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Council Notes

Highlights of Church Council Meeting March 17, 2022

- We are approximately \$8000 in the negative for the Year-to-Date budget. Expenses have remained fairly stable, with the exception of an increase in utility costs which was expected.
- A sum of approximately \$7000 was transferred from the Men's Brotherhood to the General Fund of the church. This money was originally from the church's Boy Scout troop and held by the Brotherhood after the troop disbanded. Since it is unlikely that a Boy Scout troop will be reestablished, it was felt that the funds should be used. After discussion, Church Council voted that 50% of the money will be directed toward youth activities and 50% will remain in the General Fund.
- Approval has been granted for the Quittapahilla Audubon Society to use the church for meetings and functions. All of the necessary paperwork has been submitted and approved.
- The current balance in the Forward in Faith Campaign fund is \$1700. We will owe approximately \$10,000 to complete the air conditioning project. The Lehman Street entrance project has not been awarded, and it is anticipated that the cost will be significantly

higher than the original estimate. The possibility of cancelling this project was discussed. A vote by the congregation would be necessary to cancel the project.

- Pastor Gretchen Ierien submitted her official notice of resignation to Church Council. Her last day as our pastor will be March 30, 2022.
- Dean Marsha Roscoe, Assistant to the Bishop, Lower Susquehanna Synod, has identified the Reverend Timothy Garman as an interim pastoral candidate for our congregation. Pastor Garman is scheduled to commence his assignment with us in early May. Church Council will meet him during a zoom meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022. Pastoral coverage during the months of April and early May will be provided by Pastor Scott Davis and Pastor Michael Reist.



Church Council Members

James C Logan (*President*)
Kathy Bishop (*Vice-President*)
Judith Cassel (*Secretary*)
Susan Kulakowski (*Church Treasurer*)
Nancy Brightbill
Jack Derfler
Karen Fitting
Scott Hower
Lynn Kern
Louise Lundquist
Hunter Nelson
Marie Smith
Rita White
Ron Witmer



Committee Chair Persons

Worship/Music—Paul Copenhaver
Finance—Horace Ehrgood (Acting Chairman)
Christian Education—Stephanie Kaylor
Property—Henry Wampler
Archives—Annette Logan
Social Ministry—Jim Dibert



Our Vision...Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission...We are a community of believers who come together in:

- ✠ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.
- ✠ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.
- ✠ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- ✠ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.
- ✠ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.

April 2022

Worship Schedule

April 3, 10, 17, 24

9:00 AM—Traditional Service
10:15 AM—Adult Sunday School
10:15 AM—Youth Sunday School



Below you will find all of the options for worship as well as what is required to participate.

In-person worship is at 9:00 am. We are well aware that many of you will not feel comfortable resuming in-person worship. We respect that perspective and further we do not recommend participation in this service if you are in a vulnerable category.

All participants are required to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing. We will trust you to self-screen yourself before entering the building. *If you are running a fever or feeling ill in any way – we ask that you stay home. Also, if you have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19 or to someone who is awaiting test results for Covid-19 we ask that you not enter the church building.*

The parking lot door will be the only door open for entry and exit. As you enter you will pick up a communion packet and bulletin.

Radio Worship Service:

There will be a radio broadcast of the service available to those who are parked just outside of the church, either in the parking lot or on the street. Just tune your radio to 88.5 and you can sing your heart out. Communion and bulletins will also be available for anyone who would like to participate. Just stay in your car and someone will bring these items to you.

Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. As we begin in-person worship we will stream it through YouTube. You will still be able to find the service by going to the same website page that you have previously gone to <https://www.trinityleb.org/links>. Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

We are Hiring at HTLC

We are looking to hire a part time assistant treasurer. The assistant treasurer position should be someone who has some background in accounting and they will work alongside our current treasurer.

If you or anyone else that you know are interested in learning more about this position, please have them contact Pastor Gretchen or Jim C. Logan (our current council president) to find out more information.

From the Archives Old Brass Cross

In the Archives Room sits an old brass cross, tarnished, heavy, and just under three feet tall. I hadn't given it much thought until the other day when I came upon a description of this very cross in the April 1912 issue of the Trinity Tidings newsletter:

"Easter Day is always an appropriate time to render gifts of love and devotion to the Church. Our Congregation rejoiced this year in the gifts of a new brass altar cross, an altar baptismal font and re-worked altar vestments. The cross is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. George Hartleib, of Pittsburg, as a memorial to Mr. Samuel U. Reinoehl, a former devout and loyal member of Trinity. It is 35 inches high, mounted on a three rise pedestal, and is the beautiful workmanship of Mr. Hartleib. The cross was placed on the altar on Palm Sunday, and makes a most appropriate and fitting gift to the Congregation."

