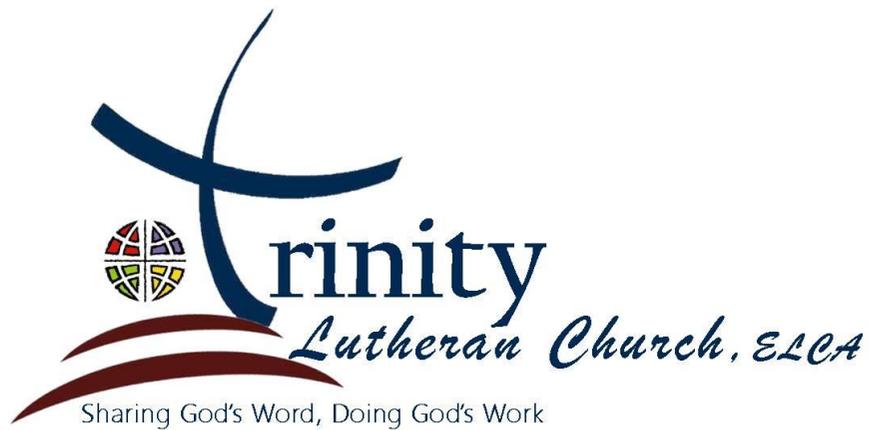


Annual Report

Trinity Lutheran Church
Madison, South Dakota
2016



**2016 ANNUAL REPORT
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA
PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Dirk Hagmaier and Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

SUPPORT STAFF

Youth & Education Director	Sandy Rhode, AIM
Executive Administrative Assistant	Marlys Schmidt
Administrative Assistant	Julie Jones
Worship and Music Ministry	Alex Eykamp
Wedding Coordinator	Robin Boldt
Custodial & Maintenance Manager	David Reed
Preschool Director	Melissa Palmquist
Preschool Assistant	Summer duRandt

CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Beth Delzer
Vice-President	David Rossing
Secretary	Joan Merager
Treasurer	Katie Nelson

DEACONS

Chair	Michael Brooke '17
Worship & Music	Nancy Sabbe '19
Mission Momentum	Ann Marie Rossing '18
Life & Growth	Susan Langner '17
Services & Sacraments	Linda Brick '17
Evangelical Outreach	Michael Brooke '17

PARISH EDUCATION

Chair	Becky Brown '17
Confirmation	Becky Brown '17
Elementary Education	Amy Townsend '18
Youth Ministry	Adam Shaw '19
Early Childhood	Julie Jones '19
Continuing Education/Library	Carolyn Feige '19

TRUSTEES

Chair	Roger Olson '17
Development & Planning	Peggy Hoff '18
Sanctuary Property	Stacy Krusemark '17
Education Wing Property	Wayne Halma '20
Stewardship	Keith Knutson '19
Insurance	Randy VanRosendale '17

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THE 129th ANNUAL MEETING
Trinity Lutheran Church
Madison, South Dakota
Sunday, January 22, 2017 12:05 pm

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order: President Beth Delzer
- II. Adoption of Rules
 - A. Please extend courtesy to all when speaking at the microphones.
 - B. Unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of the assembly, all speeches during discussion shall be limited to two minutes.
 - C. A speaker on one side of the question shall be followed by a speaker on the other side.
- III. Declare a quorum (10% of voting members)
- IV. Scripture Reading and Prayer
- V. Secretary's Minutes of 129th Annual Meeting
- VI. Reports
 - A. President Beth Delzer
 - B. Rev. Dirk Hagmaier & Rev. Constanze Hagmaier
 - C. Auditor, Rachael Jencks
 - D. Treasurer, Katie Nelson
 - E. Financial, Katie Nelson
 - F. Nominating Committee, Chris Giles
 - 1. Further Nominations (must have consent of nominee)
 - 2. Balloting
 - G. Foundation Commission, Dr. David Rossing
 - H. Board of Trustees, Roger Olson
 - I. Board of Deacons, Dr. Michael Brooke
 - J. Board of Parish Education, Becky Brown
 - K. Youth & Education Director, Sandy Rhode, AIM
 - L. Milestone Ministry Committee, Sandy Rhode, AIM
 - M. Preschool, Melissa Feige Palmquist
 - N. Women of Trinity
 - 1. President, Nancy Miller
 - 2. Treasurer, Sharon Halseth
 - O. South Dakota Synod, Letter from Bishop David Zellmer
 - P. Bethel Lutheran Home, Norman Adenas
 - Q. Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota
 - R. Lutheran Social Services
 - S. Troop 5 Boy Scouts of America
 - T. Faith Community Nursing, Tracy Opdahl, RN
- VII. Vote on 2017 Mission Plan (Budget)
- VIII. "TLC Tender Loving Care Campaign" Proposal
- VIII. Other

