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*Come and Celebrate Pentecost*

*Also known as God's Block Party and the  
Birthday of the Church*

*Sunday, May 23*

*Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m.*

*Contemporary Worship 10:30 a.m.*

*Parking Lot Communion 1:00 p.m.*

**CALL PROCESS UPDATE/LETTER FROM COUNCIL**

Hello and Blessings Trinity Lutheran,

I hope this finds you well heading into the summer months as our preschool and congregation children and teachers, as well as families finish off their school year strong.

As we turn the calendar over to June, TLC has a number of changes and blessings on the horizon. First and foremost, I would like to welcome aboard our new congregational leaders to the church council and thank our departing members for their service to the many ministries and interim pastors over the past few years, especially during the ongoing pandemic.

On a similar note, I would like to thank the nominating committee for their enduring work as well as our incoming, elected council members for agreeing to serve our church during their upcoming term. I would ask that as you read this you continue to pray and uplift these men and women (as well as our many committee members) for guidance as they assume their new roles. One of the immediate and pertinent tasks at hand will be to oversee the review and vote of a candidate from the call committee to the position of full-time senior pastor in the coming weeks. At this juncture, the call committee has recommended a candidate upon review that the church council will, in turn, review and vote on to bring to the congregation with an upcoming meet and greet and congregational meeting event in accordance with the "Guide to the Call Process" articles set forth by the Southern Ohio Synod. Details to come on these upcoming events via an all-call, mailings, in-person Sunday announcements, and social media.

## **CALL PROCESS UPDATE/LETTER FROM COUNCIL CONTINUED**

In addition to filling the role of senior pastor, so too we must fill the role of church administrative assistant as our beloved office mainstay Billie Norris departs us after 5 plus years at the end of May. To say we are incredibly indebted to Billie would be an understatement. Her leadership, organizational skills, and continuity of care for church business operations spanning several pastors now have been invaluable to keeping the ship afloat and she will be dearly missed. Congregational members Erin Debo and Lisa Sharp will be covering in a substitute capacity Monday-Thursday starting Tuesday, June 1st until the council admin team posts the vacancy in late July or early August. They have begun to train under Billie in recent weeks to get up to speed on day to day operations.

On Sunday, May 23rd, we will be recognizing Billie at worship and it is my hope that you will help us shower her with cards, well wishes, and by your attendance in a prayer send-off that day.

Reflecting back to where we are, who we are, and where we have been, it is an exciting time at Trinity as we look to fill some key vacancies to get back to full strength operations wise and spiritual wise, get back to in-person worship more regularly with more and more vaccinations and herd immunity in the community, and with many new ministries to be involved in. As you read this, I pray that you find an outlet to get involved in here, agree to hop on a committee, and find a connection for YOUR talents you bring to the table to benefit others through Christ.

Proud to serve. In Christ.

Evan Debo  
*Congregation President*

### **PRAYER FOR CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION**

***Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us, O Lord, to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility, and fill them with a sense of your love and presence. We pray in your Son's name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **A NOTE FROM PASTOR AUDREY**



### **God hasn't changed during the pandemic, have we?**

We celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, May 23. Pentecost is the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit which was 50 days after Jesus' resurrection and his ascension into heaven. The disciples and other followers of Jesus were gathered in the upper room when the Holy Spirit descended upon them. The Holy Spirit empowered them for mission to go out into the world and be a witness of Jesus. Some have called Pentecost the birthday of the church. Think of all the changes faith communities throughout the world have encountered since that first Pentecost! While faith communities have changed how to worship together, God has never changed! God's grace and love continues to unfold, even as we still live in a pandemic.

Last year we were not able to worship in person on Pentecost but this year we can! Think back to all the changes we have experienced as a community of faith since the pandemic began! Many of us became more tech savvy as we learned how to watch and engage worship services on a computer screen. We received communion in the parking lot. Offerings were given electronically or sent in the mail. We connected with “church family” and friends by phone calls, text messages or emails rather than in-person. We also learned that “church” was not about the building but the community of faith. And we saw that ministry still happened outside of the church building.

