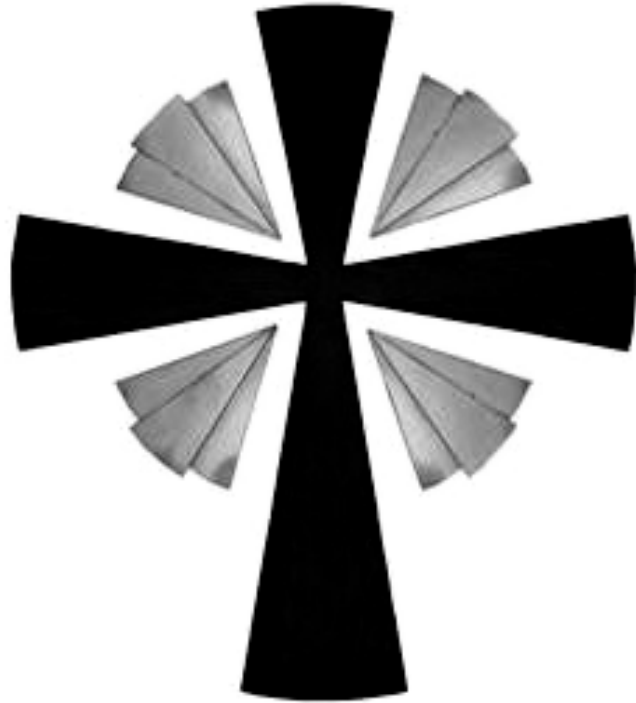


TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
BULLETIN OF REPORTS

2026 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JUNE 6 & 7, 2026



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2221 NORTH OAK LANE
STATE COLLEGE, PA 16803
814-238-2024
Rev. Dr. Ronald Miller, Jr.

ANNUAL CONGRGATIONAL MEETING

Saturday, June 6, 2026, 5PM

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 8:15 AM, &10:45 AM

Mission: Transforming our Community through Christ

Vision: Build strong relationships within our church and community through God's message of love and grace.

1. Opening devotions to include Scripture reading and/or prayer
2. Determination of quorum
3. Approval of the minutes of any previous regular or special meetings
4. Disposition of Unfinished Business
5. Reports of Ministry Teams
6. Special Reports
7. Consideration of New Business

Two amendments to the TLC bylaws have been proposed. These amendments would grant the Council President and Vice President check-signing authority in the Treasurer's absence

Check Signing Authority

If the treasurer is unavailable, the President of the church council is authorized to sign checks on behalf of the organization

.Check Signing Authority

If the treasurer and Council President are unavailable, the Vice-President of the church council is authorized to sign checks on behalf of the organization.

8. Treasurer's Report
9. Presentation of Proposed Budget
11. Adjournment
12. Closing prayer

Trinity Lutheran Church

2025 Congregational Meeting Minutes, Saturday, May 31, 2025

5:00 pm service (notes taken by Mary Lou Kiel, Council secretary)

1. Call to order at approximately 5:35 pm pm by Ken Healy
2. Determination of quorum: quorum on hand. Attendance number: 30
3. Minutes from 2024 Congregational meeting detailed in Bulletin of Reports:
Motion to approve minutes made by Christina Pillot, seconded by Don Kiel.
All in favor said aye, no nays.
4. Unfinished business-none
5. Bulletin of Reports- Report of Teams presented in the written Bulletin of Reports distributed by email and hard copies available at services. No questions.
6. Special reports-none.
7. Treasurer's Report-no questions.
8. New business:
 - a. Approval of new Council Members. Motion to approve made by Ann Miller, seconded by Tina Kimmel. All in favor said aye, no nays.
 - b. Other new business-none.
9. 2025-2026 Church budget presented. Noted that there are slight increases.
Motion to approve made by Don Kiel, seconded by Mike Smith. All in favor said aye, no nays.
10. Motion to adjourn made by Howard Pillot, seconded by Lori Smith.
11. Closing prayer.

Submitted by Mary Lou Kiel, June 16, 2

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JUNE 6 & 7, 2026

MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT
AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 2025

Baptized Membership, end of 2025		191
Members received in 2018		
Youth Baptism	2	
Adult Baptism	0	
Affirmation of Faith	0	
Transfer	12	
Total Members Received, 2025		14
Members removed in 2025:		
Death	1	
Transferred	0	
Statistical Adjustment	0	
Total Members Removed	1	
Baptized Membership, end of 2025		204
Number of people confirmed in 2025	0	
Total confirmed membership, end 2025		204
Average weekly worship attendance in 2025		89

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
State College, PA

REPORT FROM THE PASTOR

On the Day of Pentecost the Second Reading for this year was from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The apostle writes:

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:3b-13)

For 38 years I have had the privilege of serving as Pastor of Trinity. At that time, no one – myself included – could possibly imagine what the future would hold. Nonetheless, we began, Ash Wednesday, 1988. Throughout the years we have used passages like this one from Paul, to guide our ministry. Another aspect that no one thought about was, how long would or could we continue together. We never anticipated this journey coming to an end yet, here we are!

