



**Wednesday 17 September 2025 Edition**

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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.

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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) THIS WEEKEND September 20-21. Please join us!

### **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 8/26/25**

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  
Chris Thompson 2025  
Nevin Woodring 2027  
Jim Buchanan 2025  
Pam Mueller 2026  
Dave Mueller 2026  
Brenda Adelman 2027  
Sharon Kutz 2027

##### **Absent**

Adam Counterman 2025  
Tom Settle, Assistant Treasurer

### **Greetings/Devotions**

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

### **Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the June meeting were read. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes. Pam 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**

Ralph presented a written report. He said everything is up to date. He is having some computer issues. He will be getting the organ serviced next week or so. Pam made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Endowment Fund**

Current balance is \$30,384.03. There is still monies to be deposited but we must have \$2,000.00 before we can make a deposit.

### **Pastor Hess' Report**

Pastor presented a written report. Over the summer months she visited several shut-in members, members in the hospital and those who had surgery. She also prepared for Bible study and Adult Sunday School. She had two weddings for relatives of members and several funerals for members and nonmembers. Pastor had counseling sessions and made calls to members who have not been present. She was an integral part of a successful Vacation Bible School, and she attended Christian Ed and Worship and Music meetings.

### **Committee Reports**

Property – no report. Sharon asked why Adam is on Property committee and is he able to do both Property and Sexton duties? Yes, Adam has been doing this for years.

Worship and Music – (will be published in next week's issue)

Christian Ed – no report

Stewardship – John explained that the past two Thank Offerings have been for the benefit of the church. Now we should do something for the community. The committee suggests that the September Thank Offering be for the Central PA Humane Society. They are trying to raise money for a new facility.

## **Old Business**

Basement door – Ken has yet to hear from Joe Luciano about the door. He will check back.

## **New Business**

Debbie stated that the sanctuary windows need to be repaired. This should be part of yearly maintenance. If Adam is unable to do this, we can outsource the work.

Constitution and By-Laws – John said that the Gift Acceptance Policy needs to be corrected as to how the money is designated. Also, the times and places for Council meetings need to be corrected.

Budget – the Finance Committee met and came up with a draft of the budget for 2025-2026. Each committee needs to look at their line items and bring updates to next Council meeting.

Legion Park – Pastor received a phone call from the gentleman at the park stating that we left the pavilion messy with bottles on the table and boxes on the ground. He said our deposit would not be refunded and we may not be able to reserve it for next year. Sharon will call him back to talk with him.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Garritano

**Next meeting: September 23, 2025 at 7PM**

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Our **regular weekly activities** include the Sewing Group (Mondays 10AM-2PM), Adult Bible Study (Tuesdays 9-10AM), the Healthy You Program (Tuesdays 10:30-11AM, Fridays 10-11AM), the Prayer Breakfast group (Thursdays 9-10AM) and Sunday School (9:30AM).

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

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