

The Orbit

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July 2023

"Our God, you bless everyone whose sins you forgive and wipe away. You bless them by saying 'You told me your sins, without trying to hide them, and now I forgive you'. Before I confessed my sins, my bones felt limp, and I groaned all day long. Night and day your hand weighed heavily on me and my strength was gone as in the summer heat. So I confessed my sins and told them all to you. I said, 'I'll tell the Lord each one of my sins'. Then you forgave me and took away my guilt." We worship you, Lord, and we should always pray whenever we find out that we have sinned."

Psalm 32: 1-6



From the Pastor:

As a pastor I am often asked how people can reduce their stress level, how they can get rid of anxiety in their lives? The answer in part, can be found in our Psalm. One thing that we can do is confess our sins. As Lutherans we tend to shy away from individual confession as something that the Catholics do. However, there is peace that can be found in our confession, Not only the peace that comes with the promise of God's forgiveness, but the peace that comes from getting our sins "off our chests". Our psalmist points out something that we sometimes forget in our daily lives. Confession of sins daily is important for our spiritual life. We have God's assurance that our sins are forgiven, so why wouldn't we want to get rid of them in our hearts and minds as well. Once we confess our sins, we are called to allow God's forgiveness into our hearts. So if we are irritable, restless, or discontent perhaps we need to lessen the weight on our shoulders and confess our shortcomings and allow God to forgive and heal our hearts.

Peace,



Trinity Council President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As I write this, the summer solstice has just passed. From this point until December 21, the days will become progressively shorter.

Just because the school year has ended does not mean that Trinity is on vacation. Church activities are ongoing all year round. Just a few examples are Vacation Bible School, which begins July 29 and Trinity's picnic to be held at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg on August 27. Volunteers are needed for both. If you can help with Vacation Bible School, even if only for one evening between July 29 and August 3 it will be appreciated. The theme for this year involves super heroes. You can be one by offering your assistance.

The picnic committee will meet on July 16, immediately following the 10:45 service. Again, ANY help is appreciated. Having a successful picnic takes time and effort. Please consider assisting.

On a different note, two young people took a step on their faith journey on June 11 by affirming their Baptism through the rite of Confirmation. I'm old-fashioned (big surprise there), but I love the term Affirmation of Baptism instead of just saying "Confirmation". Affirmation is defined as "asserting that something is so." Rylee Marie Bush and Rynne Elaine Resig have taken this step to uphold vows that sponsors made for them at their Baptisms. I had the honor and privilege of serving as one of their instructors for this affirmation. I stressed (probably too often for their liking) that this was not an end point, but just one step on their faith journey.

All of us should affirm our own Baptisms . Let's do so by helping at Trinity and living as God's people in our daily lives.

Amen (So let it be)

John Ebersole



Trinity Worship and Music Committee

SOCIAL MINISTRY/ HEALTHY YOU

The Committees recently sent out 25 “Thinking of you” cards. They were addressed to members who have been “absent” for a while and some shut-ins.

We consider each member a “Child of God” and communication is a vital part of our church. If you know of anyone that would welcome a card, please call the church office, drop a note into the collection plate, or contact me or Linda Hoover.

Sharon Kutz

GOD BLESS



Trinity Council Minutes May 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Minutes of May 23, 2023
Debbie Garritano, Secretary

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli

John Ebersole 2025

Debbie Garritano 2025

Lisa Bush 2024

Barb Gosnell 2023

Ralph Grove

Judy Hale 2024

Lori Matta-Rhode 2024

Ken Myers 2023

Chris Thompson 2025

Nevin Woodring 2024

Absent

Geri Selfridge 2023

Adam Counterman 2025

Jim Buchanan 2025

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by Presiden, John Ebersole

Pastor led us in prayer.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the April meeting were read. Ken made a motion to accept the minutes. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Ralph reported that all is up to date. He reported that the insurance carrier through Gingrich is changing. We can go with Cincinatti at \$13,583.00 or Goodville Mutual Casualty Company at \$8,656.00. We discussed adding collision at an extra of \$167.00. Goodville includes collision. Judy made a motion to go with Goodville and maintain the policy including collision. Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ralph asked about the applications for Camp Sequanota. Pastor sent out three and is waiting for them to be returned. Ralph needs a hard copy to follow up with the Cook Fund.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor's report was presented as written. We have had three baptisms this month: Everyleigh McConnell, Dawson Ainsworth, and Isla Noel. She had one funeral. Pastor has made hospice visits, hospital visits, 3 prewedding meetings, and 2 IDA meetings. Worship, Adult Sunday School, and Bible Study are going well. Ken made a motion to accept Pastor's report. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music – Debbie apologized for sending the last months report.

Stewardship – The committee decided that the June Thank Offering will go toward the balance of the air conditioning.