I have been preaching for 50 years, starting as a PA State Park Chaplain. It was an awesome experience for two summers, teaching me about preaching and evangelism, the only way to have a worship service at the State Park meant I had to go around on foot to invite people to join us. Since we were never rained out in two full seasons, I figured God liked what we were doing.

When I was finally ordained and began parish ministry, I discovered how much seminary had not prepared me for. On the other hand, no amount of reading, research, or seminars could prepare one for parish. There is simply too much to learn. It truly takes a lifetime of "on the job training." Looking back, I am thoroughly amazed at how much we have done, what we have accomplished and how far we have come as a congregation.

Perhaps you have heard the joke: "How do porcupines kiss?" The answer: "Very carefully." In some ways that's how we started as laity and pastor, we proceeded very carefully. Both the people of Trinity and I were all recovering from our previous, difficult challenges. So, proceeding carefully seemed best. God seemed to have liked what we were doing, for we began to grow, first numerically, and then spiritually. As Paul reminds us and the Corinthians, we are all gifted in different ways, so that, when combined, we make for a solid ministry and a healthy congregation.

Endings tend to pave the way for new beginnings. Endings are often a time to reflect on the past to see what might be learned or celebrated, shared or corrected. As I look back on these nearly 4 decades together, my mind is aflood with memories.

For example, the time we needed to start a second worship service to accommodate all who were worshiping with us. The realization that we needed to expand our building and then embarking on construction—what a journey

that was! The time in a council meeting when the Treasurer requested a motion to allow her to move money from checking into savings as all our bills were paid. We all looked at each other confused because up to that point, we never had a “too much money problem”!

Looking back through old pictorial directories remind us of the myriads of people touched and blessed by this congregation. The countless children who attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. The tons—literally tons!—of items that have gone through our annual Yard Sale along with all those who benefitted from it. That Yard Sale started to help support Park Forest Day Nursery and we continue to do so today.

I think of all the social ministry agencies and programs we have supported. The Food Bank, Toys for Tots, winter clothing drive, not to mention the various gifts given by the congregation for one good cause or another like Interfaith Human Services and Out of the Cold. Trips to Mountain TOP have forever formed the faith and service in those who made that trip for so many years.

Think of all the meals we have shared. Over the years, we have been and continue to be home to a plethora of community and outside groups.

We started a Preschool that operated for a good long time until world events made us realize our building had not been constructed with a school in mind. Security for the kids was the main concern, but we were also limited to the number we could accommodate, when the needs of the school moved beyond the income, we had to close the school. (I still miss those days and the times I had with them in chapel!)

I have no idea how many children sermons we shared and how COVID-19 changed all that. Nonetheless, we still include our children in worship and ministry with Children’s Church.

We have celebrated weddings, baptism, graduations, confirmations, not to mention funerals. How many worship services have we shared? How often have we celebrated the Lord’s Supper and all the special feast day throughout the year? No idea! Simply amazing!

All I know for sure is that, through these years, God has richly blessed this congregation and seems to have approved many of our attempts to serve faithfully and obediently. It has been nothing short of amazing and breath taking! I am so thankful, and grateful to have been a part of it.

With that in mind, I do believe God has not brought Trinity this far to now simply turn away and let it go! There is far more God has in store for this congregation. He has more blessings to shower upon us, and through us God has designs to bless so many others as He has done in the past.

When we started, there were grave doubts about our feasibility as a ministry! Huh, look as us now! Now our doubts are about the future, but that’s my point! Trinity will move forward despite the doubts and fears that assail. Our history gives us hope in what God is going to do next. Perhaps it really is true: “The best is yet to come!” I am certain that God has your next pastor already in mind, but I do not know how long God will take to put the two of you together. I was in the call process at least two years before I met Trinity’s Call Committee.

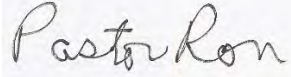
I will always carry you in my heart! You are so dear and beautiful to me. While my plans are to disappear for the rest of 2026, Ann and I are not planning on moving from the area at least for the foreseeable future.

