



Trinity Tidings

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News From Pastor Kyle

Gives thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever!

These words from the Psalmist should be on the front of our tongues, hearts, and minds once again this Thanksgiving as we have so many reasons to glorify God for all He has done and continues to do for us, His children.

Just this past month we celebrated our 10th baptism of 2016 here at Trinity!

Just this past month we welcomed 150 or more through the doors for Boo Fest!

Just this past month we were blessed to hear the first performance by the new Kids' Choir

Just this past month we've seen attendance reach over 125 on two separate occasions.

While we can celebrate these accomplishments, we must first remember that it is because of God's goodness that He has given us people to minister to. It is our responsibility now to continue to welcome them into our congregation and lead them into a Christ-centered journey.

Additionally, as we draw nearer to our annual Thanksgiving Feasts around our dinner tables, let us be mindful of our neighbors, families, friends that may not have food for their tables or loved ones to enjoy a meal with. Consider inviting someone to your dinner table to share God's blessings with them. Or, if you don't have room at your table, consider blessing someone with a meal.

Over the next several weeks at Trinity, we will be collecting food and other related items (diapers, paper towels, toilet paper, tooth paste, shampoo, etc.) and be filling our "Blessing Bins" (which will be located near the altar each Sunday morning). All donations will be given to the BCS Food Pantry. Children are encouraged to bring items forth each Sunday during the Children's sermons as well.

May your Thanksgiving season be blessed and may you never forget that God's love endures forever!!!!

~Pastor Kyle

Congregational Meeting

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\$5 offerings

During the month of November, we will be collecting to raise money to hopefully cover all children's costs for Church Camp.

Trinity's \$5 offerings have blessed many lives and missions' projects over the years. Let us continue to be generous in our support.

In October, the \$5 offerings collected were \$377.00 for the Church Camp and \$270.00 towards disaster fund.

Copies

If you would like color copies made, you don't need to travel all the way to the store anymore! With the new copier we have, we can print very nice color copies for you! We will charge \$0.50 per color copy, which is less than you would spend at the store, and \$0.05 per black & white copy. Just stop during office hours and we will help you out.

Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with parties and outside family gathering season upon us, that the sign out sheet for the tables and chairs is located in the *closet across from the office*. Please contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like the tables and chairs. The ONLY tables that are to leave the building are the older wooden style tables. The ONLY chairs that are to leave the building are the wooden chairs.

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on September 19th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Amy Mathews, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and Ken Gahler opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President – Amy Mathews, Vice President – Ed Gahler, Recording Secretary – Desirae McCloskey, Financial Secretary, Nyla Denman, Elders - Ken Gahler and Connie Gahler, Trustees – Doug Avery, Marty Hoeft, Steve Turnow and Dale Bodnar, Deacons – Dwayne Hoeft
Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church secretary Rhonda Mahaney was present as well.
Absent: Deacon – Jim Buhro

Reports:

Recording Secretary:

Meeting minutes from the council meeting on 8/8/2016 were read prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Ken Gahler, 2nd by Dwayne Hoeft. MC.

Secretary Report:

- Reminder to council to contact Bob Jensen for annual maintenance of the front doors. Ed Gahler will follow up with Mr. Jensen for next steps, if any.
- We have received our first check from community market for turning in our receipts. The individual ahead of this project wants the money raised to go into the A/C fund. Steve

Turnow made a motion to add a line item within the financial books for an A/C fund, with 2nd by Dale Bodnar. MC

- A quote (of approximately \$1,000) was received for cleaning and re-waxing the following floors (gym, bathroom, kitchens (and restroom) and coat room. However, Pastor Kyle also has experience in cleaning floors; therefore, Kyle has stepped up to clean and re-wax the floors to save the church some money. He has asking for a couple volunteers to help him with this task.
- Annual 4-H Kick-Off – Rhonda has been contacted to see if the annual kick-off meeting would be able to be held on January 28th at the church. Ed Gahler made a motion to host the 4-H kick off meeting to be held at the church, free of charge. 2nd by Marty Hoeft. MC.
- Oil candles are still being looked into, however, due to the expense; we will postpone having a decision made for a few months.

Financial Report:

- Financial information was reviewed for the prior month. Nyla Denman moved to accept the financial report. Dwayne Hoeft 2nd. MC.

