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"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid."

Psalm 27:1



From the Pastor:

There is a lot in this world that one could be afraid of these days. We deal with death, illness, evil, prejudice, family problems and the list could go on. This short verse from the book of Psalms reminds us that when those things creep into our lives that not only is God with us, but he is our strength. Imagine, the God who created the universe, who tells the ocean where to stop and the sun when to rise is right there with us. That does not mean that scary stuff never happens to us or will not ever happen to us, but it does mean that we have strength to meet those days and times with fearless faith. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ and nothing that happens in this world can deny our salvation. No matter what life brings we remember that we have a God who loved us enough to send his only Son to suffer and die so that we would be saved for eternity. In light of that fact we need not fear anything, even the grave. When you are going through times of trouble or fear remember these words, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid."

Peace



Trinity President

Hello fall y'all. Time is rolling by so fast. It's hard to imagine this is October. The leaves should be turning beautiful colors, but all that happened last month and actually some in August, due to the high temperatures and no rain. The grass also turned brown. Now that the temps have dropped the grass is slowly returning green.



The attendance at church is slowly increasing. With the addition of singing at the services, I'm hoping more people return. We are all wearing masks and social distancing in the Sanctuary. It actually feels like “normal” is returning in our lives.

October is the month we celebrate Reformation. Reformation Sunday is October 25 but the actual Reformation Day is October 31. Most Lutheran Churches transfer the festival so that it falls on the Sunday on or before October 31. On that date, Martin Luther posted his statement of faith, known as the 95 Theses, on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation. And here we are 503 years later.

God Bless

Sharon Kutz



Silly Days in October

SILLY DAYS IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 1-Black Dog Day
International Day of Older Persons
- Oct. 3- Play Outside Day
- Oct. 4- Vodka Day
Cinnamon Roll Day
- Oct. 7- Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day
- Oct. 9- International Beer & Pretzel Day
- Oct. 10- International Newspaper Carrier Day
- Oct. 11- FATHER/DAUGHTER DAY
- Oct. 14- Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work Day
Spiderman Day
- Oct. 16- Boss's Day
Global Champagne Day
- Oct. 18- Chocolate Cupcake Day
- Oct. 21- Thank Your Cleaner Day
- Oct. 24- Food Day- Eat whatever You Want
- Oct. 25- World Pasta Day
Chucky- The Notorious Killer Doll Day
- Oct. 28- CHOCOLATE DAY
- Oct. 30- Candy Corn Day
- Oct 31-BOO



Trinity Stewardship Committee

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

A congregational meeting was held at all 3 worship services the weekend of Aug 1-2 to approve changes to Trinity's gift acceptance policy. The congregation approved that all undesignated gifts to the congregation would be divided 50:50 between the general fund and the endowment fund.

It should be emphasized that this applies only to UNDESIGNATED GIFTS. THE WISHES OF THE DONOR ARE ALWAYS PARAMOUNT. Gifts may be specified for the general fund, the endowment fund, or for any specific purpose. It should be remembered that gifts for specific purpose(s) may be returned to the general fund if not used after a period of time.

The special Thank Offering for September resulted in \$368.00 being given towards the Youth Expo (which has been rescheduled for 2022 due to Covid-19). Thanks to all who supported this endeavor for our youth to travel to what past attendees have described as a life-changing experience.

The next Thank Offering will be in November. Council has decided to designate this offering for St. Andrew's preschool. St. Andrew's is always in need of supplies and the teachers often give of their own money to purchase them. Please consider supporting this part of our ministry and remember to use the Thank Offering envelope or otherwise separate this from your regular offering.



Trinity Evangelism Committee

Help Wanted!!! Help Needed!!!

The Evangelism Committee is looking for people to participate in the committee. No prerequisites needed; just folks with ideas as to how to spread the love of the Lord with our Trinity family and our community. The committee has been meeting the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm but that time and date is negotiable. Any person interested please show up at the next meeting to be held on October 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Can't make the meeting, that's okay talk to Nancy Honecker any Sunday at church or call her home (814) 515 - 2369 and leave a message.

Hello All YOU Good People!

Here's a shout out to let everyone know that the Evangelism committee will be leading Treats From Trunks again this year. It has been well received the past two years that we have done it.

The event will be held on the same evening that Altoona does trick or treating.

When: Thursday, October 29, 2020

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Please come and give out treats that evening; in doing so we are sharing God's love to throughout the community. You may decorate your vehicle if you'd like and /or dress in a costume. The night of the event you will want to show up at least 15 minutes early to get set up. Come and have some fun!!!

