

The Orbit

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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January 2023

"He will not let your foot be moved: he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper: the Lord is your shade at your right hand."

Psalm 121: 3-5



From the Pastor:

I tend to think of January as a "sleepy" month. It seems as though all I want to do is snuggle under the blankets and sleep. Perhaps it is the fact that the daylight ends so early, or the weather is sometimes not cooperative, but whatever the cause winter means sleep. Even for the earth and nature this time of year is a time of sleep and rest. The animals hibernate and the grass dies and the trees seem to go to sleep. I also think that this is alright. That God gives us periods of sleep in our lives or at least times of rest for our bodies. Some of us do not take advantage of this gift because they are too worried about things. Their minds race and they feel as though there are a million things to do. We do not have to do everything at once. We can take the time to rest, I'm even a firm believer in naps, and relax. One thing that helps me to rest and even sleep is the knowledge that God is awake. Our Psalmist reminds us that God never sleeps, God is always watching over us. So when your daily tasks are over, sleep...for God is awake.

Peace,



Trinity President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I hope all of you enjoyed the holiday season and persevered through the bitterly cold Temperatures on the weekend of Christmas.

We begin the year by saying that we have FINALLY received the settlement regarding the Water damage in the basement. The total amount that Trinity will receive is 15,616.72. This actually exceeds the amount of the damages incurred by about \$1,000. I would also like to thank Attorney Thomas Forr, of Forr, Stokan, Huff, Kormanski, and Naugle. Attorney Forr did not charge Trinity for his services beyond the \$250.00 we paid him to originally investigate our case. If you have ever had to have legal work done, you realize that this is a bargain.

For anyone planning to send campers to Camp Sequonota this year, please remember a fund is in place to help with camp fees. The Cook Fund, established by Mr. Robert Cook in memory of his mother, can offset camp expenses for Trinity youth. The fund does require a copy of the camp application. If you apply online, please print a copy of that application to submit to the fund.

For 2023, I would like to see Trinity extend its' community outreach. We do have the Caring Cupboard and allow Ben Blessed (an organization that identifies and aids homeless individuals in the area) to store their supplies in the theater building. The recent clothing giveaway in November is another example. I would like to organize a neighborhood cleanup in the spring or perhaps sponsor a soup and sandwich luncheon on a Saturday to show the Juniata neighborhood that we want to be an integral part of the neighborhood. If you have any other ideas on how we can actively "Love God, Love Others", please let me know.

Yours in Christ,

John Ebersole



Trinity Council Minutes November 22, 2022

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes of November 22, 2022
Debbie Garritano, Secretary

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli
John Ebersole 2025
Geri Selfridge 2023
Debbie Garritano 2025
Judy Hale 2024
Ken Myers 2023
Chris Thompson 2025
Nevin Woodring 2024
Jim Buchanan 2025

Absent

Lisa Bush 2024
Adam Counterman 2025
Barb Gosnell 2023
Ralph Grove
Lori Matta-Rhode 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 October meeting were read. Geri made a motion to accept the minutes. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

None available for this meeting.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor's report was presented as written. The Youth Haunted House was a huge success. Both youth groups are going well as is Bible Study, Adult Sunday School, and St. Andrew chapel. Adult Sunday School collected food for two families for Thanksgiving. She will be making visits to all shut-ins next month. She started a new program on You Tube entitled: "Out to Pastor".

Ken made a motion to accept the Pastor's report as written. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Property – Sandy will begin working on the basement wall after the holidays. Adam told John there hasn't been any more water in the Primary Room.

Worship and Music – there will be a Sunderman Concert on December 11, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by light refreshments. The Wopsonnock Winds and Cindy's students will be performing.

Old Business

Resolution with Gas Company – John reported that we received a settlement of \$15,616.72 from the Gas Company. John will check with Attorney Foor to see if we owe him for his services. Pastor received papers that need to be notarized to receive the monies. John, Debbie and Nevin will go as witnesses when Pastor gets them notarized.

Gift in memory of Pastor John

John reported that \$330.00 was collected in memory of Pastor John that will be sent to PSU Thon. Other monies collected that were designated for Trinity will be used later for Trinity.

Building Inspection – John revisited his goal for a building evaluation. Ken had done a lot of leg work to compile a list of companies to come and do the evaluation. John will contact the individuals again to get a commitment for their service.

