



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kuser, Treasurers

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Mrs. Kay McGowan, Vice President

Mr. Richard Deskie, Secretary

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Mr. Randy Kehl

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Mrs. Kathy Farrington

Mrs. Susan Logan

Mr. Howard Shafer

Mr. Oscar Smith

Pastor Eugene Zaiser

Other Officer

Mrs. Ruth Weiser/Mrs. Heidi Yescavage, Financial Secretary

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Pastor's Annual Report – 2024

Summary of Pastoral Activity – 2024

General Visits: 82

Hospital Visits: 42

Homebound Visits: 51

Communions at Home: 53

Counseling Hours: 58

Baptisms: Eliotte Jane Augustine (4/7), Skye Dawn Leister (11/2), Darcy Jean Hettler (11/10)

New Members Received: Richard & Pat Beekley (2/10), Uta Hahn (2/10), Leon & Carole Mest (2/10)

Funerals: Bonnie Kniewzewski* (1/3), Kenneth Seifrit* (1/5), Laurence Mensch* (1/19), Gretna Heller* (1/20), Linda Morbauch* (1/23), Pauline Riegner* (1/29), Tyler Hilbert* (1/31), Stanley Pace* (2/13), Robert Schaffer (2/20), Diane Pachella (2/24), Barry Ireys* (3/5), Louise Neiffer* (3/6), Roy Romig (3/13), Linda Leister (3/22), Joanne Short* (4/13), Linda Zilinsky* (4/27), Chris Miller* (5/17), Alice Weller (5/29), Robert Szilli* (6/7), William Schutt* (6/18), Frank Hugo* (7/13), Ruth Witman* (7/19), Andrew Kuser (8/2), Harry Johnson* (9/6), Irene Szilli* (9/7), David Mohn* (9/14), Betty Jones* (11/2), Sandy Schatz* (11/19), William Rhoads* (12/5), Kathryn Moore* (12/5), Michelle Carr (12/21), Richard Farrington, Jr. (12/28)

* Indicates non-member.

Meetings and Events Attended:

3 Oley Cluster Meetings
 18 Contemporary Practices
 11 Council Meetings
 2 Congregational Meetings
 Talent Show/Cook-Off
 7 Biblical Storytelling Team Meetings
 8 Synod Council Meetings
 Bishop's Conference
 2 Prayer Circle Meetings
 Oley Cluster Bread, Bowl, & Bible
 3 Worship & Music Meetings
 Christian Education Meeting
 Scout Meeting
 2 Gaining Strength Retreats
 Mission District Council Meeting
 Mission District Assembly
 Mission Trip Orientation Meeting
 Mother/Daughter Banquet
 Oley Cluster Mission Trip
 2 Synod Assemblies

VBS Planning Meeting
 VBS
 Community Fall Festival
 Discipleship Meeting
 Basket Party
 Craft Show
 Finance Meeting
 Youth and Family Halloween Party
 Trick-or-Treat Night
 Santa in the Park

Services Conducted:

47 Regular Sunday Services
 Ash Wednesday Service
 Maundy Thursday Service
 Good Friday Service
 Easter Vigil Service
 5 Lenten Services
 18 Contemporary Services
 Community Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Longest Night Service
 2 Christmas Eve Services

Teaching:

19 Sunday School Classes
 2 New Member Classes

Parish Statistics Summary:

New Members

By Baptism: 3

By Reception/Transfer: 5

Deaths: 10

Baptized Membership – 483 (last year 485)

Confirmed Members Who Communed and Contributed in 2024– 192 (last year 189)

Baptized Membership (as of 12/31/24)

Acker, Jacqueline	Angstadt, Lorna	Bearn, Cristie
Acker, Larry	Auge, Marcia	Bearn, Katie
Almendinger, Linda	Augustine, Eliotte	Bearn, Kellie
Angstadt, Emily	Babel, Gertrude	Bearn, Larry
Angstadt, Jeffrey	Bearn, Carlie	Bearn, Robin

Beekley, Pat	Christman, Norma	Erkert, Dillon
Beekley, Richard	Corliss, Chance	Erkert, Jessica
Beekman, Martha	Corliss, Colleen	Erkert, Karie
Bender, Barbara	Corliss, Dakota	Erkert, Kellie
Bender, Brandon	Crandall, Olivia	Eshbach, Bradley
Bender, Dylan	Crowe, Eric	Eshbach, Jacob
Benfield, Jeremy	Crowe, Evan	Eshabch, Robert
Benfield, Kelsey	Crowe, Jay	Essig, Ashley
Benfield, Nanette	Crowe, Lorie	Essig, Bradley
Berger, Kenneth	Davidheiser, Mary	Essig, Chase
Berger, Kenneth, Jr.	Day, Donna	Essig, Karen
Berger, Patricia	Delp, Shannon	Essig, Keith
Berger, Thomas	Deskie, Connor	Esz, Cindi
Bershas, Pamela	Deskie, Drevyn	Esz, Matthew
Bewley, Linda	Deskie, Richard	Esz, Nicholas
Birkhoff, Kayla	Deskie, Vanessa	Esz, Peter
Birkhoff, Zachary	Desper, Carol Ann	Farrington, Kathy
Blanford, Mardell	Diemand, Mary	Flogaus, Emily
Blazic, Everett	Dierolf, Michael	Flogaus, Samantha
Bowers, Heather	Dise, Pat	Fluharty, Benjamin
Bowers, Wendy	Dise, Stephanie	Fluharty, Emma
Brensinger, Abigail	Donelson, Lisa	Fluharty, Karen
Brensinger, Andrew	Donovan, Lauren	Fox, Cory
Brensinger, Chad	Dotterer, Elaine	Fox, Kasey
Brensinger, Patricia	Drumheller, Joan	Fox, Lisa
Brensinger, William	Drumheller, Karen	Fox, Neil
Brooke, R. Dennis	Drumheller, Merideth	Founds, Isla
Brown, Mark	Drumheller, Nicole	Frederick, Jenny
Brown, Ryan	Drumheller, Robin	Gamler, Kathleen
Brown, Yvonne	Drugatz, Daryl	Gamler, Richard
Brunner, Linda	Drugatz, Deseree	Garcia, Richard
Bryce, Gerard	Drugatz, Peter	Gehman, Brian
Buchert, Brian	Dulin, Joseph	Gehman, Cynthia
Buchert, Lauren	Dulin, Joseph Michael	Gehman, Matthew
Buchert, Katherine	Dulin, Kassie	Gehman, Sakura
Buchert, Madeline	Dulin, Katelyn	Gheer, Heather
Buchert, Susan	Dulin, Kellie	Gheer, John
Buchert, Timothy	Eck, Richard	Gilbert, Leyton
Carpenter, Michele	Eddinger, Sheila	Gilbert, Raife
Carpenter, Willard	Eddinger, William	Gincley, Mark
Carr, Edward	Endy, Chase	Gincley, Ricky
Carr, Jasmine	Endy, Keith	Gincley, Ronald
Christman, Ashley	Endy, Kelly	Goggins, Beckett
Christman, Gloria	Endy, Ronald	Goggins, Diana
Christman, Maximillian	Endy, Seth	Goggins, Kaleb

Good, Earl
Good, Ruth Ann
Graef, Jordan
Graef, Lori
Graef, Robert
Greenawalt, Gwendolyn
Grubbs, Jason
Grubbs, Luke
Grubbs, Melissa
Grubbs, Zoe
Haas, Connie
Haas, Glenn
Hahn, Uta
Hallman, Barbara
Hallman, Dale
Hallman, Elizabeth
Hallman, Landon
Hampton, Keith
Hampton, Keith, Jr.
Hampton, Kevin
Hansley, Ariel
Hansley, Madison
Harner, Cody
Harrison, Nell
Harrison, William Henry V
Hartline, Joanne
Hartline, Jed
Hartline, Jordan
Hearn, Shawn
Heffner, Christopher
Heffner, Eileen
Heffner, Matthew
Heimbach, Barrie
Heimbach, Barrie, Jr.
Heimbach, Joy
Heimbach, Linda
Heimbach, Logan
Heimbach, Owen
Henshaw, Bryan
Henshaw, Eric
Henshaw, James
Henshaw, Joanne
Hettler, Darcy
Hettler, Grace
Heydt, Chester