Our worship services have returned to onsite worship, while maintaining live-stream worship services. We honor those who feel it is not the right time to return to worship within the church building. Thank you for respecting our request to keep wearing masks in church as some have been vaccinated but not all since vaccination is a personal choice. We will continue to wear masks until it is safe for the most vulnerable people in our faith community. Many churches are refraining from introducing singing indoors. We would not be able to sing if we did not wear masks.

Trinity began the practice of Holy Communion every Sunday some years ago. There was a time communion was only served on Easter and Christmas. We have tried a few different ways to safely distribute communion over the year. During this Easter season we were introduced to pre-package communion, the safest way of distributing communion. I admit I have grieved how communion has been done using pre-packaged communion elements as I miss being able to individually share the communion with each one of you. At the same time, as your pastor, I felt a pastoral care obligation to create safe practices for distributing communion. Now that the Governor, ODH, and CDC has given new direction for returning to mask wearing for those being vaccinated, we are able to return to continuous communion rather than using prepackaged communion elements. As Lutherans, we understand that Jesus is present “in, with, and through the bread and wine” whether we are kneeling by the altar or sitting in the pew. Remember that God did not change while we practiced communion differently these last 7 weeks of Easter.

Thank you for your faithful witness and gathering with us for worship here at Trinity, whether it is in person or on-line. I recognize that all of our lives have been disrupted with all the changes created by the pandemic. We have been changed in ways we have not yet discovered. Let us not forget, God’s love and grace has not changed and never will. May God continue to watch over you, protect you, and fill you with God’s grace and peace.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY** is June 6th - Graduates, please contact the Church office so that we can mail an information form out to you. Also please contact the church office to inform us of any known college graduates so their information may be included in the bulletin. Please let us know the college or university and the degree received.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School kids are nearing the last few Sundays before we break for the summer! Our last Sunday School will be May 30th. We will continue to meet periodically through the summer and already have activities planned to keep our young ones engaged! Sunday School will resume in August with an exact date to come.

Last Saturday, May 8th, some of our Sunday School kids completed their first communion class with Pastor Audrey and myself. Along with discussing the meaning of first communion and also how it corresponds with their baptism, they also decorated wine cups and plates that will be used during their first communion. They will take first communion on Sunday, May 23 during Pentecost Service. We are very proud of these 4 young individuals.



Vacation Bible School is happening this summer! Our theme is "Who is My Neighbor?" Please see the flyer below for information and contact me, Ashley Maher, for registration forms. Registration forms will also be located outside the church office and when completed returned to my mailbox. Your child MUST be registered before June 14th. No walk ins will be accepted this year.

We also will be asking for donations of individual bagged treats for kids for VBS. Please reach out to me if you are interested in donating!  
Have a blessed week!  
Ashley Maher 740-222-1425



Vacation Bible School  
2021  
Circleville Presbyterian  
Church  
St. Joseph's Catholic  
Church  
Trinity Lutheran  
Church

June 28-July 1, 2021 6:00-8:00 pm

Mound Street Churches are joining together to share in a shortened, distanced and safe Vacation Bible School this Summer.  
Join us at Circleville Presbyterian Church June 28-July 1, 2021 from 6:00 -8:00 pm. The participants will enjoy four stations that children will rotate through and snacks will be sent home as they leave for the evening.

*Registration Forms are available at the churches and must be returned by **June 14, 2021**. No Walk in registrations will be taken due to COVID protocols. Each group of students will travel together with their adult volunteers every evening.*

Masks will be required for all who attend and participate. For more information please contact:  
Julie Calder, [jcalder@accentcare.com](mailto:jcalder@accentcare.com) (Circleville Presbyterian)  
Ashley Lyon, [ashleylyon812@gmail.com](mailto:ashleylyon812@gmail.com) (Trinity Lutheran)  
Vanessa Butterbaugh, [ymvanessa88@gmail.com](mailto:ymvanessa88@gmail.com) ( St. Joseph's Catholic)

"Neighbors are more than people who live next door.  
Join us to discover more about God's great love."



