

# Trinity Trumpet

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## Pastor's Ponderings:

Lent is here and during this season there are usually a number of special services the church offers as we walk with Jesus the road to the Cross and Resurrection. The services are full of ceremony. The liturgies are full of responses, spoken and sung. While the ceremony is important, the ceremony itself will not change the heart.

I love the story that Garrison Keiler would tell on *Prairie Home Companion* each year during Lent. It was about Ole. Ole was a

German Lutheran farmer who experienced several significant life changes.

When Ole quit farming and moved, he discovered he was the only Lutheran in his new town of all Catholics. That was okay, but the neighbors had a problem with his barbecuing beef every Friday. They were not allowed to eat red meat on Fridays, but the tempting aroma was getting the best of them. Beside themselves, they got together and confronted Ole.

"Ole," they said, "since you are the only Lutheran in this whole town and there's not a Lutheran church for many miles, we think you should join our church and become a Catholic." Ole thought about it for a minute and decided they were right. Ole talked to the priest, and they arranged it.

The big day came, and the priest had Ole kneel. He put his hand on Ole's head and said, "Ole, you were born a Lutheran, you were raised a Lutheran, and now," he said as he sprinkled some incense over Ole's head, "you are a Catholic!"

Both Ole and the neighbors were happy. But the following Friday evening, the aroma of grilled beef still wafted from Ole's yard. The neighbors went to talk to him about this, and as they approached the fence they heard Ole saying something strangely familiar to the steak: "You were born a beef, you were raised a beef, and now" he said as he sprinkled salt over the meat, "you are a fish!"

This Lent I invite you to listen to the ceremony, take it to heart, and allow it to change your life in the work of the Holy Spirit to lead you to Jesus.

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## Consistory Corner

The Consistory met on Monday, February 8, 2021 for the first time in 2021. The following items were acted upon by the Consistory:

President, Tom Calvert, began the review of Committee Assignments. He will be meeting with Vice President, Larry Hay, and Pastor Dave to go over the list for 2021. It was decided to delete Global Missions Committee due to inactivity of this area. It will be restored when it is needed.

Discussion of resumption of Sunday School for all ages. The Consistory is asking Christian Education to meet, determine the best course of action, and move forward.

Approved the request of Meals on Wheels for a donation of \$175.00 for desserts for the first week of April from the Margaret Fisher Fund.

Approved of holding joint Holy Week Services with Zion Lutheran, Meyersdale. Maundy Thursday will be at Zion Lutheran, and Good Friday service will be held at Trinity. Both services will begin at 7 p.m.

Pastor announced that the Penn West Conference has asked each congregation to provide a gift of \$250.00 for Medical Debt Relief for those of the region. The goal is to raise \$15,000 between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday throughout the Conference. This will retire \$1.5 million dollars of debt. Consistory approved this request. Please mark on your offering

envelope “Penn West or Medical Debt” to have your gift credited to this endeavor.

Pastor reminded the Consistory that we need delegates for Somerset Association and Penn West Conference meetings for 2021. The Conference meeting on Saturday, June 12 will be via ZOOM. The church will pay the registration fee of \$20.00 per person. We are eligible to send 3 representatives from Trinity. Tom Croner will complete his term as Conference Moderator at this meeting.

The Sound Committee is working with several bidders to secure equipment to allow our Sunday worship service to be “live streamed” via Facebook and our Webpage. Bids will be presented next month at Consistory.

Amy Clark and Jean Hart will be coordinating Vacation Bible School 2021 at a date for this summer to be determined.