New Business

Congregational meeting – see notes attached.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Garritano



Trinity Healthy You Program

Norma Stenger hosted a Christmas party for the Healthy You program. Santa Clause arrived with personalized gifts. Thank You Norma. Food, Fun and Fellowship





Trinity Worship and Music

Worship and Music

October 11, 2022

Pastor Eli, Debbie Garritano, Cindy Finnegan, John Ebersole

Upcoming dates:

December

11 – Sunderman Concert 3:00 p.m.

John is putting together a program for the concert. Cindy and John are coordinating the program with the Wopsonnock Winds and Cindy's students. Vickie Knisley is organizing the refreshments.

18 – Youth Sunday

24 – Christmas Eve, services at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.

There will be communion at all services.

25 – Christmas Day service 9:00 a.m.

There will be communion at the service.

31-1 Lessons and Carols

January 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. we will undecorate the church. Reminder, we need all the young people to help.

Service

Debbie is working on getting lectors and ushers for the Christmas Eve services.

Flowers

Judy

No report at this time.

Music

Cindy

Christmas Eve is ready. 5:00 will include the adult choir, hand chimes and a soloist.

7:00 will be the same. 10:00 will have a soloist and Shane on his French horn.

Altar

Coffee cookie hour are going well. We have a lot of donations and people are enjoying it.

Next meeting: January 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.



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Trinity "Thank You"

Many thanks to everyone who helped with decorating the church.

Junior Elves:

Gabby Arlo, Leah Musselman, Emma Morgan, Maura and Lydia Thompson

Senior Elves:

Bill and Sandy Mallory, Nancy Honecker, Chris Thompson, Sharon Kutz, Claire Goon, Jeff and Lori Brown, Jim, Sandy and Lizzie Fogle, and John Garritano, Larry and Denise Wagner.

They made decorating fun and enjoyable!

Now we need the elves to help undecorate the church. We will be meeting on Saturday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see everyone there. Also, many thanks for a wonderful coffee and cookie hour during Advent. The donations were great and all the help at each service was wonderful. It was so nice to stop and visit with everyone during this hectic time of year.

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
Bob Hofmann
Doris Hollingshead
Hoover Family

Trinity's Homebound Members

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

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown
Jason Buck
Kyle Eberhart
Nathan Frank
Ryan Maguire
Justin Patz

Eric Sweet

Joe Adams
Donnie Alwine
Janet & Charlie Aungst
Scott Aungst
Dan Baughman
Gloria Beatty
Behe Family
Kris Bennett
Dana Beschler
Zayne Bowmaster
Damain Branas
Randy Carothers
Sue Carter
Sue Casalviere
Karen Claar
Tracee Cole
Theresa Cooney
Marissa Cooper
Scott Corl
Randy Corneilius Family
Janie Coyne
Lisa Dalansky
Jim Deffibaugh
Jordan DeFrancisco
Ken Eichenlaub
Ian Esper
Phil Esper
Allen Everhart
Skyler Franell
Misty Franell
Roberta Frederick
John Fresh
Haley Gehret
Pat Griffith
Thomas Hamilton
John Hancuff

Family Members and Friends

Ann Hanczaryk
Katie Hanczaryk
David K. Harpster
Donald Haslam
Tom Hatch
Virginia Heidler
Carmen Hopkins
Samantha Januska
Nicki Kaltenbrunner
Carol King
Harper Ann Krause
Cindy Lamont
Jan Lastaglia
Anaya Leity
Steward Logan
Frank Luciano
Christine Maines
Linda Mardula
Bernie Market
Ron Matta
McConnell Family
McGilvery Family
Brandon McGraw
Trudy Morning
Bill & Penny Murphy
Sharon Myers
Wyatt Nite
Zach Noel
Tammy Otto
Craig Parks
Dennis Paulsen
Frances Pringle
Lorenzo Recchia
Carl Ruckinger
Michael Ruckinger
Trudy Savine
Ronald Settle

Judy Shaffer
Lynn Shaffer
Sandy Sharieves
Joan Simpson
Gloria Shoup
Lisa Smearman
Debbie Smith
Dottie Stayer
Sultage Jr. Family
Lisa Ta and son Elliott Ta
Harry Taylor
Blair Umholtz
Lillian Umholtz
Paul & Nina Wallis
Steve Wood
Tiquan Wright
Linda Yohn & Family
Cookie
Elsa
Natalie
Baby Jeremiah
Baby Gwen
In spoken request "M"
In spoken



Please know that you can add someone to our prayer list at any time by calling the church office (814-943-3972). 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 1

Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:15-21

Jan 8

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Jan 15

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Jan 22

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Jan 29

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

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Also worth mentioning...

The next Orbit Deadline is January 24th

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

- Email your article to:
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- 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!