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

This week marks the end of another school year. What an interesting year it has been! We are praising God for his blessings and protection over our staff and preschool families this school year! We are wrapping up our last week of school with Beach Party Days and then our Last Day Celebration at Trinity Playground. The children have grown and learned so much. We have shared our faith in chapel and worship times and we have made many friends. We will miss all our children and their families and we wish them a safe and happy summer.

Our school is so very special because of the hard work and dedication of many people who want to provide an excellent educational experience for our young children. Our goal is to instill a life-long love of learning about God and the world we live in as well as prepare them for their future education. Special thanks to Billie, Mitchell, Sharon, Patty and the Education Team, Jeff Minor and our exceptional Preschool Board, our interim pastors, the congregation and our very dedicated staff. Thank you, Laura, Katie, Ashley, Lisa, Teresa, and Erica for your perseverance during this school year. A big thank you to our wonderful preschool families for your support and patience as we have navigated through many changes this year. Enjoy the summer and the wonders of the children around you.

There are only a few openings left for enrollment in the 2021-2022 school year. Call me at 740-474-9870 for information. – Val Trapp

*“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove . . . but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.”*

*Forest E. Witcraft*



## TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN



The ELCA (God's Work. Our Hands.) was the inspiration for a new mission at Trinity with the goal of opening our hands to help our neighbors in need. Our mission statement is: We reflect God's love by providing food in a welcoming setting that assures the dignity and worth of those in need.

Currently, sack lunch carry-outs are given to those who come to the front entrance of Noecker Hall every Saturday from 11:00 am—11:30 am. When COVID restrictions are lifted, we plan to invite people into Noecker

where they can sit and socialize while eating their lunches.

During the last nine weeks, we have tried to help our neighbors in need by providing 186 sack lunches. 94 of those lunches have been carry-outs and 75 of them have been given to Hope House, a shelter for homeless men.

Presently, only four volunteers are needed each Saturday. We anticipate needing more help when Noecker is opened up to the people. So far thirteen of our church members have volunteered to help with this mission. If you are interested in helping, please contact Gary and Sandy Montgomery or Karen and Jim Ewing.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Hebrews 13:16)

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWED BENEVOLENT FUND (TLCEBF)

Over the years, members of Trinity have contributed to this endowed fund. This year, as in the past, Trinity's members will give the fund's accumulated interest totaling \$ 57,855.21 according to their collective wishes based on the ballot below. The 12 charities/ministries have been chosen by the Disbursement Committee from previous voting and member input.

### Voting—MAY 23RD & MAY 30TH

**Active members may vote 10 times** on this single ballot. All 10 votes can be for the same charity/ ministry or can be spread out over numerous ones, but there can be no more than 10 votes. **Block out one "0" for each vote you wish to make**. Any one charity or ministry must receive at least 5% of all the votes cast in order to be funded.

Prayerfully consider your voting as an offering. There are two ways you may turn in your ballot: 1) place it in the offering plate as a gift, to be dedicated and blessed to the glory of God. 2) Give it to a committee member collecting them in the narthex following both services.

**Eligibility:** According to the guidelines of the TLC Endowed Benevolent Fund, voting is limited to Active Members. An active member is a person who has:

1. Joined the church either by confirmation, adult instruction, or transfer
2. Participated in Holy Communion at least once in the past year; and
3. Contributed an offering during the past year

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND A BALLOT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.**

## ***LISTING OF ALL THE CHARITIES AND MISSIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUND DISTRIBUTION.***

### **Emergency Clearinghouse Association:**

This organization is funded through the support of area churches. They provide families with emergency food and supplies. This program maintains the food pantry and supplies sundry items when available to those in need throughout Pickaway County.

### **Good Samaritan Fund:**

This Trinity Lutheran Church fund is used for emergency needs of people in our community. These funds have been used to assist with the purchase of medicine and to assist in the payment of utilities for people living within Pickaway County. It is to be used above and beyond where the Emergency Clearinghouse Association can help.

### **Pickaway County Hands for the Disabled:**

The Pickaway County Hands for the Disabled (PCHD) has medical equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and things to make a house temporarily handicapped accessible. The items are loaned to anyone in Pickaway County at no charge. They will assist with the purchase and repair of these items along with braces and hearing aids. Their only income is from the annual mail campaign, volunteer contributions, memorial gifts, and contributions from special events. 100% of contributions stay in Pickaway County.

