "Am I called and gifted in a unique way to be nominated for, and to carryout one of these positions or MAYBE do I know someone who has the unique talents to be nominated for one of them?"

Twelve years ago, other colleagues and I saw a beloved and respected pastor and colleague as someone who would have tremendous gifts and leadership to share as our synod bishop. I didn't know if he would want to do this and I'm sure in the early conversations he wasn't certain but I thought MAYBE my friend Jim Dunlop would accept this role. So in 2013, other colleagues and I put his name forward to this conference and well you know the rest of the story!

So I Encourage you to follow that "holy maybe" for yourself or someone else in your congregation or in our church. If you find that spark of a "Holy maybe" rising up in you, consider me your ally and someone who will help feed that spark of yours and turn it into a raging fire of the holy spirit. If you feel this towards any of the positions or know someone who might fit one of them. Please contact me at 717-357-8644 and we will talk further about the specific process which isn't very complex at all apart from the position of Synod Bishop. If you know a pastor who would be well suited for that role, please call or text me and I can share more details about that specific process.

Other than the position of Synod bishop the other positions that are up for nominations and elections in June include the position of synod secretary, synod treasurer, several seats on the synod council and several seats on the disciplinary committee. A nominee for one of these first three executive positions should be an organized and capable administrator and leader with years of experience. In addition to that a nominee for bishop needs to be an ordained ELCA pastor and can be anywhere in the U.S and should have excellent pastoral skills, While a nominee for treasurer should have vast financial experience and expertise.

The synod council is the legislative body of the synod in between assemblies each June. It works in a similar way to a church council. Someone who has spent time as a church council member or leader would be an ideal candidate for 1 of the open senate council positions

The disciplinary committee provides guidance when a complaint is made and when disciplinary action may be needed with a pastor or member of the synod staff. Someone who is in any number of fields who has experience with administration and supervision of others or specifically with mediating disputes and conflict resolution may be ideal for one of these positions.

Peace and all goodness to you my friends as you consider nominating yourself or someone else for one of these positions. —Pastor Terry

WELCA News

The Women of ELCA met on September 3 at Janet McMaster's home and gardens for a picnic and fellowship. We made plans and discussed projects for the fall season.



The week of September 9, we baked 70 pies for the East Berlin Fall Festival bake table at Trinity. Thank you for all the wonderful helpful hands which made this happen! We received donations of flour from the Sharrer family and pie fill from Charlie Hoffman! Bless them for their generosity!!

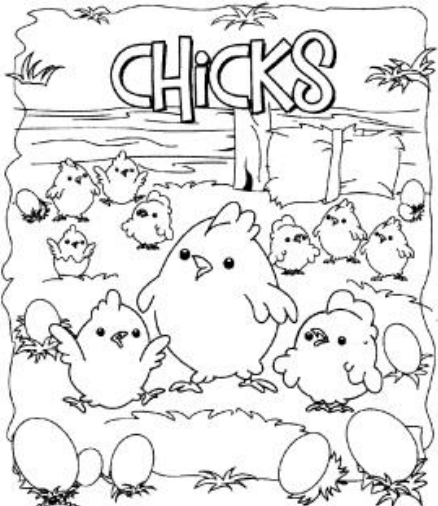
We will begin collecting coins for the ELCA Good Gifts. We will collect coins other than quarters! Laundry Love collects quarters for their Ministry, and we will not take away from that helpful project! Look for more information in this newsletter on ELCA Good Gifts.

We will be making the dough for the Apple Dumplings sale the last week of October in preparation of baking on November 1. Most likely we will need 16 or 17 batches of dough to complete the orders taken for this sale.

We unanimously decided to support our local Adams County Housing Authority clients with an Angel Tree for the Christmas season. We will have the names and wish lists for their clients early in November to shop for Christmas gifts. Look for more information coming soon.

