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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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This weekend (September 12-13) will be a music-filled one at Trinity Altoona! We set aside one weekend each year to acknowledge and celebrate the music of the church. There will be additional special music at all three services. We offer thanks to God for the music of the church. Scripture encourages believers to sing and listen to music with thankfulness in their hearts. We view music as a divine gift that aids our worship experience and unites the congregation. This is also an opportunity to thank the many volunteer musicians in the congregation. This includes the choir, vocal and instrumental soloists, youth vocal and instrumentalists, and directors of these groups. These people

donate their time, talent and energy to help with creating a meaningful spiritual atmosphere.

Our annual Blessing of the Animals returns Sunday October 4th. The ceremony will be held at the alley yard of the church starting at 1PM. All well-behaved pets (and their well-behaved human parents) are welcome :)

A note from Nancy Honecker: *"A huge thank you to all those who assisted in anyway with making this year's Trinity picnic a success despite the initial stormy weather. Thank you to those who attended, those who donated items - especially all the delicious food. Thank you to those who got up early and went to the church followed by going to the park to set up. A big thank you to those who helped to serve and then clean up afterwards including taking what needed to go back to the church. One more named thank you goes out to the group who made sure there were ample fabulous prizes for all ages. You know who you are...Thank You!"*

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
Pam Williamson, Treasurer
Lisa Bush 2027
Nevin Woodring 2027
Pam Mueller 2026
Sharon Kutz 2027
Nancy Honecker 2028
Erica Laich 2028

Absent

Ralph Grove, Treasurer
Ken Myers 2026
Jim Buchanan 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 June meeting were read. Pam 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. Current FNB checking balance is \$40,527.49. We need to decide what would be a good threshold is to keep at FNB. Right now, we are spending more than what we are bringing in. All our past bills are now caught up. The copier is \$488 per month. Is there a better deal? The contract we have sends supplies for the copier automatically.

S&T to Ameriprise transfer has been completed. Current investment accounts for a total of \$278,516.89. There are two accounts from S&T that wouldn't transfer and are being sold. These accounts will be added to next month's total. The Sunderman account total is \$16,922.84. Nancy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Erica seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor gave an oral report because she fell and hurt her knee and ankle. She has done some funerals, Terry Boyd from our congregation and other nonmembers. She has also done hospital visits. VBS went well but with little attendance. She is getting ready for Adult Sunday School and Bible Study.

Committee Reports

Evangelism – Nancy reported that the picnic was a huge success. There were over 100 people in attendance. We had to move pavilions because of the rain the night before and we weathered some rain as we were setting up. But when it was time for the service, the sun came out and it was beautiful. Sharon will call to see if we get any discount for using another pavilion.

Property – none

Worship and Music – available upon request

Christian Ed – Lisa presented a written report. VBS was a success, but our numbers were very low. We need to be proactive and advertise early. She welcomes any thoughts and suggestions on getting better attendance. Rally day is September 13th. There will be three grades this year: K-3 with Amice Bush, 4-6 with Ericka Selfridge, and Confirmation with Lisa Bush and John Ebersole. New materials have arrived and will be going out. She is also looking for more teachers so each grade can have two adults. Co-teaching seems to work best.

Stewardship – none

Social Ministry – none

Old Business –

Painting Outside – painting has begun.

Bathrooms – has not heard when they will begin. She will check.

Debit/credit card – it is here and in the safe.

Church Directory – Dave was going to see if anyone still needs to have their picture taken. Tom Bradley sent an email about how he put the book together.

Progress with the S&T account – see Treasurer's report.

New Business

Payroll taxes – Pam is working on getting the back taxes paid.

Polos for congregation – the logo is at the New Look Uniform. Brenda will coordinate the sign-up sheet and purchase the shirts.

Other business –

Missing offering. When the counters tallied the offering from the weekend of August 22-23, they had no loose bills. All the loose money was missing. We decided to put the offering in the safe after each service.

Church Secretary – Sharon brought up the need to have someone in the office on a regular basis. Right now, the Secretary works 10 hours/week with 7 hours in the office. There is no one here to let people in for maintenance services or to drop off packages. We discussed having her work more hours, but she also works at St. Vincent De Paul and doesn't want more hours. We discussed hiring someone else to come and help on

the days she is not here. Is there money in the budget? We will table this discussion till we see how the budget is. Perhaps we need to add an item to the yearly budget for this.

Theatre Building – Sharon reported that all the clothing from Ben's Blessed is out of the building. It was given to organizations that will give it to individuals that need.

Back Hallway - Nancy noticed that there is some black mold in the hallway. We will have Adam look at it.

Counting – Nevin Woodring and Amanda Mignot

Pam 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: September 22, 2026 at 7PM

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Our **regular weekly activities** include the Sewing Group (Mondays 10AM-2PM), Adult Bible Study (starts Tuesday September 22 9-10AM), the Healthy You Program (Tuesdays 10:30-11AM, Fridays 10-11AM), the Prayer Breakfast group (returns in September) and Sunday School (starts this Sunday).

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

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