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COME WORSHIP AT TRINITY THIS WEEKEND

We invite you to join us at one of our three convenient worship services this weekend: Saturday at 6:30PM, Sunday at 8:15AM or Sunday at 10:45AM.

Please note the offering plate is on the table at the rear of the sanctuary and the continuous communion format remains in place.

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Each year at Trinity, usually in early fall, we designate a Sunday to celebrate the music of the church. **This year, we are planning to make it a whole weekend of that celebration!** There will be special music at all three services (6:30PM Saturday, 8:15 and 10:45AM Sunday) the weekend of September 20-21. If you have a musical talent you would like to share, please contact Cindy Finnegan at 814-330-2202. There will be a special service choir as well, rehearsal times will be posted in August.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 6/24/25

As a service to our congregation, we are now publishing our monthly council meeting minutes in *The Pulse*:

Attendance

Present

Pastor Eli

Ken Myers, President 2026

John Ebersole, Vice President 2025

Debbie Garritano, Secretary 2025

Ralph Grove, Treasurer

Lisa Bush 2027

Nevin Woodring 2027

Dave Mueller 2026

Brenda Adelman 2027

Sharon Kutz 2027

Absent

Tom Settle, Assistant Treasurer

Adam Counterman 2025

Chris Thompson 2025

Jim Buchanan 2025

Pam Mueller 2026

Greetings/Devotions

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

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes from the May meeting were read. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes. Sharon seconded the motion. Motion passed. The minutes from the Council meetings will now be on the Pulse and at the back of the sanctuary.

Treasurer's Report

None. Ralph said that all was up to date. He will be meeting with Tom next week.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. She had 3 visits to members at home and 1 in the hospital. She attended the Christian Ed and VBS meeting. She had a funeral for a non-member, 3 counseling sessions, 5 shut-in visits. Pastor attended 2 evening events for children of the congregation. All this plus her weekly duties of Sermon prep and office time. Summer is usually a slower time when she tries to catch up on visits and prep for Adult Sunday School.

Committee Reports

Property – Ken talked with Adam and said that he is caught up on things. He will fix the cover for the stained-glass window. Ken talked with Joe Luciano about the alley door. He will come and measure the door and give us a bid.

Worship and Music – none

Christian Ed – VBS August 3-7. There will be an article in the Orbit.

Stewardship – none

Old Business

Electrician – Ken talked to Doug Lockard about being the church's electrician. He

agreed that he would be willing to be on call. Dave said that Doug was very reliable and would give us a fair price.

Church Directory – Dave said he is almost ready to start. He is waiting for his new phone to come in to take the pictures. Then he will start. Watch for more information.

Office Hours -John asked if there was any progress setting office hours. Pastor said that Cindy is in the office Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 – 1:00. Pastor has yet to get that in writing and set.

Saturday Music – Ken asked if Cindy called Ralph to play when she was unable. Yes, she does call him first before she asks her students.

New Business

Council will not meet in July.

Other Business

Credit card – Sharon asked if the church should have a credit card to be held by the Secretary. She said that Cindy was asked to use her card, and she was not willing to do this. We discussed that most of the places we order from have accounts and will send an invoice. Other times committee members turn in their bill and Ralph reimburses them. Pastor will talk with Cindy, and we will revisit this in August.

Remembrance Book – Sharon purchased extra pages for the book and Social Ministry will update the book.

Envelopes – Sharon asked what happens to the envelopes no one picks up. Some are mailed out or taken to shut ins, confirmants and new members are given envelopes. There are always some left over because of the order we must place.

Endowment – question was asked how much is in the Endowment. Debbie will check and report in August.

Orbit – Following discussion, it was decided that the Orbit deadline will be the 15th of the month. This will ensure that the Orbit gets out before the beginning of the month. Debbie will check with Dwana and Cindy to see if they can have their items ready before the 22nd of the month.

Constitution – Pastor asked that everyone take a look at the constitution and by-laws to see if any changes need to be made. Bring your ideas back in August.

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Sharon seconded. The meeting was then adjourned.
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: August 26, 2025 at 7PM

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Our **regular weekly activities** include the Sewing Group (Mondays 10AM-2PM), Adult Bible Study (returns in September), the Healthy You Program (Tuesdays 10:30-11AM, Fridays 10-11AM), the Prayer Breakfast group (returns in September) and Sunday School (returns in September).

Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring. Faith, fun and fellowship are always in season at Trinity Altoona :)

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