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"Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son.'"

Matthew 27:50-54



From the Pastor:

Many of you may be thinking, "why are we reading a Good Friday/Easter passage in October"? It is because one cannot find a better Halloween passage than the one quoted above. It could be the setting or opening lines of a horror movie. Tombs are opened and the dead are raised to walk around Jerusalem. Sounds to me like the movie, "Night of the Living Dead." At Halloween we are fascinated with dressing up, the older we get the scarier we get. For some reason we enjoy scaring each other and being scared. Even in the scripture passage it says that the centurion and others were terrified, and if we leave the passage here it would be terrifying. But the passage ends with the declaration, "Truly this man was God's Son." Just like we do not stay in Halloween we move on to All Saints Day the very next day. We live in the resurrection so that the events of Good Friday are not the final word. Those bodies that came out of the tombs of Jerusalem were not Zombies, they were the raised saints, they are not the living dead, they are simply the living in Christ. Halloween can be a fun holiday to celebrate, but we do not stay there, we move on to All Saints Day where we proclaim that, "Truly this man was God's Son." All Saints Day reminds us that we are saved in Christ, not doomed zombies or ghosts, or skeletons. We will one day walk out of our tombs, raised saints of God.

Peace,



Trinity President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Just to update the congregation on our progress towards replacing the air conditioning in the sanctuary.

To date Trinity has only received 2 bids towards this project. Prudence would suggest that we receive at least one more bid. Several companies have declined to bid on replacing the existing system due to problems they have encountered with similar projects. One company has bid on replacing the existing system. The second bid is to place 4 mini-splits in the sanctuary, as this company feels that replacing the existing system would be too costly.

For those who don't know what mini-splits are (I certainly didn't before all of this began), these are units like the one we recently installed in Trinity Hall. Other companies have suggested we would need 6 of these mini-splits in the sanctuary.

One thing to remember is that these mini-splits would be mounted on the inner walls of the sanctuary, which would significantly change the appearance of our worship space. The dilemma that Council is faced with before deciding which proposal to present to the congregation for approval is the fact that the majority of firms that we have consulted feel that replacing our existing equipment with a system very much like it is not feasible, while another feels that this can be done.

Council is anxious to move forward with this project, but wants to ensure that we are taking a course of action that will serve the intended purpose on a long-term basis and do so at a reasonable cost. We will continue to explore these options, but see no need to rush headlong into action, especially since the summer season is ending.

Yours in Christ

John Ebersole



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Trinity Memorial

Many of you know that Pastor John Klingeman passed away several months ago. Pastor John served Trinity from 1979-2001. His family has asked that any memorials be donated to THON at Penn State.

If you are not familiar with THON, this is a student-run philanthropy that raises money for childhood cancer research. A dance marathon is conducted each spring and raises over 10 million dollars each year, making it one of the largest, if not the largest student-run philanthropy in the world.

Trinity has already received memorial donations for Pastor John. If you would like to add to these please place them in the offering plate or send them to the office at Trinity by October 31.

Pastor John served Trinity faithfully for many years and these memorials will help a very worthy cause



Trinity Pastor's Ordination

I would like to thank the ladies that put together a very nice reception for Pastor Eli's 25th Anniversary of her Ordination. This congregation thanks Pastor Eli for her 15 years here at Trinity. We wish her another 15-25 years of serving the Lord while serving Trinity. Thank You Pastor Eli. Also thanks to Debbie Garritano (bad Debbie) and Debbie Simpson (good Debbie). If any one wants to know what that means, talk to them. HaHaHa
Sharon K.

God Bless.....



Trinity Church Council Minutes

August 2022

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli
 John Ebersole 2022
 Geri Selfridge 2023
 Debbie Garritano 2022
 Lisa Bush 2024
 Adam Counterman 2022
 Barb Gosnell 2023
 Judy Hale 2024
 Ken Myers 2023

Absent

Ralph Grove
 Lori Matta-Rhode 2024
 Chris Thompson 2022
 Nevin Woodring 2024

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, John Ebersole

Pastor led us in prayer.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the May meeting were read. Adam made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes from the June meeting were read. Adam made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented as written. Any questions will be addressed to Ralph at the next meeting.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor's report presented as written. She stated that fall activities are gearing up. VBS was good, but wish more kids attended.