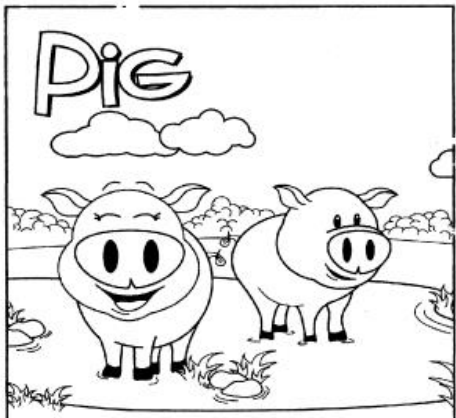
Our October meeting will be held in the social hall on October 1. Pastor Susan will share her adventures on her trip West this year. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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.



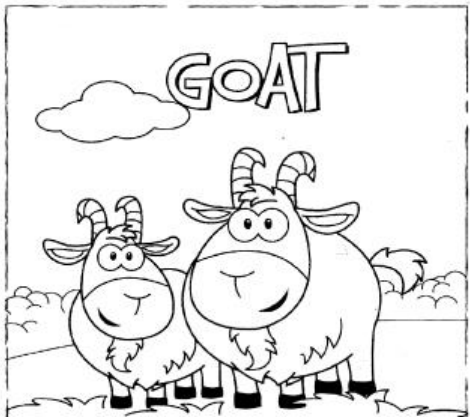
\$10

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.

Fruitbelt Farmworkers: We will be collecting items to be taken to the farm workers camp in York Springs. They are in need of lightweight jackets or hoodie sweatshirts, baseball type caps and blankets. We will collect items though Sunday, October 6th. Please make sure the items are clean or new. We will be delivering the items in October.





Thank you to our volunteers and for all the donations for the Fall Festival!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JEN!

On Sunday, September 15th at the outdoor worship we celebrated Jen Guiher's birthday! We give thanks to God for Jen and her ministry with and among us!



Outdoor Worship was held on Sunday, September 15 at the East Berlin Community Park. We joined with other local congregations on a beautiful morning for worship and fellowship!



Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Helper	Lector	Us
Oct 6	Sue C.	Charlie H.	Dona L.	Rick/A
Oct 13	Amber N.	Sue C.	Eddie S.	Jim/Noe
Oct 20	Violet C.	Bob K.	Sami K.	Leon/Geo
Oct 27	Chris L.	Alex S.	Amber N.	Bob K./

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



Manna—On Sunday, August 25th, Violet Chidester, Joyce Wolf, and Barb Kauffman were fed by manna from the Lord (also known as Frosted Flakes) as we heard from Jesus about bread from heaven in John 6:56-69.

Schedule—October 2024

Leaders	Altar Guild	Cantor(s)	Acolyte	Cookie Break
Anita/Mark	Anita M.	Mary J.	Brody M.	Laura R.
Alle/Ruthann	Ruthann B.	Sami K.	Claire W.	Jess W.
George/MaryAnn	Kathy K.	Sue C.	Tristan B.	Jen M.
Deb/Sandy	Janet M.	Joshlyn/Karen	Koltyn H.	Erin H.

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



Name Tags—In order to get to know one another better, name tags were distributed to wear during worship in September. Rich Drawbaugh made a giant “sandwich-board” name tag for Pastor Susan!
(Just in case you don't know who she is.)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATES

Join us for the next gathering of the Prayer Shawl Ministry **Wednesday, October 9 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 evenings at 7pm. See Pat Bjonnes (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, October 6 with a **NOISY OFFERING**.

Please bring your quarters with you to worship that day.

All the money we collect goes to

Laundry Love

Trinity 2025 Pictorial Directory



Our last pictorial directory was published in 2019. Since that time there have been many changes in our congregation and many people have suggested doing another pictorial directory. Mark Boyer and Bob King have volunteered to lead this project using the tools in Trinity's ChurchTrac software installed in June 2023. Watch for information in the coming days and weeks as the project plan is developed and the project formally "kicked off" in October.