Heydt, Deanna
Heydt, Deborah
Heydt, Haley
Heydt, Helen
Heydt, Kenneth
Heydt, Noah
Heydt, William
Hish, Joshua
Hite, Tristan
Hoch, Austin
Hoch, Eric
Hoch, Kelly
Hoffman, Douglas
Hoffman, Duane
Hoffman, Karen
Hoffman, Richard
Horan, Adalynn
Horan, Hadley
Horan, Victoria
Hudock, Destiny
Hudock, Tyler
Huggins, Brenda
Huggins, Robert
Irey, Karen
Irey, Sophia
Isett, Lauren
Isett, Rachel
Isett, Ryan
Isett, R. Frederick
Jacobs, Rebecca
Jacobs, Tyler
Johnson, Eden
Johnson, Heather
Johnson, Jeremiah
Johnson, Reanna
Johnson, Xavier
Johnson, Zechariah
Jusits, Alice
Jusits, Hannah
Jusits, Jenna
Jusits, Marcella
Kehl, Craig
Kehl, Janet
Kehl, Randy
Kehl, Ronald

Keirseey, Mary
Kemp, Sharon
Kemp, Tammy
Kemp, Terry
Kerchner, Clifton
Kerchner, Suzanne
Kirner, Carol
Kirner, Ed
Klahr, Emma
Klahr, Joshua
Kratz, Aaron
Kratz, Kerry
Kratz, Nicole
Kratz, Trina
Kreiser, Barbara
Kulp, Adam
Kuser, Daniel
Kuser, Kathleen
Kuser, Timothy
Leiby, Cathy
Leiby, Richard
Leister, Anna
Leister, Barry
Leister, Skye
Lindsey, Chelsea
Lock, Adrianna
Logan, John
Logan, Rachael
Logan, Susan
Lozier, Margaret
Lydic, Nadine
MacDonald, Jennifer
MacDonald, Kaitlynn
Matz, Lisa
Matz, Nolan
Matz, Ryan
Mauger, Marlene
McElwee, Diane
McElwee, Robert
McGowan, Kay
McIlvee, Shannon
Merkel, Mildred
Mest, Carole
Mest, Gregory
Mest, Leon

Mest, Nancy	Reinhard, Allan	Schaffer, Sandra
Mest, Vicki Jo	Reinhard, Ruth	Schaffer, Steven
Miller, Chelsea	Reitnauer, Annabell	Schaffer, Timothy
Miller, Donald	Reitnauer, Benjamin	Schankweiler, Barry
Miller, Duane	Reitnauer, Jeffrey	Schankweiler, Laura
Miller, Eric	Reitnauer, Ruth	Schankweiler, Rosetta
Miller, Gary	Renninger, Alex	Schankweiler, Timothy
Miller, Jere	Renninger, Angela	Schell, Tracy
Miller, Justin	Renninger, Brianna	Schildt, Hailey
Miller, Matthew	Renninger, Chase	Schildt, Jill
Miller, Megan	Renninger, Matthew	Schmoyer, Barbara
Miller, Patricia	Renninger, Michael	Schmoyer, Peter
Miller, Wendy	Renninger, Mitchell	Schneider, Carolyn
Mohr, Cameron	Renninger, Randy	Schneider, Eric
Mohr, Cheyenne	Renninger, Sharon	Schwager, Lois
Mohr, Tammy	Renninger, Tammy	Schwager, Ronald
Moore, Elizabeth	Repko, Donna	Shafer, Howard
Morlock, Diane	Rhoads, Aloma	Shafer, Waynette
Moser, Laura	Rhoads, Cody	Seivard, Kyle
Moser, Lorie Ann	Rhoads, Dennis	Sell, Benjamin
Moser, Susan	Rhoads, Herbert	Sell, Emma
Moyer, Alexis	Rhoads, Kerston	Sell, Grady
Moyer, Benjamin	Rhoads, Kyle	Sell, Grant
Moyer, Brett	Rhoads, Megan	Sell, Kathy
Moyer, Dakota	Rhoads, Susan	Sell, Samantha
Moyer, Lillian	Ritter, Daniel	Sellers, Thomas
Moyer, Lori	Ritter, Linda	Shaner, Kimberly
Moyer, Mackenzie	Romig, Dorothy	Shaner, Lorna
Moyer, Matthew	Rothenberger, Ralph	Shanley, Heather
Moyer, Samuel	Rothenberger, Susan	Sheetz, Janice
Nagle, Joanne	Rothermel, Carol	Sheetz, LaRue
Nagle, Geoffrey	Rowland, Virginia	Sheetz, Mark
Orehowsky, Matthew	Sarte, Bruce	Sheetz, Theodore, Jr.
Orehowsky, Melissa	Sarte, Catherine	Smith, Angela
Orehowsky, Michael	Sarte, Erin	Smith, Darlene
Pearce, BillyRay	Sarte, Nathaniel	Smith, Donna
Pearce, BillyRay, Jr.	Sarte, Stanley	Smith, Heather
Pearce, Jennifer	Sarte, Timothy	Smith, Lori
Pittius, Kelsey	Savage, Daniel	Smith, Melvyn
Podulka, Anita	Schaeffer, Carl, Jr.	Smith, Oscar
Podulka-Gilbert, Flint	Schaeffer, Chandler	Smythe, Ava
Powers, James	Schaeffer, Dennis	Snyder, Caylin
Powers, Kathleen	Schaeffer, Sherri	Snyder, Craig
Quinley, Kellie	Schaeffer, Tyler	Snyder, Jaxon
Reidenauer, Erma	Schaffer, Blake	Snyder, Laura

Snyder, Mary
Spataro, Maria
Spencer, Anna
Starry, Paige
Stauffer, Andrew
Stauffer, Brandon
Stauffer, Riley
Stephen, Katie
Stewart, Barbara
Stimmel, Susan
Stone, Shirley
Strunk, Carlee
Strunk, Tammy
Thomas, Rebecca
Trethaway, Liam
Trethaway, Luke
Urban, Aidan
Urban, Angela
Urban, Paul V
Vermeersch, Robin
Wade, Kristin
Wagner, Craig
Wagner, Dawn
Wagner, Sara
Wagner, Stacy
Walsh, Caleb
Walsh, Jeremy
Walsh, Judy
Weil, Andrew
Weil, Madison
Weiser, Martin
Weiser, Ruth
Weller, Dawn
Welsh, Brayden
Welsh, Christina
Welsh, Jason
Wiles, William
Williams, Virginia
Witman, Deborah
Witman, William
Wolf, Kylee
Wolf, Leyah
Wolfgang, Lynn
Wolfgang, Louise
Woods, Allannah

Wyda, Maddy
Wyda, Mike
Xanthopoulos, Heather
Xanthopoulos, Philip, Jr.
Yarnall, Mark
Yarnall, Sandy
Yerger, Barry
Yerger, Judy
Yescavage, Bradley
Yescavage, Heidi
Yescavage, Kurt
Yescavage, Rebecca
Yoder, Catherine
Yoder, James
Young, Suzanne
Zaiser, Erika
Zaiser, Eugene C.
Zaiser, Eugene J.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
BECHTELSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
January 28, 2024

The meeting started with Pastor Zaiser reading the Litany on the back page of the printed 2023 Annual Report.

Pastor Zaiser continued by giving a food blessing prior to the congregation luncheon.