So who was the man honored by this memorial?

Samuel Uhler Reinoehl (1846-1907) played a significant role in the founding of Holy Trinity. He was one of the twelve businessmen who, in 1885, initially purchased the property on which the Lehman Street Mission chapel was to be built, so that Salem would incur no debt. (The cost of the lot was paid back with contributions of the congregation.) The Lehman Street Mission would become Holy Trinity Church. Samuel was on the committee of five who drew up the constitution for the new church in 1891. He was a charter member of Holy Trinity and served on the first Church Council in 1891 and then continuously for twelve years until 1904. In addition, he served on various special committees and participated in activities that furthered the growth of the church and the expansion of its facilities.

Samuel also supported the church through generous monetary contributions and gifts, including Holy Trinity's first church bell, which was placed in the chapel tower in 1902. He opened his home for church socials, like the annual fasnacht and ice cream festivals, and meetings of the Ladies' Home Circle, which his wife was president of for many years, and the Young People's Society, of which his children were members. On his death in 1907, at the age of 61, it was said that Holy Trinity "has lost an exemplary member".

And who was the maker of the old brass cross?

George Hartleib (1879-1976), son of Rosa and John



Henry Hartlieb, both charter members of Holy Trinity, was a youth and young man of the church during its early years. George was an active member of the Young People's Society, avidly participated in the planning of many of its activities and served as its president in 1902. He was a church deacon and a librarian for the Sunday School, for which he designed "a very handsome library department" in the chapel vestibule.

George enjoyed working with his hands. He particularly enjoyed wood and metalworking. In the summer's he worked as a stone cutter for his father's stone and masonry business. He graduated from Drexel Institute School of Fine and Applied Arts in Philadelphia in 1907 and married Mary Reinoehl, daughter of Samuel, in 1909. They moved to Pittsburgh where George had a lengthy teaching career in the public schools as a shop instructor. The old brass cross in our Archives is a fitting memorial to a man he surely loved and respected.

- Annette Logan

Member Spotlight— Heather Buffington

I have been a member of Holy Trinity since the late 80's. However, before kindergarten was part of public schools, my first experience with Trinity was attending kindergarten in one of the classrooms downstairs. Of course, that room looks WAY smaller now than I remember as a 4-year-old! I lived on 8th street on the other side of the park and I was so happy when my parents eventually let me walk to school all by myself. Although, of course they watched me the whole way. Before the parking lot was built, the two houses that were there on Spruce Street seemed (to my young mind) to be abandoned. My friends and I would ride our bikes around the park and pretend they were haunted and witches lived there. So, when we got to that side, we would pedal as fast as we could. Even though I thought there couldn't be evil right next to a church, I must say I was a bit relieved when they were torn down.

Fast forward to when I was in high school. My church at the time, St. Luke's Episcopal, did not have a youth group, so I was invited to attend Luther League with a friend who was a member, Marianne Blanar. The other members made it so much fun! Pastor Hoyer and advisors, Jim and Mary Youtz, Kenn and LaRue Galbraith and Jim and Linda Rittle welcomed me with open arms and treated me as if I was a member.

I was also in high school the first time I saw and heard a bell choir. It was at my Uncle Bill's church in MD where my aunt was the choir director and bell director. She let my mom, Pat Walter, borrow them over the summer one year. As my mom and I had them laid out on the dining room table trying to figure out how to play them, the doorbell rang. My mom said, "I don't care who it is, they're coming in to play bells with us!" Walking to the door, I'm thinking, even if it's the mailman?? It ended up being a friend in the neighborhood. He came in to help and so did my siblings. Soon after, my mom started the bell choir at Northwest Elementary school. When the position was advertised for the bell choir at Trinity, she encouraged me to apply even though that day was the only experience I had with handbells. Trinity was



so gracious to allow me to learn with the ringers and the first piece we played in church was all whole notes. At one point I needed more time at home so, one night I went to handbell rehearsal early. I knelt in a sanctuary pew and prayed for guidance whether or not I should resign from directing. In walks Lay Pastor, Ross Boyd (who never came on a rehearsal night before or after). He said hello and then, "I sure hope you never stop directing the bells." Well, if that wasn't an answer straight from God, I don't know what is. However, I did end up resigning. Later that year, the new director couldn't make a gig at the last

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minute. Jeanene Meyer came to my house with Jennifer Breen and said, we need you to come direct our concert and Jennifer is going to watch your boys. It felt so good, so right to be directing again! When that director resigned after one year, I returned, but with my mom. She directed the Psalm Ringers and I the Praise Ringers. Eventually, she resigned and I have had both bell choirs ever since. Now it's in its 35th year! Off for 1 ½ years due to COVID-19, the Psalm Ringers are playing as if no time passed. I am so proud of the dedication and loyalty of the ringers.