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:

- ◆ Many thanks to Cedar Lake Campground for their generous donations throughout the summer!
- ◆ Many thanks to you for your financial support and gift of foods for on the shelf!
- ◆ Thank you for the recently offered fresh produce!
- ◆ Please pray for our Sharing Shelf ministry; our work with the community, especially the Kids' Corner, has led us to apply for a grant for an expanded feeding ministry next summer. We hope to pack bags for families with hungry kiddos, much like Ruth's Harvest. Pray we follow God's lead in this ministry! Tks!



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, October 23 at 12:30pm at St. John's in Abbottstown. 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, October 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 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 bulletin board by the elevator.



letin board by the elevator. This ministry is always in need of quarters. **Oct 6th 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, October 2

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.



On Sunday, September 22, during Rally Day, Trinity held a service event called “God’s Work, Our Hands”. We painted the parking lot at EBACC, cleaned up trash around the center, and cut, folded and tied strips for making plastic mats for the homeless. A pizza party followed the event!



We heard in worship that Jesus welcomes us to be whoever we are, no apologies, and when we welcome each other in this way, we welcome him!

Decorating crosses finished off the Rally Day projects. What a great morning at Trinity!



Preparing Through Life for End of Life

The End of Life Committee (an affiliate of Healthy Adams County) is holding an Interactive Resource Fair

Sunday October 13th , 2024, 11:30-3:00 pm

East Berlin Community Center

Representatives will answer questions about:

- ◆ Advanced Directives
- ◆ Pre-planning for funerals
- ◆ Home care
- ◆ Hospice
- ◆ Skilled care
- ◆ Grief support
- ◆ Non-medical providers and care
- ◆ Palliative care
- ◆ Financial planning

If you are a concerned care-giver, parents who want to plan early to make sure your children are taken care of & do not have to make tough decisions when something happens to you, or individuals who have questions regarding any of the topics above, this is the event to attend.

Three speakers will offer presentations:

- Seeking legal advice – 12:10 to 12:50
- Care Provider Panel— 1:00-1:40
- Pre-Planning for Funerals – 1:50 to 2:30

Each presentation will last about 20 minutes and then there will be 20 minutes for questions.

The event is free, and a light lunch will be available at 11:30. Every attendee will receive a ticket for door prizes and there will be giveaways and resource information.

Worship Schedule

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

- October 6—Pentecost 20
- October 13—Pentecost 21
- October 20—Pentecost 22, Harvest Home
- October 27—Pentecost 23, Reformation Day
- November 3— All Saints' Sunday

Midweek Morning Prayer Service

Every Wednesday at 10AM (chapel)

Drive-thru Holy Communion Distribution will be held Sunday, October 6 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



Trinity's music schedule will begin this month now that the excitement and extra activities of summer and September have been enjoyed.

Adult choir will return on a regular schedule beginning September 29 at 8:15am and each Sunday morning. New music is planned for Harvest Home and Reformation Sunday. Trinity's "pick-up choir" was such a delight this summer at Trinity and in the East Berlin park. "Pick-up" singers are encouraged to participate in the adult choir this fall and during advent and Christmas seasons.

Our Beginner Handbell Choir will add to our worship on September 29 with two pieces. There is room for three more "beginners" in this choir. We welcome you to rehearsals. Handbell rehearsals are planned for Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm for beginner bells and 7:00pm for Trinity Ringers. This schedule will start on Wednesday, October 16.

Opportunity to observe the organist on Sunday morning is encouraged. Sit beside Karen as she plays the Prelude, Postlude or hymns. It is interesting to see all three keyboards played (3!) simultaneously during worship. Thank you for supporting Trinity's music program.

~Karen

October Birthdays

10-2 William Bowen Sr.