After the majority of people had completed eating, Wil Carpenter introduced himself as the new church council president.

Wil started the meeting by thanking the food preparers. He proceeded to tell a short story about him having a headache and trying to find aspirin at Fort Bragg.

Wil then noted his appreciation to Randy Kehl for serving as president and mentoring him in the transition.

Wil then started to present the pages of the 2023 Annual Report including the Church Council minutes and Pastor's annual report.

A motion was made to approve council minutes and seconded and all attending members agreed.

Wil then introduced Dan Kuser /Treasurer to present the Treasurers report on pages 11 through 15.

Dan Kuser stated the General Fund balance reduced about 10K from last year. Since there were no comments, Dan offered if anyone had any questions later to call him.

Wil continued to present the pages of the 2023 Annual report.

Wil stopped to talk about the Gift Card program and mentioned that he is looking to add the program into their family budget. Sharon Kemp mentioned that you need to plan and budget to use the cards. The cards can be used on items you were going to purchase anyway. Sharon stated that we earned \$4,000.00 this past year as compared to \$6,000.00 from previous years. It was noted that some activity was lost due to some members who are now home ridden and have stopped using the program. The Gift card program team of Kurt Yescavage, Kathy Kuser and Sharon Kemp are available for anyone that is interested in learning more about the program.

Wil continued to present the final reports pages of the 2023 Annual Report.

Sheila Eddinger praised the pastor for his involvement in every church activity unlike other church leaders she experienced from other congregations.

A motion was made and seconded to accept all committee reports as written. All attending members agreed.

Wil offered for any new business items for the good of the congregation.

Sharon Renninger offered if any member attending to respond if they know any organizations that could be considered as an option for a monthly free offering to let her know. Sharon also mentioned her involvement with the Bechtelsville borough recreation board by attending monthly meetings. Our intention is for the church to work together with the borough like during borough community day. This joint effort with working with the community agrees with our mission statement.

Wil mentioned that he and his wife make chicken pot pies here at the church to create premade meals to give to members of the congregation and community.



Barry Yerger had a complaint about the mowing quality at a family members tombstone and whom he should inform. Randy Kehl stated he will address any complaint about the cemetery.

Pastor Zaiser mentioned the new members of church council in 2024 includes Wil Carpenter as Council President who was noted previously and also Heidi Yescavage who will be the new Financial Secretary.

Pastor Zaiser noted that we will end with a closing song.

Jennifer MacDonald proceeded by playing on the piano "Son of God, Eternal Savior" song written on the Annual Report back page.

A motion was made and accepted for the meeting to be adjourned.

Pastor Zaiser ended the meeting with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Deskie

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
BECHTELSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2024**

Kay McGowan/Council President called the meeting to order and asked the Pastor to give an opening prayer.

Kay McGowan noted the first order of business was to review the proposed church budget for 2025. Copies of budget were distributed to attending church members.

Kay explained some highlights of the proposed budget for 2025. She mentioned that the budget for 2025 included a 2 percent increase (\$4000.00) increase from 2024.

Kay mentioned that the budget includes a 3% raise for all the employees.

In addition, she mentioned that the budget includes the increase cost of insurance and for anticipated electricity cost increases.

Next, Kay mentioned that oil companies are not offering an option to lock in a fixed cost of fuel, so we will pay the going rate.

Kay also mentioned there is a new line item that was created in the 2025 Church budget for Technology. It was determined that \$600.00 will be allocated to maintain and upgrade our church technology as needed for next year.

Kay inquired if there were any other comments or questions on the budget.

Since there were no further questions, a motion was made by Diane McElwee and seconded by Karen Irely to accept the proposed 2025 budget. The congregation agreed and the budget was approved.

Next, Kay stated the next order of business was to elect council members for 2025. She mentioned that we have one vacancy from the resignation of Wil Carpenter and three (3) other council vacancies based on council members that are completing a second term including: Waynette Shafer, Howard Shafer and Richard Deskie.

We have found four persons who are willing to fill all the positions.

Nominees include Mardell Blanford, Pat Beekley and Terry Kemp that are willing to serve on council for a three year term and Linda Brunner has accepted to complete Wil's term by serving two years.

Kay inquired if anyone else in the congregation knows a person to be nominated for church council; since none was made; a motion on the floor was made from Sharon Renninger and seconded by Pastor Zaiser to close nominees from the floor. Next, a motion was made to accept Mardell Blanford, Linda Brunner, Pat Beekley and Terry Kemp as persons to fill the open council positions. The congregation all agreed and the nominations were approved.

A motion was made by Sharon Renninger and seconded by Mardell Blanford to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Deskie

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

December 2024	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	12,863	69,486	27,994	110,343
+ Receipts this year	227,283	2,835	34,635	264,753
- Disbursements this year	234,752	597	27,394	262,743
Balance, End of Month	5,394	71,724	35,234	112,353

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS	Balance	
This Year		Bldg. Maint. Reserve	21,842	
		Organ Maint. Reserve	10,246	
INCOME		Benevolence	-	
Current	194,394	Hunger Appeal	-	
Plate Offerings	4,596	Special Music Reserve	3,413	
Sunday School & VBS	647	Sound System	(8)	
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	669	Miscellaneous Funds	(260)	
Special Offering Envelopes	12,236	Payroll Taxes Withheld	-	
Thrivent Choice	1,310	Total	<u>35,234</u>	
Flowers	4,357			
Fund Raisers	2,094	ASSETS		"Market"
SCRIP Programs (net)	4,549	Checking Account	22,253	Gain
Miscellaneous	2,431	Petty Cash	100	
Total	<u>227,283</u>	Vanguard Wellesley Fund	103,943	82,500
		Vanguard Money Market	7,500	7,500
2024 BUDGET	<u>237,000</u>	Total	<u>111,443</u>	<u>112,353</u>
gain / (short-fall) =	(9,717)		<u>Gain inception thru 2023</u>	<u>15,762</u>
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year	5,681

Notes: For the year 2024 the General Fund Balance decreased \$7,469 from \$12,863 to \$5,394. General Fund Income was \$9,717 less than the 2024 Budget amount, and General Fund Expenses were \$2,248 less than the 2024 Budget amount.
For the year 2023 the General Fund Balance decreased \$10,420.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

December 2024

EXPENSES	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 BUDGET
Benevolence	6,000	6,000	6,000
Pastor's Salary	51,000	51,000	52,530
Housing Allowance	24,875	24,875	24,875
Social Security Allowance	6,750	6,750	6,960
Pension & Health Benefits	38,096	37,500	38,806
Continuing Education	550	550	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	2,016	3,000	3,000
Secretary's Salary	15,080	15,080	15,532
Organist's Salary	13,100	13,100	13,493
Sexton's Salary	8,060	8,060	8,302
Treasurer's Salary	3,430	3,430	3,533
Financial Sec. Salary	1,200	1,200	1,236
Employer's FICA	3,127	3,125	3,220
Insurance	5,784	6,000	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	11,948	10,000	10,000
Heating Oil	16,574	17,000	17,000
Electricity	4,327	4,500	5,000
Sewer	560	520	560
Cleaning Supplies	478	500	600
Lawn Care	1,600	1,600	1,600
Telephone	2,006	1,600	2,000
Copier	4,027	4,500	3,000
Office Supplies & Postage	3,905	4,500	4,500
Technology	-	-	600
Educational Materials	308	750	500
Worship & Devotional	391	700	500
Music Supplies	900	900	900
Discipleship	480	500	500
Publicity	416	500	500
Social Ministry	300	300	400
Envelopes	501	450	500
Flowers	4,193	4,500	4,500
Convention Expenses	260	1,000	1,000
Designated Donations	600	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,919	2,010	1,803
(Over) / Short	(9)	-	-
Total Expenses	<u>234,752</u>	<u>237,000</u>	<u>241,000</u>
2024 BUDGET - ytd	<u>237,000</u>		
over (under) budget	(2,248)		

