

# May 2024 Newsletter

*“God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”* —Philippians 1:6b

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace is undeserved favor. Mercy is kindness we should not receive. Salvation is love stooping down to pull us up when we're at our worst. In this season of resurrection, we both need and celebrate these truths in the promise of eternal life with the Lord.

I learned this lesson recently, again, while visiting someone I've known nearly 18 years. We know each other only tangentially. But, she's a soul sister, one who connects deeply with me because Jesus is at the center of our relationship. She needed, like any of us, to hear of God's pervasive, persistent forgiveness, to hear that Christ works in her despite her best efforts to mess up and make poor choices.

As I prepared to depart, I asked her what I should write about in my newsletter, knowing she'll likely not live to read it. (The horrid “C” word.) She said, reflecting her quick, witty humor, “Tell ‘em she was a good egg, a rotten egg, but a good one.” We laughed and I understood that she got the message in this tender and final time of her life. And I heard it for the first time, anew.

The Lord works in us to right our wrongs. That doesn't mean we don't have responsibilities or amends to make, but it frees us to do so. God lends us strength to do the hard stuff. In fact, God, in Christ, has done the hardest stuff—saved us from the misery of our sins. This forgiveness business is real, and it allows life to flourish.

My soul sister is dying, but God's love is allowing her to live, not just because she's got a Baptized Child of God Ticket to Heaven, but because God's grace stooped down, and pulled her up out of the darkness of her guilt and worry. Let God pull you up, too. His promise is for real. I'm grateful to have been reminded today. Thanks be to God!

Love, Pr. Susan

**Council Meeting Dates Moved**—Trinity’s congregational council began meeting on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month in April. Upcoming Council Meeting Dates for 2024 are: 5/21; 6/18; 7/16; 8/20; 9/17; 10/15; 11/19; 12/17. Everyone is invited to attend council meetings.

**“Welcome to Trinity” Classes Offered**—Mark your calendars & save the dates if you’re interested in learning more about Trinity and/or affirming your baptism here in the congregation. Anyone interested in joining the congregation should attend, as well as those who officially joined eons ago, or those who just want to learn more but not join. Dates are **July 21 & 28 and August 11 & 18**. Come to one or come to all. More details forthcoming, but in general we’ll talk about Christianity, Lutheranism, Trinity’s specific ministries and activities, and invite you to add your input. Everyone is valued here!

**UPCOMING SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS:**

**May 5:** Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

**May 12:** Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13;  
John 17: 6-19

**May 19:** Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b;  
Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

**May 26:** Isaiah 66: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17;  
John 3: 1-17

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WHAT?

**Our Mission:** We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

**Our Vision:** To fulfill our mission, we will:

**Worship** through liturgy, music, prayer, and Sacraments;

**Teach** God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

**Serve** and provide for those in need;

**Witness** to others by sharing the Gospel;

**Celebrate** with fellowship;

**Return** with joy what God has given;

**Be active** in our community and the Church.

**Worship, Serve, Celebrate!**



## **Bible Study for May:**

Our hymns tell bible stories, praise God for the story of God's love, and teach the faith.

Throughout the season of Easter we'll be looking at favorite hymns, especially as

they relate to the biblical story. **Please sub-**

**mit your favorite hymns to Pastor Susan asap for discussion and learning.**

The Zoom link is open at 5:30 for socializing; study begins at 6:00. Please come!

The Zoom meeting ID for these sessions is **864 8792 7782**.

If you need help logging in, text Pastor Susan at 717-778-5548, or give her a call.



**Drive Thru Holy Communion** distribution will be held Sunday, May 5 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to partici-

pate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.

Trinity's Caregivers' Group will meet **Thursday, May 16 at**



**10:00am** in the chapel. Everyone who has been, is, or will be caring for a loved one is welcome to attend. No registration necessary; see Pastor Susan for more information.

**PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS** should be directed to the church office or directly to Pastor Susan or Judy Burgard, our visitation coordinator (see above). We don't know when someone has had a crisis, a health concern, or other reason for care. Please share concerns so that we may love one another well. Thank you!

**Mission-in-Motion Mission Trip:** Plans are being made for a mission trip to Guatemala through Tree 4 Hope in January 2025 to volunteer at the school for girls. If you are interested in knowing more and possibly going on the trip, please see Pastor Terry (717-357-8644) for details.