Pastor Report:

- Kyle wanted to bring forth the elevator issues that were recently worked on by himself, as well as other church members:
The church was originally working with All-Pro Elevator to fix the elevator. However, due to the company delaying on assisting the church (including not having parts) and still not fixing the elevator, the church decided to contact other service provider to fix the elevator. A series of bills were received by the church, however, Kyle/other members are disputing some of the charges. - The church received two invoices from All-Pro Elevator Inc. in the amounts of \$840 (for trip charge and team labor) as well as of \$249.16 (for restocking fee). However, council is not satisfied with the charges received. Based off discussion held during council, Desirae McCloskey made a motion to only pay the trip charge of \$ 131.25 to All-Pro. 2nd by Doug Avery.
-A bill of \$5,820 was received by Toledo Elevator (which was the company that ended up fixing the elevator was received) and was then subtracted from the contingent fund to pay for the costs for the elevator, which has reduced the balance into a negative balance.
- One wedding, one baptism and one memorial service performed since the last meeting.

- Three weddings and one baptism are currently scheduled for the following month.
- Suggestion to move the garden food to another location, potentially outside, due to the amount of bugs that are currently in that area.
- Now that Fall has begun, church activities have started during the week:
 - Women's – Bunco and a Verse every other Sunday at 6:30
 - Men's Monday Night Football every Monday night
 - Branching out and after church Sunday school
 - Children's choir
- Amend Kyle's vacation week to start on October 16th. The worship committee will then need help for the Sunday service and the Wednesday Re-Kindle service.
- Pastor Kyle is still looking into outdoor signage for the church (approximately \$135 apiece), which will replace the signs that are currently looking outdated. He is continuing to follow up.
- Still waiting to hear back from stain glass Window Company for further timing and details.
- Wanted to remind members of the following dates:
 - Antique roadshow rescheduled for November 13th

Committee Reports:

Worship – Currently working on the Wednesday and Sunday service while Kyle is out. Anyone looking to assist would be greatly appreciated and should see Jane Gahler.

EFY – Branching out is in need of snacks and drinks. Also, still looking for teachers! PLEASE SIGN UP!

For all of those interested in teaching either one Sunday or several Sunday. Please sign up outside the door.

Mission – Next meeting will be in October, currently being scheduled.

Church & Ministry – October 4th at 7 pm the committee will be performing Rhonda's review. October 10th at 6:30 will be giving her review. Due to Rhonda's recent other job changes, she will be stepping down as the custodian. The church will be looking for a new custodian starting October 1st – 15 hours a week at \$10 a hour.

Search Committee – November 8th will be the next (and last) meeting at 6:30, with a dinner.

Youth Events – We want to have more events for the youth, therefore wanted to make everyone aware of the following events that are currently planned.

- October 23rd – 4 pm -8 pm – Boo Festival
- November 6th – 4 pm -8 pm – Youth Progressive Dinner

We will be asking for people to help and to volunteer your time to make these events memorable for our youth.

Trustees -

- Lights in the stairwell down to the basement, as well as the basement lights, need replaced.
- The basement wall is being looked into by the trustees, after the recent rainfall this seems to be a bigger issue than were originally expecting.
- Ed Gahler will be purchasing additional tables for the church, as some need to be replaced.

Parsonage Committee - Appraisal has been done and the committee has determined an as-is asking price of \$100k. The current tenants have accepted the appraisal of \$100k with the exception of the church replacing the roof prior to the sale. Therefore, estimates will be gathered on the roof cost prior to making any further decision.

Old Business:

- No old business to discuss.

New Business:

- Snow removal needs to be looked into for the upcoming winter season. Doug Avery will look into obtaining quotes.

Ed Gahler moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm by Amy Mathews.

Respectfully submitted, Desirae McCloskey,
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fun	
Balance as of 9/1/16	\$17,836.59
Offerings/Income	\$9,876.35
Expenses	\$8,230.58
Balance as of 9/30/16	\$19,482.36

Women's Fellowship

The regular meeting of Trinity's Women's Fellowship met on Thursday Oct. 13th at 1:00pm.

Pres. Norma opened our gathering with prayers and led a table blessing. There were only 9 members present.