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

		YEAR-TO-DATE	December 2024		
OTHER FUNDS	Acct.	Bal Jan 1	Income	Paid Out	Balance
Building Maint. Reserve	320	14,302.14	7,540.00		21,842.14
Organ Maint. Reserve	325	10,066.41	180.00		10,246.41
Benevolence	330	-	4,063.00	3,723.00	340.00
Hunger Appeal	332	-	2,592.00	2,342.00	250.00
Special Music Reserve	342	2,417.64	4,382.17	3,386.47	3,413.34
Sound System	343	958.49		966.08	(7.59)
Miscellaneous	350	248.93	7,043.30	7,552.46	(260.23)
<i>Total Contributed</i>		27,993.61	25,800.47	17,970.01	35,824.07
Payroll Taxes Withheld	210	-	8,816.06	8,816.06	-
Totals		27,993.61	34,616.53	26,786.07	35,824.07
* Miscellaneous Funds	350	Bal Jan 1	Income	Paid Out	Balance
<i>Freewill Offerings</i>					
Salvation Army	Jan	-	339.00	339.00	-
In Ian's Boots	Feb	-	55.00	55.00	-
Boyertown Multi-Service	Mar	-	133.00	133.00	-
Lutheran Disaster Relief	Apr	-	85.00	85.00	-
geraniums for Pentecost	May	-	120.00	120.00	-
In Ian's Boots	Jun	-	101.00	101.00	-
Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes	Jul	-	60.00	60.00	-
Save the Children	Aug	-	104.00	104.00	-
Boyertown Multi-Service	Sep	-	236.00	236.00	-
Eastern Berks Fire Dept.	Oct	-	158.00	158.00	-
Elf Bags (Multi-Service)	Nov	-	85.00	85.00	-
<i>Subtotal Freewill Offerings</i>		-	1,476.00	1,476.00	-
<i>Social Ministry</i>					
Wawa coupons	350				
Wawa #3	350	(310.00)	455.00	55.00	90.00
Wawa 2024	350			600.00	(600.00)
<i>Subtotal Social Ministry</i>		(310.00)	455.00	655.00	(510.00)
<i>All Other</i>					
Gifts (Staff Christmas)	350	155.00	2,080.00	2,085.00	150.00
Bibical Story-tellers	350	45.00			45.00
Eternal Flame	350	358.93		304.16	54.77
Candy (Mission Trip '24)	350	-	1,766.00	1,766.00	-
Mission Trip '24	350	-	551.30	551.30	-
C.Yoder	350	-	75.00	75.00	-
Alex's Lemonade Stand	350	-	215.00	215.00	-
Christmas Tree	350	-	225.00	225.00	-
banking error	350	-	200.00	200.00	-
Miscellaneous	350	-	-		-
<i>Subtotal All Other</i>		558.93	5,112.30	5,421.46	249.77
Totals		248.93	7,043.30	7,552.46	(260.23)

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

YEAR-TO-DATE December 2024

FUND RAISERS

Project	% to Gen Fd	Income	Expenses	Transfer to Project(s)	Transfer to General Fund
Talent Show / Cook-off	100%	211.00			211.00
Roast Beef Dinner	#DIV/0!				-
Basket Party *	20%	2,772.50		2,218.00	554.50
Pot Pie: Dinner / Sales #	#DIV/0!				-
Craft Show *	100%	1,328.25			1,328.25
Totals	40%	4,311.75	-	2,218.00	2,093.75
Project(s) *	80%	Special Music Fund			-
#	set S amount	Sound System			

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES - Income

Initial Offering	135.00	
Ash Wednesday	300.00	
Lent	2,326.00	\
Holy Thursday	235.00	3,574.00
Good Friday	162.00	/
Easter	851.00	/
Harvest Home	183.00	
Thanksgiving	123.00	
Christmas	7,921.00	
Totals	12,236.00	

MISCELLANEOUS - income & Expense

Miscellaneous	Income	Expense	Net
<i>Memo: Flowers</i>	4,356.75	4,193.20	163.55

CHECKING ACCOUNT
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
(200 1390001608041)
ENDING BALANCE 12-31-2024 \$2145.11

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK#</u>	<u>DESC. OF TRANS.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
12-31-2023		END OF YR BALANCE		\$2145.11
01-08-2024		DEPOSIT/COOKIES	\$272.00	\$2417.11
01-08-2024	#140	JENN MAC/COOKIES	\$126.63	\$2290.48
01-31-2024		JANUARY BALANCE		\$2290.48
02-29-2024		FEBRUARY BALANCE		\$2290.48
03-28-2024		DEPOSIT/REDNERS	\$171.65	\$2462.13
03-29-2024		MARCH BALANCE		\$2462.13
04-30-2024		APRIL BALANCE		\$2462.13
05-31-2024		MAY BALANCE		\$2462.13
06-28-2024		JUNE BALANCE		\$2462.13
07-31-2024		JULY BALANCE		\$2462.13
08-30-2024		AUGUST BALANCE		\$2462.13
09-30-2024		DEPOSIT IN ERROR	\$3834.00	\$6296.13
09-30-2024		SEPTEMBER BALANCE		\$6296.13
10-21-2024		SERVICE CHARGE	\$2.00	\$6294.13
10-31-2024		OCTOBER BALANCE		\$6294.13
11-04-2024		TELEPHONE TRANSFER	\$3834.00	\$2460.13
11-04-2024	#141	PASTOR ZAISER/PIZZA	\$117.34	\$2342.79
11-21-2024	#142	JENN MAC/PUMPKIN PARTY	\$107.51	\$2235.28
12-31-2024		END YEAR BALANCE		\$2235.28



ENDING BALANCE 12-31-24 \$2235.28

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY KATHY FARRINGTON

Finance Committee Meeting – 10/20/2024

The finance committee met on Sunday night October 20, 2024, to set and adjust the 2025 budget for Trinity Lutheran Church. Attending were Treasurers Dan and Kathy Kuser, Dan Ritter, Diane McElwee, Linda Brunner, Sharon Renninger, Pastor Gene Zaiser, Terry Kemp, and Randy Kehl.

We began the meeting by discussing and estimating the oncoming costs of the non-salary items of the budget. Noteworthy items discussed: our insurance cost will increase, and we make every effort to pay the entire insurance bill in January to realize a savings. We propose to keep the 2025 budget number at \$6000.00 dollars. The cost of heating oil is not known at this point, Young's will be forthcoming with a price at the beginning of the heating season. Trinity budgeted \$17000.00 in 2024 and will maintain that amount for 2025. The cost of electricity has increased, and we increased the budget number to \$5000.00 dollars, an increase of \$500.00 over 2024. \$10,000.00 dollars is the best estimate for repairs and maintenance, simply because we cannot predict what or when a failure will occur. The remaining items were given a slight increase, remained at or near 2024 levels, or were reduced due to improvement of equipment or usage. Two items of note: convention expenses will rise, due to the location being an overnight stay versus next door as 2024 convention was. Second: a line item was added for the Technology Team to purchase a quality camera for use in the sanctuary. They will then move one of the existing cameras to the parish hall so that activities there may be streamed as needed. A \$600.00 value was assigned to this new line item.

Salaries are the fixed items in our budget. A 3% increase has been assigned to the yearly salary of each of Trinity's employees. A noted change is that the secretary's salary is not shown as an hourly rate, but as a yearly salary. She will continue with the same work schedule.

The grand total you see proposed for the 2025 budget is \$241,000.00.