The 129th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Trinity Lutheran Church
Madison, South Dakota
Sunday, January 17, 2016, 12:10 pm

The 129th Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, South Dakota, was called to order by President at 12:10 P.M.

Adoption of Rules: President Tom Rook reminded everyone to do the following:

- A. Please extend courtesy to all when speaking at the microphones.
- B. Unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of the assembly, all speeches during discussion shall be limited to two minutes.
- C. A speaker on one side of the question shall be followed by a speaker on the other side.

President Rook declared a quorum.

The secretary's minutes of the 128th Annual Meeting were presented as recorded. Jeanine Reed made a correction to the minutes on page 7; the original motion stated the year "2016"; it should have been "2015". The corrected motion reads as follows: "Tom Farrell moved to amend the original motion and to approve Faith Community Nursing as a ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church in 2015 with full funding provided outside the 2015 Trinity Lutheran Church mission plan, and to authorize the council to evaluate the need throughout 2015 with possible inclusion in 2016 Mission Plan, if found to be a Trinity Lutheran Church ministry need." Pastor Dirk moved to accept the corrected minutes and Kurt Christiansen seconded. Motion carried.

President Tom Rook thanked everyone for the honor to be president and for their trust, faith, and support during his presidency of Trinity Lutheran. He noted it takes a group to work together to accomplish our missions. He thanked the boards and said it gave him a new appreciation of what goes into each board and their responsibilities. He thanked the Trustees and Trustee chair, Jody Bergheim, for handling all the funds, the Board of Parish Education and Parish Education chair, Jennifer Briggs, for all they do for our youth, the Board of Deacons and Deacon chair, Sandy Cole, for putting our church services together. He expressed thanks to our treasurer Katie Nelson and to Keith Knutson, a member of the finance committee for their advisory function. He also thanked Marlys Schmidt for keeping our church organized and Dave Reed for the fine job in maintaining the building. He also extended a thank you to Vice President Beth Delzer for her support. We are blessed to have Pastor Constanze and Pastor Dirk in our community and he thanked them for their service to Trinity Lutheran Church. President Rook encouraged the congregation to continue supporting missions and ministries.

Pastor Dirk led the annual congregational meeting opening liturgy book and the Litany was read responsively.

Pastor Dirk reported he had just attended a conference in Chamberlain where they discussed the challenges our church faces. He said all ministries have to be financed and he feels we are extremely blessed. Pastor Dirk reminded us Bob Ellsworth will soon be conducting a campaign for the Synod "Listen! God is Calling."

Pastor Constanze reported that all bills are paid and we met our expenses with a \$14,800.00 surplus. She was thankful for many things this past year. She stated that she has been thankful for their new baby, Emma, and for the council and the church staff for letting her work on a flexible schedule. She reported that the TV screens are up in the narthex which is a good exposure to multimedia within our church family. She pointed out that the increased use of social media like Facebook and You Tube spreads Trinity beyond our walls. She is thankful for the many new members we have welcomed this past year. It was difficult to say goodbye to Jane Schubert, our receptionist who moved to Mitchell, and to our organist

Colleen Tucker who retired and is traveling in Europe. Pastor Constanze asked the congregation to keep Faith Community Nursing in our prayers as they will soon be interviewing three candidates. She ended her report by noting that 2017 will be the 500th anniversary of Reformation.

Auditors Report: Auditor Rachael Jencks reviewed the 2015 church financial records and found them in proper order.