### **Trinity Lutheran Preschool:**

Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is a vital and thriving component of the educational ministry at Trinity, serving around 70 students per year. The funds from TLCEBF are used to purchase additional educational materials and resources that allow us to stay current with ever-changing trends; meet curriculum standards and licensing requirements for the State of Ohio; replace old outdated and damaged toys, furniture and equipment with updated and safer items; provide weekly take-home student magazines that reinforce at home what is being taught at school; keep our tuition costs affordable and offer financial assistance to those who need it.

### **Ruth Neff/D.A.R.E. Support Fund:**

The Ruth Neff DARE Foundation was established in 2011 in memory of Ruth, who was a long-time member of Trinity. She was a tireless builder and supporter of the DARE program in our county schools to instruct students about the dangers of drugs and to provide them with the inspiration and coping skills to avoid using drugs. Initially, her memorial gifts were matched by Trinity from the general treasury and, together with family contributions, became the seed money for the fund that is organized through the Pickaway County Community Foundation.

### **Boy Scout Troop 170:**

This active Scout program has a major activity every month, usually camping, but always involving the three aims of Scouting: citizenship, character, and fitness. At Pumpkin Show, their award-winning float proudly proclaims their association with Trinity and is a positive face for us in the community. The boys have several service projects involving the church and the community. Troop 170 is officially chartered through Trinity. Nationally, more than 12% of Scouts have their first contact with a church or synagogue by joining a troop.

### **Berger Hospice Care:**

Every member of the hospice team is dedicated to optimizing a patient's quality of life in the comfort and safety of a homelike environment that includes nursing homes and assisted living facilities. They use a holistic approach to care that provides for the medical, emotional, and spiritual needs of patients and their families regardless of their ability to pay. The hospice team includes RN's, LPN's aides, social workers, and chaplains. Hospice volunteers provide companionship, support and comfort to hospice patients and their families by running errands, cooking meals, and delivering supplies and equipment.

### **Maintain Trinity:**

Trinity has several missions, outreach and local groups that rely on our facility each week. The Maintain Trinity Fund was created to maintain our facility, replace aging equipment, and provide an inviting place for these groups to carry out their work.

### **Trinity's Samaritan Shoes Ministry:**

The Samaritan Shoe ministry exemplifies Christ's love for children and our role in helping those in need. Through the support of the congregation, this ministry has developed relationships with teachers, school counselors, and administrators to identify children in need of shoes - and the results of our outreach are staggering. Children in elementary, middle, and high school, those trying to play sports and those with special needs, children wearing worn and unfitting shoes from siblings and friends have all been helped by our ministry. We are seeing an increased demand for such a basics necessity and are being called to help. Through something as simple yet powerful as putting shoes on the feet of children, our outreach has partnered with school districts across the county to tangibly prove God's love will touch those in need.

### **Pickaway Senior Center:**

The Pickaway Senior Center is a non-profit organization that is supported by financial contributions from Title III funds from the Ohio Department of Aging, a senior levy passed by Pickaway County voters, private donations, fundraisers, and United Way. The Pickaway Senior Center provides resources and activities for Seniors that include adult day care, commodity distribution, fellowship, home delivered meals, homemaking, and transportation.

### **Circleville Community Mission Church:**

Circleville Community Mission Church began in 1951 under the direction of church leaders in Circleville, (Pickaway County Ministerial Association). The objective was to preach the gospel to the local community, then considered to be Lowery town. The inter-denominational church operates today with God and the support of local churches. Circleville Community Mission continues to preach the Gospel, to pray and to reach out to the community. All are welcomed!