10-2 Terry Yealy

10-9 Poncho Moore

10-11 Beth Deputy

10-12 Jeremy Kurtz

10-17 Becky Rinehart

10-18 Victoria Mason

10-21 Patrick McSherry

10-23 Scott Arber

10-25 Deb King

10-29 Madison Hoak

10-2 Jim Hoak

10-4 Jeff Fortuna

10-10 Amber Nickey

10-12 Adam Kline

10-12 June Smith

10-17 Estella Smith

10-19 Heather Young

10-23 Elizabeth Clauser

10-25 Barry Jacobs

10-27 Judy Burgard

10-31 Richard Drawbaugh



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

10-6 Michael & Christine Sheads ~ 34 Years

10-11 Nathan & Giovanna Biles ~ 16 Years

10-12 Steve & Tracy Smith ~ 44 Years

10-14 Jeff & Kim Erdman ~ 29 Years

10-17 Scott & Valerie Stains ~ 38 Years

10-23 Brad & Michelle Boyer ~ 20 Years

10-25 Bill & Ruthann Bowen ~ 39 Years

10-28 Samantha & Jeremy Kurtz ~ 2 Years

10-31 Steve & Steph Haley ~ 26 Years

Thank You!

Thank you for the many get well wishes and prayers from Trinity members during my (summer of discontent) while I was recovering from pneumonia. Your concerns are very much appreciated.

God's Blessings, Shirley Heltibridle

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I want to thank everyone for the cards, food, prayers, transportation and calls especially from Pastor Susan when I broke my shoulder. Thank you! Judy Burgard



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

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!



CHURCH COUNCIL

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
August 20, 2024

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

Dona called the meeting to order and the agenda was reviewed. The following changes were made. 1) Audit Report line item was removed under Administrative Ministries Report. 2) Discussion on Council Terms in preparation for Congregational Meeting was added.

The Secretary's Report was reviewed. Bob King made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Michael Sheads seconded, all agreed and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed with no major updates.

Ministry Reports

Worship Team (Worship & Music):

W&M Committee Agenda/Minutes 7/31/2024 Attending: Dona, Pastor, Mike, Becky Next Meeting: Wed 9/11 7pm.

1. Review worship improvements- consider ways to keep worship more engaging and focused, in-person and on-line.

2. Review Livestream Status Sam is trained to do our livestreams!

Find ways to acknowledge the livestreamers during the service!

Ask our livestreamers to tell us about themselves (invitation)

3. Review of Worship Leader roles (expand for more young people involved)

a. Acolytes. Becky needs roster from Lisa. 3-6 graders.

b. Ushers – invite kids to ring the bell, and invite 2+ people to bring elements forward. Invite families to come early. Do a children's sermon on ringing the bell.

Figure out how to use the second camera.

Lectors – Kathy Smith. Lector recording to make available during service. ZOOM?

Becky to test out some possibilities. Include Siena in possibilities.

AM's – headset status – improving. Inconsistencies. Choir – end of September.

9/29 Keep watch for new worshippers to play leadership roles.

4. Survey purpose/status

a. Newest survey. Becky will work with Jen on electronic copy. Goal: survey for month of September. Hard copy version. Terry willing to do data entry. Becky volunteered to analyze and report results.

5. Review of previous services/practices – to help in future planning.

a. Summer Sundays. Feedback on abbreviated lessons, new setting – for more relaxed and informal. Bread Sundays in August.

6. Future Worship Planning

- a. Picnic Sunday, Sep 15 (Zwingli, Trinity, Emmanuel) Day after Fall Festival? Just a gathering for worship and fellowship. (no meal)
- b. Sep 22 is first day of Sunday school (Rally Day) Video record, and posted after. God's work Our Hands.
- c. Name tags for 4 weeks – starting with Rally Day.

