

TRINITY TIDINGS

JUNE/JULY 2021

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” Hebrews 12:1

I think it is safe to say that we are tired of conversations regarding a return to some kind of normalcy, so let me just say this. I hope you bring something good with you moving forward. I hope these months apart were not for nothing. Let’s start with our personal health and mental welfare; did we take care of all our needs? Did we feed our bodies physically, emotionally, and spiritually? We had ample opportunity to slow down, gain self-understanding and maybe even reinvent ourselves. Being forced away from the hustle and bustle, for a while, may have been good for us. I realize not everyone had this privilege and to them I offer my sincere gratitude for all that they did, and continue to do, as they work to make our lives better. For those of us who worked from home, I believe, we found more time to do the things we needed to do, and wanted to do, both domestically and professionally. Did we fill our days, weeks and months with reading, walking and more? I started eating 3 square meals a day, whether I was hungry or not, because it was comforting and something I could control, until I couldn’t. I soon needed to alter my new found habits and began walking more and eating less. While visiting with members over the phone, I wandered in our yard looking for new buds and pulling weeds, all the while making a mental list of things to do. I spent calories, built stamina, and lost a little weight, all the while fulfilling my ministry. Both our home and church life took on new meaning as Craig and I prepared for each weekly service. With a little discipline I became engrained in new habits, creatively and more efficiently, while building character and endurance.

We know that, in order to improve and maintain our health we must exercise on a regular basis, not once a month, or even just once a week. Walking with Jesus is the same concept. We must find time to walk with Him on a daily basis so that spiritually we are fed and fortified. The weight of sin bears down on us without daily confession and forgiveness. Regardless of how we get our nourishment and shed our burdens, it is vital we do it every day. For some reason, building good habits are difficult but breaking them is too easy. Once we stop exercising, disciplining ourselves, and spending regular time with God, the easier it is to replace those priorities with less constructive things. And let’s face it, if you don’t use it you will lose it. And it’s not just for self-edification; it’s to help our world. Wouldn’t it be great if Sunday could propel us into the week, or as Casting Crowns sings in Start Right Here, “What if the church on Sunday was still the church on Monday too?” Reading scripture and praying are important exercises that strengthen our connection with God while building confidence and creativity. Mark Hall (Casting Crowns) said “The world changes when Jesus changes it and Jesus changes the world through us. We’re it. We’re the hands and the feet. It’s time to step out of our walls, get out there and love a world that really needs it. And it starts right here.” We don’t have to do it alone. Walking with someone brings accountability and passes the time easily as does listening to music. Why not have a conversation with God in the same way. An old African Prayer encouraged “When you pray move your feet.” Even if it is for just those few minutes you spend with God, listen to KLove radio or a favorite Christian station and build your play list because as St Augustine stated, “He who sings prays twice.” The Psalmist said, “*The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth*” (145:18).

Blessings as we walk toward healthier and brighter days, *Pastor Cheri*



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UPDATED CDC GUIDELINES

Masks are still needed. If you are fully vaccinated, masks may be removed during church services. Hand sanitizer and social distancing continue.



Pastor Cheri will be on vacation June 1 – 10.

For emergencies, please contact Kate Warn at 201-914-0701.

***For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light we see light" Psalm 36:9***

We worship and praise God in a variety of ways. Every Sunday is unique. Some Sundays are more traditional than others. Some are not as conventional as one might expect in a Lutheran church. Though our doctrine remains the same, the worship format can be entirely different from one Sunday to the next. It is our desire to give everyone a spiritual experience so we offer an eclectic style of worship praying the Holy Spirit will move us in ways we cannot imagine.

Wonder where God is in your life? Don't think your prayers are being answered? Come see how our living, loving, and gracious God works in, through and around us every day!



Pentecost Sunday – A Celebration of the Coming of the Holy Spirit



Thank you to everyone who helped make Pentecost so special: Pastor Cheri's dynamic and inspiring sermon, the sanctuary so beautifully adorned and Social Outreach's first step returning to social time.



