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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 Caring Cupboard is in need of **single serve meals, specifically mac and cheese cups and cans of soup**. Please place your donations directly in the cupboard located on the 6th Street side of the church. Thanks for helping keep the cupboard stocked for our neighbors in need.

Pictures for our new church directory will be taken the weekends of June 20-21 and June 27-28. All 3 worship services will be covered on both weekends.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 5/26/26

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

Ralph Grove, Treasurer

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

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 April meeting were read. Erika made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Nancy 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

Pam presented a written report. A new computer has been purchased and a new Quickbooks program downloaded. The old Quickbooks program is no longer available due to no licensing numbers for that program. Pam will rebuild the program this year. Online banking and bill pay have been initiated with First National Bank, just waiting to receive confirmation, and sign in information from the bank. An email has been established for the Treasurer position. This email is linked to Quickbooks and will be linked to online banking and bill pay. The signature card is ready. Question was raised if Pam was getting paid. Yes, she is.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor presented a written report. She continues to visit shut-ins and hospital members. Pastor has had several funerals, some for the congregation and some as a courtesy to the funeral home. As the only active Lutheran pastor in the Altoona area, she has had several calls for funerals for people of the Lutheran faith including one for Bethany Lutheran. Many churches have been without a pastor, and other churches have recently lost their pastor through retirements.

We are wrapping up some of our ministries for the summer, Bible Study, Youth Groups, Sunday School, and Prayer Breakfast. They will take a break for the summer months, and she will focus on worship and continuing education.

She had a week's vacation since the last council meeting. She spent time with her family in Gettysburg.

We had four of our young people confirmed on Pentecost Sunday: Jack Stewart, Avalyn Counterman, Madison Carathers and Paityn Wilt.

Property – Adam put up grab bars in the upstairs bathroom.

Worship and Music – none

Christian Ed – Lisa met with Pastor and has a schedule of acolytes for the 10:45 service. Pastor will hold another class for acolytes.

Stewardship – none

Social Ministry – none

Old Business –

Painting Outside – Pastor talked to Randy from R&J Quality Painting and he will replace any wood that needs replaced, caulk, and paint. He will use Sherwin Williams paint, he is bonded and insured. This will be voted on at the Congregational meeting on May 31.

Bathrooms –Beauchamp Plumbing and Heating gave a bid of \$20,400.00. Ken is working with McCloskey and they are coming out this week to do a thorough observation and then give us a bid. Right now, both bathrooms are working.

Debit/credit card – Debbie will check on the status of the card. It will be mailed to the church.

Church Directory – pictures will be taken after each of the services on June 20-21 and June 27-28. Dave and Pam Mueller will be taking the pictures for directory.

New Business

3rd Party Distributor for Gas - we have a third-party provider for gas which is costing more. Dave will get us back with Peoples Gas.

Counting – Brenda Adelman and Julie Weicht count in June.

Sponsorship – Debbie received a letter from the Juniata Civic Association requesting a sponsorship for their Juniata Community Day, July 25, 2026. Following discussions we agreed that we cannot make a donation at this time.

Other – Ralph told us he is having some serious medical issues. All our prayers are with Ralph.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Garritano

Next meeting: Tuesday June 23 2026 at 7PM

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Our **regular weekly activities** include the Sewing Group (Mondays 10AM-2PM), Adult Bible Study (returns in September), the Healthy You Program (Tuesdays 10:30-11AM, Fridays 10-11AM), the Prayer Breakfast group (returns in September) and Sunday School (returns in September).

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

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