Treasurer and Financial Reports: President Rook presented the Treasurer and Financial reports. A motion to approve was made by Beth Delzer and seconded by Jennifer Briggs. Motion carried

President Rook presented the slate of new officers and asked for further nominations. Kurt Christiansen moved that nominations cease and Danny Brown seconded. Motion carried.

The nominating committee report is as follows for the 2016 year:

Vice President – Dr. David Rossing

Trustees:

Stewardship – Keith Knutson ('19)
Insurance – Tom Hansen ('19)

Deacons:

Sacraments and Services – Barb Jorgensen ('19)
Worship and Music – Nancy Sabbe ('19)

Parish Education:

Continuing Education – Carolyn Feige ('19)
Parish Education/Preschool and Early Childhood – Julie Jones ('19)
Youth Ministry – Adam Shaw ('19)

Nominating Committee:

Council Delegate/one year – Jennifer Briggs ('17)
Council Delegate/one year – Sandy Cole ('17)
Congregational Delegate/three years – Randy Van Rosendale ('19)
Congregational Delegate/three years – Nancy Persuhn ('19)

Trinity Foundation:

Five Year Term – Nancy Kasuske ('21)
Completing a Resignation Term – Rob Thuringer ('18)

Bethel Delegates:

Cheryl Iverson ('20)
Myron Downs ('20)

The current Bethel Delegates are:

Tom Farrell ('16)
Sharon Carlson ('16)
Dan Carlson ('17)
Kay Johnson ('18)
Joyce Farrell ('18)
Lana Johnson ('19)
Millie Moser ('19)

David Wheeler moved to approve all reports “C through “T” as prepared for the Annual Report Booklet. Jody Bergheim seconded. Motion carried. The reports are as follows:

- C. Auditor, Rachael Jencks
- D. Treasurer, Katie Nelson
- E. Financial, Katie Nelson
- F. Nominating Committee, Joyce Farrell
 - 1. Further Nominations (must have consent of nominee)
 - 2. Balloting
- G. Foundation Commission, Tom Farrell
- H. Board of Trustees, Jody Bergheim
- I. Board of Deacons, Sandy Cole
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Beth Delzer moved to accept the 2016 Mission Plan (Budget); it was seconded by Wade Briggs. Motion carried.

President Rook asked for other items for discussion. There were being none, he again thanked the congregation for the honor of serving Trinity Lutheran Church.

Pastor Dirk thanked Tom and the council for the great leadership.

President Rook introduced the new council president for 2016, Beth Delzer, and she in turn thanked Tom Rook for his years on the council and his year as president. She asked for a motion to adjourn the 129th Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting. Diane Bruns made the motion and Dick Ellis seconded. Motion carried. The meeting closed with all standing and saying The Lord’s Prayer.

Pastor Constanze reminded the council there would be a short meeting with their boards immediately following adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Merager, Council Secretary

PRESIDENT BETH DELZER

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Trinity Congregation,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your congregation President this past year. I have appreciated the opportunity to work with many talented and faithful individuals. All of these volunteers who have taken the time to work together on our church council this past year truly have Trinity's best interests in their hearts.

Trinity continued to carry on its mission plan of "Sharing God's Word, Doing God's Work" throughout 2016. The past months have given us all the opportunity to share our "Time and Talents" in many wonderful missions, programs, Bible studies, service groups, special task forces; the list goes on. Whether you were an active participant, a silent donator, or provided continued prayers for the growth and health of all Trinity's programming areas or congregational members, you are appreciated! Staff members who are committed to carrying on all the daily operations of a large active church, which is no small task, and for everyone playing a part in the facilitation of each detail, you are appreciated! Church council members who have and will continue to carry on Trinity's missions plan to the best of your ability I would like to say, "Thank you, you are appreciated!" Pastors who continue to bring us words of comfort, encouragement, spiritual guidance, and friendship, you are appreciated! Without all of you working collectively together, Trinity would be in a much different place.

Where do we go from here? Growth within Trinity spiritually, financially and structurally is still happening and will continue throughout 2017. We need all of you to step up and bring your "Time and Talents" to the table. Even though God provides every need within Trinity in His time, we still need volunteers to bring forth the facilitations of His plan. Each of you know what your strengths are; I challenge you to share them with the Trinity family in 2017.

