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The Triniteens youth group will be hosting a combination yard sale/bake sale this Saturday April 18 from 9AM to 2PM. We are looking for donations of cookies, pre-sliced cake, brownies, no-bakes and other yummy treats. Tables will be available for \$6 and \$8 (indoors in Trinity Hall) and we'll also offer outside spaces in the theater parking lot for \$15 (bring your own easy up and table). Please note anything you bring to sell that doesn't sell must be taken home. For more info, contact Angela Counterman at 814-312-8036.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 3/24/26

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

Brenda Adelman, Vice President 2027

Debbie Garritano, Secretary 2028

Pam Williamson, Treasurer

Ken Myers 2026

Lisa Bush 2027

Nevin Woodring 2027

Jim Buchanan 2028

Pam Mueller 2026

Sharon Kutz 2027

Nancy Honecker 2028

Erica Laich 2028

Mike Wachter 2028

Absent

Ralph Grove, Treasurer

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 February meeting were read. Brenda made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The minutes from the Council meetings will now be in *The Pulse* and at the back of the sanctuary.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. Lent is in full swing and she has been busy with services, shut-in visits, other home visits, and meetings. Trinity hosted the Synod Pastors and Bishop for a service of the renewal of ordination vows and blessing of the oil. It was attended by 30 clergy. She is looking forward to Holy Week and the Easter Celebration. She also conducted a funeral service for a woman who wasn't a member but loved Trinity, Mrs. Albarano. Remember even though you don't remember someone, you can still make a difference in their life.

Property – no report.

Worship and Music –available upon request

Christian Ed – Lisa reported that Sunday School attendance is down. Could be because of the weather or sickness. They are having some issues with the Confirmation Class. Many of the students miss lessons. Lisa does make copies of the lessons for those who miss. She will sit down with Pastor to look at some different options. She and Pastor are looking at Vacation Bible School info.

Stewardship – none

Social Ministry – none

Old Business –

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. Mike did check with R&J Quality Services and their bid was \$14,000.00. That would be scraping paint, caulking, prime paint and they could begin by early summer. He hasn't heard from Lutz.

Bathrooms – the downstairs bathrooms need new sewer lines. Mike talked to Precision Mechanical and will make an appointment for him to come and give us an estimate. Ken talked to the city, and they said there are two lines going out to the street. This is a problem that needs to be taken care of. Once we have estimates, then we will take it to the congregation for approval.

New Business

Personnel Committee – Sharon gave a written report. The committee met on February 26, 2026, to discuss a problem with the Church Treasurer. Currently Ralph Grove is the Treasurer, and the committee is looking for his replacement. Pastor Eli has received Synod approval to obtain all records Ralph has at his home. Discussion was held about hiring another person for Treasurer. They cannot be a member of the church due to privacy issues. They held interviews and recommend Pam Williamson to be the next Treasurer.

Questions were asked about Pam's background. She has experience in Retail Management as a manager at TJ Max, she has also done seasonal taxes and is currently a teller at Reliance Bank. She loves numbers and solving problems. Council seconded the Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Pam as the new Treasurer. Motion carried. She will work with Ralph and take over at the end of April. Finance records will be kept at the church. She will have the office off the sanctuary. Welcome, Pam.

Jim 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: April 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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