

The Orbit

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May 2024

"I said, 'I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue; I will keep a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence.' I was silent and still; I held my peace to no avail; my distress grew worse, my heart became hot within me. While I mused, the fire burned then I spoke with my tongue."

Psalms 39: 1-3



From the Pastor:

This psalm reminds us that we are to hold our tongues because our tongues can get us in trouble. I often need this reminder for myself because I can speak before I think. I think many of us have this problem and before we know it we have said something we shouldn't have and that we can't take back. Words can hurt more than broken bones or bruises that can heal. If we find ourselves speaking words that have made us sin we are to be quick to apologize and try to make things right. I want to encourage each one of us to watch what we say because our tongues can cause great and irreparable damage. We know what damage our words can cause, yet I think that we are quick to speak. The psalmist realizes that keeping a muzzle on our mouths is not an easy task, especially when the wicked or the enemy are in our midst. That is when keeping silent is the hardest but usually the most prudent time to keep silent. Watching what we say and counting to ten before we speak can save a lot of heart ache and hard feelings in the long run. When in doubt, if our tongues are used for love and the spread of Gods word then we shouldn't fear speaking out of turn.

Peace,



Trinity Council President

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe the Easter season is already three weeks behind us. We had two beautiful services Easter morning, and I'm sure the Saturday evening service was just as nice. The sunrise service was an emotional and breathtaking service as the sun shone through those beautiful stained glass windows we have here at Trinity. The music, chimes, and choir, along with all the extra musically talented individuals was outstanding. It was great to see the church pews full with a great turnout, and we are so thankful that the weather was terrific for that special day of His, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It was nice to see Trinity's Easter breakfast back to how it was years ago. The food, the fruit, donuts, along with the drinks and everything else, was just outstanding. I personally want to thank everyone who helped and participated in getting everything ready and cleaning up afterward. Trinity Hall was full and the fellowship with everyone was nice to see. Let's hope things can continue on in years to come, and the prior years of COVID are behind us, so we can continue to have these wonderful times together.

Spring has finally arrived with vengeance. It would be nice to see Mr. Sun appear more often, instead of these torrential downpours. As it has been lately, we almost have to get an ark to travel around. I know He's telling us we need the rain, but if we have to have it, hopefully it doesn't have to be for days on end, as it has been lately. I guess we can only be thankful that it wasn't OLD MAN SNOW. Ha! Ha!

Just to bring everyone up to speed, as I said in the last newsletter about the electrical system, we are going to hopefully have two evaluations done in the next few weeks. As it was when we did the A/C, it took time to get estimates and work through the process. As said before we are not having any issues. We are just evaluating different things that were brought to our attention a few years ago, when we had the feasibility study done on the church.

If anyone has any questions or ideas about anything to do with the church, please don't hesitate to speak with me or any church council member. It's nice to have everyone's ideas and input on the projects that we do on the Lord's house.

Thank you.

Yours in Faith.

Kenneth B. Myers



Trinity Council Minutes

Trinity Lutheran Church

Council Minutes of March 26, 2024

Debbie Garritano, Secretary

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli
 John Ebersole 2025
 Geri Selfridge 2023
 Debbie Garritano 2025
 Lisa Bush 2024
 Adam Counterterman 2025
 Barb Gosnell 2023
 Ralph Grove

Absent

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.

Ken asked that we take a moment to remember those who were lost in the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Maryland.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the February meeting were read. Correction was made to the date at the top of the minutes. John made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Lori seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report. Ralph and Tom are still working on the computer set up.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor gave a verbal report. She was pleased with attendance during Lent. Both youth groups are going well. The Junior/Senior High youth group is taking her out to dinner for her birthday. She made visits and calls to those shut in. This will be a busy week, Holy Week. She will be on vacation from April 28 to May 6. Pastor Ralph Hamer will be covering services for her. Jim made a motion to accept the Pastor's report. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music – Things are in order for Holy Week. New altar candles have been pur-

chased and arrived. They should last longer. Because of a mix up with the company we order palms from, we had to purchase them from Peterman's. Thank you to Peterman's.

Old Business

Repair of Knob and Tube wiring – We received a bid from Cogan Electric for \$16,875.16. Ken and Dave will still try to get other bids to compare. We set a timeline for the next Council meeting to get the bids.

New Business

Light for handicap ramp – Ken and Adam are working on getting a light to shine on the ramp.

Other

John said that he put a notice in the Altoona Mirror about the Easter services and Easter Breakfast. He said we should do this every time we have an event at Trinity. It is no cost.

Lisa said that her granddaughter, Rylee, is collecting for Rachel's Closet at the Altoona High School. This is a place where students can come to get clothing items, food, personal hygiene items, etc. She would like to collect at church to help with the supplies of personal hygiene items and school supplies. Boxes would be placed at the back of the church. We all agreed this was a good project. She will collect for the month of April.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: April 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



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Trinity Game Page

Noah's Ark Word Search

A D D B J H E S Y S P T D L T
 N O L V H V Z E U R A O G N O
 I V I L I P I C O P O V A I W
 M E U L C J C M C L P N E Q T
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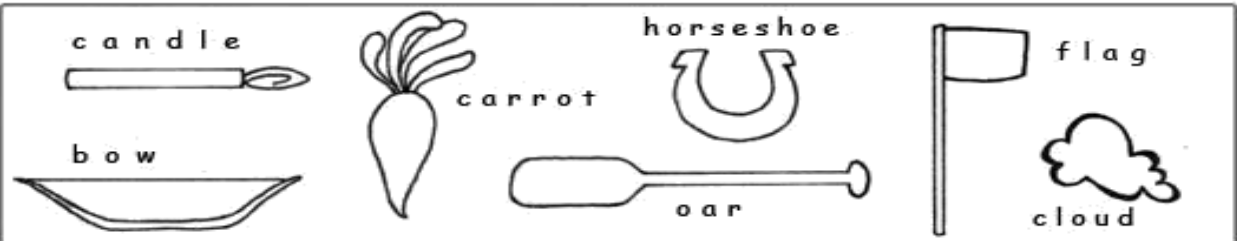
animals	land
build	obedient
covenant	promise
criticize	rainbow
dove	raven
evil	saved
flood	supplies
good	two





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Trinity Game Page



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
 Garner Family
 Lois Gutshall
 Stephanie Yeager
 Hamilton
 Tom Hammond
 Kathy Hatch
 Bob Hofmann
 Bob Ickes

Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda
 Clara Hite
 Shannon Kratzer
 Ken Kumpt
 Marie Laich

Bill McLaughlin
 Sue Nycum
 Arlene Roessing
 Leta Veit

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown
 Jason Buck
 Kyle Eberhart
 Nathan Frank

Ryan Maguire
 Justin Patz
 Eric Sweet

Family Members and Friends

Bob Allen
 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 Corneilius Family
 Janie Coyne
 William Culp
 Lisa Dalansky
 Jorden DeFrancisco
 Lori Dodge
 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
 Walt Hess
 Karli Hey
 Emily Hileman
 Ed Hoover
 Eli Huges
 Samantha Januska
 Nicki Kaltenbrunner
 Carol King
 Rebecca Kinney
 Dyalyn Lamond Family
 Cindy Lamont
 Jan Lastaglia
 Heather Leader
 Anaya Leity
 Steward Logan
 Lou Lohsl
 Anthony Luciano
 Jameson Lytle
 Maines Family
 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
 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
 Lisa Turek
 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 May

May 5

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

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Also worth mentioning.....

*Happy 90th Birthday
to Clair McGregor*

on May 10

(submitted by Tina McGregor.)



The next Orbit Deadline is May 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.**