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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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A note from Nancy Honecker: The Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner was a big success. A huge thank you goes out to all who helped in any way as it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who came to eat the delicious foods too.

From Sharon Kutz and the Social Ministry committee: It is time for Easter for Eli. We have collected the bags and some baskets. This year the bags are green and purple (last year they were pink and blue). The bags and baskets will be on the table in the Sunday School room. You can use either color. The tags will also be there to be placed around the string of the cord. The tags will designate boy or girl and the ages. If you choose to take a basket, please take the sticker for boy or girl and the age you have chosen.

Along with Healthy You, we will also be placing small stuffed bears around the church. If you know someone who is sick, sad or dealing with an impaired mental state, please take one and give it to them as a "pick-me-up" and help put a smile on their face. I'm sorry to say they are not toys to be played with.

We have received a donation to the church to be used at our discretion. After much discussion and along with Healthy You, we have decided to start a fund for the painting of the outside of the church. Our fundraising goal has not yet been decided, but we will keep you posted. If you would like to make a contribution, please put it in a separate envelope and mark it PAINTING.



Lent is underway 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"

Today 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 2/24/26

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

Debbie Garritano, Secretary 2028

Ralph Grove, Treasurer

Ken Myers 2026

Sharon Kutz 2027

Nancy Honecker 2028

Erica Laich 2028

Mike Wachter 2028

Absent

Brenda Adelman, Vice President 2027

Nevin Woodring 2027

Lisa Bush 2027

Jim Buchanan 2028

Pam Mueller 2026

Greetings/Devotions

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

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the January meeting were read. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Erica 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 report. Gas and light bills are to be paid; all other bills have been paid. Question was raised what Allegheny Supply provides. Nancy and Mike have other suppliers and will bring that to the next meeting. Then we will compare costs with Allegheny. Ken questioned the bill for Bovard for \$1,674.29. This was too much for the part that was repaired on the furnace. Ralph will get Ken the invoice to see what parts were repaired. We then discussed using another company, but we want to be sure they will come when needed. Ken will check with McCloskey's; Mike will check with Precision Mechanical and Dave will check with Schultz. Question was raised about what was paid to Cindy and Adam. Those are supplies needed for the office and janitorial. We then discussed the option of getting a bank card. Finance Committee will meet to discuss this. Pastor reported that Tom Settle has declined to position to be next Treasurer. The Personnel Committee is meeting with a potential candidate on Thursday. Sharon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Erica seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. It has been a quiet month, the calm before the storm of Lent. She made several calls to sick members and two visits. Adult Sunday School was a challenge teaching about world religions. Worship attendance has been going well with a great attendance on Ash Wednesday. Christian Ed will be meeting soon to discuss VBS. She had counseling sessions with two people. Jr/Sr High youth group has been active with pancake supper and bowling.

Property – Adam presented a written report. Women's restroom is working normally for the time being. Salt supply is good. Still working on the fascia on 6th Street side. Need to get the right lift for the job. He said that Allegheny Supply and Lowes bills are delinquent. Ralph said that they have been paid. Sharon is on the Lowes account and will call Lowes to be sure the bill has been paid.

Worship and Music – none

Christian Ed – none

Stewardship – none

Social Ministry – presented a written report. They are collecting for Easter for Eli. Bags and baskets are available in the Sunday School Room off the sanctuary. They also are placing bears around the church for anyone who is sick, sad, etc. The group has also received a donation that they are putting toward painting the outside of the church.

Old Business

Ben Blessed Donations – Pastor said Josh had come by to get his van seat out of the garage and said he would take some clothes. Nevin also said he could take some to Ebensburg. Sharon will also take some to Bethany.

Painting Outside – the wooden parts of the outside of the church need repaired and painted. Waddell gave an estimate of \$34,000.00 to do the whole church. We need more estimates. Mike said he will check with Brian Lutz and R&J Quality Services to give us an estimate.

New Business

How to start a Fundraiser – we need to have a monetary goal to strive for. We will get bids for the painting and plumbing in the women's restroom. In the meantime, we can begin collecting for the Building Fund. This is on the envelopes and can go toward the cost of painting and plumbing.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: Tuesday March 24 2026 at 7PM



**Don't forget! Daylight Savings Time starts this Sunday at 2AM.
We lose an hour so set your clocks forward one hour at bedtime.**

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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).

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

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