

# The Orbit

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"O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations...Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises...Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity."

Psalm 98



## **From the Pastor:**

As we enter into the season of spring, it feels as if the season has read this psalm. The earth is breaking forth with a joyous song, with the sound of the melody. As you watch over the next few weeks the trees budding and bursting with blossoms and the grass returning to its green lushness you can almost hear the symphony being played to God the creator as King and Lord. All of creation gets in the act, the seas, the hills, even the rivers. All celebrating the fact that the Lord is coming and with the Lord comes righteousness and equality. We are another of God's creation and we too are to sing for joy to the Lord. Creation's entire life cycle is spent in celebration and praise of God. As spring comes on the scene we cannot help but stand in awe of God's handiwork. Our lives should also be spent in celebration and praise of God. We too will always have a "spring" in our lives, a time when we are renewed and reborn. A time when we will blossom and flourish in God's kingdom. The resurrection allows us to live in the hope and promise of the newness of spring all our lives.

Peace



## Trinity President

May you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life. May your life be blessed with joy and prosperity. **HAPPY EASTER!** Easter is a wonderful day to celebrate all Christ has done for us. Christ is Risen!

We are so grateful we were able to celebrate this joyous occasion with in person worship. Trinity's family has stood up to whatever issue comes our way by your compassion, generosity and willingness to serve. We believe that God has lead us through these trying times and will continue to do so.

There are too many people to personally thank for all the hard work that made this service possible, without them and our faithful congregation this would not have happened. Thank you All!!

May God's strength uphold us, may God's wisdom guide us and may God's hand guard us.

Linda Hoover, Council President



## Trinity's Some Things to Think About

### Trinity's Things to Think About

You can make plans but the Lord's purpose will prevail Prov. 19:21

Every day may not be good- but there's something good in every day.

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak. Roman's 15:1

If you sneeze while you're driving at 60mph your eyes are closed for around 50 feet

Would knowing the date of your death change how you live your life?



# Trinity Church Council March Minutes

## Attendance

### Present

Pastor Eli  
Sharon Kutz 2021  
Debbie Garritano 2022  
Barb Gosnell 2023  
Ralph Grove  
Judy Hale 2021  
Linda Hoover 2021

Ken Myers 2023  
Tom Settle 2021 virtual

Geri Selfridge 2020  
John Ebersole 2022

### Absent

Rose Hornberger 2021

Adam Counterman, 2022

Chris Thompson 2022

## Greetings/Devotions

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

## Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from February 23rd were read. Sharon made a motion to accept the minutes. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Ralph presented the report as written. All is up to date and the Pastor's health and pension is paid. A question was raised what the Special Offering was on the report. It totaled \$863.50. Barb will check with Cindy to see what is in this and where it should go.

Ralph also told us that there is no Endowment Fund with S&T investments. He finally heard from them this week. John asked if the check for the Thank Offering has been sent to the Agarwal Center yet. It has not been sent yet. Judy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor gave a verbal report. Weekly Lenten services are continuing but attendance is low. She had a funeral this week for Romaine Wilt, daughter of Shannon Wilt.  
Easter reservations to date: 6:30 – 17, 8:15 – 52, 10:45 – 63.

## Committee Reports

Stewardship: John spoke with Marriane Broch about the Endowment Fund with ELCA. She is sending him some materials of how to invest and how to set up the fund. He will ask her to come and speak to us in April. We currently have \$3,2014.99 for the fund.

He also stated that the committee recommends that the June Thank Offering be used for the Pastor's discretionary fund. He will also write an explanation of the fund for the congregation. All were in favor.

## Old Business

Adam wanted the Council to know that the Theatre Building is still on hold because of the cost of materials.

## New Business

Barb asked if an extra grab bar could be placed in the women's handicap bathroom stall. Lois and Tom Gutshall will purchase and have it installed. Sharon made a motion to proceed with the grab bar and Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.



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Barb also informed Council that community members help to keep the Caring Cupboard filled. It truly is a blessing.