Administrative Ministries:

Constitution:

The Constitution Committee consisting of Pastor Susan, Michael Sheads, Sandy Emig, Scott Arber and Bob King began work on reviewing our current constitution and bylaws against the newest version of the ELCA Model Constitution in June. Beginning mid-July, the committee meets weekly. We have now completed our review through Chapter 10. We spent 3 sessions alone redefining Chapter 8 "Membership" into a new category "Discipleship". The time spent on this chapter is important as the definition of Discipleship is a critical element of several subsequent chapters of the constitution.

Outreach:

Men's Ministry:

Men's Ministry will be assisting with Fall Festival by operating an outdoor food stand at the church making and selling sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, chicken corn soup and ham and bean soup. Plans will be to resume regular meetings in October. Will be looking for input on meeting structure, meeting leadership, and activities. All men are invited!

Social Ministry:

The Next Food Pantry will be held Wednesday, September 4 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, September 10 from 5:00-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat.

WELCA:

- Our next meeting will be held September 3 at 5:30 PM at Janet McMaster's home. We will have a picnic and ask those attending to bring a covered dish. We will plan our next month's meetings & projects. We will also plan our pie baking for Fall Festival on September 14.
- We will assemble health kits this month and distribute them wherever there is a need. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful project.

Pastor's Report

August Highlights – Returned from outstanding vacation; catching up with people on the prayer list & homebound list; working with constitution revision committee regularly; working with Worship & Music and Discipleship teams to produce survey to glean info about spiritual needs around worship and practicing discipleship and to plan for upcoming school year; hosted Caregivers' Group with two new attendees; in communication with Pastors Rhonda Feiser & Barb Brenneman to plan Sept. 15 community service; increased pastoral care to two people in hospice care (Flo Jones & Emily Booth); planned and performed funeral service for Rodney Sebright; facilitated New Member/Getting Involved at Trinity classes which were well attended; working with Karen Wire to celebrate five week "Bread of Life" series July 28 through August 25 (Soft pretzels were a surprise hit!); working

with Karen W. and W & M to plan for fall worship events; working with Siena Potts to enhance online involvement with that community; participated in conversations for grant writing: for electronic locks/security system for exterior doors and for summer feeding program for students in summer 2025; planning for 2024-2025 school year with Teen Time and connecting with other young adults; registered for 2024-25 continuing education: Aging Grace-fully, author series Oct – Sept, at Gettysburg Seminary, once per month reading a book & meeting with the author.

Old Business

New Membership Guidelines- Progress being made by the Constitution Team. “Discipleship” should replace “Membership”

Parking Issue- (Neighbor parking in Church’s Parking Lot) Motion was made to engage police to assist in action made by Bob Aims and seconded by Barb. Motion passed.

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

Security Grant Update: \$17,201 request submitted for Key Pads.

Masonry work estimate update- 2 quotes were received. Decision to be made in October.

New Business

Keys- Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Joshlyn to 1) Provide keys to Siena and Girl Scout Leader 2) Review list of 30 key holders at next meeting. Motion passed.

Council Terms- Brief discussion related to Council Member’s terms ending. Need replacement prior to congregational meeting.

Important Upcoming Dates:

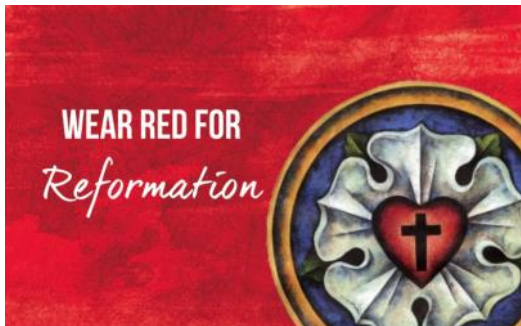
Newsletter Deadline: September 18th.

Next Council Meeting: September 17th.

Pastor Susan made a motion to adjourn meeting, Leon seconded, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Boyer



Sunday, October 27 is
Reformation Sunday.
Wear red that day as we
celebrate the reformation!