### **Nate and Katie D: Global Campus Ministry:**

Nate and Katie D. are passionate about seeing the gospel continue to advance among college students in large university cities in Asia. Along with their teammates, they are planning to move to a strategic city in 2021 that has over 100,000 college students, most of whom have never encountered the gospel message. They are so grateful for partners like Trinity who help make their work possible. Please pray for them as they "go and tell" to make disciples and do church planting among college students. Also pray for the students they invest in and that God will be glorified to the ends of the earth!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

|                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 6/1 Dave Hammel       | 6/15 Emily Wippel     | 6/26 Robert List      |
| 6/1 James Minor       | 6/15 Jessica Miller   | 6/26 Sydney Sharp     |
| 6/2 Todd Ruff         | 6/16 Laura Bethel     | 6/26 Everly Seitz     |
| 6/3 Louise Boesiger   | 6/16 Lorie Bauer      | 6/28 Helen Burns      |
| 6/4 Robert Stant      | 6/18 Doris Young      | 6/28 Megan Chapman    |
| 6/4 Dalton Cline      | 6/18 Valerie Crist    | 6/28 Ellowyn Seitz    |
| 6/6 Jennie Brown      | 6/19 Tom Strawser Sr  | 6/29 Nancy List       |
| 6/7 Ava List          | 6/21 Shirley Thompson | 6/30 Ann Lou Schooley |
| 6/8 J. B. Hedrick     | 6/21 Codie Spaulding  | 6/30 Bailey Reid      |
| 6/9 Carrie Osborn     | 6/22 Nathan Chapman   | 6/30 Boone Hart       |
| 6/10 Beth Jacobs      | 6/23 Alan Svetek      |                       |
| 6/11 Hugh Dresbach Jr | 6/23 Lucas Snyder     |                       |
| 6/12 Sara Pope        | 6/24 Miranda Ormiston |                       |
| 6/14 Mel Osborn Darst | 6/24 Abigail Thatcher |                       |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 6/1 Roger & Sandy Dresbach—53 years       | 6/18 Charles & Barbara Gerhardt— 60 years |
| 6/4 Maynard & Helen Burns—71 years        | 6/21 Gary & Sandy Montgomery—52 years     |
| 6/7 Jim & Karen Ewing—51 years            | 6/21 Jim & Pat Beathard— 46 years         |
| 6/7 Ted & Amy White—35 years              | 6/24 Donald & Laura Bethel—32 years       |
| 6/7 Dennis & Janice Bothel— 24 years      |   |
| 6/8 Eric & Sereana Dresbach —30 years     |   |
| 6/11 Dave & Patty Truex—44 years          |   |
| 6/11 Michael & Annie Williams—16 years    |   |
| 6/14 Robert & Linda Cochrun— 52 years     |   |
| 6/14 Eric & Susan Gross—52 years          |   |
| 6/14 Nick & Shaelyn Hart—7 years          |   |
| 6/14 Pr. Merlyn & Carolyn Seitz— 54 years |   |

## THANK YOU

Dear Outreach Committee, Trinity Lutheran Church. Hope House thanks you and your congregation for your donation of \$1,000. Our services expanded last December when we were able to keep the shelter open all day for the men who had no other place to go.

Some have jobs and others have also been able to move into their own apartments. Your gift will help the homeless men of our community to continue on a path toward self-sufficiency.

Board of Directors Hope House of Pickaway Co.

## COMMUNION IN THE PARKING LOT

May 23rd at 1:00pm please join Pastor Audrey in the east parking for communion.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

I call upon you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 17:6

Maynard & Helen Burns, Betty Connell, Vicky Bowers Davis; Marilyn Hamell, Steve Helwagen, Marilyn Jeffers, Pastor Gil, Joann Schlegler.

Please remember our featured shut-ins for June with “Thinking of You” cards:

Paul & Jean Speakman, 25808 Jackson Rd, Circleville, Oh 43113-9442

Jane Stevenson, c/o Pickaway Manor, 391 Clark Dr. Circleville, Oh 43113-1561

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call 740-474-3151. Please be sure to let us know if we have permission to share the prayer request. We value your privacy.

## PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF THE HOSPITALIZED

Call the church office to report a hospitalization so that our pastor has the opportunity to minister to the sick of our parish. Please don't assume that we already know because we may not! Thank you for your assistance.

## SAMARITAN SHOES

Thanks to the Neighborhood Outreach Fund, Marisha Eveland, and Kim Faler, Samaritan Shoes has begun!

