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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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Christmas is two weeks from tomorrow and we invite you to celebrate the season at Trinity Altoona! **Our beloved Christmas Eve candlelight worship services return at 7PM and 10PM Wednesday December 24. You can also join us for our traditional pajama-friendly service at 9AM on Christmas Day.** Please come share the joy of Christmas with us!



Trinity Altoona's Souper Bowl IV is coming Sunday January 25 at 1PM in Trinity Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in front of the cry room for soups, breads, salads and desserts. Cost for the event is \$5. For more info, contact Angela Counterman.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 11/25/25

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

Jim Buchanan 2025

Pam Mueller 2026

Dave Mueller 2026

Brenda Adelman 2027

Sharon Kutz 2027

Absent

Tom Settle, Assistant Treasurer

Adam Counterman 2025

Chris Thompson 2025

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 October meeting were read. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jim 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. Jim made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Pam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. Along with her regular duties she had two funerals, two hospital visits, one home visit, weekly counseling session and several phone calls

to sick or missing members. She also had one baptism at Valley View Park. She attended two IDA board meetings. Because of the government shutdown, extra meetings were necessary to vote on subsidies. Pastor had 10 days' vacation with her sister in England. As Christmas season begins, she will visit shut-ins and take communion.

Property – Ken talked with Adam. The railing for the alley entrance has been ordered. He also fixed the garage door opener with a keypad and remote opener. There were problems with the keys. Adam also fixed the towel dispenser in the men's room. Ken also talked with several individuals about the repairs to the stained-glass windows which we are looking to repair in the spring. They will get back to him. He also talked with Waddell to give us a quote on one side at a time. We want to thank Joe Luciano for the new door to Trinity Hall. It is beautiful.

Worship and Music – (available upon request). There was a question about moving the piano. Walks is a reputable mover, and the piano is only going from the Sunday School room to the Sanctuary. It shouldn't affect the tuning.

Christian Ed – Lisa reported that Sunday School is going well. Amy has the younger class with 5 students, Erika has the older elementary with 6 students, and Confirmation has 8 students. They will begin practicing for the Christmas program this weekend. Lisa has also been working on the bulletin boards in the Sunday School room. If anyone has announcements or pictures, see Lisa.

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 –

Church Directory – Dave has been busy with moving his home. He should be ready by the first of the year. Brenda asked how the arrangement was going with the Keystone Regiment using our building. Pastor said that things were going well. They always check with the Pastor for scheduling, and they have paid the rent in full.

New Business

Pastor reported that the Budget passed at the Congregational meeting. The members voted for Council were Debbie Garritano 82, Jim Buchanan 66, Mike Wochter 58, Erika Selfridge 55, and Linda Hoover 51.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: December 19, 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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