Trinity Council Minutes

May 2023

Old Business

Air conditioning – Barb asked how much more is needed for the air conditioning. We need about \$2,000.00 more. This doesn't include the maintenance agreement. Pastor will talk with them about the cost.

Offering Envelopes – Envelopes have been ordered.

Church Picnic – August 27, 2023, will be the church picnic. 11:00 a.m. at the Hollidaysburg Legion Park. We're still looking for people to help..

Confirmation Gifts – The Bibles are here for the confirmands. Lisa Bush is getting a cake for the reception following the service.

Handicapped parking sign for 6 th Street – We will not request a handicap sign for the 6 th Street side.

New Business

Repair of Knob and Tube wiring – Brent Cogan is coming on Thursday to inspect the wiring.

Secretary – Judy asked when the Secretary would begin working more hours. Pastor said she is discussing the situation with her.

Hand Railing – It was reported that the 6th Street hand railing is loose. Pastor has someone to come to repair it on Saturday.

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: June 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



Trinity Vacation Bible School

VBS Hero Hotline SNACK LIST

Here are some of the items we will need for snacks
Check for a sign up sheet in July.

Chocolate Pudding
Vanilla Pudding
Gummy Worms
Oreo Cookies
Pretzel Sticks
Goldfish (multicolored)



Raisins
Mini Marshmallows
M&M's
Chocolate Chips
Cheerios



Grapes
Strawberries
Blueberries
Cantaloupe



Small Plates
Cups
Napkins

(This year's theme)

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Ted Baird	Bob Hofmann
Tyler Bennett	Doris Hollingshead
Ruth & Bob Brubaker	Martha Jones
William Burda	Garry Knee
Church Health Team	Jake Knisely
Church Council	Sharon Kutz
Charon Clabaugh	Cheryl Luciano
Elaine Conrad	Jessica McGraw
Don Corl	Ken B. Myers
Gary Crownover	Myers Family
Sondra Deffibaugh	Jaden Rhode
Jane Eamigh	Lisa Smearman
Allen Everhart	Sis Stenger
Garner Family	Fred Teigler
Tom Hammond	Wilkins Family
Kathy Hatch	Harry Yeager
Kristina Henderson	Nancy Yeager

Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda	Bob Nearhoof
Clara Hite	Sue Nycum
Shannon Kratzer	Arlene Roessing
Ken Kumpf	Leta Veit
Marie Laich	
Bill McLaughlin	

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

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

Family Members and Friends

Joe Adams	Skyler Franell	Lorenzo Recchia
Donnie Alwine	Misty Franell	Carl Ruckinger
Janet & Charlie Aungst	Haley Gehret	Michael Ruckinger
Scott Aungst	Pat Griffith	Jeanne Rutherford
ALB	Thomas Hamilton	Trudy Savine
KCB	John Hancuff	Ronald Settle
Dan Baughman	Ann Hanczaryk	Daryl Seymore
Gloria Beatty	Katie Hanczaryk	Judy Shaffer
Behe Family	David K. Harpster	Lynn Shaffer
Robin Behe	Donald Haslam	Marilyn Shannon
Kris Bennett	Tom Hatch	Sandy Sharieves
Dana Beschler	Virginia Heidler	Gloria Shoup
Yvonne Bickle	Karli Hey	Debbie Smith
Zayne Bowmaster	Samantha Januska	Dottie Stayer
Dee & Barry Bradfield	Nicki Kaltenbrunner	Sultage Jr. Family
Damain Branas	Carol King	Lisa Ta and son Elliott Ta
Joseph Brewer	Harper Ann Krause	Harry Taylor
Terry Brown	Cindy Lamont	Paul & Nina Wallis
Christopher Buchanan	Jan Lastaglia	Jameson Joseph (JJ) Williamson
Randy Carothers	Heather Leader	Steve Wood
Sue Carter	Anaya Leity	Tiquan Wright
Sue Casalviere	Steward Logan	Cookie
Karen Claar	Frank Luciano	Elsa
Tracee Cole	BPM	Jessie
Theresa Cooney	Christine Maines	Juni
Marissa Cooper	Linda Mardula	Natalie
Scott Corl	Steve Mardula, Sr	Baby Jerimiah
Randy Corneilius Family	Ron Matta	Baby Gwen
Janie Coyne	McConnell Family	In spoken request "M"
William Culp	McGilvery Family	
Lisa Dalansky	Brandon McGraw	
Tom DeAngelo	Tom Morning	
Jim Deffibaugh	Bill & Penny Murphy	
Jorden DeFrancisco	Debbie Musante	
Ethel Donley	Sharon Myers	
Ken Eichenlaub	Wyatt Nite	
Ian Esper	Zach Noel	
Phil Esper	Tammy Otto	
Paula Ford	Dennis Paulsen	
	Frances Pringle	



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 July

July 2

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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Also worth mentioning...

The next Orbit Deadline is July 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!