**Holy Hot Dogs** begins again this June! Each Wednesday (except Food Pantry weeks) during the summer months beginning at 5:00pm, we will serve hot dog meals including chips and applesauce to the community. Volunteers are needed each week. More details coming soon. Sign-up sheets for donations and volunteers will be posted in the Narthex in May. Dates for Holy Hot Dogs are June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 14, 21, 28. Thank you for supporting this valuable ministry!

**Volunteers Needed:** We are establishing a constitution review committee, and we need two congregation members to participate. Contact Bob King, see directory, if you are interested in helping.

**Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.** Our confirmands, Jack Biles and Brody Moore, will be confirmed and celebrated with a reception in the social hall following the worship service. We hope you'll join us! Congratulations on your Confirmations, Jack & Brody!



**Red Geraniums:** Please consider donating a red geranium to be brought in on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. They will decorate the sanctuary that day and will be planted in the church gardens. Thank you!

### PENTECOST WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, May 19 is the Day of Pentecost. We'll celebrate at Trinity with two confirmations! The Confirmation Class is developing our liturgy for that day. If you would like to share your favorite parts of worship, or suggest a worship activity or hymn for that day, let Becky Rinehart and/or Pastor Terry (the class's teachers) know. It promises to be a lively and very intentional worship! There's a rumor that there's an Adult Cookie Break planned... AND DANCING!



## **End of Year Sunday School Celebration**

Join us on Sunday, May 19 for the end of school year Sunday School Celebration.

We will recognize our Confirmands, Jack Biles and Brody Moore and the work of the Sunday School students and teachers. All are invited to attend!

## WELCA News

At our meeting, we started with a spring themed prayer, asking our precious Lord to continue to bless us with the beauty of our earth.

Sally Leas shared how to create waterproof mats to be shared with homeless people. The mats are made using plastic shopping bags by creating long strips which are then crocheted into large mats that are easily rolled up for travel. The ladies helped cut bags and created the long strips that evening.

Our Pie Sale was held on April 18 & 19. We baked over 145 lemon sponge, blueberry and blueberry crumb pies. Thank you for purchasing pies; the income will be used throughout the year for various giving activities!

We will prepare food for the Men's Ministry members when they schedule a workday to install the gazebo in Trinity's front lawn. The date will be determined soon.

For May, we will be assembling Spring Cleaning Buckets to be given to our Food Pantry families. A Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card was approved for this giving project.

We will meet again May 7 at 7 PM in our social hall. Mary Ann Vance will share her vacation adventures and photos. We encourage all women to attend our WELCA meetings at Trinity! See Mary Ann's invitation below for May 7th.

*When people think of traveling to South America, they may think about Machu Picchu or maybe the Galapagos. But what about Iguazu Falls and Patagonia? Most of us don't even know where they are or what is so special about them. Mary Ann and George Vance recently spent 3 weeks exploring these amazing areas in South America. Mary Ann will be sharing photos and stories about their experience with WELCA on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend.*



Installation for the gazebo in memory of Paula Lerew Wolf will begin on May 8. The dedication will take place on June 2 immediately following the worship service and a luncheon will be served immediately following the dedication. There will be a sign up for the luncheon for anyone interested in attending. The gazebo is fully funded by Paula's husband, Dudley Wolf and family. We hope everyone will enjoy the gazebo for a place of prayer, mediation, or relaxation. Paula loved gardening so this is a perfect memorial for her in her hometown of East Berlin.

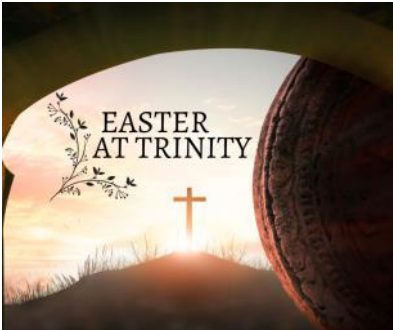
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WELCA created boxes of lettuce that were distributed at the April Food Pantry. This lettuce can be trimmed and eaten and will continue to grow!



**Earth Day** was April 22, 2024. We, as a church, can set a good example for the community by using the recycling bins in the church: one in the kitchen, a blue one in the social hall and one outside.

Please take your plastic to these recycle bins. Let's take good care of our beautiful Earth. Recycle!