In Christ,

Beth Delzer

2016 Council President

REV. DIRK HAGMAIER & REV. CONSTANZE HAGMAIER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Trinity's mission statement reads "Sharing God's Word. Doing God's Work." And as you read through this annual report, you will find colorful evidence of doing exactly that. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the 2016 highlights and to allow you a glimpse into the 2017 plans.

2016 Highlights

- Successful implementation of the Faith Community Nurse ministry
- Coffee with the Council
- Council Board Summer Sundaes Sundays
- Summer engagement activity "Flat Trinity"
- Fall Stewardship Events "The ACT of Giving"
- Calling of a part time receptionist (Julie Jones)
- Calling of a part time organist and music minister (Alex Eykamp)
- "Nailed it!" Video course on Lutheranism
- Advent Bible study groups
- Miracle Treat Day Activities
- New members were welcomed
- Advent Cantata
- LYO Tennessee mission trip & local missions
- Summer camping ministries
- Manifold world and local missions such as sponsoring missionaries through the foundation, assembling health kits, supporting the Lake County Food Pantry, attending St. Dysmas worship services, assembling quilts, serving the Gathering, delivering gifts to the homebound, and many more.
- Growing Milestone ministry
- Men's Group
- Lydia circle

2017 Projections/Outlook

- Congregational Council/Staff/Foundation Retreat with Dr. R. Hanson on January 28th to draft short and long term visions for mission and ministry.
- Possible "TLC Tender Loving Care" campaign, which will address urgent needs, needed improvements and long term visions.
- Godspeed and farewell to Ms. Melissa who has served as TLC's Preschool director for the past 12 years. Thank you for your faithfulness in service, Melissa!
- Calling of a new Preschool director and/or assistant.

Of course, you sprinkle all those 2016 highlights and the 2017 outlook with well-crafted worship services, educational ministries, a deep running love for music ministry, personal relationships, dedicated volunteers and a knowledgeable staff. We would like to thank you for your continued trust in our leadership and support of our family.

**In Christ's service,
Pastors Dirk & Constanze**

PAROCHIAL REPORT 2016

	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
Membership as of December 31, 2015	1756	1272
Members received during 2016:		
By baptism: (16 years +)	0	0
By baptism: children (15 years & younger)	16	0
By transfer from ELCA member congregations	11	5
By transfer from other Lutheran congregations	0	0
From non-Lutheran congregations	6	4
Other	3	1
<hr/> Total new members during 2016	<hr/> 36	<hr/> 10
Members removed during 2016:		
By death	12	12
By transfer to other ELCA congregations	3	3
By transfer to other Lutheran congregations	2	2
To non-Lutheran congregations	2	2
By inactive/out of area/by request	0	0
<hr/> Total removed during 2016	<hr/> 19	<hr/> 19
 Membership as of December 31, 2016	 1773	 1263
Total number of Saturday/Sunday worship services during the year		139
Total number of weekday worship services during the year		10
Total number of services with Holy Communion		63
Total number of Wednesday eve services during Lent (7:00PM)		6
Average number in attendance each week at worship		
Saturday 6:00 PM Traditional Worship	33	
Sunday 8:45 AM Traditional Worship	115	
Sunday 11:00 AM Celebration Worship	165	
Attendance at:		
Maundy Thursday Service	329	
Good Friday Service	58	
Watch the Lamb	220	
Sunrise Service	129	
Affirmation of Baptism Service	187	
Blue Christmas Service	41	
Christmas Eve 5:00 PM Service	592	
Christmas Eve 10:00 PM Service	116	
Christmas Day 9:30 AM Service	111	