This recap of the committee meeting would not have been possible without the notes and input of Linda Brunner and Sharon Renninger. Thanks, ladies.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Kehl

2024 GIVING REPORT

Donation	2023	TOTAL	2024
Benevolence	\$3,988.00		\$4,297.00
Flowers/Bulletins	\$3,357.50		\$3,140.50
General Fund	\$181,014.62		\$199,010.13
World Hunger	\$4,009.00		\$2,587.00
Memorial Fund	\$1,823.49		\$715.00
Other	\$3,344.00		\$2,783.80
Property Maintenance	\$9,503.00		\$7,730.00



This report shows the total of Trinity member envelopes and Simply Giving donations for 2024. We thank all members, new and upcoming members for the support you all have given to Trinity, so that we can share God’s love. We look forward to your continued support in 2025.

God Bless You All!!

Heidi Yescavage, 2024 Financial Secretary

Simply Giving Report 2024

The Simply Giving program continues to be available to members of the congregation who wish to electronically debit some or all of their contributions to the church from a checking or savings account on a regular, automated basis.

In addition to helping you eliminate time and effort with your intentional church contributions, this program does reduce the work of our dedicated “counters” who take care of the offering plates weekly.

Please contact Kurt Yescavage or the Church Office if you would like to join this program, make any changes, or if you have any questions or need more information.

Trinity currently has 20 individuals, couples, and/or families participating as we move into the new year.

The totals for 2024 were:

General fund = \$ 34470.00

Building fund = \$ 1800.00

World Hunger = \$ 480.00

Benevolence = \$ 2850.00

Organ Maint = \$ 180.00

GRAND TOTAL= \$39780.00

There are transaction fees the church pays on each transaction, however, the benefits have outweighed that cost when evaluating the pros and cons of this program periodically.

For more information on any aspects of this program, kindly reach out to me at 484-987-4668 or see me in church.

Kurt Yescavage

Director of Music Report 2024

Adult Hand Bell Choir

This choir has done well over the past year. There are 12 members plus Drevyn & Connor Deskie, who play when needed for special services, when they are available.

During 2024 we purchased and paid off our third set of hand bells which we got from our Special Music Fund.

January to June 2024, I continued to direct the Hand Bell Choir. September 2024, Jennifer MacDonald became the Hand Bell Choir Director and is working with them. I will help with them when needed and will help Jenn when needed.

Ladies Choir

This is a special group that sings on Father's Day when available.

Men's Choir

This choir sings on Mother's Day and the 4th of July and usually has between 7 to 10 members and enjoys singing together.

Senior Choir

Our most active choir here at Trinity since they sing most Sundays of the year, except during June, July and August, when we have special music. They also sing at our special services and any community services we are invited to sing. Our average attendance in 2024 has dropped to 10 members, but we are hoping to increase in 2025.

Cantata Choir

This special group works very hard from the end of September until December and January with two presentations. This year we had 31 members/friends in the December 8th Cantata and 30 members/friends in our January 5th presentation. We usually have special guests that share their talents with us in the choir for which we are very grateful. Special thanks to Nadine Lydic, our pianist, who shared her special talents with us when Ginny Moser retired.

Our Special Music Fund provides funds to extra groups that play for us throughout the year, which many of you told me you so enjoy very much.

Our Basket Party now has Mardell Blanford, as the Chairperson and her committee, who did a great job and profit this past September.

Our Mother/Daughter Banquet is another group that does a great job and provides profits for our Special Music Fund. I have already planned our 2025 program and will work with our special committee to plan this affair. A very special lady, Waynette Shafer, helps share her talents to make the banquet special.

Our Talent Show and Cook/Off also provides extra funds to our Special Music Fund and Maddy Wyda was our Master of Ceremony in 2024 and does a great job!

Some folks also give extra money to our Special Music Fund thru their church envelopes, for which we are very grateful and thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helps make our Music Program... the best in town!

My special thanks to Jennifer MacDonald, for helping me when I take vacation or special times for organ music.

Musically, LaRue C. Sheetz, Director of Music

Contemporary Worship Report 2024

Contemporary worship services continued to be held the first and third Sunday of each month at 8:00 am, with a break during the summer schedule. Communion was held at the first Sunday's service each month.

Thank you so much to all the members of the worship team. Pastor Gene and I play guitar and Kurt Yescavage is on trumpet. Sharon Renninger keeps the beat on the tambourine. Mardell Blanford and Janice Sheetz share their vocal talents. A special thank you to Mardell, Janice, and Sharon for all they do to set up and clean up for every service. Thank you, also, to Dennis Schaeffer for working the sound system and livestream.

The worship team led worship at Worship in the Park which was held in July. Bradley Yescavage joined us again on the drums. It is always great to have him worship with us!

Thank you Jenn MacDonald for giving the message and facilitating worship at the second service in November.

We celebrated the 20 year anniversary of the Contemporary Worship Service on January 21, 2024! We had a breakfast following the service that morning. The service and worship team have been such a blessing for me and a great time to worship and draw closer to God. I hope it is for others as well.

God bless,

Angie Renninger, Director of Contemporary Worship

Worship and Music Annual Report 2024

We would like to thank all of our committee members for their dedication and service to Trinity this past year: Linda Bewley, Fred Isett, Diane McElwee, Kay McGowan, Pastor Gene Zaiser, LaRue Sheetz, and our co-chairpersons Angie Renninger and Jenn MacDonald.

This year we celebrated LaRue Sheetz's 21 years of service to Trinity in February 2024. We thank you, LaRue, for your service and the growth of our music ministry. They say with music, one prays twice. We are grateful for your love of music which you share with us on organ, through the Senior and Cantata choirs, men's and women's choirs, soloists, and instrumentalists during the year. Through your love and dedication and support of the congregation, we have a 3-octave handbell choir this year, with the additional handbells being dedicated on June 2, 2024 as part of the Music Sunday celebration.

Congratulations to our Contemporary Worship Team who celebrated 20 years of service to Trinity in January 2024. Thank you to Angie Renninger for your leadership and guitar playing, as well as to Kurt Yescavage on trumpet, Pastor Gene on guitar and vocals and leading worship when Angie was away. It is always nice when Bradley Yescavage can participate on the drums when he is home from college. Thank you also to Janice Sheetz, Mardell Blanford and Sharon Renninger, who share their vocal gifts with us. Contemporary Worship is at 8:00 a.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month September through May. The team leads worship at the annual worship in the park; this year it was held on July 28, 2024. Thank you for making a joyful noise unto the Lord with your music.

We celebrated Pastor Gene's 25 years of ministry at Trinity on January 28, 2024. We are blessed to call you not only our Pastor, but our friend and brother in our faith journey. The presentation of the Gospel by Heart continues each week. Thank you for your uplifting messages, your guidance, and willingness to shepherd this flock. May Christ's light continue to shine through you and bless your ministry for many years to come.

On October 13, 2024, we honored the shared ministry of Trinity by celebrating the 30th anniversary of Pastor Gene's ordination, the numerous volunteers who live the vision of many hands, one body in the ministry of this church in our building, our homes, the community, and the world. We also wish to thank our staff who enable the church to do its mission on a daily basis- Pastor Gene Zaiser, our Director of Music, LaRue Sheetz, our Parish Secretary, Karen Smith, our Sexton, Cathy Yoder, our Treasurers with over 35 years of service, Dan and Kathy Kuser, our retired Financial Secretary, Ruth Weiser, and current Financial Secretary, Heidi Yescavage.

