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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.



Our annual **Treats from Trinity** is coming soon! You can donate bagged candy or other snacks to be given out on Altoona's Trick-or-Treat Night, Thursday October 29 from 6 to 8PM. Please drop off donations in Trinity Hall up until the 29th. If you'd like to help out at the event, we ask you to park near the church by 5:45PM. Feel free to wear a costume and/or decorate your vehicle to add to the fun! For more info, please see Nancy Honecker or Sandy Ebersole.

Mark your calendars! The students of our own Cindy Finnegan will present *Howlin' &*

***Meowin' Good Christmas Music*, a benefit Christmas concert for the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society.** It's coming Sunday December 6 at 3PM at Trinity Altoona. Stay tuned to *The Pulse* for more details.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes 9/22/26

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

Nevin Woodring 2027

Pam Mueller 2026

Sharon Kutz 2027

Nancy Honecker 2028

Erica Laich 2028

Absent

Ken Myers 2026

Lisa Bush 2027

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 August meeting were read. Erica made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. 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

Pam presented a written report. The current balance in FNB is \$40,414.00. We need to decide what \$ threshold to keep in the FNB account. Following discussion, Erica made

a motion to keep a balance of \$35,000.00 in the FNB account. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Ameriprise balance is \$296,981.00. If needed we can pull money from this investment. The 2025 payroll taxes are paid and working on 2026. Ralph is no longer doing payroll. We need to find an accountant to do this to get everything in line for next year. Pam had a question about the St. Andrew account and whether the checks come out of the church account. Pastor will talk with Ralph to see how he had that set up. Pastor also received a call from Goldstein, Heslop concerning Terry Boyd's life insurance policy.

Pastor Hess' Report

Pastor gave a written report. The fall programs are up and running. Adult Sunday School, Bible Study, Prayer Breakfast, and youth groups will be starting soon. Over the past month she had a vacation spent at Gettysburg with her parents to recover from a torn meniscus and sprained ankle. She attended Bishops Convocation and fulfilled some of her continuing education credits. The speaker for convocation was excellent and spoke on preaching during times of conflict as well as pastoral self-care during times of conflict. She made several shut-in visits and well-being visits. Presided over two funerals and one wedding. Had a pre-wedding consultation and finally made several phone calls to check in on members. We discussed opportunities for Pastor to get more continuing education credits in the future.

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. Nancy reminded everyone about Trunks and Treats on Halloween night. We will be collecting any and all donations of candy.

Property – none. Nevin will check with Adam to see about the black mold in the back hallway. Erica said there were some concerns about the paint on the bricks of the building. Also, the soffit and fascia has not been repaired yet. The painter was to work with Adam to fix this.

Worship and Music – available upon request

Christian Ed – none

Stewardship – none

Social Ministry – none

Old Business –

Painting Outside – painting is done. He hasn't sent the bill yet.

Bathrooms – on hold.

Church Directory – Dave went to Copyrite for an estimate. It would be \$8.71 for 50 or more for a cost of \$435.00.

New Business

Polos for congregation – Brenda got information about shirts from New Look. She will make up an order form for members to choose what type of shirt/size etc. and then place the orders. The form will be posted on the Pulse and in the Orbit. The shirts will be a royal blue color.

Other business –

Church Secretary – Sharon brought up the issue of the secretary. She is frustrated that nothing is being done. Following discussion, it was agreed that something needs to be done, but we wanted to see how the budget is first. It would have to be someone from outside the church. It was decided for next meeting Sharon will get a copy of the secretary's job description, and we will look at it with the budget.

Budget – Pastor passed out copies of the budget for 2027. There were two changes: addition of income from the Keystone Drum Corp and salary increase for Pastor. Everyone is to take the time to go over the budget to see what may need to be changed and come back next month to finalize the budget.

Orbit deadline is October 15, 2026.

Counting – Nancy and Ken

Pam 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 October 27 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).

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

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