When the bells first started, I continued to attend St. Luke's until I was directing the singing choirs at Trinity for 3 years and decided to change my membership. Since that time, my two sons, Nick and Ben, have grown up with guidance from this congregation (including Pastor Hoyer, the Youtz, Galbraiths and Rittles from when I was in Luther League.) From birth, baptism, trying teenage years, to confirmation and beyond. Thank you to their Sunday School teachers, LYO advisors, and confirmation sponsors and everyone else for shaping them into the men they have become.

I have tried to use my gifts and time to be involved to help others. I was a Kindergarten Sunday School accompanist watching Marian Brandt, Shirley and Melissa Godlevski, and Barb Copenhaver mold young minds in creative ways. I co-coordinated many Christmas and Easter Sunday School programs with Sue Ann Houser, who is a joy to work with. I served on Altar Guild under the direction of Denise Rhoades, helped with the bazaar, was one of the advisors for LYO with Nancy Brightbill, Cookie Soulliard and Nikki Custer, co-directed the Praise Team for contemporary worship with the talented and dedicated PJ

Copenhaver, directed the music for VBS, went on mission trips and co-coordinated the last few with Denise McDaniels, a reliable hard worker. About 8 years ago, I taught myself how to play the flute and have played in church a few times.

I retired in June after teaching elementary vocal and instrumental music for 36 years in the Lebanon and Northern Lebanon school districts. I highly recommend it, but have no idea how I can be so busy! With much help from the Brightbills, Copenhavers, Fittings and Galbraiths, and PJ Copenhaver, realtor, I moved to Alden Place to downsize and I love it there. This year, I became a member of the vocal choir and the woman's group, WELCA. Both of which I am really enjoying. You should join!

It has been my pleasure and my honor to have been a part of the staff all these years working with 3 pastors, 3 interim pastors, 4 organists, 4 choir directors and 6 secretaries. Putting programs together with organ, timpani and brass has been a highlight. One of my favorite services is when I directed Nick and Ben in the bell choir accompanied by Dave on trumpet. There is something very special about making music while worshipping together.

My church family is a great blessing! You have all been a great influence and comfort through life's ups and downs. Helping me be better – a better person, wife, mother, Gram, daughter, teacher, sister, aunt, friend. And supporting me through life's challenges – my boys' teenage years and the death of my father and husband. I have said many times that I don't know how people cope without faith and faith family! I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the love you have shown me and my family. I am so thankful for Trinity Lutheran Church!





LCCM Food Bank Item

The item requested in March is **Canned Vegetables**. Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled “LCCM Food Bank” located in

THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).

Holy Trinity’s December donation to the LCCM Food Bank was 61 pounds. Thank you!

Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

Hospital Admissions

Due to HIPPA regulations, hospital admission of our church members is **NO LONGER MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY ANY HOSPITAL.**



It is very important that you notify the church office (or have someone notify the church office on your behalf) of your hospital admission so pastoral or spiritual visitation can be provided to you. Thank you.



Mark Your Calendars

50+ Celebration

**Saturday, April 30, 2022
3:00 PM in Luther’s Place**

It’s Ironing Day

Bob Lee’s program is the companion to “It’s Wash Day,” which was a popular hit when presented previously at our 50+ Celebration. It’s a Remembrance of “The Good Old Days” when we did things differently. It’s Educational! It’s Entertaining!

Followed by an **Old Fashion “Box Lunch” Picnic** in the Social Room.

For whippersnappers under 50, who are interested in how folks once lived, remember we don’t require ID’s to participate!

Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (**rinsed & flattened**) to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place). Thank you.



CHILDREN’S Sunday School

Holy Week & Easter

April 3: Cooking

April 10: Easter Egg Hunt

April 17: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



The Sower

April 24: Games

May 1: Art



Friends of Spang Crest Spring Chicken BBQ by Kauffman’s

Proceeds benefit the residents of Spang Crest

Save the Date—May 6

For tickets contact Marian Brandt, Denise Rhoades, or the Church Office.

April Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following Golden Agers of Holy Trinity who will celebrate a birthday this month:

- 2 - Nancy Miller
1069 Horseshoe Circle
Lebanon, PA 17042
- 8 - Ernest Thompson
1944 W. Lehman St.
Lebanon, PA 17046
- 12 - LaRue Galbraith
6 Oak Lane
Manheim, PA 17545
- 21 - Nancy Albright
3 Timothy Ave.
Lebanon, PA 17042
- 28 - Elmer "Mo" Gockley
402 Woleber Rd.
Myerstown, PA 17067



Add to their very special day by sending them your greetings. **Attention – Anyone age 75 or older:** Please contact the church office to let us know your birthday so we can include you in the monthly Golden Agers of Holy Trinity birthday wish list.