Worship and Music Highlights for 2024:

- Scout Sunday was celebrated on 02/11/2024
- Ash Wednesday Communion Service was at 7:00 pm 02/14/2024 with Fastnacht social at 6:15
- Holden Evening Prayer service was used on the Wednesday night Lenten services. Non-perishable items were collected for Multi-Service during Lent.
- Palm Sunday Worship with biblical story telling team presenting the Passion according to St. Mark on 03/24/2024
- Maundy Thursday service 03/28/2024 at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Tenebrae service 03/29/2024 at 7:00 pm
- Easter Vigil Service 03/30/2024 at 7:00 pm

- Easter Sunday Communion services were 03/31/2024 at 7:00 am and 10:30 am
- Pentecost Sunday was celebrated 05/19/2024
- Graduate Recognition Sunday was 05/26/2024
- Music Sunday was celebrated during worship on 06/02/2024
- Worship in the Park led by Contemporary Worship Team 07/28/2024
- Harvest Home 09/15/2024- we collected non-perishable items for Multi Service
- Community-wide Thanksgiving Eve service 11/27/2024 at Calvary United Church of Christ at 7:00 pm. Our choir participated and Pastor Gene participated in worship. LaRue Sheetz and Joseph DiCindio shared their musical gifts on organ and piano.
- The annual Christmas Cantata was presented on 12/08/2024 at 10:30 am. This year was "*Cantata Through the Years*", a one-of-a-kind cantata created by LaRue using some of her favorite songs by Joseph Martin from various cantatas we had done through the years, and dedicated to those who sang and participated, and who now sing in heaven's choir. We thank Nadine Lydic who shared her musical gifts on piano with us.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion services were 12/24/2024 at 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Special thank you to the soloists, instrumentalists, bell choirs, and senior choir for adding the beauty of music to the season of hope and love.
- Pastor Gene did a sermon in song on 12/29/2024

Thank you to everyone for your continued support. The sponsorship of flowers for Easter and the poinsettias and luminaries at Christmas help adorn our church and are a beautiful way to celebrate the seasons.

Respectfully submitted by your sisters in Christ,

Jennifer MacDonald and Angie Renninger, co-chairpersons

Christian Education Report – 2024

Thank you to Trinity's dedicated Sunday School teachers for another year of service to our congregation. They are Janice Sheetz, Pastor Zaiser, Sheila Eddinger, Angie Renninger, and me. Sunday School classes include elementary and middle school/confirmation classes held in the basement classrooms, and the adult class in the parlor from 9:15-10:15 Sunday mornings. Thank you to Pastor Gene for the opening music every week for our downstairs classes!

The elementary class attendance ranges from 2-6 students. We are using a curriculum from Concordia called Enduring Faith. This past fall there were two students in the confirmation class. The adult discussion class continues to have good attendance.

There were no First Communion students this year.

There were no students confirmed this year.

Graduate recognition was held May 26.

Celebrate the Savior Vacation Bible School was held the evenings of July 22-26, 6:30-8:00 and was funded through a Thrivent Action Team. It was a great success. There were 11 students and eight staff members plus two additional storytellers. Donations of school supplies and pantry items were received for Boyertown Multi-Service as our mission project. Our nightly offerings and free-will offering on Sunday, August 4, also went to Boyertown Multi-Service. A video of the week's activities was presented at the August 4 worship service and is available to view on Trinity's Facebook page and website. We thank everyone who participated in any way or donated to our mission project!

On October 31, we handed out approximately 50 bags of cookies and cups of hot chocolate to trick-or-treaters in the community.

In December, our elementary class colored and signed Christmas cards for our home-bound members.

Sunday School classes are held weekly from September through May. We continue to support Save the Children with a monthly donation and are currently sponsoring an eight-year-old boy in Bolivia.

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their support during this past year.

Sharon Renninger
Committee Chairperson

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE 2024

The Discipleship Committee met twice as a committee in 2024.

- The Birthday Call Program continued in 2024. The Committee would like to thank the following people for participating as Birthday Callers: Dorothy Romig, Marcia Auge, Kay McGowan, Linda Bewley, Ruth Reinhard and Betty Moore. It is with regret that Ruth Reinhard is stepping down as a Birthday caller. Thank you, Ruth, for making birthday calls over the last several years!! We will be welcoming Pat Beekley as a new birthday caller in 2025! Thank you, Pat! Kay organizes the group and if you would like to be a part of this group, please contact Kay.
- A Fall Craft Show was held on October 19, 2024, a BIG THANK YOU to Cathy Yoder for organizing the Craft Show in 2024.
- A newsletter entitled "*Stewardship*" continues to be purchased and distributed via Trinity's monthly newsletter on a quarterly basis. The publication introduces very short and to the point articles on matters of stewardship (i.e. giving).
- We continue to have an inventory of shawls and the Stitchers will continue to keep a supply of shawls on hand. The Discipleship Committee and the Pastor will be deciding who will receive a Prayer Shawl. If anyone has a suggestion or wishes to have someone receive a shawl, please contact the Pastor or a Discipleship Committee Member.
- We helped host a Thanksgiving Community Dinner and want to thank the Fellowship Committee for all of their help.

Thank you to the members of the Discipleship Committee who have committed their time and talents to the Committee during the year. The Committee Members were: Cathy Yoder, Oscar & Angie Smith, Jennifer MacDonald, Anna Spencer, Linda Bewley and Pastor Gene.

As we look forward to 2025 with a renewed vision, we hope for new things to come.

Thank you to Trinity members for the support you have given to us in Trinity's discipleship efforts.

As always, three last thoughts from the Committee:

1. **WE ARE ALL EVANGELISTS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SPREADING THE WORD OF GOD AND SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS.**
2. **LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**
3. **GIVING IS LIVING!**

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Bewley,
Chairperson

PRAYER CIRCLE REPORT FOR 2024

The Prayer Circle met as a group when possible in 2024 to review and keep Trinity's Prayer list as up to date as possible. When unable to meet as a group, monthly meetings were held with Pastor Zaiser.

Trinity's Prayer List is posted in the Sunday Bulletin and can also be found in the Church Chronicle and on the website trinitybech.com. **Please keep our Prayer List current by calling the church office with any changes.** Prayer names will remain in the bulletin for one month. If still in need of prayers, names will be placed on the ongoing listing in the Chronicle. Names will be kept on this list up to one year. Please contact the church office if a name still needs to remain on this list.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Prayer Request Card located in church pews for your convenience. You can also contact Pastor Zaiser, the church office, or any Prayer Circle member listed in the monthly newsletter. As soon as a request is received, Prayers and the Prayer Chain can begin. **Please have the permission of the person or family for whom prayer is requested.**

A sincere thank you to the following Prayer Circle members for their commitment and service in 2024: Kathy Kuser, Cathy Leiby, Kay McGowan, Sharon Renninger, Donna Repko, Linda Ritter, Virginia Rowland, Mary Snyder, and Pastor Zaiser.

One of the most important and caring things we can do for a person in time of need is to pray. God's healing power comes to us through prayer.

Linda Ritter
Chairperson

Property Committee Annual Report

Hi Everyone,

This year we did nothing that cost major dollars! That is probably the best news I can tell you. What we did do was still important though.

The expansion tanks in the boiler room filled up and blew open a safety valve. Young Oil cleaned the valves and sight glasses on the expansion tanks and replaced the safety valve. They showed us how full the tanks should be so we can see if they would ever start to fill up again.

We repainted all the lines on the parking lot and driveways. A line sprayer was bought to do this. This will enable us to just paint the lines as needed.

We added 2 more handicap spaces in the parking lot. A handicap symbol template was bought so we can repaint these as needed.

We painted the ceiling tile in 3 more Sunday School rooms. We have one more room ceiling to paint.

We replaced the door sweep on the one basement door.

We made a Christmas tree stand to set the bucket we put the Christmas tree in to make it steadier.

A wall was constructed at the ramp out front to help control water runoff. This was built by Mike Gable. The cost of it was donated.

The lights in the parking lot were replaced.

Things to do list:

Paint the wall in the hallway looking towards the narthex.

Paint other bulletin board in the parish hall.

Repair as needed the basement door outside the office.

Repair the cracks in the narthex at the corners of openings.

Replace the thresholds in the Parish Hall.

Paint the ceiling tiles in the last Sunday school room.

Continue installing LED lights where needed. Mainly in the Sunday School rooms. Already have the lights

Fix cracks in sidewalk around porch.