So, for now, I take joy and comfort in what Paul reminds us: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” Whether together or apart, we will be reunited, if not in this world, certainly in the world-to-come, and there, for all eternity!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! God has blessed me and my family way beyond what words can say. It has been a profound joy and life changing journey with you on this adventure of faith in, with, and through, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

May we all trust in God as we move into God's future!

Love, joy, and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Ron". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Pastor Ron

Bulletin of Reports

Trinity Lutheran Church Council President's Yearly Report 2025–2026

Celebrating Change, Growth, and Community Together

As Council President, it is my privilege to present the yearly report for Trinity Lutheran Church, reflecting on the accomplishments, transitions, and spirit of gratitude that have shaped our community throughout 2025 and 2026.

Council Updates

We warmly welcome our newest council members: Brian Lewis, Dennis Zerbe, and Beth Robbins. Their commitment and fresh perspectives are already enriching our leadership team. This year, we also updated the church bulletin board to include all staff, ensuring everyone feels recognized and valued within our congregation.

Staff Transitions

It is with great appreciation that we announce Judy Lankis as our new Treasurer, and we thank Christy Bartley for her years as Treasurer. Additionally, we welcome Sue Forester as our Treasury Secretary and thank Kristen Kweitt for her contributions and service. Sue Glad has joined us as the new office administrator, and we express our deep gratitude to Debbie Fryer for her commitment and support during her tenure.

Congregational Growth

Trinity continues to flourish, with the addition of many new members. This growth is a testament to the welcoming spirit and faith-filled community that we share. We celebrate each new member as an important part of our church family.

Retirement Tributes

This year, we mark Pastor Ron's retirement. We feel both sadness at his departure and joy for his next chapter. His pastoral guidance, kindness, and remarkable cooking talents have left a lasting impression. We also acknowledge Ann Miller for her many contributions to Trinity. Both Pastor Ron and Ann will be deeply missed, and their legacies will remain part of our church's story.

Celebrating 60 Years of Ministry

This year, we celebrate Trinity Lutheran Church's 60th anniversary of ministry in State College, PA. Our longstanding presence has allowed us to serve generations, foster faith, and build lasting relationships within the community. As we look back on six decades of service, we are filled with gratitude for all who have been part of our journey.

We remain committed to continuing our growth and outreach, maintaining the spiritual health of our members, and strengthening our impact in State College and beyond. Through service, worship, and fellowship, we honor our past and look forward to the future.

Closing Remarks

On behalf of the Council, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all who serve, lead, and nurture our church. As we embrace new beginnings and honor those who have served, we look forward to continuing our mission in faith and unity.

Social Ministry

During **2025-2026**, the Social Ministry team helped strengthen our church community and share Christ's love with others. We supported worship, hosted fellowship events, and took part in outreach activities. Group meals, service projects, and partnerships with local organizations allowed us to meet real needs and build relationships with people of all ages.

Highlights included our Lenten Wednesday evening meals and services, Easter morning breakfast, and an Easter egg hunt for children and families. We hosted two puzzle contest events with supper and gathered in the summer for a July 4th barbecue. In outreach and community support, we participated in the CROP Walk, raising \$175, and held our annual yard sale, which raised **\$4,000** to support ministry and mission needs. We also partnered with our Scout troop for the annual spring clean-up, shared Christmas caroling at Harmony House, stayed actively involved with Toys for Tots, and supported the local food bank. On Halloween, we welcomed neighbors with a hospitality stand offering hot dogs and candy for trick-or-treaters.

We are thankful for every volunteer and donor who made these ministries possible. We look forward to more service and fellowship in the coming year. Through these ministries, we tried to be the hands and feet of Christ by sharing God's love, welcoming others, and serving our neighbors with compassion. *We pray that God will guide and bless our ministry, bringing hope, healing, and joy to everyone we serve.*

Worship & Music Report (2025–2026)

Worship and music provided significant encouragement this year. Under Graham Sanders' direction, the choir presented inspiring anthems from October through April. Barb Roberts delivered excellent preludes, postludes, and accompaniment.

Worship during 2025–2026 was strengthened by the weekly celebration of Holy Communion and by several important milestones in congregational life. Baptisms were celebrated throughout the year, and First Communion was observed with children and families as an important step in faith formation.

The return of the Passing of the Peace enhanced the service. Reaffirmation of Faith was celebrated with new members and confirmands. Graduates were recognized, and the congregation offered encouragement and support for their next steps.