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**Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2021 at Trinity**

Series: ***On The Road with Jesus***

**Sunday, March 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Text: John 2:12-22**

**Sermon: *Holy House Cleaning***

**Sunday, March 14 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – *Sunday of Joy in Lent***

**Text: John 3:9-21**

**Sermon: *Loved, Gave, Believe, Life***

**Sunday, March 21 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Text: John 12: 27-36**

**Sermon: *The King and His Cross***

**Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday**

**Text: Mark 11:1-11**

**Sermon: *The Lord Needs It***

**April 1 – Maundy Thursday**

**Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar**

**At Zion Lutheran Church, Meyersdale – 7 p.m.**

**April 2 – Good Friday**

**Service of Shadows and Darkness**

**At Trinity Church, Berlin – 7 p.m.**

**April 4 – Easter Sunday**

**Worship at 8 and 9:30 a.m.**

**Festival Holy Communion**

**Text: John 20:1-18**

**Sermon: *Two Graves, Two Gardens***

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### **Pastor Making Hospital Visits**

Currently our Pastor is permitted to make pastoral visits on those not suffering from COVID-19 at all UPMC Hospitals, Windber, and Conemaugh Memorial Hospitals. He is being extremely careful and taking all necessary precautions to stay healthy. He is also making “phone” visits as able. Please do not hesitate to let him know when pastoral care is desired. He has been able to secure vaccinations so by the end of March he will be fully vaccinated.

### **Church Office Hours**

Trinity Church Office Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pastor Dave takes Monday as his Day Off. On Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning he is at Zion Lutheran, Meyersdale.

## Caregiver Sought

A member of Trinity Church is seeking a home caregiver 3 to 4 days a week for 2 to 3 hours a day. This person would do light housework, prepare a meal, and provide companionship for a “senior saint.” If you or someone you know would be interested in this type of position, please speak with Pastor Dave. He will be able to provide additional details.

## The Allen Organ

The new Allen Organ in our sanctuary continues to be improved as sound samples and audio adjustments are made to the instrument. Pastor has “conquered” the function of programming and replaying selections from his cell phone. Mr. Lucente, who designed the organ, looks forward to coming to Berlin for several days as he says, “to guild the lily” for final adjustments. A dedication concert on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Reformation Day, is tentatively scheduled with Mr. Lucente. It promises to be a “hauntingly wonderful concert!”

**Financial Reports for January**, submitted by our Financial Secretary, Renee Gindlesperger and Treasurer, Jean Ann Darr

	CURRENT	MAINTENANCE	BENEVOLENCE
<b>Beg. Balance</b>	\$43,571.22	\$560.27	\$0
<b>Receipts</b>	\$12,624.83	\$4,685.22	\$1781.00
<b>Distributions</b>	\$12,334.33	\$905.95	\$1065.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$43,861.72	\$4339.64	\$716.00

Benevolence disbursements as follows: Berlin Food Pantry (Individual Donations) – \$1065

Memorials (as of 2/14/21):

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Lester Coslic.**

Gifts were given to the Berlin Food Pantry in Memory of **Lester Coslic.**

A gift was given to the Hugs & Kisses in Memory of **Lester Coslic.**

A gift was given to the Organ Fund in Memory of **Lester Coslic.**

A gift was given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in Memory of **Lester Coslic.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Derron Twombly.**

Gifts were given to the Berlin Food Pantry in Memory of **Derron Twombly.**

A gift was given to the Organ Fund in Memory of **Derron Twombly.**

A gift was given to the Hugs & Kisses in Memory of **Derron Twombly.**

A gift was given to the Berlin Food Pantry in Memory of **Frank & Ruth Ream and Frank Ream Jr.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Charlie Will.**

A gift was given to the Berlin Food Pantry in Memory of **Charlie Will.**

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in Memory of **Evelyn Hillegass.**

A gift was given to the Hugs & Kisses in Memory of **Evelyn Hillegass.**

A gift was given to the Berlin Food Pantry in Memory of **Katie Bell.**

## **Special Committees:**

If any member has interest in serving on a special committee, please contact Tom Calvert, Larry Hay or call the church office.

