

The Orbit

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March 2023

"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long, For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Psalm 32: 1-7



From the Pastor:

As we continue our journey in Lent we mirror these words from psalm 32. If we are truly repentant we are to be happy. The emphasis of Lent is often on the solemnness of the season, the penitential nature of the journey. That is for sure something we need to focus on. Yet, that is not all the Lent is about. We are to be happy in the knowledge that as we repent, as we are penitent, we are forgiven. The journey of Lent does not stay in the grave of sin, but because Christ finishes the journey we can rejoice. When we hide our sins, when we keep silent, then we are lost, there is no hope. However, when we turn to God, when we acknowledge our sins before God then we are forgiven and can rejoice in the work of the cross. May we, throughout this Lenten season, hide in the Lord not in ourselves, so that we can hear the cries of deliverance.

Peace,



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Trinity President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As we progress through Lent and approach Easter let us remember that Christ's sacrifice gives us victory over death. This victory is never fleeting, but permanent.

In last month's Orbit I mentioned about the engineering review of our building. I've spoken again with Mr. Levine of Levine Engineering and he hopes to have a final report to us soon. I'll report his findings when I receive them.

Many of you by now know that Trinity's mask policy has changed. Masks are now optional during worship. I stress again that those who are more comfortable in continuing to mask should feel free to do so. Also, we should respect each others decisions on this matter. I sincerely hope that this will not be the polarizing issue that has divided so many in the community as a whole.

Let us be thankful to God. It appears that the worst of the pandemic is behind us.

Let us also remember all those affected by the war in Ukraine. In the early days of the pandemic we lamented the scarcity of staples such as toilet paper. How trivial things such as that seem when we see millions forced from their homes to seek refuge in neighboring countries.

Please join me in keeping them in your prayers



Trinity Council Minutes January 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes of January 24, 2023

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli

John Ebersole 2025

Geri Selfridge 2023

Debbie Garritano 2025

Lisa Bush 2024

Adam Counterman 2025

Barb Gosnell 2023

Absent

Ralph Grove

Judy Hale 2024

Lori Matta-Rhode 2024

Ken Myers 2023

Chris Thompson 2025

Nevin Woodring 2024

Jim Buchanan 2025

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, John Ebersole

Pastor led us in prayer.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the December meeting were read. Ken made a motion to accept the minutes. Barb seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was read.

Ken made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor's report was presented. All is quiet after Christmas and before Lent. Worship is going well and youth groups are picking back up.

Ken made a motion to approve Pastor's report. Lori seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music – we're gearing up for Easter. Ash Wednesday is February 22. Services will be at noon and 6:30 p.m. all through Lent. Pastor's homily will be on the daily devotion of the day. Cindy Finnegan and John Ebersole are coordinating choir and hand chimes for Easter Sunday services. There will be a 6:30 a.m. service and 10:45 service Easter Sunday with a Continental Breakfast following the 6:30 a.m. service. There will be Children's Sunday School but no Adult Sunday School that day. The palms have been ordered and sponsored.

Stewardship – John reported that the February Thank Offering will be for the Youth Groups of Trinity.

Old Business

Gift in memory of Pastor John - John will get an address to Ralph to mail the monies collected for Pastor John to Thon. We will discuss later what to do with the monies designated for Trinity in memory of Pastor John.

Inspection of Building – John will meet with Andrew Arnold (Gwin Dobson & Foreman) next Wednesday to go through the church. He will then come to a council meeting to discuss the findings.

New Business

Envelope update – the envelopes are here and will be labeled and put out.

Stephen Ministry – John told about a ministry that the lay congregation members can offer to help those going through crisis: grief, job loss, trauma. There is a training for this ministry. John wants to see if there would be an interest in this from the congregation. He will also find out more about the training.

Endowment Fund – Marianne Brock will attend the February meeting to update us on the Endowment.

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



Trinity Worship and Music

Worship and Music

February 14, 2023

Pastor Eli, Debbie Garritano, Cindy Finnegan, John Ebersole, Judy Hale

Upcoming dates:

January

February

22 – Ash Wednesday, services at 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday services throughout Lent will be at noon and 6:30 p.m.

Jim Fogle will assist with the 10:45 service at the beginning of each month.

Service

Pastor's idea for Lent services is daily devotions.

Flowers

Judy – no altar flowers during Lent. Peterman's has been informed.

Easter flower orders will be announced when we receive information from the florist.

Music

Cindy said rehearsals are going well for the choir. She plans to have the choir sing at the two services at Easter and John will have hand chimes at both. Cindy and John are coordinating the music for Easter Sunday.

Altar

Debbie has ordered the palms for Palm Sunday. The palms have been sponsored by Judy Hale, Ken Myers, Barb Gosnell, Carol Paul, and Emily Simpson.

Next meeting: March 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.



Trinity Camp Sequanota

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR CAMP SEQUANOTA

Parents/guardians of children/youth wishing to attend a one-week session at Camp Sequanota may apply for financial aid.