Pastor stated that the Fire Inspector was in and we did not pass. He sent a list of items to repair and will come back in April for a reinspection. If we don't pass, we will be fined. There were electrical issues of extension cords and no surge protectors, sump pump outlet needs to be installed, Exit signs need new bulbs, and a fire extinguisher needs to be wall mounted. Liberty came to check the fire extinguisher and will remount it. Pastor called Brent Cogan to take care of the electrical issues, but he hasn't returned the call.

Ken said he will call the inspector to meet with him to go over what needs to be done before the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Linda addressed an issue with the step up from the sanctuary to the Sunday School room by the cry room. This is a hazard if people are not aware of it. We need something to block access to the sanctuary so people will only use the two steps by the organ. We discussed railing, something tasteful. John will talk with Sandy to get her opinion on what can be done.

Tom stated that the phone and broad ban service expires in May. He will contact them to see what kind of deal he can get for the future. Currently we pay \$131.72 per month.

Pastor then asked if anyone would consider being a representative for the Synod Assembly on June 4-5. Debbie, Sharon, Linda and Debbie Simpson volunteered. The assembly will be held virtually at a specific location.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano



## **Trinity Special Thank You!**

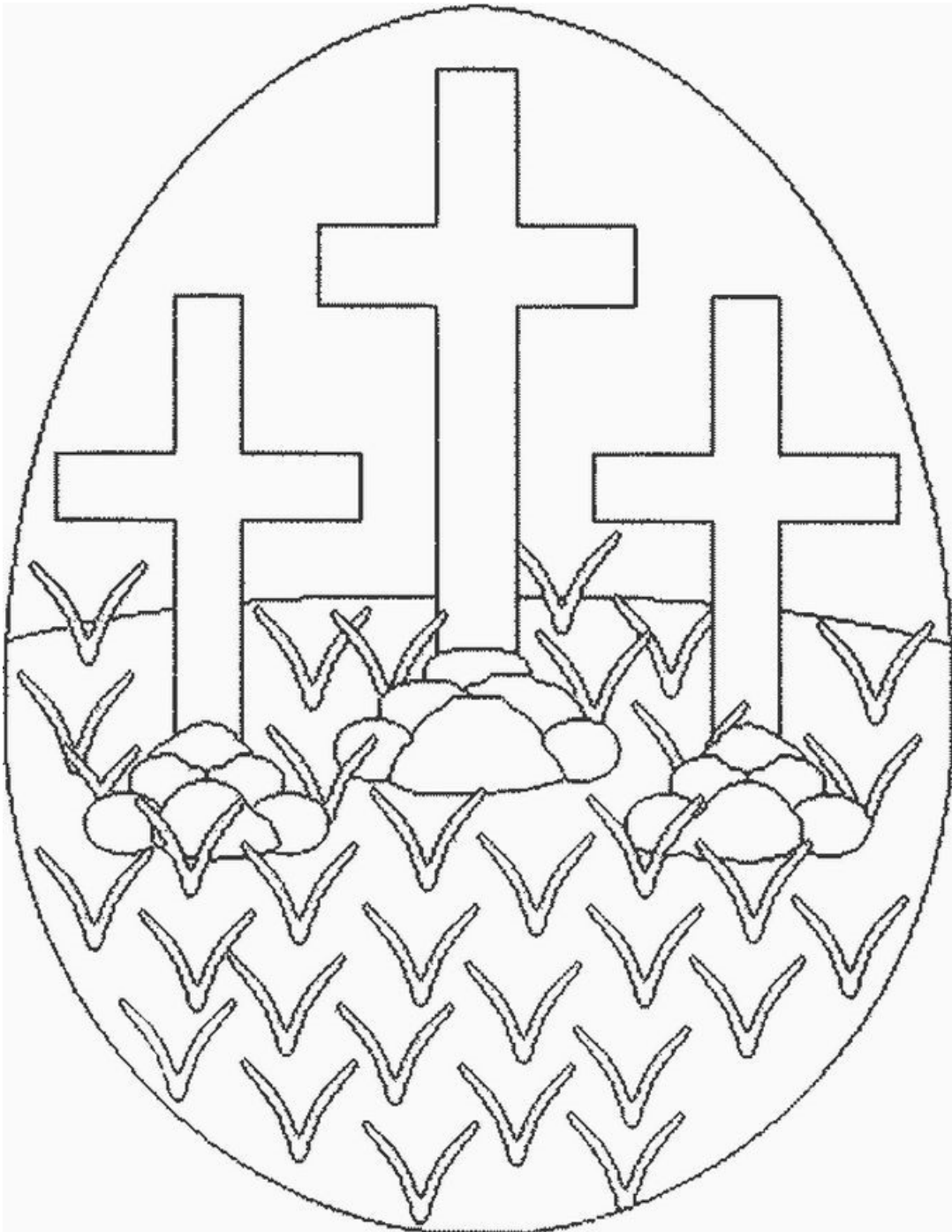
**A special thank you to Ralph Grove! We have so many people working to make every part of our church not only “survive” but making us family, making everything run smoothly, and we thank you all! Sometimes we don’t recognize someone that has been an integral part at Trinity for so many years. Ralph wears many hats that I’m sure a lot of you are not aware of, he doesn’t boast about all he does. He is our organist and he is our treasurer, paying bills, doing payroll, taxes, making sure your offerings go where you intended them to go, a full time job including many other behind the scenes jobs. Ralph keeps it all straight by handling different accounts at different locations and is definitely a “penny pincher”. We are grateful to Ralph for personally taking care of the organ tuning, an expensive endeavor, among other needs of the church.**

