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September Pastor's Corner

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. – Lamentations 3:22-23 (NRSV)

It is one of the most wonderful times of the year – the beginning of fall! The evenings and mornings are getting cooler and the leaves are getting ready to turn. School is back in session and football season is ramping up. As we move into the fall here at church, Children's Sunday school is getting ready to begin, the "normal" weekly events have returned, and a buzz of excitement is in the air!

God's mercies are new every single morning – and we can feel them especially on these beautiful fall mornings! This is a great time to set some new routines for the year, and getting more deeply involved at Trinity can be one of them. We would love to see everyone at worship, in Sunday School, and at all the wonderful activities and celebrations coming up. Our committees and ministry groups are hard at work and would love to have you join them.

I look forward to this fall season at Trinity, and I hope that you will join me in that excitement and in this ministry we share. God's faithfulness is great, and we trust that God is leading us into this next season of our lives together. May we continue to share in the steadfast love and mercy of Jesus along the way!

Pastor Jason

Updates from the August 15, 2023 Council Meeting

- Treasurer's Report
 - ◊ Giving continues to be above the current budgeted amount for June. Trinity's expenses are beginning to level out.
 - ◊ Committee budgets are due to Gary Sheppard by 9-10-23
- Ministry Report
 - ◊ Pastors' Reports
 - * Pastor Jason offered thanks to the local clergy for the support offered while the Felicis were away for Continuing Ed and some vacation time.
 - * Positive observations of the pastors for the last few months- giving continues to exceed expectations and the attendance is trending in a positive direction.
 - ◊ Digital Ministry Report
 - * Number of views of posted media streaming continues to grow.
 - * Need to encourage people to transition to the website for watching the live stream services to allow for more interaction and ease of giving.
- Council members approved
 - ◊ Appointment of Darlene Hoffman to fill the remaining months of Lynette Patterson's council term.
 - ◊ A motion from council clarifying that the pastors:
 - * Have access to the giving records of the congregation,
 - * Are under the congregations financial confidentiality policy.
- Council members discussed
 - ◊ Role of Special Gifts Committee
 - ◊ Safety and security for the evening sexton, giving the sexton clearance to lock all doors as events/meetings end instead of waiting until 9:00 PM
 - ◊ The TLC House now has two residents and an individual who works with the residents on a daily basis.

Social Chit Chat Group

Come join us on Sept 11th from 10:00am-12:00pm. We're very excited to be having Westmoreland Cleanways coming to talk with us about recycling. Let's help keep our world clean!



Church Projects

- Trimmed the hedges in front of the employee's parking lot.
- Started to refurbish the marquee sign in front of the church:
 - a. Painted the inside backboard
 - b. Took the rust off the "Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church" sign and painted it
 - c. Cleaned off the tarnish on the copper frame
- Installed 2nd receptacle in head start to accommodate extra computers. There will be additional kids this fall.
- Repairing handrails, in the stairways, that are coming loose. Dan is making a decorative oak board to put behind the rails.
- Finished painting the lower half of the tables in the kitchen, silver.
- Sanded the pastor's doors so it made them easier to open and close.





ELCA World Hunger

Offerings collected each week go a long way to bring hope to many in need. Thank you!
ELCA World Hunger Offerings YTD: \$5,127.25



Deaths

Betty Pfeifer 7/26/2023
Ruthann Sistik 8/6/23

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

The cupboard will be suspended until further notice. We will let everyone know when we can start accepting donations again. Thank you everyone that donated to this great cause.

Usher's Schedule

Teller Schedule

	8:15am	10:45
September 10, 2023	*Gary Sheppard	*Jane Lawson
September 17, 2023	Jim Harris	Marcia Salandro
	Nick Gebhart	Kathy Sowatskey
		Tim Potter
September 24, 2023	*Mary Ann Coulston	*Tiffany Varadi
	Donna Krall	Terry Rolla
October 1, 2023	Phyllis O'Hara	Tim Potter
	Dana Shannon	

Treasurer's Report for July 2023

Current Month

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	45,142.24	38,402.00	6,740.24
Total Expenses	53,388.18	46,248.00	7,140.18
Cash Flow	(8,245.94)	(7,846.00)	(399.94)
	<u>Year to Date</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	322,329.50	294,974.00	27,355.50
Total Expenses	366,518.04	369,435.00	(2,916.96)
Cash Flow	(44,188.54)	(74,461.00)	30,272.46

Please note:

- 1) Income includes \$11,155.00 per month taken from endowment interest.
- 2) Income continues to be better than planned. Although currently we have a \$44,188.54 deficit, it is \$30,272.46 less than planned. With everyone's continued support, we can keep reducing the deficit so the endowment monies can be used for ministry Instead of covering the deficit.
- 3) Average attendance 188.