## Are you looking for a worthwhile reason to CHEER?

You are invited to *BE A FAN* for our

York County Special Olympics

## SPRING GAMES 2024—Rain or Shine!

Capital Area Region

# TEAM YORK

SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
PENNSYLVANIA



**Saturday, May 4th at York College, Grumbacher Sports Center**

Your cheering in the stands this day, will help our over 100 local Special Olympic athletes with Intellectual Disabilities, competing in the Pool, on the Court, and on the Track to do their best, and show the world what they can accomplish.

Opening Ceremonies: 9-9:40AM (Graham Field)

Sports Specific Competitions: 10:00 – Noon

Swim Team (YCP Natatorium)

Tennis Team (courts next to soccer field)

Track & Field Team (Graham Field)

Basketball Team (Fieldhouse)



**Mother's Day is**

**Sunday, May 12, 2024.**

**Join us for a coffee hour  
after worship that day.**



# Community Singers

EAST BERLIN



## “A Tapestry of Music”

Under the direction of Jane D Johnston

**May 17th - 7:30pm**

**St Mark Lutheran Church**

129 Charles St, Hanover, PA

**May 19th - 3pm**

**Paradise Evangelical**

**Lutheran Church**

3241 Church Rd, Thomasville, PA

**Admission: Please bring a non-perishable item to donate to local food bank**

**The Church Office will be closed on**  
Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance  
of the Memorial Day holiday.





MAY 2024



# Diaper Drive

Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church



DONATE ANY SIZE DIAPER OR DIAPER WIPES DURING THE MONTH OF MAY. ALL COLLECTIONS WILL GO TO NEW HOPE MINISTRIES, SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!



**Graduates:** If you have a child or grandchild member of Trinity who is graduating from high school or college this year, please notify the church office as soon as possible. We would like to be sure they are recognized in the June newsletter.

# Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Helper	Lector	Usher
May 5	Sue C.	Chris L.	Mary J.	Leon/George
May 12	Bob K.	Alex S.	Jayne S.	Terry/
May 19	Becky R.	Bob K.	Sue C.	Janet/M
May 26	Violet C.	Mark B.	Sam H.	Bob K./D

*Note: If you need to change the date you are scheduled to serve, please contact our*



**Palm Sunday**— Trinity celebrated a beautiful Palm Sunday service on March 24th. Our service included a parade with palms and a donkey!

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Members	Altar Guild	Cantor(s)	Acolyte	Cookie Break
George/MaryAnn	Noelle K.	Barry B.	Konner H.	Erin H.
Jay/Sue	Anita M.	Sue C.	Claire W.	Laura R.
Mac/Kathy	Ruthann B.	Dona/Sami	Tristan B.	Lisa M.
Deb/Sandy	Janet M.	Mary J.	Grace W.	Jess W.

*Members on the list and arrange a swap. Please notify the church office of the change.*



**Easter Program Rehearsal**—The children rehearsed on Saturday, March 30 for their program and had a special visit from the Easter Bunny!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATES

Join us for the next gathering of the Prayer Shawl Ministry **Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm** in the church parlor to learn more about this community ministry. Come learn to knit and/or crochet. Volunteer to visit and deliver prayer shawls all over. Sit and pray with us as we bless the shawls ready to go out. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. See Pat Bjonnes (see directory) for more information or with questions. Everyone can join in!



## WEDNESDAYS FELLOWSHIP & FAITH

You're welcome at the **Wednesday Morning Prayer** service @ **10AM in the Chapel**, or worship online through the Trinity Lutheran EB Fellowship Group on Facebook. A fellowship time will be held at **8:30 at Graybill's Diner, Abbottstown** for breakfast, Dutch treat.



## HAVE YOU BEEN WORSHIPPING ONLINE?



In the last 30 days, we had 505 video views, with 91 hours of watch time. Of those 505 views we have 113 new viewers! We now have 192 subscribers! Thank you to those worshipping from home (and away). If you're an online worshiper, please feel free to contact the church office with requests for connection, pastoral needs, and feedback about your online experience. We'd love to hear from you!

## Making a Difference in the Lives of People with Dementia

Family Caregivers—this FREE seminar is for YOU!

Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:00AM—1:30PM

Church of the Open Door—West York Campus  
8 Carlisle Court, York

Meet local resources and learn practical tips on how to support your loved one living with dementia. Bring your questions. **Registration for this FREE seminar is required.**

Phone: 717.767.6491

E-mail: [office.wyc@codyork.org](mailto:office.wyc@codyork.org)



Zwingli UCC Annual Spring Tea—  
Saturday, May 18th from 12:00—  
2:00PM. The cost is \$25 per person.  
Call for reservations before May 13th  
by calling (717) 259-0623.