Check hardware for doors.

Replace the wall lights in the sanctuary. A globe got broken and we can no longer get a replacement.



Strip and wax Parish Hall floor

As always, we thank you for your support of our efforts to take care of this congregation's church.

Dennis L. Schaeffer
Property Committee Chairman

Technology Annual Report

Hi Everyone,

Believe it or not, this year we were able to add another camera. This was made possible through another generous gift. This camera is one like we bought last year. So, we are looking at taking one of the original camcorders and using it as a portable camera we could use wherever we may need or want to.

The other thing we have been doing is watching a lot of videos on line about livestreaming church services. We have been learning a lot from them. We think it has helped us give you a better livestream.

This year we concluded that our computers in the office needed to be upgraded. So, we bought 2 new Dell laptops. One for Karen and one for Pastor Gene.

The last thing we are doing is upgrading our internet. If you remember, about 4 1/2 years ago we upgraded it. Well, the "New Subscriber" deal has long ended. We are looking not just to upgrade the speed but save us money. We are actually changing back to Windstream. Comcast offered us 150 mbs down and 30 mbs up for \$200. Windstream offered us 1000 mbs up and down for \$112. This is a "New Subscriber" offer of course. The regular cost for this right now is \$162. Mbs is megabytes per second. This will be done by fiberoptic cable instead of a copper cable. Yeah, I know we just put in the Comcast cable, but we will save about \$88 dollars a month. We are paying \$169 right now to Comcast for 30 mbs down and 5 mbs up. The change over should be completed in January.

Submitted by
Dennis L. Schaeffer

Gift Card Program

Trinity's Gift Card Program continued in 2024 and through our collective participation, we contributed \$4,700 to Trinity's general fund. While this fell short of the goal of \$6,000 it was an increase over 2023. We extend a big THANK YOU for your ongoing support.

If you are new to Trinity or need a reminder, here is a quick summary of our current program offerings:

- Gift card orders are collected the first Sunday of each month. Payment to Trinity is due with your order. Your gift cards will be available at church the second Sunday of the month. **Updates to the process will be noted in the church bulletin and newsletter as needed.**
- Grocery Store Gift Cards for Redner's Warehouse and Giant Foods are available in varying amounts; Trinity receives immediate proceeds of 5%. Grocery spending has remained fairly level, although some has shifted from Redners to Giant. Contact Kurt Yescavage (610-493-2100) for additional information regarding Redner's cards or Kathy Kuser (610-754-6293) regarding Giant Cards.
- RaiseRight gift cards: The process and availability remains consistent, and you can continue to purchase gift cards for many of your favorite stores and restaurants. Trinity receives immediate proceeds of 1.25%-13%. Contact Sharon Kemp (610-763-2292) for additional information regarding RaiseRight gift cards. For a full list of retailers who participate in RaiseRight go to www.trinitybech.com or contact Sharon Kemp.
 - **Weis Markets** -- \$25 and \$100 cards are available with proceeds to Trinity @ 5%.
 - If you shop at Amazon, Boscov's, or Staples, or Lowes, Home Depot, CVS or Walmart, you can purchase gift cards through this program. Many other stores and vendors participate, too!
 - Whether you eat out or do takeout at Red Lobster, Carrabba's, Olive Garden, or Chipotle, or McDonald's, Dairy Queen or Burger King, you can buy gift cards through this program for these and many other chain restaurants,.
 - Visa Gift cards are available with no activation fee!
 - You can also purchase gift cards to use when you travel, such as gas cards, airlines, or hotel chains such as Best Western, Marriott and others.

Plan in advance and Trinity can benefit from the money you spend for groceries, dining out, travel and entertainment, gasoline, electronics, household items, clothes, and gifts. **We look forward to your continued support in 2025!**

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Kemp on behalf of the Gift Card Program Team

It has been a busy year for Social Ministry here at Trinity.

Frist, a big thank you to each of you who participated in any of the projects—be it by donations of goods (food, shoes, pajamas, toys, etc.) or services (including getting the goods to the other organizations) or your cash donations, including the monthly free-will offerings. Here is who you helped:

In Ian’s Boots—\$300 check throughout the year we collect gently used shoes and some sporting equipment for their distribution locally and around the world. We also provide some additional financial support through the Wawa hoagie ticket program. We have tickets available for your purchase and they are good at all Wawa’s.

Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation—\$275 was raised to help fight childhood cancer. This included proceeds from the sale of Sundaes (not edible) and Hot Chocolate Mugs.

PJ Project—We collected more than 100 pairs of pajamas for children and adults which are distributed to local shelters and other local organizations.

ELF Bags—\$150 check plus we collected family board games, playing cards, popcorn, and hot chocolate for distribution locally by Boyertown Multi-Service during the Christmas holidays.

Angel Tree—Members provided Christmas gifts for distribution by Boyertown Multi-Service for needy folks in the local area.

Boyertown Area Multi-Service—Several times this year there were food drives for the Multi-Service Food Pantry along with free-will offerings.

Samaritan’s Purse—This organization, under the direction of Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham), distributes shoebox gifts along with evangelical “good news” around the world. We contributed about 50 boxes again this year.

Christmas Sharing—The Lutheran Home at Topton received our donations of new clothing and other items to help make the residents there a bit more happy at the home.

Salvation Army—\$150 check to help support their community outreach programs.

Let us know if you have a question or any ideas for new outreach programs.

Again, thank you for all the support you provided in making all this possible.

Kathy Kuser—Social Ministry Chairperson

Card Ministry

The year 2024 brought a change to the Card Ministry, a special thank you to Becky Yescavage, for her many years of sending cards to the members of Trinity.

This ministry will continue with Karen Irej sending cards to our members for get well, sympathy, thinking of you and holiday cards.

Donations of cards and stamps are always greatly appreciated.

- Karen Irej

Craft Show

Our Annual Craft Show was held on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Proceeds from the show was divided between Special Music Fund, Property Fund and 20% to the General Fund.

I wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped set up, tear down, donations of books, serving lunch and to the bakers for their help in making the show a success, it was all greatly appreciated!

Crafters Tables—18 @ \$20 each	\$360.00
Book Sale	239.25
Lunch Sale	224.00
Bake Sale	400.00
Runners Donated	<u>105.00</u>
(By Waynette Shafer & Maddy Wyda)	\$1,328.25

Fellowship Committee

In 2024, the Fellowship Committee was very busy at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Committee was active in helping with Pot Luck Luncheons: 2 Cantatas, Annual Report, Volunteer Sunday, along with Fellowship Hour. We hosted the Bread, Bowl, and Bible for 2 Sundays. The Committee organized the following funeral luncheons: Louise Neifer, Linda Leister, Chris Miller, Alice Weller, and Andrew Kuser. This year an event was added, Community Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner and it was well attended.

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for maintaining the kitchen, which includes Fellowship Hour, organizing funeral luncheons, pot luck luncheons, and church events. We maintain supplies in the kitchen with coffee, tea, lemonade, sugars, and paper products.

We always need help from the congregation to volunteer to host Fellowship Hour and help with funeral luncheons. Fellowship Hour was held on non-communion Sundays.

We pray that 2025 will see our church attendance and activities increase in size.

Our commitment as the Fellowship Committee is to bring members of the congregation and the community together for memorable events.

Respectfully submitted,

Waynette Shafer
Cathy Yoder
Co-Chairpersons

Youth Happenings 2024

The annual pizza and pumpkins party was held on Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 5:00-7:00 pm. There was a costume contest, singing including "Monster Mash," Halloween goodies, pizza, and of course pumpkins. Eleven young friends and their families, and the young at heart came out for the evening. Each person did a pumpkin and no two were alike. As darkness set in, the lights went out and the 13 pumpkins were all aglow. Including adults, there were 24 people- our largest turnout.