	Time	Ushers	Ushers
Sept 2, 2023	5:30	Linda McDowell	Donna Showalter
Sept 3, 2023	8:15	Sandy Kisick	Herb Harris
Sept 3, 2023	10:45	Becky Tomlinson	Bill Stein
Sept 9, 2023	5:30	Linda McDowell	Donna Showalter
		David Rock	Polly Yurek
Sept 10, 2023	8:15	Sandy Kisick	Herb Harris
		Keith Bronson	Keith Bronson Jr.
Sept 10, 2023	10:45	Anna Hudec	Glenn Gold
		Bill Stein	Becky Tomlinson
Sept 16, 2023	5:30	Kasha Loveridge	Don Loveridge
		David Rock	Polly Yurek
Sept 17, 2023	8:15	Keith Bronson	Keith Bronson Jr.
		Kennette Grohal	Steve Grohal
Sept 17, 2023	10:45	Anna Hudec	Glenn Gold
		Becky Tomlinson	Bill Stein
Sept 23, 2023	5:30	Kasha Loveridge	Don Loveridge
		Jay Elder	John Elder
Sept 24, 2023	8:15	Kennette Grohal	Steve Grohal
		Alex Grohal	Lucas Grohal
Set 24, 2023	10:45	Eli Clever	Kelly Clever
		Tim Potter	Matt Clever
Sept 30, 2023	5:30	Jay Elder	John Elder
		Kasha Loveridge	Don Loveridge

Men's Golf Outing

Come join the fun at our men's golf outing scheduled for Friday Sept 1, 2023 at 5pm. The cost will be \$30 which includes golf, pizza and soft drinks. We are looking for any guys that would like to chase a little white ball around and have fun, whether you are an expert or a beginner, we'd love for you to join us. It will be held at Glengarry Golf Course. If you are interested, please call the church office at 724-537-4450.



Club FRED
(Food, Recreation, Education, Discussion)
After School Program

Club FRED is gearing up for another school year and we could use some help!!!! Club FRED will start again on October 5, 2023 and meet each Thursday that school is in session. The children arrive at 4:00 and are at Trinity until 6:15. Dinner is from 5:45 to 6:15. This year we will continue with:

Homework help (**although there is not much!!!!**)

Craft time

Phys Ed

Dinner Companions (join us just for dinner, eat, and talk with the children)

Home cooked family style meal (more cooking crews are needed!!)

****We are in need of adults to spend time with the children. We also have a strong need for more men.** Many of the children do not have a positive male role model in their lives, and it is needed!!!

If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, or if you have a friend who would like to help, please contact Kathy Ferlin at 724-875-8301 or ferlin.kathy@gmail.com. Clearances are required and links can be found at Trinitylatrobe.com/clearances.



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Upcoming Trainings for Worship Assistants

The pastors will be offering training for those who signed up to be Lectors.

This will be held in the sanctuary during the Sunday School Hour (9:30AM).

September 3 - Lectors

If this date does not work for you, or if you are also interested in learning more, please contact the church office at 724-537-4450 or sign-up on the website/app.

Rally Day Sept 10 @ 9:30am

Join us for a morning of fun as we kick off Sunday School!



Middle/High School Lock-in



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00 AA Mtg 5:00 Men's Golf Outing	2 5:30 Spoken Communion
3 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Lector Training 10:45 Holy Communion	4 Building Closed	5 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 Grief Group 6:30 Executive	6 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 6:00 New Members Dinner 6:30 Line Dancing	7 1:00 Purls of Prayer 6:00 BPW 6:00-8:00 Young Marines 7:30 AA Mtg	8 12:00 AA Mtg	9 5:30 Spoken Communion New Members Reception
10 Rally Day! New Members reception at all svcs 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	11 10:00-12:00 Social Chit Chat	12 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 Grief Group 6:00 Finance	13 COUNCIL DEADLINE 9:00 WELCA Quilters 11:00 NCR 12:00 AA Mtg 5:30 Outreach No Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	14 1:00 Purls of Prayer 6:00-8:00 Young Marines 7:30 AA Mtg	15 12:00 AA Mtg 1:30 Esther Circle	16 Boy Scouts upstairs & Weis All Day 5:30 Spoken Communion
17 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion	18 2:15 Loyalhanna Church Svc	19 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 Grief Group 6:30 Council	20 TRIANGLE DEADLINE 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 6:30 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	21 1:00 Purls of Prayer 6:00-8:00 Young Marines 7:30 AA Mtg	22 12:00 AA Mtg	23 5:30 Spoken Communion
24 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:15 Drive Thru Communion	25	26 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 11:00 Pericope 6:00 Grief Group 7:00 Miriam Circle	27 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg 6:30 Line Dancing 7:15 Choir	28 1:00 Purls of Prayer 6:00-8:00 Young Marines 6:30 Worship & Music 6:30 Safety & Security 7:30 AA Mtg	29 MAIL TRIANGLE 12:00 AA Mtg	30 5:30 Spoken Communion

Upper Elementary Event



Vacation Bible School



2023 Trinity's Congregational Picnic