Prayer Partners

Each month names will be listed here for prayer concerns. If you would like your name added to the newsletter list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

Bonnie Anderson
Charlie Baeckert
Bill Basselgia
Leroy Copenhaver
Amy Craig
Monique Derfler
Deb Dobson
Dan Fox
Mike & Nancy Hentz
Patty Hess
Joette Hollinger
Doris Kreiser
Judi Light
Wanda Muth
Kenneth Shearer
Barry Schriver
Betty Schriver
The Smith Family
Ernie Thompson
The family of Carole White
Mary Yeagley



Pennsylvania Dutch (Also known as Pennsylvania German) Church Service

Gottesdienscht

Zoar Lutheran Church
Zoar (Ziegel) Ludderisch Karrich

**560 Freeport Road
(Mt. Zion)
Lebanon, PA 17046**

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Sunndaag, der vierunzwansichscht Abrill' 2022

2:30 P.M.

Am halwer drei nummidaag

PA Dutch Sermon by: Ethan Levengood
Der Breddicher: der Ethan Levengood

Light Refreshments Following Service

Questions: call 717-933-5511 or
email: pgalice2@gmail.com

Taizé Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Rt. 897, Schaefferstown

Taizé provides us with an opportunity to leave behind the noisy, busy routines of the day, and reflect on our relationship with God and one another. Come. Join us in meditative reading, singing, prayer, and some quiet time with God.



**Taizé Worship begins at 7:00 PM on the
following Sundays:**

April 3, May 1, June 5

Your Donations Make a Difference!



Karen Weaver delivers donations to Cynthia Smith,
Director of Agape

On behalf of Holy Trinity Lutheran Women of ELCA I would like to thank you for your participation in our cleaning and household products drive for the Agape Shelter. Denise McDaniels and I delivered 9 cardboard boxes of donated supplies to Cynthia Smith, Director of Agape, on March 16th. As a congregation we donated Tide Free and Gentle, Oxydol, Downy Ultra, Persil, Pine Sol, Lysol disinfectant spray, Lysol disinfecting wipes, glass cleaner, Pledge floor cleaner, Soft Scrub, Ultra Palmolive dishwashing liquid, all purpose sponges, rectangular boxes of facial tissues, Puff cubes, napkins, paper plates, paper towels, 64 rolls of toilet tissue, dish wash cloths handcrafted by Vanessa Brown, pot holders and kitchen dish towels. Cynthia was overwhelmed by the generosity of our congregation and expressed the most sincere appreciation for all of the donations. She is most grateful for Holy Trinity's continued support of the Agape Shelter's mission. As a WELCA representative I thank you for your generosity and support of this endeavor.

- Karen Weaver, WELCA Projects Chair

Two Chances to Observe God's Creation in the Beauty of Springtime

First, on Saturday, April 16th, the Quittapahilla Audubon Society invites members of Holy Trinity to a spring wildflower and birding hike at (Fern Cliff), Benton Ravine in Southern Lancaster County. This location is a registered wildflower and old growth forest preserve. We will be leaving from the old K-Mart lot (south end) along Rt. 72 at the south end of Lebanon at 8:30 A.M. At that time car-pooling is encouraged. Pack a lunch to be enjoyed at the scenic Susquehanna State Park after the hike. The hike is approximately 1-1 ½ miles over a variety of terrain, so wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes and don't forget your camera. Call Jim M. Logan for more details at 717-273-8438.



Second, to celebrate Earth Day and Trinity's environmental stewardship, we have planned a nature walk on Sunday, April 24th at Coleman Memorial Park at 12:30 P.M. We encourage

participants of all ages to bring a packed lunch to enjoy before the walk. This walk will be easy over flat terrain. Observation of spring wild flowers, birds, trees, and some park history will be included in the walk. Please contact Jim M. Logan for meeting location and more information at 717-273-8438.

Worship

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, April 3

5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16 - 21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b - 14

John 12:1 - 8

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4 - 9a

Psalm 31:9 - 16

Philippians 2:5 - 11

Luke 22:14 - 23: 56

Sunday, April 17

Easter

Acts 10:34 - 43

Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 14 - 24

1Cornithians 15:19 - 26

Luke 24:1 - 12

Sunday, April 24

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27 - 32

Psalm 118:14 - 29

Revelation 1:4 - 8

John 20:19 - 31

Sunday, May 1

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1 - 6 [7 - 20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11 - 14

John 21:1 - 19



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