The congregation also held Celebrations of Life for several members, offering commendation and Christian consolation to families and friends.

Ongoing attention is needed to maintain consistent worship leadership, including reliable volunteer coverage for Communion setup and cleanup, as well as for assisting ministers, lectors, ushers, and altar guild members. Effective scheduling and communication are essential for advanced coordination and managing last-minute changes.

Seasonal worship during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter requires additional planning, including extra rehearsals, expanded service schedules, and timely preparation of materials.

For 2026–2027, priorities include recruiting and training more worship assistants, continuing weekly Communion with clear guidance for visitors and new worshipers, and maintaining recognition of faith milestones and life transitions.

During this transition, worship will be offered at three weekly services: one on Saturday evening and two on Sunday. Outdoor services will be paused and are expected to resume once pastoral leadership is in place.

In summary, Trinity’s worship life in 2025–2026 showed steady participation, meaningful observances, and strong musical support. The congregation is well-positioned to sustain these strengths while addressing ongoing volunteer and planning needs during the upcoming pastoral transition.

We sincerely thank all who served in worship leadership and support roles this year, including assisting ministers, lectors, ushers, altar guild members, communion preparers, and musicians. Your faithful service is a true gift to the congregation and helps create a welcoming, meaningful, and spiritually nourishing experience for all.

Christian Education Ministry

Throughout the year, Trinity Lutheran Church offered meaningful Christian education programs that supported spiritual growth, discipleship, and fellowship for all ages. These initiatives demonstrated the congregation’s ongoing commitment to faith formation through worship, study, discussion, and shared experiences.

Children’s Church continued as a key part of the congregation’s educational ministry during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Led by Tricia Hunt and held during the sermon, this program offered children age-appropriate opportunities for Christian learning, reflection, and engagement.

Children's Church will resume in September. Additional consideration is being made about the possibility of reviving Youth Group in the Fall for children in grades 4-8. If you would be interested in participating, or simply want to provide input, please reach out to Tricia (synergie17@gmail.com).

On several Wednesday evenings, the congregation gathered to view *The Chosen*, followed by dinner and discussion. These events allowed participants to reflect on the series' themes, deepen their understanding of scripture, and strengthen relationships within the church community.

Alina Gayeuski presented a book talk on *Beyond the Stained Glass Ceiling*, which included dinner and a discussion with the author. This event further enriched the congregation’s Christian education offerings. Together, these programs supported the church’s mission of lifelong learning, faithful reflection, and spiritual growth.

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Trinity Lutheran Church

Income and Expenses vs. Budget

July 2025 through April 2026

	Jul '25 - Apr 26	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
1000 · Current	149,917.00	179,166.68
1002 · LP/Cash	5,343.00	3,500.00
1004 · LP/Check	59,577.00	40,358.34
1008 · Seasonal	6,313.00	5,000.00
1012 · Miscellaneous Income	59,588.60	5,208.00
1020 · Building Use	0.00	2,500.00
Total Income	280,738.60	235,733.02
Gross Profit	280,738.60	235,733.02
Expense		
5000 · Christian Education		
5001 · CE/Budgeted Amount	0.00	625.00
5005 · CE/Adult Program Material	0.00	0.00
5011 · CE/Confirmation/1st Communion	32.14	0.00
5015 · CE/Training	47.00	
5021 · CE/Lutheran Magazine	211.55	0.00
5031 · CE/SS Materials	127.45	0.00
5037 · CE/Miscellaneous	364.28	
5039 · CE/Bible	0.00	0.00
5000 · Christian Education - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 · Christian Education	782.42	625.00
5101 · Healthcare/Add. Pension/PM	10,428.98	18,980.00
5105 · Housing Allowance	31,477.80	31,465.00
5107 · Pension/PM	8,961.96	7,695.80
5109 · Mutual Funds/PM	1,643.30	1,643.30
5110 · Cell Phone Expense	0.00	600.00
5119 · Professional Dev. Expense	124.79	1,566.66
5121 · PE/Auto Allowance	2,075.42	1,833.34
5160 · Payroll Expenses	80,341.47	111,300.00
5201 · Fellowship		
5202 · Fellowship/Budgeted Amount	0.00	2,500.00
5203 · FE/Coffee Hour	72.23	0.00
5205 · FE/General	11,843.42	0.00
5201 · Fellowship - Other	1,870.98	
Total 5201 · Fellowship	13,786.63	2,500.00
5300 · Allegheny Synod/ELCAsupport/Out	21,631.31	22,083.34
5304 · Mission Trips/Budget Item	0.00	0.00
5306 · Devotionals	112.70	250.00
5310 · Youth Ministry/Budget Item	0.00	625.00
5511 · Stewardship	469.40	333.34
5600 · Worship and Music		
5601 · Worship and Music/Budgeted	0.00	2,333.34
5603 · WM/Altar Supplies	380.88	0.00
5605 · WM/Choir Supplies	31.79	0.00
5631 · WM/Miscellaneous	2,187.32	0.00
5635 · WM/Substitute Organist	1,650.00	0.00
Total 5600 · Worship and Music	4,249.99	2,333.34
5641 · Supply Pastor	389.00	1,500.00
5700 · Administration		
5701 · Administration/Budgeted	0.00	3,333.34
5702 · Ad/Copier Maintenance Agreement	2,509.90	0.00
5703 · Ad/Copies	66.46	0.00
5704 · Ad/Membership and Bank Fees	524.29	0.00
5711 · Ad/Office Supplies	1,458.71	0.00
5721 · Ad/Postage	318.71	0.00
5732 · Ad/Miscellaneous	641.75	0.00