A delicious lunch was served by Sara Z. She served a great pumpkin dessert, snacks and fall candy. Sara had the table decorated beautifully with pumpkins & corn in husks along with all kinds of gourds. Norma thanked her for filling in as host today, and how great a job Sara did.

Pres. Norma called the meeting to order, held the business meeting first to accommodate some members that had to leave early.

We said prayers for members of our congregation. The minutes of the Sept meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurers' report was read and approved as read.

Norma began with new business. Marilyn A. is still working on preparing monthly devotions and programs for 2017. We appreciate all the time and prep work that she uses to prepare our monthly studies.

A discussion was held regarding the Hurricane and all the damage it caused. Sara Z made a motion to donate \$100.00 to ISO Impact marked for supplies for Haiti. 2nd by Jackie P. Motion carried.

A discussion was then had regarding the annual advent brunch held at Rocky Ridge St. John's, if interested, we need to make our reservations at the November meeting. Also at the November meeting, we will be discussing the Dec. 1st Genoa area Ecumenical church Christmas potluck and program that will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Williston.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names were drawn.

A discussion was had about possibly having a bake sale after a Sunday Worship Service to help raise money for worthy projects. Due to the health of many members, the discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Susie W. gave the Sunshine Report, the new chair is Evelyn S.

For the November meeting, Eloise H will be in charge of the program and Vi G will be the host.

Norma thanked Ina D for leading our devotions and program today.

Business meeting was adjourned.

Ina D's program was titled "Trimuph over life's toughest problems." We discussed topics like thriving at work, getting out of debt, and trust. We sang some hymns and then discussed the hymns we remember from our Confirmations.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be on Thursday, November 10th at 1:00 pm.

~Secretary Pro-Tem, Susie Wittman

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Sep 1 st	\$487.15
Offering	\$40.00
Total Income & Balance	\$527.15
Total Expenses	\$0
Balance on Hand Sep 30th	\$527.15
Savings Account	\$1,516.63

Food Challenge

It's that time of the year! Start bringing in your donations to the BCS Food Pantry for our Annual Food Drive Challenge with Zion Methodist. You can bring you donations and put them in the **Blessings Bins** by the Altar on Sundays or in the North side of building coat room during the week.

We will end the challenge on Sunday November 20th with a joint worship service here at 9:30 am followed by a potluck luncheon in the gym at 11:00am. At the luncheon, the Food Drive Challenge winner will be announced.

Let's continue the Trinity tradition of sending LOTS of food to the pantry during the challenge so that they can stock their shelves during the holiday season.



Welcome

We welcomed James Edward Phillips into our church family on October 9th thru Holy Baptism. James is the son of Kelsey Gahler and Jake Phillips.



We welcomed Baya Marie Lattimore into our church family on October 23rd thru Holy Baptism. Baya is the daughter of Jared and Janene Lattimore.

Thank You

“On behalf of the Arc of Ottawa County, please accept our sincere gratitude for selecting us to receive your financial gift from your church family’s weekly mission’s offering.”

~Arc of Ottawa County

“Your help truly makes a great difference! We sincerely thank you for your generosity and compassion for our mission to help people move out of homelessness and into a home.

~Family House

Trinity Youth News

Children's Choir at Trinity

Jackie Timmons has started a children's choir at Trinity. Children in preschool on up are encouraged to participate.

The choir meets the 1st Sunday of each month at 8:30 am to practice before church. The choir will sing during the worship service on the 1st Sunday of the month.

If you have any questions, you can call Jackie at 419-898-2045 or email her at jackieandkyle@hotmail.com. We look forward to hearing our children glorify God with their voices at Trinity.

Youth Group Progressive

Dinner (November 6th 4 pm)

The dinner will be as follows: Denman’s for appetizers, Diekman’s for dinner, and Buhro’s for desserts. Watch your bulletins for additional information

Branching Out (Preschool - 1st Grade) Branching Out (2nd - 5th Grade)

We are looking for a few teachers (men and women) to rotate teaching our Branching Out classes. Material and training will be available. Our children our vital to health of this congregation, both presently and in the future. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help Branching Out grow.

Several people have already stepped up to teach this fall, but we could still use 2 or 3 more individuals. This will allow teachers to attend worship the other three Sundays. If you are willing to teach, please let Pastor Kyle, Amy Mathews, or Ashley Zimmerman know as soon as possible.

