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



The Stewardship committee has designated the **November Thank Offering to benefit the Caring Cupboard food pantry**. Due to current uncertainties, there is an increased demand on local food banks. Please consider contributing so we can offer food assistance to those in need.

Trinity Altoona will once again be purchasing live Christmas trees for our sanctuary. **We'll pick up the trees Tuesday November 25 and set them up Saturday morning November 29 at 10AM**. This is a great opportunity for youth to get some service hours. Please come help decorate, enjoy some fellowship and make our church look festive for the Christmas season! We also need ushers and lectors for our Christmas Eve services (7PM and 10PM). If you're able to help out, please contact Debbie Garritano at 814-932-1499.



Last call to order Christmas poinsettias! The cost is \$10 each and order envelopes are available in the back of the sanctuary. **Order deadline is this Monday November 17.**

We'll be kicking off the holiday season with a **Family Choir performance, Sunday November 30 at the 10:45AM service**. Please join us to sing on this first Sunday of Advent. Rehearsal will be held on Sunday November 23rd at 11:45AM. Youth and adults are welcome. Please also join us for (vocal and/or chime) choir on Christmas Eve at the 7PM service. Vocal choir rehearsals for Christmas Eve will be held on Sundays 11/30, 12/14 and 12/21 at 11:45 AM. Please watch your bulletins and *The Pulse* for the chime choir rehearsal schedule.

Mark your calendars! The students of our own Cindy Finnegan will present ***Howlin' & Meowin' Good Christmas Music*, a benefit Christmas concert for the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society**. It's coming Sunday December 7 at 3PM at Trinity Altoona. The event will feature Christmas selections performed by piano and vocal

students, a stocking stuffer boutique/craft tables for dog and cat lovers, a basket raffle, a visit from Santa, free cookies and hot chocolate plus a chance to meet some adoptable dogs from CPHS. Admission is free, donations are greatly appreciated.

A message from Sandy Ebersole and Nancy Honecker: **The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support with Treats from Trunks at Trinity.** The donations were fabulous, the people who turned out to give treats increased and all those who received treats were appreciative. One hundred thirty five cards were handed out that night letting families/trick or treaters know about Trinity's service hours including Sunday school. More than 250 children passed by the church along with adult chaperones. It was a wonderful night of fun and fellowship. Again, thanks goes out to everyone involved.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 10/28/25

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
Jim Buchanan 2025
Pam Mueller 2026
Dave Mueller 2026

Absent

Tom Settle, Assistant Treasurer
Lisa Bush 2027
Adam Counterman 2025
Chris Thompson 2025
Brenda Adelman 2027
Sharon Kutz 2027

Greetings/Devotions

The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Myers. Pastor led the group in prayer.

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the September meeting were read. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John 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. Tom has the computer and is coming to work with Ralph this week.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a verbal report. She reported that she has had many funerals, three in the last week, Glen McKnight, Mike Turek, and Betty Keller. The Youth Groups are going well. There are only three in the Elementary group. The Jr/Sr High have 8. They took a trip to Fort Roberdeau to hike a haunted trail and plan to go to Camp Anderson Haunted Camp. Both Bible Study and Adult Sunday School are going well. She has also attended meetings with IDA and Operation Our Town.

Property – no report. Ken talked with Adam. He replaced the window covering on the stained glass and is looking for a price to repair the railing on the alley side.

Worship and Music – (available upon request)

Christian Ed – no report

Stewardship –John reported that the November Thank Offering will be to replenish the Caring Cupboard. It is evident that there will be a great need now that SNAP and other federal programs are not receiving federal funds.

Old Business

Bid on Painting – Pam asked if we had received any other bids. No not at this time. Ken said that Waddell would be willing to work with us and do parts at a time. This was tabled for future with the understanding that something will have to be done in the spring.

New Business

There was an issue with the stove and the hot water in the kitchen today. It was determined that the hot water tank had run low and didn't have time to heat the water. Also, Pastor said the furnace made a loud noise last Thursday. Bovard came and found that it needed a new pop off valve. He will order it and install it.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: Tuesday November 25, 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).

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

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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!





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