Baptisms – 2016

January 16, 2016 – Brittyn Janae Bjorklund, daughter of Joshua and Neisha Bjorklund
January 31, 2016 – Jack Elliot Thuringer, son of Robert and Kirsten Thuringer
February 21, 2016 – Henry Lee Hentges, son of Bryan and Meagan Hentges
April 3, 2016 – Mila Marie Johnson, Sam and Natae Johnson
April 10, 2016 – Conor Sylvester Kearin, son of Josh Kearin and Danie Rosheim
August 14, 2016 – Courtlyn Joy Hanson, daughter of Matt and Beth Hanson
August 21, 2016 – Tucker Jameson-Duane Sargent, son of Amanda Sargent-Swedlund
August 28, 2016 – Elliot Klein, son of Andrew Hansen and Jill Klein
September 17, 2016 – Riley Estelle Bruna, daughter of Aly and Devon Bruna
September 25, 2016 – Arya Rae Muller, daughter of Lucas and Amber Muller
October 2, 2016 – Eden Eileen Hanson, daughter of Chase and Lindsey Hanson
October 15, 2016 – Corben Lee Hansen, son of Jared and Melody Hansen
October 29, 2016 – Brecklynn Ann Olson, daughter of Justin and Kristin Olson
October 30, 2016 – Grady Lee Anderson, son of Eric and Erica Anderson
December 25, 2016 – Cameron James Core, son of Patrick and Casey Core
December 25, 2016 – Wilder Louis Crowfoot Keane, son of Daniel Keane and Jennifer Tomscha

Affirmation of Baptism - Rite of Confirmation October 30th, 2016

Amanda JoAnn Bensen
Brayden Lee Bjorklund
Cody Tyler Brown
Hailey Elizabeth Delzer
Elizabeth Mae Ellingson
Andrew Paul Ersland
Kelsey Rae Gustaf
Morgan Nicole Hansen
Marissa Jolaine Kearin
Kaden Lee Krusemark
McKenna Rae Kryger
Benjamin Charles Lester
Sawyer D. Miller
Keaton John Nighbert
Madison Mae Townsend

Deaths – 2016

Members:

January 12, 2016 – Emanuel “Ben” Sorensen
March 4, 2016 – Arlys J. Stanford
March 23, 2016- H. Paul Dillion
June 1, 2016- Bert J. Verhey
July 25, 2016 -Jerome “Jerry” Casper
August 21, 2016-Ruth Elaine Casper
September 12, 2016- RoseMarie Eilertson
October 17, 2016- Marvin D. Eilertson
November 8, 2016- Mary E. Bergan
November 11, 2016-Robert O. Olson
November 14, 2016-James “Jim” Stearns
December 6, 2016- Beunetta Braund

Non-Members:

February 26, 2016- Ruth Ann Groves
March 4, 2016-Doris H. Moose
-July 11, 2016-Mary A. Boldt
-August 10, 2016-Kathryn Stip Miller
August 12, 2016-Philip R. Parent
September 25, 2016-Henry "Hank" Morgan

New Members – 2016

March:

Joshua Kearin, Danielle Rosheim

June:

Mikael, Amanda, Heidi, and Brian Palli

August:

Sid Moorhead

September:

Eric, Erica, and Nolan Anderson from Peace Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

November:

Anne Elisa, Triston, and Daniel Brown from St. John's Lutheran, Ramona, SD
Andy and Kristy Ullom
Michelle Ellingson and Austin, Brionna, Alexis Joppa
James and Charles Callahan

Members Transferred out – 2016

February:

Deloris Rowland to First United Methodist Church, Huron, SD

March:

Jane Prouty to Zion Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD
Kari Woldt

April:

Ashley Mette to St. John Lutheran Church, Madison, SD

November:

Dennis and Nyla Barrick to Peace Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

December:

Jeffrey T. Verhey to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND

Weddings - 2016

June 18, 2016 David Ellens and Karli Bird
July 9, 2016 Daniel Flahie and Heather Williams
July 23, 2016 Gavin Fawbush and Destinee Vogt
September 3, 2016 Matthew Bender and Vanessa Carlson
September 10, 2016 Aaron Olson and Brittany Williams
October 8, 2016 Matthew Lamp and Lexi Hemmer
December 31, 2016 Jon Waldman and Brittany Rymerson