Samaritan Shoes is an outreach program that is providing shoes and socks to school aged children who are in need. All four county schools have received information about the Samaritan Shoes program. School staff can notify Marisha or Kim about any shoe needs and a brand new pair of shoes and socks will be purchased to be given to the child. If you would like to contribute to this program, please let Marisha or Kim know!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

As we return to worshipping in the sanctuary and going back to two services, we need the following volunteers for both services:

LEADERS    USHERS    COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

**IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

# COUNCIL MINUTES

**April 13, 2021**

**Members Present:** Keith Connell, Evan Debo, Cindy Dowden, Jim Ewing, Larry Jeffers, Pastor Lukasak, Beth Miller, Sarah Ruff, Lisa Sharp, Maddie Stevenson, Tim Stevenson, Marci Wippel, Liz Young. **Excused:** Kim Fausnaugh, Rojanne Woodward.

**Call to Order:** Tim Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Tim read donations submitted by Kim Fausnaugh.

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the March financial reports were provided. Year to date giving is \$7,294 under budget and year to date expenses are \$1,626 over budget. The year-to-date shortfall is \$12,006. \$4389 has come in from rental properties in the first two months. The rental properties will be moved to a second account based on the recommendations from the Mission House Committee.

## TEAM REPORTS

**Education:** Ashley Maher has met with churches on Mound Street for preliminary discussions on Vacation Bible School.

**Property:** Property team is working on scheduling electricians to review lighting panel in sanctuary on the wall and testing brighter LED lights in some areas. The property team continues to investigate and research potential replacements for a kitchen stove that is easier to use for cooks using our kitchen and safer than the outdated gas setting.

**Worship:** Worship team met on 4/12 and discussed what went well with Easter. The team has come up with a 4th Sunday additional service in the parks in the evening called Praise in the Park (starting June 27th). The team also discussed 1st communion on Pentecost (May 23) and starting the courses in the coming weeks for any 2nd grader and up who would like to take communion. Billie and worship team have identified upcoming graduates to be recognized at the high school and collegiate level. Council discussed inviting the Class of 2020 who missed recognition due to COVID last year.

**Outreach:** In the 6 weeks since we have started the Trinity Soup (and sandwich) kitchen we have served approximately 150 meals. We have received \$500 in two gift card donations from Thrivent Financial to assist with purchasing items for meals. School bags are on hold for the time being for back-to-school prep for August. The team is working on sympathy cards to offer support. An additional celebration of worship invitation/card is being planned to invite individuals to a service coming up. The team is donating \$1,000 to Hope House men's homeless shelter.

**Mutual Ministry:** Team has been meeting by phone to start with Pastor Audrey in her first week.

**Stewardship:** Has not met in recent weeks; however, we are working on increasing numbers for the committee to support.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Audrey led with a get-to-know-you activity for council members to identify the following: 1) What do you love about TLC? 2) What are your hopes for TLC in the next few years? 3) What obstacles exist in obtaining our goals? Pastor Audrey discussed getting to know her teams, ministries, and employees as a means for supporting the church.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Administrative Associate:** Billie Norris will be retiring in May. The plan is to have the upcoming vacancy as flexible as possible for next full-time pastor. This includes training two long-term substitutes to train alongside Billie in the position before she retires. Lisa Sharp and Erin Debo will fulfill short-term coverage Monday-Friday moving forward.

**Mission House:** The committee has proposed 7 guidelines for the disbursement of rental property funds. This was introduced to council tonight for their review and for further discussion with the Mission House team.

**Audit:** Tim Stevenson and the congregation are still in search of committee members to help perform the audit of finances in the event someone feels compelled to serve.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Procedures for voting for council positions:** - The nominating committee has provided 8 names running for 6 spots for church council for the next 2-year term. Voting will take place on May 2nd and May 9<sup>th</sup>. In the event someone is uncomfortable with voting in person a solicitation will be publicized for members to request a paper ballot.

**Appointment of lay people:** Cindy Dowden motioned to appoint Kim Manson and Carolyn Seitz to the Synod Assembly as TLC lay representatives. The motion was seconded by Jim Ewing and the motion passed.

