

Trinity Lutheran Church – Church Council Meeting ~ Monday, May 22, 2017

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion Points to Note</b>	<b>Actions, Decisions, Recommendations</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	In attendance: President Sue Prescott, Secretary Denise Steele, Treasurer Jay Cessna, Jennifer Bailey, Lois Boyer, Tammy Crawford, Wynn Leppert, Betsy Littlefield, Don Replogle, Jeremy Vent, Pastor Short, and Pastor Weinhold. Absent: Vice-President Kevin Rizzo, Jennifer Bailey, and Lisa Hagenbuch	Noted
<b>Gathering, Call to Order, Welcome, and Prayer</b>	President Sue Prescott called the meeting to order. Pastor Short offered welcome and opened with prayer.	Noted
<b>Conversation</b>	Pastor Short had members divide into teams of three people, which addressed the question “What is our mission and purpose as a church?”	The groups shared their ideas and served as a reminder about our guidance as a council representative of the Trinity congregation and church.
<b>Secretary’s Report</b>	Review of the Minutes of the February 20, 2017 council meeting submitted by Denise Steele.  Minutes from the April 2, 2017 Congregational Meeting/Stained Glass Window Coverings meeting were available for review.	Motion made and seconded to accept the Council Meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved.  Minutes reviewed and noted.
<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	The 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 financial reports were available for council along with the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 budget. Jay Cessna reported that giving by the congregation was up 5.85% from 2016 at the same point in the year. 2017 (to date) total expenditures were down 4.75% from 2016. Special accounts and funds were reviewed (as of 3/31/2017)	Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion approved.
<b>Music &amp; Worship Ministry Team Report - Jennifer Baily &amp; Lois Boyer</b>	The committee met on May 8, 2017. Currently there are 7 deacons with Kevin Rizzo joining the group and Doug Miller moving. Summer schedule starts on Memorial Day weekend. A celebration of the 500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation will be held on October 29 <sup>th</sup> , and Trinity will be hosting the other Bedford County Lutheran congregations for a special service. The 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Festival group met with representatives from our sister congregations with the event to be held in December 2017.	Noted
<b>Children &amp; Youth Ministry Team Report - Tammy Crawford &amp; Lisa Hagenbuch</b>	The team met on May 1, 2017. Past events went very well including Lent Day (with children’s activities), Easter celebration (helped having the three age groups for the egg hunt), Confirmation Sunday (with one confirmand), and Bedford High School Baccalaureate for the class of 2017. Family movie night was well received and will continue with fall and spring. Upcoming events include the end of year celebration to thank those parishioners that help with all that happens at Trinity. Vacation Bible School will be held June 11-15, and there are some new volunteers assisting this year. The youth activity has been rescheduled for July, and there will be a meeting for Sunday School teachers coming up.	Noted

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<b>Adult &amp; All-Parish Ministry Team - Betsy Littlefield &amp; Sue Prescott</b>	The Fastnacht dinner and trivia was held on February 28 <sup>th</sup> , and went smoothly with 150-160 people participating including the Community Dinner folks. Easter breakfast went well but will be revamped slightly with over 100 people participating. The Anderson Boy Choir was Trinity's guest for the Easter celebration in song. Upcoming events include Hot Summer Nights warm-up on July 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Photo Scavenger Hunt and ice cream on July 18 <sup>th</sup> , and the Summer Wind Down picnic at the Bedford Elks on August 20 <sup>th</sup> .	Noted
<b>Outreach Ministry Team - Kevin Rizzo &amp; Denise Steele</b>	Over \$1,775 has been raised and donated through the special monthly appeals through the first quarter of 2017. The Inquirer's Dinner was held on April 30 <sup>th</sup> , and was very well attended and received. The funeral luncheon committee met in February to coordinate efforts for the year. Trinity served the Lenten Luncheons on March 29 <sup>th</sup> at the Presbyterian Church to 62 people with a group of 10 volunteers coordinated by Arlene Fluke. On-going ministries are going well, and Thrivent Action Teams and Choice Dollars continue to be a valuable resource for our ministries. Upcoming event include God's Work/Our Hands on September 17 <sup>th</sup> with an appreciation dinner for the Free Community Dinner partners and servers to thank them for their hard work and dedication.	Noted
<b>Property Ministry Team - Wynn Leppert &amp; Jeremy Vent</b>	The team met on April 24 <sup>th</sup> , and split in teams to inspect the building. Only a few minor things needed some attention and were repaired. The child care center has had some upgrades. A new time was put on the steeple lights, and the creaking hinges on the door were done. The doors to the kitchen are now being locked for the children's safety. Fred Fluke has been helping with repairs. The committee is overseeing the stained glass window project. The building is surveyed before each meeting, and identified repairs completed as necessary.	Noted
<b>Finance &amp; Stewardship Ministry Team - Jay Cessna &amp; Don Repogle</b>	The treasurer gave the update on the budget. The committee keeps an eye on the budget so they can give guidance when needed. The new ADP payroll for church staff has been going well so far. Trinity received over \$1700 in Choice Dollars from Thrivent. An audit was conducted in March 2017 and the report showed that everything is in order.	Noted
<b>Executive Team - Sue Prescott, Kevin Rizzo, Denise Steele, Jay Cessna</b>	The team met on February 27 <sup>th</sup> to discuss the stained glass window covering joint meeting. A motion was made to take the recommendation to the congregation, and was approved unanimously.	Noted
<b>Garden of the Resurrection - Ad Hoc</b>	Pre-arrangements are in place for approx. 12 more people. There have been 5 internments through the past 3 years.	Noted
<b>Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> – Ad Hoc</b>	October 29, 2017 will mark the 500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses with a celebration of this event in conjunction with the other Lutheran congregations.	Noted
<b>Liturgical Deacons – Ad Hoc</b>	We continue to have seven deacons at Trinity with Kevin Rizzo added in this role and Doug Miller is moving to Virginia.	Noted
<b>Altar &amp; Nave Renovation Team – Ad Hoc</b>	Cost estimation has been received from the decorator, and the group is moving ahead with the goal to have information out for congregational exploration and comment.	Noted
<b>Stained Glass Window Re-Covering Project</b>	Most of the window coverings are down, and as of this afternoon, \$23,288.00 (63% of goal) has been received for this project.	Noted