Church picnic was well attended with 70 people attending. Pastor will be on vacation October 17-24.

Ralph Hamer will be covering the services.

Judy made a motion to accept the Pastor's report. Geri seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music presented as written. Sunday school begins September 18. October 2nd will be a Blessing of the Animals at 1:00 p.m. October, Angela Counterman is coordinating a Cool Soup Sunday to help raise money for the air conditioning. We will begin bringing the offering to the altar during service.

Stewardship – John stated that the September Thank Offering will be for the air conditioning in the sanctuary.

Property- Adam reported that the van needs inspected. He also replaced the lights upstairs.

Christian Ed – Geri gave a report on VBS. She also reported that the committee will be meeting soon. They will be working on increasing attendance.

Old Business

Resolution with Gas Company – John has still has not heard from Attorney Foor and will reach out personally to him.

Water in the Primary Room – Barrier Waterproofing still has not gotten back to us.

New Business

Ben Blessed has moved their items into the garage and have a key to the garage.

Gift in memory of Pastor John – some memorials have come into Trinity for Pastor John. We need to think about something suitable as a gift. Think on it till next meeting.

Air conditioning in the sanctuary – Bovards has declined to bid. Boyers has yet to send a bid. Rubenstein's fixed the problem in the Sunday School room off the sanctuary and has yet to send a bid.

Signature Services suggested small mini units like in Trinity Hall. Edevan was just here and will send a bid. Following discussion, it was decided to ask for double bids from each company, one for the complete air conditioning and one for the mini units.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: September 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.



Trinity Treats from Trunks

Hello All YOU Good People!

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

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

When: Thursday, October 27, 2022

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 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 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 9, 2022 until the night of the event (10/27/2022).

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Ted Baird
Tyler Bennett
Ruth & Bob
Brubaker
Church Health
Team
Church Council
Charon Clabaugh
Don Corl
Gary Crownover
Sondra Deffibaugh
Jane Eamigh
Garner Family
Tom Hammond
Kathy Hatch
Kristina Henderson
Doris Hollingshead
Hoover Family
Martha Jones

Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda
Clara Hite
Shannon Kratzer
Ken Kumpf
Marie Laich
Bill McLaughlin

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown
Jim Buchanan
Jason Buck
Kyle Eberhart
Nathan Frank
Ryan Maguire

Garry Knee
Jessica McGraw
Ken B. Myers
Jaden Rhode
Fred Teigler
Wilkins Family
Nancy Yeager

Donnie Alwine
Janet & Charlie Aungst
Scott Aungst
Dan Baughman
Behe Family
Kris Bennett
Dana Beschler
Zayne Bowmaster
Damain Branas
Sue Carter
Sue Casalviere
Karen Claar
Tracee Cole
Marissa Cooper
Scott Corl
Randy Corneilius
Family
Janie Coyne
Lisa Dalansky
Jim Deffibaugh
Jordan DeFrancisco
Ken Eichenlaub
Ian Esper
Phil Esper
Allen Everhart
Roberta Frederick
John Fresh
Haley Gehret
Pat Griffith
Thomas Hamilton
Katie Hanczaryk
David K. Harpster
Donald Haslam
Tom Hatch
Virginia Heidler
Carmen Hopkins
Samantha Januska

Family Members and Friends

Nicki Kaltenbrunner
Carol King
Harper Ann Krause
Cindy Lamont
Jan Lastaglia
Anaya Leity
Frank Luciano
Christine Maines
Linda Mardula
Bernie Market
Ron Matta
McConnell Family
McGilvery Family
Brandon McGraw
Trudy Morning
Linda Mowrer
Bill & Penny Murphy
Terry Musselman
Sharon Myers
Wyatt Nite
Zach Noel
Tammy Otto
Craig Parks
Frances Pringle
Lorenzo Recchia
Carl Ruckinger
Michael Ruckinger
Trudy Savine
Ronald Settle
Judy Shaffer
Sandy Sharievs
Gloria Shoup
Debbie Smith
Dottie Stayer
Sultage Jr. Family
Lisa Ta and son Elliott
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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 October

Oct 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Oct 9

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Oct 16

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Oct 23

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Oct 30

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

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Also worth mentioning...

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
dknee6@gmail.com
- 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!