Since 1986, the Dorothy Baird Cook Memorial Fund has been used to provide full or partial assistance to children from Trinity Lutheran Church with financial need who wish to attend Camp Sequanota.

Forms should be returned to the church office on or before April 30 so the Cook Fund Committee can review the request and the registration process can be completed in a timely fashion. Applicants will receive notification of the Committee's decision no later than May 31.

All request for financial aid will be confidential. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Hess at 943-3972 or John Ebersole at 946-8612.



WEEKS	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST Tier I / Tier II / Tier III
	May 19 - 21	Lifeguard Training (Ages 15 +)	\$300/residential \$200/commuter
Week 1	June 12 - 16	Sequanota Days - Day Camp (Elementary: K - 6)	\$130 / \$165 / \$200
Week 2	June 19 - 20	Sampler Camp (Elementary: K - 6)	\$130 / \$165 / \$200
	June 22 - 25	Well Festival Weekend - All are welcome! Find more info at sequanota.com	
Week 3	June 25 - 30	Cabin Camp (Elementary, Junior High, Senior High: Grades 2 - 12)	\$400 / \$500 / \$600
		1/2 Week Cabin Camp (Elementary: Grades 1 - 6) - June 25 - 28	\$250 / \$325 / \$400
		SaLT - 2 weeks: June 18 - 30 (Senior High: 9 - 12)	\$715 / \$815 / \$915
Week 4 (4th of July Fun)	July 2 - 7	Cabin Camp (Elementary, Junior High: Grades 2 - 12)	\$400 / \$500 / \$600
		1/2 Week Cabin Camp (Elementary: Grades 1 - 6) - July 2 - 5	\$250 / \$325 / \$400
		SaLT continues (Senior High)	
		Bethesda (Adult)	\$500
Week 5	July 9 - 14	Sequanota Days - Day Camp (Elementary: K - 6)	\$130 / \$165 / \$200
		Grandparents & Kids / Friends & Family Camp (All ages)	Visit sequanota.com for prices
Week 8 (Theme Week)	July 30 - August 4	Cabin Camp (Elementary, Junior High, Senior High: Grades 2 - 12)	\$400 / \$500 / \$600
		1/2 Week Cabin Camp (Elementary: Grades 1 - 6) - July 30 - August 2	\$250 / \$325 / \$400

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS APRIL 1ST
*TIER I PRICES INCREASE \$45
AFTER APRIL 1ST

2023 SCHEDULE

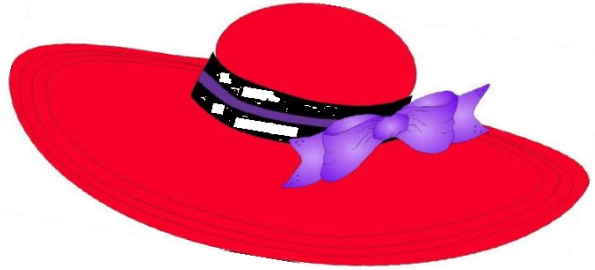
REGISTER AT
SEQUANOTA.COM!



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Trinity Red Hat Society

Trinity Ladies, Come and join
the
Sparkling Red Hat Society



We plan monthly get-togethers for socializing and making new friends.

If interested, please contact
Emily Simpson by text or phone at (814) 330-6645 or come to
lunch at Noon on Monday, March 20 at Perkins Restaurant.
Look forward to seeing new faces.

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
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
Jason Buck
Kyle Eberhart
Nathan Frank

Garry Knee
Jake Knisely
Sharon Kutz
Cheryl Luciano
Jessica McGraw
Ken B. Myers
Jaden Rhode
Fred Teigler
Wilkins Family
Harry Yeager
Nancy Yeager

Joe Adams
Donnie Alwine
Janet & Charlie Aungst
Scott Aungst
Dan Baughman
Gloria Beatty
Behe Family
Robin Behe
Kris Bennett
Dana Beschler
Zayne Bowmaster
Dee & Barry Bradfield
Damain Branas
Joseph Brewer
Christopher Buchanan
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
Jorden DeFrancisco
Ethel Donley
Ken Eichenlaub
Ian Esper
Phil Esper
Allen Everhart
Paula Ford
Skyler Franell
Misty Franell

Family Members and Friends

Haley Gehret
Pat Griffith
Thomas Hamilton
John Hancuff
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
Pete Mathieu
Linda Mardula
Ron Matta
McConnell Family
McGilvery Family
Brandon McGraw
Bill & Penny Murphy
Sharon Myers
Wyatt Nite
Zach Noel
Tammy Otto
Dennis Paulsen
Frances Pringle
Lorenzo Recchia
Carl Ruckinger
Michael Ruckinger



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 March

March 5

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 12

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 19

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 26

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

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Also worth mentioning...

The next Orbit Deadline is March 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!