### **Standing Committee (Meets as Needed)**

Christian Education	Communion
Fellowship & Funerals	Hugs & Kisses
Music	Nursery
Property	

### **Special Committee (Meets as Needed)**

Child Clearance Committee  
Social Media Committee  
Trinity Youth Fellowship  
Christmas Decoration  
Endowment  
Sound  
Trinity Outreach  
Paraments

*Thank  
you!*

**Thank You from Berlin Brothersvalley School District:** Words cannot express our appreciation for the generosity of your congregation. The gifts you donated to the families within our district made such a difference for them this past holiday season. Miracles happen every day, but your church made some of those miracles happen this Christmas. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Berlin community!



**Thank You from the family of Lester Coslic:** Thank you so very much for your donations to the Memorial Fund in Lester's name.

**Thank You. . .**

To Jason Clark, Jim Darr, and Darrell McKlintock for installing the speaker fabric in the organ chamber over the audio frame. When you look over at the organ pipes, it looks like a wall is behind the pipes.

To Chris King and Ann Slifco for the new clock that PD can see clearly which was given to him for his birthday. A reminder to start and finish church on time!

**Thank you from Birthright of Somerset:** Dear Congregation of Trinity UCC Berlin, thank you for participating in the 2020 Birthright Giving Tree Drive. Your kindness and generosity allow us to provide a much-needed layette of baby items to each "Birthright Baby" born throughout the year. With Gratitude, Birthright of Somerset Inc.



### **Those Remembered in Prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

### **Shut Ins:**

Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Fae Hetrick, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

### **Healing Concerns:**

Cassie Albright, Mark Amyot, Terry Coslic, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Susan Durst, Wilma Durst, Bryan Emerick, Tony Fertitta, Linda Gallick, Janet Gindlesperger, Kathryn Grimm, Brenda Leister, Tom Logston, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bob & Bonnie Murphy, Karol Saylor, Tyler Seifert, Dwight Smith, Harry Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, John Will, Karen Will.



"I am the  
*resurrection*  
and the  
*life.*"

JOHN 11:25

**We commend to our Lord Jesus  
Christ the following persons to  
eternal life:**

**Derron Twombly  
February 4, 1973  
January 26, 2021**

**Gary Kimmel  
Son of Mary Margaret Forespring  
July 15, 1950  
February 2, 2021**

**We pray for God's peace and  
comfort for the families.**

## **Worship Assistants March/April**

### **March 7th**

Sound: Tom Croner, Jim Darr  
Flowers: Nancy Hittie & Family

### **March 14th**

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas  
Flowers: Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

### **March 21st**

Sound: Terry Luteri, David Saylor  
Flowers: Michelle Vaughn & Nicole Parish

### **March 28th**

Sound: Alan Brick, Tyler Gindlesperger  
Flowers: Leonard & Shirley Gary

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Good Friday)**

Sound: Russ Hillegas, Terry Luteri

### **April 4<sup>th</sup> (Easter)**

8:00 Service Sound: David Saylor, Tyler Gindlesperger  
9:30 Service Sound: Alan Brick, Tom Croner  
Flowers: Debbie Boyer

### **April 11th**

Sound: Jim Darr, Tyler Gindlesperger  
Flowers: Larry & Gale Hay

### **April 18th**

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas  
Flowers: Robert & Lois Boburchock

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Sound: Terry Luteri, David Saylor

Flowers: Michele Romesberg

Bulletin: Craig, Amanda, Knox & Tatum Stiffler



**Let's Have Some Fun!**

Audrey Twombly will be turning 90 Years Young  
On April 20<sup>th</sup>.

We have omitted this page from her newsletter so it is a  
**"SECRET"!**

We all know she could use a "pick me up" so let's take the time to make her day by showering her with birthday cards. Let's even get the kids involved by having them make her a card.

Her address is:

714 Meadow St  
Berlin PA 15530

If for any reason you are unable to mail your card, please feel free to drop it off at the church office prior to April 20<sup>th</sup> and we will be sure it gets to her. There is a mail slot in the office door so if we are closed you may place it there.