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“The Epiphany season serves as a bridge between the birth of Jesus and his passion. The season begins with an ancient celebration that originally drew together several themes: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Magi, his baptism in the Jordan, his first miracle at Cana in Galilee. In the west, the Epiphany came to be associated with the Magi alone, who were seen to be the representatives of the nations who come to worship Jesus. So the Epiphany season in Lutheran practice has often been a time for an emphasis on world missions.”

Manual on the Liturgy pg. 23



From the Pastor:

Throughout the month of January we celebrate the season of Epiphany. It is sometimes called the season of light, because the light of God was born and now shines in the darkness of our lives. As I think about the light shining in our darkness that is Epiphany, I hear the words written in the Manual on the Liturgy, “a time for an emphasis on world missions.” We are called as Christ’s disciples to be a light to the world. We are now the Epiphany light that shines in others darkness. In the bleakness of the winter of January perhaps we should focus our attention on others throughout the world and think about world mission. There are many ways to be the light to the world, synod benevolence, contributions to charitable organizations, prayer, and a variety of other ways. The Christ child was born to bring light into the world, and now through the Epiphany season we are reminded that we too are the light of the world, shining brightly so that others may find Christ.

Peace,

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Trinity President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

As I write this last letter as your council president I, reflect on all the trials and tribulations we have been through in the last two years. It hasn't been easy but we have managed to follow Proverbs 3:6 ---the Lord has and will direct our paths. I also look back on all the fun and great outreach programs we have kept going, it hasn't been all bad. You are an awesome congregation and I have been privileged to do my best at serving you, my church family. Thank you for all your support. As of this writing, we don't know who will be your next president but any person on this council will be capable and willing to serve our church. It's hard to realize just how many topics are discussed and voted on at these meetings, there's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that you probably aren't aware of. Any member is welcome to attend a council meeting, you will be made aware of how important it is to be a volunteer, at whatever you choose to do, or join a committee.

Again, thank you for your support and friendship.

Linda Hoover



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Trinity Things to Think About

TRINITY'S THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

What was your most memorable moment of 2021?

What would you regret not doing if you died tonight?

A grudge is a heavy thing to handle, if you have one can you let it go? Tomorrow may be too late.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews!

Soon, when all is well, you're going to look back on this period of your life and be so glad that you never gave up.

Rely on the strengths that exist within faith.

Pray for you Pastor, it's a hard "job"



Trinity Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting November 21-22, 2021

6:30 p.m. Service

The meeting was called to order by Linda Hoover, Council President.

Budget was mailed in the Orbit for everyone to go over.

Questions: Sue Miller asked if utilities increase, shouldn't we have increased the budget for utilities? Ralph said they are currently in line with the budget.

Ralph also added that he has not taken any monies from the reserve for this year.

22 members approved the budget with no opposition.

The individuals nominated for Council are Lisa Bush, Judy Hale, Nevin Woodring, Lori-Matte Rhode. One more member is needed.

All were in favor of the nominations.

Meeting will continue at 8:15 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Service

The meeting continued with Debbie Garritano chairing.

Budget – there were no questions.

44 members approved the budget with no oppositions

Council – there were no questions.

All were in favor of the nominations.

10:45 a.m. Service

The meeting continued with Linda Hoover chairing.

Budget – John Ebersole commended Barb Gosnell and the Finance Committee for the \$10,000.00 decrease in the budget.

22 members approved the budget with no oppositions.

Council – there were no questions.

All were in favor of the nominations.

Linda Hoover made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Ebersole seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Debbie Garritano, Secretary



Trinity Church Council Meeting November Minutes

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli
Sharon Kutz 2021
Debbie Garritano 2022
Barb Gosnell 2023

Judy Hale 2021
Linda Hoover 2021

Ken Myers 2023
Tom Settle 2021

Geri Selfridge 2023
John Ebersole 2022

Absent

Ralph Grove

Rose Hornberger 2021

Adam Counterman, 2022

Chris Thompson 2022

Greetings/Devotions

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

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from October meeting were read. John made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The minutes from September meeting were read since there was not a quorum at the October meeting. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Linda presented the Treasurer's report in Ralph's absence. Ralph said he bought the computer program for the upstairs office and wants to get the information off his home computer. Tom said he would help Ralph get this set up. John asked if Sarah Batiste was still going to help with the Treasurer's position. Geri will talk with her. John asked how much money was given to the Mountain Lion Backpack program. Linda said it was \$150.00. This seemed very low so they will check with Ralph and Cindy to verify.

\$2,751.00 has been collected for the disaster relief fund.

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

Pastor Hess' Report

Presented as written. She thanks the congregation for understanding her absence. Her COVID test came back negative. She is making Christmas visits to the shut-ins. Also cards and phone calls have been made. Bible study and Adult Sunday school continues. Christmas preparations are underway. She attended continuing education on line through the Synod, attends conference meetings and text studies and attends IDA board meetings.