If you are interested, please talk to any Evangelism committee member (Tom Settle, Adam Counterman, Rose Hornburger, Nancy Honecker). Watch for a sign up sheet in forth coming church bulletins.

What? You want to participate and help out but can not come the day of the event. That's okay, you can help by donating treats which can be brought to the church any time after October 10, 2020 until the night of the event (10/29/2020).



Trinity Council Minutes –Aug

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli

Debbie Garritano 2022
 Ralph Grove
 Judy Hale 2021
 Nancy Honecker 2020
 Linda Hoover 2021
 Rose Hornberger 2021
 Bill Mallory 2020
 Tom Settle 2021
 Adam Counterman, 2022
 Geri Selfridge 2020
 John Ebersole 2022

Absent

Sharon Kutz 2021

Chris Thompson 2022

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Linda Hoover
 Pastor led us with prayer.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from June 23 were read. Adam made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 The minutes will be put in the Orbit for the congregation to read.

Treasurer's Report

Ralph presented the report as written. Pastor's health insurance is all that is due. He stated that from January 1 through August 14, \$1300.00 was deposited into the Endowment Fund. The balance of the Endowment Fund is \$24,390.78. We need to reach \$27,000.00 in order to invest the money and have \$2,000.00 for a 10% to an ELCA ministry.

Balance in the Investments as of the end of July is \$210,657.93.

Ralph stated that there may be another endowment fund that was started in 2003. He plans to talk to the investment bank in Indiana to check on this.

A question was asked how has our offering been? More was received when we were closed. However, some are still sending in their gifts if they are not attending.

Ralph and Tom are working to put the files into the computer system. They will upgrade the system to 2020 before they input the files.

John E. questioned the 10% of gifts going to the ELCA ministry. Does that include Memorial Gifts and Endowment Gifts? The way the current Gift Acceptance Policy is written, half of gifts would go to the General Fund and half to the Endowment unless otherwise stated. Ralph expressed concern why the Treasurer was not included in the discussions with the Endowment Committee. John also asked if the policy was sent out to the members of the congregation before the meeting. It was.

Pastor will look over the Gift Acceptance Policy and the Endowment Policy for our next meeting.

Bill made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented her written report.



Trinity Council Minutes-Aug

Committee Reports

None for a vote.

Old Business

None

New Business

Nancy asked when we can begin singing in church. Pastor will consult with the Synod office. Possibly with masks in September.

Pastor announced that the Synod Assembly has been postponed until June 2021.

Matt Hale has asked to start a Boy Scout troop at Trinity. We would charter the new troop. They currently have 4-5 boys, Matt, Cheryl, and Dustin as leaders, and they want to meet two times a month. Following discussion Geri made a motion that we should charter the Boy Scouts. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

John asked if the air conditioning was repaired yet. Pastor said the Sunday School side still needs repaired. They need scaffolding to do the repair. John also asked if we would ask them to give us a quote for yearly preventative maintenance. All were in agreement that this would be a good option to have for both the air conditioning and furnace.

Judy made a motion to adjourn and Tom seconded it.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



Trinity Council Minute-Sept

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli
 Sharon Kutz 2021
 Debbie Garritano 2022
 Ralph Grove
 Judy Hale 2021
 Nancy Honecker 2020
 Linda Hoover 2021

Absent

Bill Mallory 2020
 Tom Settle 2021
 Geri Selfridge 2020
 John Ebersole 2022

Rose Hornberger 2021
 Adam Counterman, 2022
 Chris Thompson 2022

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Sharon Kutz.
 Pastor led us with prayer.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from August 18 were read. Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 The minutes will be put in the Orbit for the congregation to read.

Treasurer's Report

Ralph presented the report as written. All is up to date. There are a few small bills and payroll checks yet to be paid. Ralph purchased Quik Book 2020 and gave it to Tom S. to upload on the computer. Once it is complete, Ralph will begin to work with Sarah Minnioa to learn the Treasurer's position.
 John made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented her written report.

Committee Reports

Stewardship – John reported that \$368.00 was collected in the Thank offering for the Youth Trip. We discussed ideas for the November Thank offering. It was decided to designate it for St. Andrew Preschool.

Evangelism – Nancy announced that they will be holding Trunk or Treat on Halloween night. Help is needed. Also, St. Andrew's will be having a Marianna's fund raiser for hoagie delivery on Halloween night.

Old Business

Air Conditioner – Sharon reported that the handler in the Sunday School room is leaking. They are waiting to get a scaffolding to go up to see the total damage to give an estimate. The system is 25 years old. Should we repair or replace?

