



Wednesday 8 October 2025 Edition

TrinityAltoona.com | Facebook.com/TrinityAltoona | YouTube.com/@TrinityAltoona

Editor: Tom Settle thepulse@TrinityAltoona.com

Submission Deadline: Sundays 6:00PM

Worship With Us: Saturdays 6:30PM, Sundays 8:15AM & 10:45AM

Can't Make It To Church? [Please Give Online](#) (Endorsed by the [ELCA](#))



Our short-form YouTube series "Out to Pastor" remains on hiatus.
Catch up on all 325+ archived episodes anytime and watch for new episodes in
the future. [Visit our YouTube channel to subscribe.](#)

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 support your church by mail, dropbox or online at TrinityAltoona.com/Give.



Trinity's annual **Treats from Trunks** is coming soon! You can donate bagged candy or other snacks to be given out on Altoona's Trick-or-Treat Night, Thursday October 30 from 6 to 8PM. Please drop off donations in Trinity Hall up until the 30th. If you'd like to help out at the event, we ask you to park near the church by 5:45PM. Feel free to wear a costume and/or decorate your vehicle to add to the fun! Watch for a signup form in the church bulletins. For more info, please see Nancy Honecker or Sandy Ebersole.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 9/23/25

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

Nevin Woodring 2027

Dave Mueller 2026

Brenda Adelman 2027

Sharon Kutz 2027

Absent

Tom Settle, Assistant Treasurer

Lisa Bush 2027

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 August meeting were read. Under New Business, Constitution/By Laws correction was made that the Council meeting time and place does not need to be corrected at this time. Brenda made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Dave 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 had no report but said everything is up to date. The computer is down.

John asked if the check for the envelopes was sent. Ralph said it was sent some time in June. If we don't receive the envelopes in the next couple of weeks, we will ask Cindy to call.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. She reported that Bible Study, Adult Sunday School, and Sunday School have returned. Attendance has gotten better since summer. She has a counseling session once a week, made hospital visits and home visits, had Arlene Roessings funeral and a non-member funeral. She attended Christian Ed, Worship and Music, and Finance committees' meetings. Youth groups will be starting in October with some new leadership for the Jr./Sr. High and added leadership for the Elementary group.

Committee Reports

Property – no report. Ken talked with Adam, and he said the back railing needs to be replaced. Adam also took care of the weeds along 4th Avenue.

Worship and Music – (available upon request)

Christian Ed – no report

Stewardship –no report

Old Business

Basement door – Ken talked with Joe Luciano about the red alley door. Joe said that to have a new one installed would cost \$4,500.00. Joe will install it at no charge. Thank you, Joe.

Budget – Pastor presented the budget for Council approval. Questions were raised on the salary of the Organist and the hours of the Secretary. Following discussion of the Secretary, Pastor said that she is in the office two days/week from 10:30 – 1:00. She also works from home. All the work is getting done. We discussed technical solutions that maybe a help if someone needs to get into the church for repairs, maintenance, etc.

Following discussion of the Organist, she does more than just play the organ. She prepares the hymns, works with the choir, plans the Christmas pageant, and works with Vacation Bible School. The extra time that she takes she has scheduled and pays out of her pocket. The Personnel Committee will be working with all employees to address any issues.

Brenda made a motion to accept the Budget. Dave seconded the motion. We had 5 Council members accept and 2 oppose. Motion passed. The Budget will be sent out to the congregation and will be voted on at the Congregational meeting in November.

Debbie asked if we could see the budget from last year to see if we met or exceeded the proposed budget. Ralph said he would work on that.

Legion Park – Sharon called and talked to the gentleman about the accusation that we left the pavilion in terrible shape. Following their discussion, he will keep this years deposit, but we will have the pavilion for next year on the same weekend.

New Business

Bid on painting – Ken received a bid from Waddell Painting. The bid for the complete exterior was \$34,000.00 and the St. Andrew part was \$10,400.00. Following discussion, it was decided to table this and get more bids from others.

John made a motion to adjourn. Brenda seconded.

The meeting was then adjourned.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: October 28, 2025 at 7PM

Did you know Trinity Altoona has a **YouTube Channel**? Now you can watch our short-form series **Out to Pastor** (plus archived worship services and sermons) anytime on your computers, smartphones, tablets and smart TVs. [Subscribe to Trinity's YouTube channel today :\)](#)

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).

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

HELP WANTED!

We are working to make **The Pulse** bigger and better than ever, but we can't do it without your help.

Email your articles and photos (including who, what and where info for each photo) to thepulse@trinityaltoona.com. Be sure to include your phone number in case we have any questions.

We'd also like to share good news from our Trinity family, such as births, birthdays, graduations, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, job changes, pets, promotions, retirements, travels etc. *The Pulse* is Trinity and you are the pulse!





Copyright © 2025 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, All rights reserved.
You are receiving this email because you opted-in from our website (TrinityAltoona.com) or Facebook page (facebook.com/TrinityAltoona)

Our mailing address is:

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
408 N. 6th Street
Altoona, PA 16601

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