**When you see him please thank him and let him know how important he is to us. We appreciate all you do Ralph!**

**Linda Hoover, Council President**



# Trinity Children's Page





# Trinity Church Worship and Music

## Worship and Music February 9, 2021

Pastor Eli, Debbie Garritano, Les and Patty Bennett, John Ebersole, Cindy Finnegan (written report)

### Upcoming dates:

March 21 Court of Honor, Daniel Hamer evening

March 28 Palm Sunday

March 29-April 3 Holy Week

April 4 Easter

### Service

Wednesday weekly Lenten services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m. Theme: Out of the Exodus

Attendance has been low.

Easter services will be 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. We will have ushers at the alley door and front doors.

They will have extra masks available for anyone without. No one admitted without a mask. They will help with seating. 6:30 reservations 3, 8:15-29, 10:45-29.

### Flowers

Patty – lilies, tulips, hyacinths and mums. Cost \$9.00.

Debbie ordered palms and all have been paid for. Many thanks to those who sponsored palms,

### Music

Cindy reported things are going well with the choirs. Adult choir will be singing at 8:15 and 10:45 and Youth will sing at 10:45 on Easter morning. She also has more soloists schedule for services.

John stated that the adults will play hand chimes at 8:15 and youth at 10:45 on Easter morning.

### Altar

Maundy Thursday we will strip the altar and set up for Good Friday following the 6:30 service.

Easter Saturday we will dress the altar.

Debbie will schedule people to help.

**Next meeting: May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**





## Trinity April Worship Assistances

### April

**6:30**

Gene/Carol Laich

**8:15  
Ushers**

Bill Mallory  
Ron Eamigh

**10:45**

Steve Ketcham  
Joe Luciano

### Lectors

3

Sharon Kutz

4

EASTER (see below)

10-11  
17-18  
24-25

Sue Miller  
Carol Paul  
Jim Fredrick

Cindy Finnegan  
Debbie Garritano  
Judy Hale

Cindy Finnegan  
Tricia Bush  
Nancy Honecker

### Altar

Sharon Kutz

Debbie Garritano

Sandy Ebersole

### EASTER

**6:30 a.m.**

**8:15 a.m.**

**10:45 a.m.**

### Ushers

Brian Musselman  
Nevin Woodring

Bill Mallory  
Ron Eamigh

Steve Ketcham  
Joe Luciano

### Lector

Amanda Woodring

John Ebersole

Chris Thompson

### Altar

Kim Woodring

Debbie Garritano

Sandy Ebersole



## **Trinity Church Thank You!!!**

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, food and especially all the prayers that was sent my way while I was recovering from Covid and subsequently a blood clot in my lung. My church family has been awesome. I especially want to thank my husband Ken for his great caregiving skills. He was very attentive to anything I needed.