**Next Council Meeting:** May 11, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rojanne Woodward, Secretary

# COUNCIL MINUTES—MAY 11TH

May 11, 2021

**Members Present:** Keith Connell, Evan Debo, Cindy Dowden, Jim Ewing, Kim Fausnaugh, Larry Jeffers, Pastor Lukasak, Beth Miller, Sarah Ruff, Lisa Sharp, Maddie Stevenson, Tim Stevenson, Marci Wippel, Rojanne Woodward, Liz Young. **Newly Elected Members Present:** Eric Gross, Gary Montgomery, Nick Riegel, Tom Strawser. **Others Present:** Mike Williams, Marisha Eveland. **Call Committee Members Present:** Pastor Merlyn Seitz, Tom Egbert, Sandy Montgomery, Emily Wippel.

**Call to Order:** Tim Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Pastor Lukasak opened with a prayer and Evan Debo gave devotions.

**Secretary's Report:** Jim Ewing motioned to approve both the March and April secretary's reports. Kim Fausnaugh seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the April financial reports were provided. Year to date giving is \$15,133 under budget and year to date expenses are \$4,186 under budget. The year-to-date shortfall is \$18,196. Liz Young motioned to approve both the March and April financial reports. Lisa Sharp seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## TEAM REPORTS

**Congregational Life:** Congregational Life provided gifts for Mother's Day and are planning something for Father's Day.

**Worship:** The worship team is planning special Praise in the Park worship services for the last Sundays in June, July, and August. These will be held at a different park each month at 6:30pm.

**Property:** The property team is still working to brighten the lighting in the sanctuary. \$1500 is needed to replace bulbs with 500-watt LED bulbs. Maddie Stevenson motioned to approve \$1500 out of Maintain Trinity for this. Keith Connell seconded the motion and the motion passed. The property team continues to investigate and research potential replacements for a kitchen stove that is easier to use for cooks using our kitchen and safer than the outdated gas setting. To replace the gas stove with an electric stove could cost up to \$11,000. Another option is to replumb the gas stove. Property is also working on getting security cameras working, including the ones for the biblical garden.

**Outreach:** Outreach is working on doing something between services on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Audrey did a funeral last Friday and a baptism on Sunday. The first communion class will have their first communion on Pentecost Sunday. Installation of the new Council will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Billie is training Erin Debo and Lisa Sharp to take over her duties until there is a permanent replacement. She will be attending the May 23<sup>rd</sup> service to be recognized for her service to Trinity.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Mission House:** The committee has proposed 7 guidelines for the disbursement of rental property funds from all rental properties. The guidelines call for a separate bank account to be set up for the rental property income and expenses and mission funding. Evan Debo motioned to approve the guidelines. Maddie Stevenson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Call Process:** Several members of the Call Committee were present to update Council on the call process. They have chosen a Primary Candidate for Pastor and presented information about the candidate, the process, and answered questions from council members. This name must remain confidential until Council interviews and approves the nomination of the candidate. A special council meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to interview the candidate and vote to approve or disapprove the nomination of the candidate. Council will also vote on a compensation package if the nomination is approved.

**Meet and Greet and Congregational Meeting:** If the Primary Candidate is approved by Council, a Meet and Greet will be scheduled for the congregation to meet the candidate and a special congregational meeting will be scheduled to vote on the nomination and compensation package. The tentative date for the meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Letter to Council:** Tim Stevenson read a letter addressed to Council from a member of the congregation regarding ending some of the COVID-19 safety measures that are in place, including the practices of taking names of attendees, prepackaged communion, hymnals, and standing during worship. Council discussed possible ideas to address these concerns. Pastor Lukasak suggested a possibility of returning to members coming forward for communion if there is no singing during communion.

**Adjournment:** Larry Jeffers motioned to adjourn. Jim Ewing seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Next Council Meeting:** June 8, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rojanne Woodward, Secretary

# Sustain the Flame: Faith and Technology Camp

## Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM until Sunday, July 18, 2021

This summer, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University is inviting high school students (rising 9th graders through 2021 high school graduates) to join us for a summer camp experience that explores your identity and purpose while you gain skills in film and sound production. Whether you want to be on-air talent, a videographer, a producer, an editor, a writer, or a marketer, this camp will introduce you to the equipment and experience to help you explore a possible future in technology-related industries.