Bovard gave a quote of \$12,000.00 to replace and \$16,000.00 for the high end. This doesn't include a maintenance agreement. Boyer also came to look at it but hasn't given a quote. Following discussion, we decided to investigate further for more efficient systems before deciding. Memorial monies from Jim Gosnell have been designated for the air conditioning.



Trinity Council Minutes-Sept

New Business

Budgets – we discussed the budget for next year.
Worship and Music – stay the same
Christian Ed. – stay the same
Property – down \$500.00 for the van
Social Ministry – down from \$400.00 to \$200.00
Fellowship – check with Angela Counterman
Stewardship – stay the same

New Council members – we need to elect two new council members. Please talk with everyone to find some candidates.

Tom made a motion to adjourn and Linda seconded it.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: October 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.



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Worth Mentioning

The **Triniteens youth group** is looking for fun, energetic adults to work with our awesome group of teens. Anyone interested should attend an upcoming meeting on Wednesday September 23 at 7PM in Trinity Hall. For more info, contact Rob Lloyd at 937-7152 or roblloyd0505@gmail.com. FYI, Trinity's **Christian Ed committee** will be meeting at 6PM that same evening.

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Jim Aungst	Martha Jones
Ted Baird	Jessica McGraw
Tyler Bennett	Bill McLaughlin
Bob & Ruth Brubaker	Cindy Murphy
Tina Chestney	Ken B. Myers
Church HealthTeam	Ray Nycum
Church Council	Angie Peacetree Family
Don Corl	Jaden Rhode
Gary Crownover	Shannon Family
Sondra Deffibaugh	Tom Simpson
Jane Eamigh	Susie Stacey
Gosnell Family	Jasmine Wilkins
Paul Hamilton	Louise Yeager
Kathy Hatch	Nancy Yeager
Ron Heiss	
Kristina Henderson	
Dave Hoover	

Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda	Robert Streightiff
Audrey Deiluliis	
Ron Green	
Ken Kumpf	
Marie Laich	
Dawn Mangus	
Bob Nearhoof	
Arlene Roessing	

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown	Nathan Frank
Jason Buck	Justin Patz
Jim Buchanan	Jason Smith
Kyle Eberhart	Eric Sweet

Family Members and Friends

Janet & Charlie Aungst	Janelle Lehr
Scott Aungst	Raija Lind
Sandy Badorrec	Janet Luciano
Rick Beauchamp	Ryan Maquire
Frank Bennett	Sharon Mayers
Kris Bennett	Barb McConnell
Casey Bondarenka	Bob McConnell
Pat Burk	Eddie McGee
Dorothy Bush	McGilvery Family
John Bush	Kathy McIntyre
Tracee Cole	Sharon McKeehan
Scott Corl	Connie McKnight
Jim Cox Family	Janelle Messner
Sandy Daddorek	Denny Miller
Jim Deffibaugh	Harry Miller, Sr
Jorden DeFrancisco	Moore Family
Zane Dodson	Morning Family
Miles Dunkelbarger	Rudy Muccitelli
Scott Esch Family	Bill & Penny Murphy
Nancy & Bill Filler	Wyatt Nite
Elisie Fogel	David Orr
Haley Gehret	Zach Porta
Dawn George	Abby Remendowski
Amanda Gregg & Daughters	Katie Riggelman
Ann Hanczaryk	Carl Ruckinger
Charles W. Harpster	Michael Ruckinger
Don Haslem	Bill Senitko
Danielle Hatfield	Ronald Settle
Dave Hogan	C. Richard Shaffer
Jack Hoyne	Michael Stacey
Judy Johnson	Denny Sullivan
Tom Klevan	George Sultage Sr
Pastor John Klingeman	Robert Thomas Family
Kaylee Kruse	Paul Wallis
Lucya Kunkel	Mary Walter
Jean Lane	James Wilt
	Steve Wood



Please know that you may add someone to our prayer list at any time by calling the church office (943-3972). If it is appropriate to remove someone from the prayer list, again, please inform the church office. Names of family and friends will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may keep someone's name on the list by calling the church office and giving us a brief update so that we can continue to effectively pray for your loved one.



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Lectionary Readings for the Month of October

October 4

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

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Also worth mentioning...

Worship and Music Committee
Meeting:
October 13, 6:30 p.m.

The next Orbit Deadline is October 24th

Please get your article to the newsletter in one of the following ways:

- Email your article to:
office@trinityaltoona.com
drgeesey@verizon.net
- Drop your article in the Orbit mailbox inside the Christian Education office.

Please remember:

- ***All articles will be included as long as space permits.***
- ***Articles will be edited for grammar and/or clarity where needed.***
- ***Any article turned in after the deadline will be included in the next month's Orbit.***

Thank You!