Committee Reports

Presented as written from Social Ministry – they will be holding a hoagie sale Yummy Money. Proceeds to go to the Current Fund. Pet Odor candles will also be for sale for Christmas.

Presented as written from Worship and Music – Christmas preparations are underway. Thanks to Carol Forney, Linda Gibbons and Vivian Corl for sponsoring the Christmas trees. Cindy is trying some new ideas to spark the choirs and will have special music.

Old Business

Our custodian has resigned, and we need to find a replacement. Sharon will reach out to someone before we announce the position.



Trinity Church Council November Meeting Minutes Con't

Property issue update – Property Committee needs to know who the contacts for problems in the church are, such as electrical, plumbing, heating/air conditioning. There needs to be more people on the committee. The committee needs to be revamped at the beginning of the year.

Question was asked if we heard from the Gas Company yet. Pastor said there has been no response. She will send a follow up email. She also had no response from the solicitor.

We discussed renting out Trinity Hall to different groups. There is a protocol and form they must fill out.

We discussed the committees and council policies. We need to start the new year with changes.

New Business

John discussed the hall repairs downstairs. Put up exterior paneling half way instead of dry wall. It would be easier to install and if we have another flood, we could just remove the paneling until it dries and put it back up. Sandy would install it after the first of the year. Sharon made a motion to approve the paneling for the hall. Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: December 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Ted Baird
Tyler Bennett
Ruth & Bob Brubaker
John Bush
Tina Chestney
Church HealthTeam
Church Council
Don Corl
Gary Crownover
Sondra Deffibaugh
Jane Eamigh
Garner Family
Marla & Tom Hammond
Kathy Hatch
Kristina Henderson
Bob Hofmann
Doris Hollingshead

Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda
Audrey Deiluliis
Clara Hite
Shannon Kratzer
Ken Kumpf
Marie Laich

Dawn Mangus
Bill McLaughlin
Bob Nearhoof
Sue Nycum
Arlene Roessing
Leta Veit

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Eddie Bennett
Sarah Brown
Jim Buchanan
Jason Buck
Kyle Eberhart

Nathan Frank
Ryan Maguire
Justin Patz
Eric Sweet

Family Members and Friends

Donnie Alwine
Janet & Charlie Aungst
Scott Aungst
Dan Baughman
Behe Family
Frank Bennett
Kris Bennett
Casey Bondarenka
Dorothy Bush
Sue Carter
Sue Casalviere
Mary Francis Clites
Tracee Cole
Debbie Coley
Scott Corl
Raynoo Cox Family
Patty Davis
Jim Deffibaugh
Jordan DeFrancisco
Zane Dodson
Cheryl Ecker
Phil Esper
Tessa Farone
Nancy & Bill Filler
Elsie Fogel
Joyce Gates
Gary Gearhart
Haley Gehret
Dawn George
Louella Gray
Amanda Gregg & Daughters
Pat Griffith
David K. Harpster
Tim Harrison
Don Haslem
Tom Hatch

Danielle Hatfield
Heikkila Family
Robin Housley
Jack Hoyne
Renee Imbrenda
Judy Johnson
Katie Kanczaryk
Susan Kehler
Pastor John Klingeman
Cindy Lamant
Jan Lastaglia
Janelle Lehr
Raija Lind
Linda Mardula
Bernie Market
Ron Matta
Sharon Mayers
McConnell Family
Chad McDowell
Eddie McGee
McGilvery Family
Chris McGreary
Kathy McIntyre
Sharon McKeehan
Barbara Meader
Janelle Messner
Rudy Muccitelli
Bill & Penny Murphy
Wyatt Nite
Zach Noel
Richard Perry
Frances Pringle
Albert Pugliese
Abby Remendowski
Katie Riggelman
Toran Robertson
Carl Ruckinger

Michael Ruckinger
Marsha Scafuro
Bill Senitko
Ronald Settle
Debbie Smith
Patricia Smith
Dave Stenger
Sultage Jr. Family
Blair Umholtz
Lillian Umholtz
Paul & Nina Wallis
Todd Wilkins Sr
Henrietta Weidley
Steve Wood
Tiquan Wright
Elsa



Please know that you can 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 can 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 January

Jan 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Jan 9

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan 16

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Jan 23

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Jan 30

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

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Also worth mentioning...

Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating the church and with the Christmas Eve service. Your hard work helped turn the church into a beautiful site. It really made the Christmas Eve services extra special as we celebrated the birth of Christ.

Let's undecorate the church!
January 7, at 6:00 p.m. we will undecorate the church. We need all your help! Come join us! This is not the most enjoyable time of year, but with your help, we can accomplish this quickly and with good fellowship.

Reminder: Worship and Music will meet on Tuesday, January 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Trinity Hall. We will be preparing for Lent and Easter.

The next Orbit Deadline is January 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!