Christmas cookie baking was held on Saturday, December 21, 2024. Thank you to everyone who ordered the cookies, enjoyed eating the cookies, and helped making them; we made over 60 dozen cookies. It was a lot of fun and we hope to do it again next year. I wish to personally thank Pastor Gene Zaiser, Cathy Yoder, Dennis Schaeffer, Howard Shafer, and Sandy Schaffer for all their help and to Vicki Mest for making some of the chocolate chip cookie dough.

We are hoping to do more events come 2025.

Respectfully submitted by your sister in Christ,

Jennifer MacDonald, co-chairperson

CRADLE ROLL 2024

“Splash Greeting Cards” are sent to each family when a child is baptized. The child is then placed on the CRADLE ROLL until age 3 and receives a card on the Anniversary of Baptism each birthday.

The day of Baptism is an important day in each of our lives as we are “Reborn Children of God” and inheritors of eternal life. By the water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church which is the Body of Christ. (Lutheran Book of Worship).

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>BAPTIZED</u>
ISLA JANE FOUNDS	02-20-22	06-26-22
ADALYNN CHARLOTTE HORAN	04-30-22	10-01-22
MARCELLA ROSE JUSITS	06-22-22	01-29-23
GRANT SELL	07-20-22	02-26-23
WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON	03-24-21	11-18-23
NELL EILEEN HARRISON	08-24-23	11-18-23
ELLIOTTE JANE AUGUTINE	04-27-21	04-07-24
SKYE DAWN LEISTER	08-13-24	11-02-24
DARCY JEAN HETTLER	07-17-24	11-10-24

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY MARCIA AUGE

TLC STITCHERS

In 2024 we made many items and chose to try and fill a table for the craft show. The craft show allows us to be able to send projects made to "Knit for Kids" and for supplies we may need. "Knit for Kids" takes knitted and crocheted hat, scarves, mittens, sweaters and blankets and sends them around the world. We plan to start a blanket project in 2025.

We continued our gift of a Wal-Mart gift card to a teacher to help with cost of supplies they may need for a classroom. Jenna Jusits was 2024's recipient. She teaches in the Muhlenburg School District.

We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. If you want to join us or want any more information about us, please contact Ruth Weiser.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Weiser

Cemetery Board Meeting

Monday night December 16, 2024 the Bechtelsville Union Cemetery Board met to review the past years operations and costs. Attending: were Terry Kemp, Fred Isett, Dennis Schaeffer, Cody Moyer, Bob Eshbach, and Randy Kehl.

The board decided not to raise our prices because our costs have not risen dramatically and the fee charged to Mrs. Anderson for mowing her property remained the same as well. Our costs for 2024 are \$2760.00 dollars for 17 mowings and \$255.00 to our insurance provider.

The income for 2024 included \$1600.00 from Trinity Lutheran Church, \$500.00 from Mrs. Anderson for mowing her adjoining property, and \$269.00 interest income from Invesco. NOTE: The borough of Bechtelsville contributes ZERO dollars of support.

Randy will clean off all cemetery decorations on MLK day in January and the decorations will be discarded. Bob and Dennis will schedule a workday this spring to repair and or clean the Tombstones. A board meeting will be scheduled in February/March of 2025 to finalize the division of the mowing responsibility for 2025. The current proposal is for Cody Moyer to mow the open spaces of the cemetery and Bob Eshbach to do the grave site areas.

fyi: 1 lot contains 8 full graves sites and costs \$2600.00, A half lot contains 4 full graves sites and cost \$1300.00, A quarter lot contains 2 full grave sites and the cost is \$800.00, single grave sites are \$400.00. Note; with cremations are involved, a total of 2 burial cremation vaults may be buried in the same grave site and they can be upper and lower or if possible side by side. They vaults may not be on top of one another. The excavating and closing of the cremation grave will be handled by the cemetery staff at a cost of \$200.00 The setting of a headstone foundation is charged \$1.05 a square inch.

Respectfully submitted;
Randy Kehl

Annual Report for Pack and Troop 511

Hello,

This year if you haven't heard the Boy Scouts of America organization officially changed their name to "Scouting America" to better represent the changes they have made over the last few years. They also started a pilot program where instead of a separate boy and girl troop they are integrated into one troop. All leadership requirements are the same. We are one of the troops who signed up to be part of this pilot program. Jess Lorah is the Scoutmaster.

At the end of this charter, March 31, Tim Barrett, Joe Furniss and Dick Keppler will be retiring from positions that they have held for many years. Tim has held the positions of committee chairman, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster. Joe has been our treasurer for many years. And Dick has been the pack and troop commissioner for many years. We thank the 3 of them for all of their time and effort.

Dennis L. Schaeffer
Charter Organization Representative

Pack 511

The cub pack had another good year. We got 3 new cubs and might have more joining. We have lots of new things planned for the coming year. We went overnight camping this year. The cubs had a lot of fun. We are planning to do it again this coming year. We have some new parents helping which lets us plan to do some different activities. We spent a day at Knoebles Park. We are selling hoagies from Dans Deli along with the Troop as an ongoing fundraiser. In the Fall the pack and troop sold popcorn and nuts. We thank the church for your support. The cub scouts are doing more day trips.

Thank you
Cub Master Jess Lorah

Troop 511

January 1st Polar Plunge at scout camp 2 members of the troop participated.
 February 2 -4 Winter Camp at Hafer Lodge, scout camp
 February 17th Laura Adams Eagle ceremony
 March 25th service project at Spaatz Museum
 April 19 -21 OA weekend at scout camp 4 participants
 April 26 - 28 Locust Lake State Park campout
 May 11 - 12 Backpacking on the Appalachian Trail Lehigh Gap area.
 May 17 - 19 Camping at Knoebels
 May 25th Valley Forge Hike 10 miles
 June 8th WW2 weekend service Project Reading airport
 June 23rd - 29th Summer camp
 August 16 - 18 Cape Henlopen State Park Delaware, Big Oaks campground
 August - September Popcorn sales
 September 30th Service Project at Spaatz Museum Painting shed
 October - December. First Aid Merit Badge with Dick Keppler
 November 30th Perkiomen Trail, 5-mile hike
 December 23rd Scout Christmas Party State Theater, Escape room and Movie

Tim Barrett
Scoutmaster

Bechtelsville Community Connections – 2024

For the past year and a half, I have been attending many of the Bechtelsville Recreation Association monthly meetings as a liaison for Trinity. This report lists the community activities that we have participated in this past year. I also try to provide information about other events that they hold in Trinity's newsletter.

March 23 – Community Egg Hunt. The Community Recreation Assoc. provided 5,000 plastic eggs and candy, and on March 19th and 21st, 21 volunteers (18 members of Trinity and three community members) came out to Trinity to fill them for the community egg hunt held on March 23.

May 4 – Community Yard Sale was held. After cleaning out the nursery closet, along with some unneeded craft items, I set up at the park (along with my own items). The sale was not very well attended and the \$19 from sales for Trinity was given as plate offering.

October 5 – Community Fall Festival - Volunteers from Trinity staffed three carnival-type games. Pastor Gene handed out flyers for the upcoming craft show and Thanksgiving Potluck dinner. A huge thank you to him, Randy Kehl, Rich and Drevyn Deskie, Angie Renninger, and Sheila Eddinger for their time, effort, exuberance, and support for this growing community event. There were many activities, and it was very well attended.

December 14 – Santa in the Park. With funding from a Thrivent Action Team gift bags were made for Santa to hand out to children at this event. Approximately seventy bags, which included a flier with information about Trinity's Christmas services, Sunday School, and worship services, were given to children. These funds also provided free hot chocolate for all visitors. Church Council had approved the use of the parish hall for this event in case of inclement weather, which was not necessary due to the sunny weather.

Thank you to all who have been involved in sharing Christ's love in our community!

Sharon Renninger

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