In fact, together we're going to produce our own visual podcast in Capital's state-of-the-art recording facilities. This means that, at the end of the camp, you'll have a product for your resume along with the opportunity to share about how you grew through the process of creating your own media content.

Yet, the key aspect to this camp is asking how God's at work amidst these vocations and how technology can become a positive tool. So as we create this podcast, we'll also meet with world class theologians from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University to discover how faith and tech intersect.

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

## GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Where has five and half years gone! I can't believe that my time at Trinity has flown by, many changes, the ups and downs, the happy and the sad times. I have always believed that God directs your path in life, takes you to a place where you need to be and a lot of times you don't understand why but you just "go with it!"

My time at Trinity has been a blessing to me, you accepted me, I hope, as a member of your family, and allowed me to grow in my faith and joined me on this journey. I leave here, hopeful that you are thankful for my time here also.

I learned you don't call the hymnal "the red book". It is cranberry, I still think it looks red, I have learned you have different wording in the Apostle's Creed, and when trying to put together a service there are so many options. I have grown fond of Sunday and Seasons and actually can now find stuff without looking for hours.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all you have done for me, a thank you to all those servers who have volunteered to help on Sunday morning, to the ladies who help with the newsletter, to those that dropped by the office to say "hi!", to the Pastors that I have worked with, to Council, to the ladies that help in the office. Thank You!!!!

Even though I am saddened to say goodbye I rejoice knowing that I now will get to spend time with my family, see my grandsons every day and be a part of their lives.

I will always carry Trinity in my heart and I must admit that I now consider myself a Methodist/Lutheran. I wish the individuals taking over this position much happiness in their duties, and to the congregation I hope you continue to heal and again I thank you all so much. I Bid You Peace

Billie

## COMMUNION IN THE PARKING LOT

Beginning in May Pastor Audrey will have a communion service in the east parking lot starting at 1:00pm. This service will be held the first Sunday of the month. So join us on May 2nd for Communion in the Parking Lot at 1:00pm.

## THOSE SERVING IN MAY—8:30AM SERVICE

| DATE | LEADER         | USHERS                                     | COMMUNION                   |
|------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 6/6  | Tom Egbert     | Gary & Sandy Montgomery                    | Bob & Linda Cochrun         |
| 6/13 | Patty Truex    | Doris Young & Becky Roush                  | Lissa Norris<br>Patty Truex |
| 6/20 | Carolyn Seitz  | Brad Thompson, Jeff Minor<br>Dennis Bothel | Bob & Linda Cochrun         |
| 6/27 | Annie Williams | Bob & Linda Cochrun                        | Jim & Karen Ewing           |

## THOSE SERVING IN MAY—10:30AM SERVICE

| DATE | LEADER          | USHERS                    | COMMUNION                   |
|------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6/6  | Linda Stevenson | Austin & Emily Wippel     | Cindy Dowden & Linda Dunkle |
| 6/13 | Dick Walters    | Mike & Kim Faler          | Tom & Lori Brown            |
| 6/20 | Kim Manson      | Tina Holtz & Diane Valone | Cindy Dowden & Linda Dunkle |
| 6/27 | Mary Ann Debo   | Trapp Family              | Tom & Lori Brown            |

## IN MEMORY

### **DORIS GULICK**

Pat Myer



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**Organ/Keyboard:** Diane Smith and Liz Young  
**Choir Accompanist:** Melissa Matz  
**Choir and Handbells Director:** Larry Jeffers, Jr.  
**Administrative Associate:** Billie Norris

### ATTENDANCE:

April 25 8:30 (46) 10:30am (43) = 89  
May 2 8:30am (50) 10:30am (54)  
Communion in Parking Lot (20) =124  
May 9 8:30am (52) 10:30am (78 ) = 130  
May 16 8:30am (49) 10:30am (61) =110

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