Thanks again and God Bless

Sharon Kutz

# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

## Trinity Members

Jim Aungst	Martha Jones
Ted Baird	Sharon Kutz
Tyler Bennett	Jessica McGraw
Ruth & Bob Brubaker	Bill McLaughlin
Tina Chestney	Cindy Murphy
Church HealthTeam	Ken B. Myers
Church Council	Ray Nycum
Don Corl	Angie Peacetree Family
Gary Crownover	Jaden Rhode
Sondra Deffibaugh	Tom Simpson
Jane Eamigh	Stenger Family
Paul Hamilton	Fred Teigler
Kathy Hatch	Jasmine Wilkins
Ron Heiss	Nevin Woodring
Kristina Henderson	Louise Yeager
Bob & Sandy Hofmann	Nancy Yeager
Doris Hollingshead	

## Trinity's Homebound Members

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

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Eddie Bennett	Ryan Maguire
Sarah Brown	Justin Patz
Jim Buchanan	Jason Smith
Jason Buck	Eric Sweet
Kyle Eberhart	
Nathan Frank	

## Family Members and Friends

Dustin Adams	Tom Hatch	Bill Senitko
Donnie Alwine	Danielle Hatfield	Ronald Settle
Janet & Charlie Aungst	Dave Hogan	Patty Smith
Scott Aungst	Jack Hoyne	Tina Spahn
Sandy Badorrec	Beth Ickes	Michael Stacey
Rick Beauchamp	Judy Johnson	Duane Stenger
Frank Bennett	Katie Kanczaryk	Bill Stonebraker
Kris Bennett	King/Crown Family	Denny Sullivan
Casey Bondarenka	Tom Klevan	George Sultage Sr
Dorothy Bush	Pastor John Klingeman	Michele Taylor
John Bush	Kaylee Kruse Family	Robert Thomas Family
Tracee Cole	Lucya Kunkel	Blair Umholtz
Scott Corl	Janelle Lehr	Mike Verilla
Jim Cox Family	Raija Lind	Paul Wallis
Raynoo Cox Family	Janet Luciano	Mary Walter
Sandy Daddorek	Sheila Lytle	LuAnn Wilkinson-Doyle
Jim Deffibaugh	Bernie Market	James Wilt
Jorden DeFrancisco	Sharon Mayers	Steve Wood
Zane Dodson	Barb McConnell	
Miles Dunkelbarger	Bob McConnell	
Cheryl Ecker	Eddie McGee	
Autumn and Shelly Emswiler	McGilvery Family	
Scott Esch Family	Kathy McIntyre	
Nancy & Bill Filler	Sharon McKeegan	
Elisie Fogel	Janelle Messner	
Garth Family	Moore Family	
Haley Gehret	Rudy Muccitelli	
Dawn George	Bill & Penny Murphy	
Amy Gleason	Nedimyer Family	
Amanda Gregg & Daughters	Wyatt Nite	
Paul Hamilton	Jim Otto	
Ann Hanczaryk	Zach Porta	
Charles W. Harpster	Abby Remendowski	
Tim Harrison	Katie Riggleman	
Don Haslem	Toran Robertson	
	Carl Ruckinger	
	Michael Ruckinger	



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 April

### April 4

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

### April 11

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1--2:2  
John 20:19-31

### April 18

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

### April 25

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

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## Also worth mentioning...

## The next Orbit Deadline is April 24th

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

- Email your article to:  
**[office@trinityaltoona.com](mailto:office@trinityaltoona.com)**  
**[drgeesey@verizon.net](mailto: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!**