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<b>Trinity 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Team</b>	The first meeting was well attended with another meeting to be held in early June. Events will be planned from September 9, 2018- June 16, 2019 (Feast of the Holy Trinity) to commemorate this important milestone.	Noted
<b>Christmas Family Festival 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning</b>	A meeting was held on March 27 <sup>th</sup> with the other congregations that comprised the Central Bedford Lutheran Parish. The event will be held on Sunday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> , starting at 3:00pm.	Noted
<b>Pastoral Staff Reports and Updates – Pr Weinhold &amp; Pr Short</b>	<p>Both pastors shared how their time has been devoted between regular and ongoing ministries of the congregation and community ministries.</p> <p>Pastor Weinhold presided over 2 funerals over the past few months. Educational opportunities including Adult Forum and Wednesday evening Bible Studies has grown. He has been planning, preparing and carrying out youth activities and Confirmation events. He serves on the board for Camp Sequanota, the Salvation Army Bedford Unit, and Your Safe Haven. He highlighted the Communion discussion with the children and the theological questions with the youth, both held in April, along with the end of year celebrations and Confirmation.</p> <p>Looking ahead, Pastor Weinhold noted Vacation Bible School (Maker Fun Factory) from June 11-15<sup>th</sup>, scheduling WOT for 2017-2018, and Faith and Fun recruitment and preparation for next school year.</p> <p>Pastor Short led 1 funeral, 2 baptisms and 1 confirmation during the past few months. He serves as the Human Service and Kettle Drive Coordinator for the Bedford Salvation Army (able to reach out to other churches and organizations in the county), Chairman of the Spring House Estates Board of Directors (ready to have 16 bed personal care home then expand to 32 beds) and Homewood Corporate Board of Trustees, and the Chairman of the Court-Appointed Board of Trustees for the Job Mann Trust (tuition assistance to seminarians). Looking back, the Inquirer’s Dinner on April 20<sup>th</sup> had wonderful participation and the power point presentation was well received. The Baccalaureate with BHS Class of 2017 had a great turnout of families, friends and community on May 21st.</p> <p>Looking ahead, Trinity continues to make good use of Thrivent Action Team grants. Summer Sunday schedule begins on May 28<sup>th</sup> with 8:30 and 10:00 liturgies with Sunday School and Adult Forum on summer recess. He will use the summer months to plan and organize upcoming fall/winter/spring fellowship and learning ministries, and continue to develop plans with Trinity’s 250<sup>th</sup> and Family Festival’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary teams.</p>	
<b>Other Business</b>	No other business was presented at the Council meeting.	Noted
<b>Adjourn - Meeting Closed with Prayer</b>	President Sue Prescott asked for motion to adjourn. Pastor Short led The Lord’s Prayer	Meeting Adjourned.
<b>Upcoming Meetings:</b>	Next Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2017; 6:30 pm ... then, Monday, November 13; 6:30 pm	
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes submitted by Denise Steele, Council Secretary	