2021 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Diane Carroll, Pennie Freet, Wendy Hammer (Vice President), Dan Hardy (Secretary), Greg Kulp (President), Steve Miller, Rich Scanlon, Earl Smith and Tim Yeingst

Finance Committee:

Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener (Chair), Craig Korte (Treasurer), Audra Spang (Financial Secretary), Bob Yeingst, Brad Yeingst

Council Meeting 5-2-21 (Pending Approval)

- The meeting was called to order by Greg Kulp. Rich Scanlon provided scripture reading and a prayer. Tim Yeingst will provide the reading in June. In attendance were Greg, Rich, Tim Steve Miller, Earl Smith, Dan Hardy, Diane Carroll, Pastor Korte and Craig Korte.
- The agenda was accepted with a motion by Earl and a 2nd by Dan.
- April meeting minutes were approved with a date change from May 5 to May 2 for this council meeting.
- There were no e-mail decisions made this month.
- Treasurers report – Payment of church insurance is due soon. This is a large amount annually but once paid there will be no more payments until next year. The church internet service, Windstream, is somewhat expensive and the service is not reliable. There does not seem to be an easy or less expensive alternative. Greg uses the same provider and will research alternatives. Due to changes in the tax law there really is no need for offering envelopes, with the exception of reminding people to give. It was suggested that we move to a generic envelope for those people that use envelopes. This was accepted with a motion by Rich and a 2nd by Earl.
- Pastor's report – reported everything is proceeding normally. Pastor said a BIG thank you to Craig for providing audio-video service throughout the entire quarantine process, and continuing support as the church opens up. Victoria Brooks has been providing an on line live stream of the service for the last two weeks and hopefully into the future.
- Correspondence In – None
- Correspondence Out – Social outreach has suggested sending out postcards to church members reminding them that we are back to in-house worship and inviting them to return. Diane has agreed to make sure these cards are delivered to the Postal Service.
- Membership Concerns – Still much concern for the health and aging of the congregation and some members who have recently been hospitalized.
- Worship and Music – no meeting
- Christian Education - meeting scheduled
- Property – Steve is looking into options for the area between the picnic building and the picnic pavilion. The initial desire was concrete but at a cost of \$8,000 it was felt that this is too expensive. He is now researching stone and stone dust as an option. There was some condensation damage to ceiling tile in the S.S, basement, Pastor will ask Rick Fox if he would be able to paint the damaged tiles.
- Finance and Stewardship – no meeting
- Social Outreach – Report on the postcards going out and providing cupcakes for Pentecost, red, yellow and orange to signify the Spirit. There is a meeting scheduled in June.
- WELCA – No report
- Cemetery – mowing is proceeding well on a weekly basis. The new mower is working well.
- Old Business- A memorial garden report by Dan generated several questions and suggestions and action was postponed for additional information. Covid Task force has been waiting for recommendations from Synod. We will continue service as we have been doing through May and possibly move outdoor for some of June to allow for singing and socializing.
- New Business – regarding the 250th anniversary celebration, quarantining has made setting a date and activities difficult. we are still trying to pick a date. The annual picnic will resume, Saturday July 24th, with the Malta Band providing music. Pastor reported an effort from Synod to ring all church bells at 7p.m. today in memory of persons affected by the Covid Virus. Greg has agreed to do this.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting from Earl and a 2nd from Dan and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be June 6th after church.
- Respectfully Submitted, Dan Hardy

