



**Wednesday 18 February 2026 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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Lent begins today and, as always, Trinity Altoona is providing our traditional expanded services during this most solemn season.



### **Lenten Schedule**

This Year's Theme: "Characters at the Cross"

Ash Wednesday February 18: 12 Noon and 6:30PM

Wednesday February 25: 12 Noon and 6:30PM

Wednesday March 4: 12 Noon and 6:30PM

Wednesday March 11: 12 Noon and 6:30PM

Wednesday March 18: 12 Noon and 6:30PM

Wednesday March 25: 12 Noon and 6:30PM

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Sunday March 29

8:15AM Palm Sunday Worship Service

10:45AM Palm Sunday Worship Service

Wednesday April 1

12 Noon Lenten Worship Service

6:30PM Lenten Worship Service

Thursday April 2

12 Noon Maundy Thursday Worship Service

6:30PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday April 3

12 Noon Good Friday Worship Service

6:30PM Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday April 4

6:30PM Holy Saturday Worship Service

### **Easter Schedule**

Sunday April 5

6:30AM Easter Sunrise Worship Service

8AM Easter Breakfast

10:45AM Easter Worship Service

We invite you to worship with us during these special Lenten services and our regular weekly services: 6:30PM Saturdays, 8:15AM Sundays and 10:45AM Sundays.

### **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 1/27/26**

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

#### **Attendance**

##### **Present**

Pastor Eli

Dave Mueller 2026

Brenda Adelman, Vice President 2027

Debbie Garritano, Secretary 2028

Ken Myers 2026

Nevin Woodring 2027

Pam Mueller 2026  
Sharon Kutz 2027  
Erica Laich 2028  
Mike Wachter 2028

### **Absent**

Ralph Grove, Treasurer  
Lisa Bush 2027  
Jim Buchanan 2028  
Nancy Honecker 2028

### **Greetings/Devotions**

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Mueller. We welcomed the new Council members and went around the table and introduced everyone. Pastor led the group in prayer.

### **Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from the December meeting were read. Ken made a motion to accept the minutes as written. 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 - none**

### **Pastor Hess' Report**

Pastor presented a written report. She gave an overview of her ministry duties. She serves this congregation but is also called to serve the Synod, the greater church, and the community in which she serves. Along with care for our church, she serves on different boards and committees for the community (Improved Dwellings of Altoona, Blair Towers and faith-based roundtable of Operation Our Town) and on Synod and church wide committees. For the church, she leads three services, Bible Study, Adult Sunday School, chapel for preschool, prayer breakfast, counseling, visiting shut ins, and other duties. Also this month she had three funerals, two hospital visits, and three home visits.

**Property** – Adam presented a written report. The new railing on the alley side has been installed. The old ones will be removed when the weather is better. Had Roto Rooter come and snake the drain in the women's bathroom. The old terra cotta pipes have shifted and will need to be replaced. He will keep flushing the pipes till they can be repaired. Two pieces of fascia blew off the 6th St. side. He is working on repairing it. He also noted that he uses his own mower, snowblower, weed eater, and string trimmer for the church. He does not mind using his and only wanted Council to know. Sharon raised the question that maybe we should have our own church

equipment. Following discussion, it was agreed that Adam use his own equipment. However, if something should break while caring for the church, we will replace the part needed.

**Worship and Music** – available upon request

**Christian Ed** – none

**Stewardship** – none

**Social Ministry** – none

### **Old Business**

Personnel Committee has not met yet regarding the Treasurer and Office help.

**Ben Blessed Donations** – Pastor said that the Salvation Army has been in once to take some things out of the garage. She will call again and tell them they have to the end of the month. Mike suggested that we have something in writing to give to the Salvation Army and they would sign it. The lock on the garage will be changed next month.

### **New Business**

Debbie passed around the Counting sheet for Council members to sign up to count offering. She will also update the Constitution and By Laws for all members.

Pastor announced that February 7, 2026, Pastor Kevin Shock will be installed as our new Bishop of the Allegheny Synod.

Ken 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: Tuesday February 24 2026 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).

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