

# The Orbit

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April 2024

"Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday dear... Happy Birthday to you."



## **From the Pastor:**

You might ask yourselves why I wrote the birthday song (which I bet you sang) for my orbit article. Perhaps it is because my birthday is in April and I've been counting down the days to celebrate. I have been thinking a lot about birthdays recently, I don't really know why, and I thought I would share my thoughts with you. The main thing that has been on my mind is that birthdays are a time to be reflective. As we get older we get more reflective about our lives. Reflecting on things is a good thing. It allows us to look at ourselves and make changes where we can and find acceptance where we can't. New Years is not the only time we examine the past year, we can do that as we look at our birthdays as well. Birthdays are also a great time to remember God's love for us. As we turn another year older we can look back at where God has sustained us and supported us through his love. We can also look forward to the next year and continue to know God's love in our lives. It doesn't matter how old we are turning, birthdays can be an exciting time in our lives. Looking in retrospective at what God has blessed us with and looking forward to coming blessings in the future. Birthdays also remind me that God gives life, that God has blessed me with another trip around the sun. So, to all I say "Happy Birthday".

Peace,



## Trinity Council President

### FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that the Lenten season has come and gone. Let us not forget what Lent stands for: Christ died for all our sins so that we can live for Him. I can only imagine the pain and suffering that He went through during His crucifixion. He died for all of us, and yet He forgives us for the sins that we have done. The visual stations of the cross that were donated to the church by Shelby Benzel and made by Jack White Signs are just astounding. It teaches us how Christ traveled through His journey to the end of His life and His resurrection. We all go through difficult trials and tribulations in our lives, but let us remember what He went through for us to be saved.

Easter morning is an early morning, and an amazing morning, to the start of a very important day. "HE IS RISEN!" "HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!" Let us continue our journey in life through what He has given us, from day to day until He finally calls us home. The services, the music, along with the special music, the flowers and the breakfast were all a wonderful way to celebrate Easter morning. How grateful and thankful we are to be able to have these services and join in fellowship together.

The Trinity Lutheran family did an outstanding job again this year for the Baskets for Eli. There were 158 baskets assembled for the project. We can only imagine the expression on those children's faces when they opened their basket and saw what was inside. It probably brought tears to their eyes along with their parents and hospital personnel to see that they are being thought of during their difficult times. It's just amazing to see how far things have progressed over the years to see where it is now heading, toward all 50 states. Let's hope it continues for years to come. Thank you again to all those who purchased items, and to those who worked on assembling the baskets.

Moving on to the business of the church, the church council previously had a feasibility study done for improvements and outlook of the church structure. One item that was brought to our attention was the electrical system, in the older part of the church, which consists of knob and tube wiring. There are no issues, but we thought we would have someone with electrical knowledge look at it to evaluate whether or not it should be upgraded. We have had one bid so far on the cost to upgrade the wiring, and are waiting for a few others. There have been no problems and we don't anticipate any. We are looking only at the wiring. The electrical panels were upgraded in previous years and have been inspected. If there are any questions or comments, please contact me or any council member. Your input and comments are always welcome.

Thank you.  
 Yours in Faith.  
 Kenneth B. Myers



# Trinity Council Feb 2024 Meeting Minutes

## Attendance

### Present Absent

Pastor Eli

John Ebersole 2025

Debbie Garritano 2025

Lisa Bush 2024

Adam Counterman 2025

Ralph Grove

Judy Hale 2024

Lori Matta-Rhode 2024

Ken Myers 2023

Chris Thompson 2025

Nevin Woodring 2024

Jim Buchanan 2025

Pam Mueller 2026

Dave Mueller 2026

## Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Myers.

Pastor led us in prayer.

### Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the January meeting were read. A correction was made to the list of members in attendance, Geri and Barb are no longer on Council, and a correction to Lori's name to adjourn.

Dave made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Ralph presented a report from the bank. Our printer was not working so Ralph purchased a new printer for the church. Ralph said the system has been installed on the new computer. The S&T Investment is \$241,685.54. The Sunderman Fund is \$15,719.49.

Judy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Pam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. She reported that Lent is in full swing and Wednesday services are well attended. Bible Study and Adult Sunday School has also been well attended. She has attended several community boards, Improved Dwellings for Altoona, Operation Our Town, Blair Huntingdon Conference meeting, etc. She also has made hospital and shut in visits and phone calls to touch base with members.

Lori made a motion to accept the Pastor's report. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

Property – Adam submitted a written report. He is repairing the door to the Free Library box. He replaced the paper towel dispensers in the kitchen and upstairs bathroom as well as the toilet dispenser upstairs. He would like to have a youth day in late April or May to help sand and re-stain the outside doors of the church. He will be on vacation from April 5-17.

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### Old Business

**Repair of Knob and Tube wiring** – Dave checked with Adams Electric and he didn't call back. We discussed other options and will continue to pursue this. We just want to know if and when we may need to replace the old wiring.

**Shrove Tuesday** – Lori asked what the collection from the dinner was going to. Pastor said \$300.00 was raised and would be split with the Youth and general fund.