TREASURER'S REPORT - Account Balances as of 4/30/2021

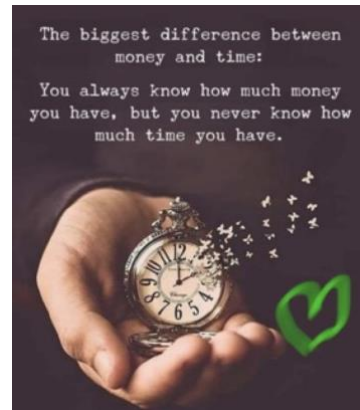
Account	4/30/2021 Balance	Account	4/30/2021 Balance
<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Cash and Bank Accounts		Other Liabilities	
Business Savings – T XX0000	34,900.00	Building	2,308.00
Checking	8,292.16	Memorial Fund	9,421.00
Youth Savings – Trin XX0001	81.09	TOTAL Other Liabilities	11,729.00
DIG DEEP	1,540.00		
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	44,813.25	TOTAL LIABILITIES	11,729.00
Other Assets		OVERALL TOTAL	97,538.10
MUTUAL FUND	64,453.85		
TOTAL Other Assets	64,453.85		
TOTAL ASSETS	109,267.10		



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Our standard of living should not determine our standard of giving; instead, our standard of giving should determine our standard of living.” Bill Easum

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”
2 Corinthians 9:6-7



“Why do you support Trinity and how has it enriched your life?”

I support our church because I have seen over the past several years growth, community, ownership and family from our members and beyond. When I enter the church it feels like home, when I watch online service, it feels like I'm watching it with my family. I do not want that to change because I need that in my life. My church has been there for me many times and I want to be there for my church, it's members and Jesus.

- Audra Spang

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Tom Beers; Cheryl Braun; Victoria Brooks; Harold & Carol Brown; Mary Carroll; Ben Chicoria; Pennie Freet; Pamela Hermany; Betty Kreider; Lois Lum; Steve Miller; Carla Morris; Homer Myers; Tom Ramsden; Freddie Ray; Helen Row; Gerrie Scheidler; Nikki Scolet; Bill Stober; June Tschudy

Grieving – The Family of Carol Gingrich (husband Warren Gingrich, daughter Terry Weaver & granddaughter Tracy Monette)

Assisted and Skilled Care – Ellen Gepfer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Abigail Romberger; Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Todd Campbell; Roger Daub; Drue Gerasimoff; David Martin; William Rimmler; David Walborn; Andrew Yeingst



To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend in need of our prayers, please contact:



**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Sandy Walborn.
3. If Sandy Walborn is not available, call any other person listed.

Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Lillian Minney	717.964.5032
Pennie Freet	717.269.3292	Sandy Walborn	717.838.1681
Karen Miller	717.304.7012	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448



Skylee Sweitzer (June 9); Mindy Weaver (June 16); Mary Stager (June 17);
Betty Lighty (June 20); Kendra Wolf (June 25); Kayleigh Leedy (June 26); Marti Speck (June 28)

Earl & Mary Lois Smith (June 6); Tom & Diane Haney (June 11);
Brian & Sally McGeehan (June 19); Leonard & Tracy Monette (June 24);
Bob & Sandy Walborn (June 24)



Marlene Stehman (July 3); Tracy Craig (July 6); Kassie Chapman (July 8); Pennie Freet (July 12); Connie Weirich (July 17); Gabrielle Craig (July 20); Bruce Tschudy (July 21); Trenton Sweitzer (July 23); Barbara Witmer & Wayne Defelice (July 25); Brayden Speck (July 27); Robert Yeingst (July 28); Barbara Buchmoyer & Helen Row (July 29)



THANK YOU to all the members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Colebrook for their kind heartfelt expressions of sympathy on the death of our mother, Marie Fisher. She enjoyed worshipping with all of you and felt your special kindness towards her. It takes special people, like all of you, to communicate with someone who is blind, hard of hearing and has a short memory. May God bless all of you.
Sincerely, Sandy and Bob Walborn, Sue and Hilary Hoffer and their families.



Congratulations Class of 2021

CELEBRATING your graduation day. **HONORING** all you've accomplished. **PRAYING** that God will guide you to a future filled with bright hope and abundant blessings.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Victoria Brooks

Victoria will be graduating from Annville-Cleona High School and the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC). She will be pursuing a career in the field of media and communications and will be working as a photographer at Hershey Park and Chocolate World. This fall she plans to further her education by enrolling in college for courses in music production.