2016 FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Households in 2016 Report: 381

Households in 2015 Report: 386

2015 Number	2016 Number	Weekly	Annually
8	7	100.01 +	5200.01 +
3	0	90.01-100.00	4680.01-5200.00
1	6	80.01-90.00	4160.01-4680.00
7	3	70.01-80.00	3640.01-4160.00
7	13	60.01-70.00	3120.01-3640.00
15	12	50.01-60.00	2600.01-3120.00
12	6	45.01-50.00	2340.01-2600.00
6	8	40.01-45.00	2080.01-2340.00
9	4	35.01-40.00	1820.01-2080.00
11	10	30.01-35.00	1560.01-1820.00
16	18	25.01-30.00	1300.01-1560.00
24	26	20.01-25.00	1040.01-1300.00
28	31	15.01-20.00	780.01-1040.00
28	27	10.01-15.00	520.01-780.00
50	50	5.01-10.00	260.01-520.00
32	26	3.01-5.00	156.01-260.00
55	50	1.01-3.00	52.01-156.00
23	28	.01-1.00	.01-52.00
51	56	No Contributions	No Contributions

A special thank you to the money counters who donate their time on Tuesday morning to count Trinity's offerings each week-- Myron Downs, Joe Lingbeck, Bob Miller, Marvin Olson, and Joe Thompson.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice President – Jennifer Briggs ('18)

Trustees:

Church and Sanctuary Property – Randy Van Rosendale ('20)
Education Wing Property – Wayne Halma ('20)
Insurance – Elizabeth Molstad ('20)

Deacons:

Sacraments and Services – Linda Brick ('20)
Outreach – Chase Hansen ('20)
Life and Growth – Patti Weber ('20)

Parish Education:

Youth Ministry – Dana Hoff ('20)

Nominating Committee:

Council Delegate/one year – Mike Brooke ('18)
Council Delegate/one year – Becky Brown ('18)
Congregational Delegate/three years – Tim Walburg ('20)
Congregational Delegate/three years – Karen Kalvig ('20)

Bethel Delegates:

Jim Iverson ('21)
Bob Ellsworth('21)

The current Bethel Delegates are:

Kay Johnson ('18)
Joyce Farrell ('18)
Lana Johnson ('19)
Millie Moser ('19)
Terry Schultz ('20)
Myron Downs ('20)
Cheryl Iverson ('20)

Submitted by the current Nominating Committee.

**FOUNDATION COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT – 2016**

The purpose of the Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation is to help fulfill the mission of Trinity in all of its activities. The duties and responsibilities of the Foundation Commission are set forth in Trinity’s Constitution and the Foundation’s policies and procedures, and include the following: (1) to receive and acknowledge all gifts received by Trinity that are not designated for current operations or other special fundraising efforts, (2) to invest, manage and disburse all gifts and managed funds, (3) to encourage the giving of special gifts; (4) to provide annual education about planned giving and estate planning and (5) to celebrate gifts given through recognition programs developed by the Foundation.

The Foundation Commission manages several endowment funds, and uses income from these endowed funds for benevolent purposes to further Trinity’s missions and ministries. In 2016, the Foundation approved the following uses of income from the endowment funds:

- **The Faith in Action Endowment Fund** is to assist many ministries within Trinity and other areas. The following awards were made:

		Awarded
Pastor Constanze and Bob Gale	Purchase screen and projector	\$2,000
David Rossing and Council	Planning retreat	\$1,000
Rick Schmidt for Celebration Team	Celebration Team Electronic Keyboard	\$1,000
Jim Iverson, VP of East Dakota Transit	Funding Stipend	\$1,000
	Total	\$5,000

- We had no Trinity members who met the criteria for the **Camp Counselor Scholarship Endowment Fund**.
- The **Edwin Hanneman Missionary Endowment Fund** continues to provide support for missionaries working with the ELCA Division of Global Missions. The generous gift of Mr. Hanneman through his estate allows our congregation to support God’s work through these missionaries. The missionaries we supported for 2016 are Rev. Elisabeth Johnson (Cameroon); Pastor Stephen Deal (Costa Rica); Willie and Anne Langdji (West Africa). The total gift of \$4,677 was split equally between the 3.
- The **Hazel Johnson Mission Endowment Fund**. \$1,465 of Hazel Johnson Endowment Fund grant was awarded to Mark and Rose Jensen for their work with translations of the Bible.