Christmas Program

(December 10th 4:30pm - arrive at church at 4:00pm)

The youth will be hosting the Christmas program dinner. Program is at 4:30pm followed by dinner.

Christmas Program Rehearsals

Will be on Tuesday’s evenings starting at 6:30pm. The last rehearsal before the show will be Tuesday December 6th at 6:30pm.

Branching Out: We are in need of snacks and drinks for Branching Out. If you would like to donate, please take your donated items directly to the Branching Out room.

Greeters

<u>November</u>		
6 th	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
13 th	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Ann Diekman
20 th	North	Nyla Denman
	South	Casi Johnson
27 th	North	Vera Sager
	South	Evelyn Schimming
<u>December</u>		
4 th	North	Viola Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
11 th	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler
18 th	North	Connie Gahler
	South	Dan Gahler
25 th	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
<u>January 2017</u>		
8 th	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Jay Hellwig
15 th	North	Kristi Hoeft
	South	Marty Hoeft
22 nd		Ron Geisler
29 th	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore

Christian Education

Please look through some of the ideas below and see if there are any classes you are interested in attending. Also, please prayerfully consider if you could take turns rotating (hopefully once a month) to teach Branching Out.

Re-Kindle (Mid-Week Service) - Everyone is invited to join us at 7 pm on Wednesdays for a midweek service with song, Scripture, and discussion.

Pastor's Bible Study/Sunday School -

We meet in the Sunday School room across from the church office to discuss each week's sermon and to dig a little deeper into the message. All ages are welcome to attend. Class will meet after church (around 11 am) and will last about 40 minutes. We will also post a schedule outside of the classroom for Sundays that we will not meet (special Holidays, etc).

Tailgating at Trinity

(Men's Monday Night Group)

Men (18 & older), are invited to join us for food, faith, fellowship, and football.

Each Monday, we'll meet at 7:30 and tailgate with some traditional tailgating food, have a short Bible Study and discussion, and then watch the Monday Night Football game of the week for those who wish to watch the game.

Bunco and a Verse

All Bunco Players are invited on January 15th for a Dinner to end the season with prizes for the people with the most BUNCOS and Games Won.

Please let Amy Mathews know if you plan on attending so I can plan the food, 567-343-8072.

Christmas Program



December 10th 4:30pm - arrive at church at 4:00pm with a dinner to follow.

Community Events

(Fliers on bulletin board)

Ladies: St. John Luther Church Rocky Ridge will host your 19th annual event and you are cordially invited to attend the Advent Service & Brunch. "The Jesse Tree" on November 26th at 9:30 am. The program will feature Abby Paskvan. \$8.00 RSVP Required by November 14th. (see flier on bulletin board)

The Daughter Project will present their 5th annual Comedy Show fundraiser on November 19th at 7:00 pm at the Stranahan Theater. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available at the Stranahan Theater. The show will be featuring Chonda Pierce, America's Best-selling female comedian.

Pork Chop BBQ: St. Peter Lutheran Church will have their annual Pork Chop BBQ on November 6th starting at 11:00. Dine in or carry out. One chop \$8.50 two chops \$10.00

Attention

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It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Christmas is the most wonderful season of all, so why not help us get in the spirit?

Trinity has purchased a nativity scene with a donkey animal to be placed in the church yard this Advent season. The purchase is being taken from memorial gifts, but we don't want to stop with just the manger and the donkey.

That's where YOU fit in. If you'd like to help sponsor other parts of this great nativity scene that those passing by can see, please consider putting money towards the overall fund or "adopting" part of the project.

Here's what you can purchase:

Ox (\$170)

Angel (\$269)

Standing Shepherd Set (\$299)

Father/Son Shepherd Set (\$299)

Wisemen set (\$549)

"Oh Holy Night" wording (\$24)

"Noel" wording (\$24)

"Joy" Wording (\$24)

"Merry Christmas" Wording (\$19)

"Peace on Earth" Wording (\$19)

"A Child is Born" Wording (\$119)



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Mission

Promote Faith, Family, and Fellowship through the Father,
Son, & Holy Spirit!

Check out our website at:

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Faith is like Wi-Fi

It's invisible but it has power to connect you to what you need.



Time change:

Sunday November 6th

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