**Good News & Brews** is held the second Tuesday of each month at the Altland House in Abbottstown. Join with other local disciples to enjoy conversation, food and refreshments. Next meeting is May 14 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



**Kids' Quarter Collection:** The next Tin-Cup Quarter Collection will be on Sunday, May 5 with a **NOISY OFFERING**.

*Please bring your quarters with you to worship that day.*

All the money we collect goes to  
**Laundry Love.**

# Ministry Pages



## THE SHARING SHELF update:

- ◆ New Hope Ministries recently donated supplies to the Shelf; thanks be to God for our partnership with them!
- ◆ Thank YOU for your monetary gifts to the Shelf! With your gifts we were able to shop at Aldi for Shelf needs.
- ◆ Especially needed are cans with pop-tops and/or can openers.

Bring donations to the office, or to worship any time!

Want to help fill the shelf, or shop for its needs? Let Jen or Pastor Susan know and/or contact Deb King (see directory) who chairs this ministry.

*Get New Glasses Recently?* The East Berlin Lion's Club has a donation box for old eye glasses at Trinity located under the bulletin board near the elevator. Thanks in advance for thinking of others.



The next **Ruth's Harvest Collection Bag Packing** is **Wednesday, May 22 at 12:40pm** at the old firehall near St. John's in Abbottstown. Each month of this school year, 105 bags of food are packed for students at Bermudian Springs Elementary. The Ruth's Harvest Ministry continues because of the support and generosity of Trinity and five other area congregations. Thank you! **The most needed items right now are breakfast bars, juice boxes, individual tuna/chicken salad packs, and non refrigerated milk.** See Sandy Emig (check directory) or contact the office to get involved!



**EB Laundry Love** will be held **Tuesday, May 14 from 5:00-6:30pm** at the White Dove Laundromat in East Berlin behind Jim & Nena's Pizza. Laundry Love is getting busier each month. We have approximately 25 people making use of this ministry. We need volunteers for the second Tuesday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. To sign up to help at the laundromat see the sheet on bulletin



board by the elevator. This ministry is always in need of quarters. **May 5th's Noisy Offering will collect quarters for this ministry, or you may drop them any time in the collection box in the narthex (upstairs lobby). Quarters or other monies (all carefully labeled) may also be offered in the Offering Plate.** Thank you for your support of this important, loving, ministry.

**Food Pantry:** New Hope Ministries is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, May 1. **There will be requests for donations in the bulletins.** **REMINDER:** Volunteers are needed to serve as personal shopping assistants, set-up and tear-down, stockers and loading assistants. No need to sign-up in advance to help. Simply show up anytime after 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Food Pantry. Any questions, contact Anita Madsen (see directory for contact info).

**Fellowship Hour** is held the first Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some time playing games, talking, doing a puzzle, and having a time of prayer as needed. Light refreshments will be served.

#### PRAYER TEAM INVITATION

Trinity's Prayer Team prays daily for immediate needs & our prayer list. If you'd like to join, contact Bonnie Boyer at [bonnie0879@verizon.net](mailto:bonnie0879@verizon.net) or 717-259-0879.

## Worship Schedule

(All Sunday services begin at 9am unless indicated otherwise)

- May 5—Easter 6
- May 12—Easter 7
- May 19—Day of Pentecost; Confirmation Sunday
- May 26—The Holy Trinity

### Midweek Morning Prayer Service

Every Wednesday at 10AM (chapel)

**Drive-thru Holy Communion Distribution** will be held Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the rear of the church near the disability parking.

### NOTES:

- The following elements are available during Communion: wheat bread, wine, grape juice, gluten-free wafers, pre-blessed sealed wheat wafer and grape juice packages
- At any time during Holy Communion you may step out of line to spend time at the chancel rail as you desire. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the distributors will come to you.
- *Anyone interested in serving as a Lector, Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, Usher, Hymn Leader, Acolyte or Altar Guild is asked to contact the church office.*

Do you have a voice remote with your smart TV or cable box? If you do, try saying, **“Trinity Lutheran Church, East Berlin, YouTube,”** with the remote’s microphone button held in. Your remote lets you select the service you’d like to attend by watching. Please join us! Call the church office if you need help.



Thank you hymn leaders, adult choir, bell ringers and so many other musicians who faithfully add to Trinity's worship every week. We can't have our music program without you!