Trinity Lutheran Church
Income and Expenses vs. Budget
 July 2025 through April 2026

	Jul '25 - Apr 26	Budget
Total 5700 · Administration	5,519.82	3,333.34
5800 · EV/Communications/Social Min.	44.36	833.34
5900 · Property		
5901 · Property/Budgeted Amount	0.00	38,958.34
5902 · PR/Capital Improvement	0.00	0.00
5903 · PR/Repair & Replace/Contracts	17,351.50	0.00
5904 · PR/Church Equipment	5,070.00	0.00
5905 · PR/Church Supplies	60.04	0.00
5911 · PR/Insurance	9,817.04	0.00
5925 · PR/Snow Removal-Lawn Svcs.	9,362.10	0.00
5931 · PR/Electric	4,677.21	0.00
5935 · PR/Gas	5,316.94	0.00
5941 · PR/Sewer	363.00	0.00
5945 · PR/Telephone	1,517.47	0.00
5951 · PR/Trash	3,251.46	0.00
5955 · PR/Water	408.46	0.00
Total 5900 · Property	57,195.22	38,958.34
5970 · Congregational Mission	100.00	8,333.34
Total Expense	239,334.57	256,792.48
Net Ordinary Income	41,404.03	-21,059.46
Net Income	41,404.03	-21,059.46

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Cash Basis

Trinity Lutheran Church
Bank and Investment Accounts
 with Mortgage and Auto Loan

	Apr 26	Mar 26	\$ Change
1100 · Northwest/Checking Account	19,550.03	19,995.96	-445.93
1102 · Northwest/Building Fund	0.05	0.05	0.00
1103 · Northwest/Savings Account	31,248.63	31,248.63	0.00
1105 · Northwest/Youth Savings	2,266.23	2,266.21	0.02
1123 · Northwest/Memorial Fund	3,605.64	3,605.61	0.03
1126 · Incyte Corporation	14,290.50	14,118.00	172.50
1127 · RBC Bank Deposit Program	29,835.40	29,677.14	158.26
1130 · Lincoln Electric Co.	53,000.00	49,816.00	3,184.00
TOTAL	153,796.48	150,727.60	3,068.88

BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
July 2025-June 2026	July 2026 - June 2027

INCOME

Envelope Giving
 Loose Plate Cash
 Loose Plate Check
 Seasonal Giving
 Building Use
 Miscellaneous Income

TOTAL INCOME		
	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 290,000.00

EXPENSES

Budget \$\$ determined by Council

Personnel		
Pastoral Compensation	\$ 92,315.00	\$ 75,000.00
Benefits	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 24,000.00
Staff Salaries	\$ 71,120.00	\$ 74,676.00
Employee Taxes	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00
Auto (Mileage)	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Administrative/Finance		
Allegheny Synod/ELCA Support (Tithe)	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 29,000.00
Mortgage	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,500.00
Property & Utilities	\$ 46,750.00	\$ 51,425.00
Stewardship	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
TLC Ministries		
Christian Ed	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
VBS	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Ministries	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Worship & Music	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 5,000.00
Fellowship	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Lay Ministry/Devotional Materials	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Supply Pastors	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 17,000.00
Outreach/Social Ministry		
Evangelism/Social Ministry	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Mission Trips	\$ -	\$ -
Congregational Mission	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 304,785.00	\$ 312,601.00
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	\$ (14,785.00)	\$ (\$22,601)