Abbey Shay Gerasimoff

Abbey, granddaughter of Bob and Sandy Walborn, will graduate June 4, 2021 from Bloomsburg High School. She will attend Lycoming University in the fall majoring in math and science. She was also chosen as a goalie to play for the Lycoming Soccer Team.

Jaden Scott

Jaden is the granddaughter of Earl and Mary Lois Smith. She will graduate from Palmyra High School on June 8th. Jaden has been very active in the Palmyra Theatre Program and is Vice President of The International Thespian Society. Jaden will be attending Penn State University Park and will be majoring in Biobehavioral Health.



With **DEEPEST APPRECIATION** to Craig Korte for his dedication in time and resources that were required to provide excellent audio-visual church services throughout the long Covid-19 pandemic quarantine process. We were blessed to have had a personal and meaningful connection to worship using our home computers, laptops, ipads and cell phones. Craig continues to offer his support as Trinity continues to open up.

THANK YOU to Victoria and Katelyn Brooks for live streaming Trinity's services to our Facebook page.



FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE



A prayer service is held every Friday at 10:00 AM. Bring your concerns, thoughtful support and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace and healing to our world.

There will not be a prayer service on Friday, June 4.



Here's a toast to you Dad
I had the very best
You did so many things for me
I knew I was a pest

You helped me when I was a little girl
To do some simple things
When I saw the smile upon your face
and the pleasure that it brings

You taught me how to drive a car
And even fix a flat
Thank goodness I never got one
I know that for a fact

I'm glad there is a special time
To celebrate Father's Day
To show how much I loved him
Before he passed away.

- By Pauline Greiner, Trinity Lutheran Church Colebrook Member



TRINITY'S CHURCH PICNIC IS BACK!

After a year's absence due to Covid, the picnic will be held Saturday, July 24th from 2:00 – 8:00. Soup take-out starts at noon and the Malta Band will be playing from 5:30 - 7:30. All the other good food including burgers, fries and desserts will, again, be available.

If you would like to offer help or have questions, contact Greg Kulp.

TRINITY DREAMS BIG!

\$1,940 Donated Toward Goal of \$4,500

Still Time to Walk, Bike or Rock

By Yourself – With Family or Friends – Any Time, Any Place

Forms available at church. Questions? Contact Bill Calhoon at (717) 450-5926 or email at bcretired@gmail.com



FOOD BANK SUNDAY – *First Sunday Each Month*

Specific Requests:

Manheim – peanut butter, crackers, tissues, canned fruit/applesauce, baked beans, canned pasta

Lebanon Rescue Mission – is collecting empty ink cartridges from all computer models (see box next to food collection)

Caring Cupboard – sugar, tomato paste, shampoo, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee), canned Spam, can openers



PERSONAL CARE KITS PROJECT

A REMINDER – Collection Ends Sunday, June 13

Bath size bars of soap, in original wrapping, are still needed.



SCHOOL KITS PROJECT

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Items Needed For Each Kit

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| 4 – 70 sheet notebooks (wide & college ruled) | 1 – ruler with centimeters and inches |
| 1 – box of 24 crayons (24 count) | 1 – ages 6+ scissors (with imbedded steel blades) |
| 1 – 2 ½ inch eraser | 5 – black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel – secure with rubber band) |
| 1 – pencil sharpener NOT NEEDED | \$1.40 shipping per kit |
| 5 – unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers NOT NEEDED | |

Collection Begins – Sunday, July 11 & Ends – Sunday, September 5

LEBANON EMERGENCY SHELTER



NO SEW FLEECE BLANKETS PROJECT

We need your help. It's time to think and act on this project. Please consider purchasing a no-sew fleece kit to help those in need OR you can give \$15.00 to Marie Martin and she will purchase a kit for you.

If you would like to cut or tie blankets at home, please contact Marie at 717.367.2999.
Thank You!

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES

No Tidings Published in July

August 2021 Tidings Deadline
Sunday, July 19

Items can be emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com or put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox.
Please remember to include your name with submissions.