We now look forward to May celebrations (and probably more food!). Pentecost, confirmation, construction of a gazebo, recognition of family and nurturing mothers and women and even a national holiday at the end of the month.

The East Berlin Community Singers will present two concerts this season Friday, May 17 at 7pm and Sunday, May 19 at 3pm. The Singers have rehearsed at Trinity each Sunday evening for eight weeks learning 12 numbers to perform at each concert, sacred and secular. The singers are from East Berlin, Abbottstown, New Oxford, Hanover, Dillsburg, Spring Grove, and York—all ages and many different talents. The concerts will be presented at St. Mark's Lutheran, Hanover and Paradise Lutheran, Thomasville. This free concert will be a treat for all who attend! ~Karen



Trinity's Bell Choir—Sunday, April 21, 2024



# May Birthdays



5-2 Glenn Gruver

5-4 Sherry Brown

5-7 Austin Kohler

5-8 Nathan Biles

5-12 Amanda Moore

5-13 Madeleine Haley

5-14 Jasmine Livingston

5-17 Jason Ohrum

5-22 Laura Storm

5-25 Elena Hull

5-29 Ruthann Bowen

5-30 Rick Fink

5-30 Rick Madsen



5-5 Leon & Sally Leas ~ 51 Years

5-9 Jeff & Courtney Fortuna ~ 9 Years

5-22 Doug & Karen Sheaffer ~ 31 Years

5-23 Gene & Cindy St. Clair ~ 49 Years

5-31 Poncho & Amanda Moore ~ 16 Years



**Thank you message from Andie Guiher:** *Thank you all so much for these past four years at Trinity! I am so blessed to have you as a church family, and I hope to continue to help with your ministries in the future! Thank you all so much for the very generous gifts! I will miss you all!*



The Women of ELCA thanks everyone who helped prepare for, serve, and clean up after the mid-week Lenten Luncheon on March 20. Many hands made light work of the tasks and we are grateful for generous and helpful hands!

The Women of ELCA would also like to thank everyone involved in making our April pie sale successful! Ingredient donations were gratefully received, helping us keep the costs to a minimum. Charlie Hoffman donated the blueberry pie filling. Whole milk, from our Trinity families' farms, was donated by the Mummert family, the Sebright family, and the Ruth family. Fresh eggs were donated by the Bowen family and Heather Baublitz. All those fresh ingredients made the lemon sponge pies delicious!

And a huge thank you to all of the worker bees in the kitchen who mixed, rolled dough, baked pies, wash dishes, and waited on our many customers!! Blessings abound!!

Thank you to all the people who help enrich our worship life! Special thanks to everyone who worked hard to make our Easter Sunday celebration a remarkable one. All ages worked together to make the morning special for everyone who worshiped at Trinity!

#### **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE IN NEW WAYS**

Minutes, once approved, will be sent via the weekly email to all recipients, available on the bulletin boards near the rear exit & pastor's office, on the table in the lobby upstairs, or by request in the church office. Check out the summary of Council actions on the following pages and read the minutes for more detail!

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14th - 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Pastor Susan, Bob King, Sue Clauser, Mark Boyer, Bob Aims, Joshlyn Sharrer, Dona Lerew, Michael Sheads, Sandy Emig, Sherry Brown, Karen Sheaffer, Barb Kauffman, and Leon Leas.

Treasurer's Report: Income above budget and Expenses below budget having positive impact on current financials.

**Ministry Reports:**

**Worship & Music Committee:**

Attending: Pastor, Karen W, Mike B, Andrea G, Dona L, Noelle K, Becky R

Next Meeting: April 10, 1PM.

Review worship improvements- consider ways to keep worship more engaging and focused, in-person and on-line

Review of Worship Leader roles (expand for more young people involved)

Future Worship Planning

a. Camp Sunday (March 17) – Supply Pastor Biles. St. Patrick's Day. Tristan as Hymn Leader. (Barry to help)

b. Girl Scout Sunday March 10th. c. Holy Week.

i. Maundy Thursday (40 people last year in Chapel-too small) Plan for 60 in social hall. Setup on Sunday during SS (Tables/Chairs). Other setup – need Pastor – March 27 after prayer service. (10:45AM) Streaming?. Food: cheese, crackers, grapes. Make atmosphere warmer. Noelle to bring bread. Dave L for cantor. Dona as Lector. Do communion in 2 directions

ii. Altar guild to strip altar anytime after Palm Sunday.