### New Business

**Light for the handicap ramp** – we discussed getting more lighting for the ramp on the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue side. It is hard to see after dark. Ken will check with Adam to see what can be done.  
**Synod Assembly** – Pastor asked for volunteers to attend the Synod Assembly on June 15, 2024, at the Blair County Convention Center.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

**Next meeting: March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**



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# Trinity Children Page



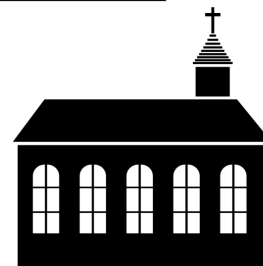
## Church is Fun

### Word Search

L B L M C U D C O U R A G E G R A C E R  
 H E A L I N G V K F W T P E A C E I C B  
 J E S U S F N K P C H U R C H M X L F O  
 X O P F Q L U H O L Y N F A I T H I O N  
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 O N E V A E H D A J G E J M X U L K S Q  
 T R U T H J B E F D D K B U V M N D V F

#### Word list:

BELIEF	FRIENDSHIP	JOY
BLESSINGS	GIVING	LOVE
CHRIST	GOD	MERCY
CHURCH	GRACE	OBEDIENCE
COMPASSION	GUIDANCE	PATIENCE
COURAGE	HEALING	PEACE
ETERNAL	HEAVEN	SALVATION
FAITH	HOLY	SPIRIT
FAITHFULNESS	HOPE	TRUTH
FORGIVENESS	JESUS	WISDOM





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He is Risen

# Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

## Trinity Members

Ted Baird  
 Kristina Bennett  
 Tyler Bennett  
 Bennett Family  
 Shelby Benzel  
 Gianna Berardinelli  
 Ruth Brubaker  
 William Burda  
 Church Health  
 Team  
 Church Council  
 Charon Clabaugh  
 Don Corl  
 Gary Crownover  
 Sondra Deffibaugh  
 Maizie Emswiler  
 Allen Everhart  
 Jim Frederick  
 Garner Family  
 Lois Gutshall  
 Stephanie Yeager  
 Hamilton  
 Tom Hammond

## Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda  
 Clara Hite  
 Shannon Kratzer  
 Ken Kumpt  
 Marie Laich

## Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown  
 Jason Buck  
 Kyle Eberhart  
 Nathan Frank

Bill McLaughlin  
 Sue Nycum  
 Arlene Roessing  
 Leta Veit  
 Ryan Maguire  
 Justin Patz  
 Eric Sweet

## Family Members and Friends

Donnie Alwine  
 Janet & Charlie Aungst  
 Scott Aungst  
 Dan Baughman  
 Behe Family  
 Robin Behe  
 Kris Bennett  
 Ramona Bennett &  
 Family  
 Dana Beschler  
 Zayne Bowmaster  
 Dee & Barry Bradfield  
 Damain Branas  
 Joseph Brewer  
 Terry Brown  
 Christopher Buchanan  
 John Bush  
 Sue Carter  
 Jeff Cipriani  
 Karen Claar  
 Julian Colan  
 Tracee Cole  
 Elaine Conrad  
 Theresa Cooney  
 Scott Corl  
 Carol Corle  
 Randy Comeilius Family  
 Janie Coyne  
 William Culp  
 Lisa Dalansky  
 Jordan DeFrancisco  
 Ethel Donley  
 Ken Eichenlaub  
 Ian Esper  
 Phil Esper  
 Ken Farabaugh  
 Fink Family  
 Paula Ford  
 Skyler Franell  
 Misty Franell  
 Haley Gehret  
 Pat Griffith  
 Thomas Hamilton  
 Bob Hamilton  
 John Hancuff  
 Katie Hanczaryk

Tom Haney  
 Bob Harding  
 Brandon Harper & his  
 3 daughters  
 David K. Harpster  
 Carol Haslam  
 Donald Haslam  
 Tom Hatch  
 Virginia Heidler  
 Karli Hey  
 Emily Hileman  
 Ed Hoover  
 Samantha Januska  
 Nicki Kaltenbrunner  
 Carol King  
 Rebecca Kinney  
 Dyalyn Lamond Family  
 Cindy Lamont  
 Jan Lastaglia  
 Heather Leader  
 Anaya Leity  
 Steward Logan  
 Lou Lohsl  
 Bill Lytle  
 Christine Maines  
 Linda Mardula  
 Steve Mardula, Sr  
 Chris Mathieu  
 Linda Matta  
 Ron Matta  
 Market Family  
 McConnell Family  
 McGilvery Family  
 Brandon McGraw  
 Vicky Misko  
 Nancy Mock  
 Kaitlin Morning  
 Tom Morning  
 Jess Mourabit  
 Linda Mowrer  
 Bill & Penny Murphy  
 Debbie Musante  
 Sharon Myers  
 Wyatt Nite  
 Zach Noel  
 Mary Oberneder

Tammy Otto  
 Dennis Paulsen  
 Frances Pringle  
 Tommy S. Pringle  
 Fred Putt  
 Lorenzo Recchia  
 Carl Ruckinger  
 Jeanne Rutherford  
 Evan Sanders  
 Conner Sanders  
 Sanders Family  
 Trudy Savine  
 Ronald Settle  
 Daryl Seymore  
 Judy Shaffer  
 Lynn Shaffer  
 Marilyn Shannon  
 Gloria Shoup  
 Debbie Smith  
 Dottie Stayer  
 Sultage Jr. Family  
 Lisa Ta & son Elliott Ta  
 Harry Taylor  
 Paul Wallis  
 Leeanne Walters  
 Jameson Joseph (JJ)  
 Williamson  
 Steve Wood  
 Paul Wright  
 Tiquan Wright  
 Elsa  
 Jessie  
 Junie  
 Natalie  
 Baby Gwen  
 Baby Madi  
 In spoken request "M"  
 BPM  
 KCB  
 ALB  
 JJM  
 RDG



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 April

### April 7

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1--2:2  
John 20:19-31

### April 14

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

### April 21

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

### April 28

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

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## Also worth mentioning...

## The next Orbit Deadline is April 24th

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

- Email your article to:  
**[office@trinityaltoona.com](mailto:office@trinityaltoona.com)**  
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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!**