iii. Good Friday. No communion. No acolyte needed.

iv. Easter Sunrise inside. Ruthie as AM. Need usher. Karen to ask Dave L as Cantor. Pastor to ask Grace as communion helper.

vi. Easter 10:15. Brass Sextet for JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN. Becky is AM. Dona is Cantor. Need acolyte, communion helper. Procession with choir, cross, banner. Rehearse after SS program. Gospel procession? Butterflies on stick in hymnals? Dona will find and send to Jen (need 250)

d. Pentecost. Pastor appealed to Confirmation Class to provide creative direction/input. Integrate fellowship with SS program.

a. East Berlin Community Choir will use church for rehearsals starting in March, Sunday 6-8PM thru May.

b. Ushers keep the lights on during postlude.

## Endowment Responsibilities

- a. In honor of benefactors, Ralph and Kathryn Eisenhart, altar flowers will be provided at least two Sundays each year.” We plan a floral arrangement on cabinet(w/door – ask property where this went, along with offering plate), 2 Sunday’s a year. All Saints Day. Transfiguration.
- b. Also, the Worship and Music Committee all be responsible for putting potted plants on Memorial Day on the following family lots: Alawiese A. and Amanda. D. Gruver, Elmer M. And Samantha B. Gruver, Paul and Ella Gruver Hennes.

Capital Improvements Scope – worship impact. Find ways to exploit new capabilities of sound system in worship.

- a. Refinish Floor in Choir Loft
- b. Keep eyes and ears open to baby grand piano deals.

## **Finance:**

Thanks to Jen and Sue for starting a weekly review/reconciliation of Church-Trac and Church Windows revenue postings. The process worked well and the total balanced at closing. One individual acct correction needed.

New process started in February to book Merchant Service Fees is working as designed.

No movement in resolving Pastor Terry’s charges for health insurance. As we discussed at last Finance meeting since we overpaid in January, we did not make a payment in February. We will continue to pay Pastor Susan’s premium but will withhold paying anything for Pastor Terry.

ACNB Trust Interest and Dividends were not booked. Sue will book these entries in March.

YTD General Fund Income \$3K ahead of budget; Synod Benevolence Giving on target with budget; YTD General Fund Income vs. Expenses reflects a surplus of \$10K.

No travel expenses recognized to date – Pastor needs to submit expenses Favorable variance to date on gas and electric.

Insurance not due until June (~\$2600)

## **Social Ministry:**

**The Next Food Pantry** will be held Wednesday, April 3 from 4:00-6:00pm. A Fellowship Hour will be held at Trinity at 3PM prior to every Food Pantry.

**Our Next Laundry Love** date is Tuesday, April 9 from 5:00-6:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat.

**WELCA:** We accomplished the following:

Made our semi-annual \$300 donation to New Hope Ministries for Trinity's

contribution to this ministry.

Made our annual offering \$50 to the Women of the ELCA.

Made a \$1,425 donation to Trinity from the January Pie Sale proceeds. A Thrivent Action Team \$250 gift card was used to purchase our supplies for this pie sale and the proceeds were promised to help Trinity with Capital Improvements.

Planned our April pie sale-we will make lemon sponge and blueberry pies.

Planted lettuce varieties in small boxes to hopefully grow in time to be handed out to our April Food Pantry families. These greens can be cut for their salads and will grow back again and again. We call this project "Lettuce" Pray for our "Lettuce" Ministry!

### **Mission-in-Motion:**

Holy Hotdogs will resume in June, July, and August. Ruthann Bowen is organizing this again. The dates will be: June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 14, 21, 28

### **Old Business**

Ministry Re-org – Draft version was distributed and being reviewed.

Revised Facilities Use Agreement and new Fee Structure was reviewed. Motion was made to approve by Sherry and seconded by Paster Susan. Motion passed.

Council Meeting Date and Time Change was discussed. Motion to change to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm unless unforeseen circumstances was made by Sherry and seconded by Paster Susan. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

Social Hall and Kitchen Request – December 7, 2024 – For the Love of a Veteran, Hanover. Motion to approve made by Joshlyn and seconded by Michael. Motion passed.

### **Endowment Giving:**

Motion made for a monetary and personal gift for Andi made by Mark and seconded by Bob K. Motion passed.

Motion made for monetary gift for Pastor Julie was made by Bob and then amended by Sherry and seconded by Leon. Motion passed.

Audio-Video Coordinator Position still open.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Boyer