- Distributed \$830 from the **Seminary Scholarship Endowment Fund** to Andrew Thuringer.
- \$331 of income from the **Rasmussen Organ Maintenance Fund** was transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church to offset some of the expenses of maintaining our beautiful pipe organ.
- The Board of Trustees and Church Council received \$1,736 of income from the **Cornerstone Endowed Fund** to their Cornerstone Fund for use for capital improvements, major repairs, equipment and any other physical needs of the facilities owned by Trinity Lutheran Church.

Endowment Balances: As end of the year statements had not been received as of the deadline for this annual report, the following endowment fund balances were under Foundation management as of September 30, 2016:

Faith in Action Endowment Fund	\$345,673
Camp Counselor Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$13,420
Seminary Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$27,535
Hazel Johnson Mission Endowment Fund	\$50,351
Edwin Hanneman Missionary Endowment Fund	\$162,035
Rasmussen Organ Maintenance Fund	\$11,178
Cornerstone Endowed Fund	\$58,660
Ellsworth Worship Area Endowed Fund	<u>\$11,374</u>
Total	\$689,226

The total net assets of the Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation as of 9/30/2016 are \$700,085.01

Additional assets of the Foundation include one life insurance policy and two certificates of deposit. These future assets had a market value of \$12,620.61 as of September 30, 2016.

Trinity was remembered with many memorial gifts during the year. A total of \$2,800 as of November 30, 2016 was received with some memorials being designated for the Youth, Ellsworth Endowment, Care Fund, Back Pack Program, Food Pantry, Celebration, Quilters Music, Adult Choirs and the Piecemakers. If memorials are not designated by the donor for a specific project, they are distributed according to the Foundation policy that gives the Cornerstone 50% of the gift, 25% to the Deacons and 25% to the Parish Education programs.

The Foundation endowment funds would not exist without the generous gifts that have come from our members. Our Legacy Leaders plaque in the Narthex recognizes those individuals (1) who have left a gift to Trinity through their estate, (2) individuals who have notified the Foundation that Trinity has been included in their estate plan, or (3) individuals who give a gift of \$1,000 or more to one of the

Foundation endowment funds. We encourage everyone to consider including Trinity in their own estate plan. Members considering a gift should consult with an attorney or financial advisor for personal financial advice.

One of those wonderful gifts was received this year in the form of a life insurance policy from Ben Sorenson. Upon Ben's death, the Trinity Foundation received \$10,858.87. Based upon the decision of his family, the proceeds of Ben's life insurance were added to the Faith In Action Endowment.

The Foundation annual education event this year for the foundation was the inclusion of information about the Trinity Foundation and, what it does with stewardship information, that was handed out during the stewardship events in the fall.

To prevent spending the principal portion of the endowments for this year, the foundation commission reduced from 5% to 3% the amount that was spent from each of the funds.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION COMMISSION MEMBERS 2016

David Rossing, President, Council VP and Stewardship Committee Representative, '16

Tom Farrell, Treasurer, '17

Rob Thuringer, '18

Marc Molskness, '19

Valerie Kuhl, '20

Nancy Kasuske, Secretary '21

Submitted by Tom Farrell, Treasurer Trinity Foundation

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Members of Trinity,

Well, it has been quite a busy year for the Board of Trustees here at Trinity. I would first like to thank all the board members for doing such a great job and finding time in their busy schedules to do wonderful stewardship work for the church. This past year brought on many challenges to the Board of Trustees. We were faced with many challenges this past year with some badly needed maintenance/repairs to the building.

Just like with your own homes, the church has upkeep that needs to be done from time to time, and it seems like this year was a year for many things to decide it was time to be fixed. I can assure each and every one of you that the Board of Trustees did their very best to keep the cost down on all the repairs. Below is a list of the following repairs that have happened at the church this past year.

First, we did a complete face lift of the upstairs bathrooms, the hallway and the down stairs hallway. All of this was badly needed since the tiles on the floor were starting to come up and the bathrooms had not been touched in many years. We are very lucky to have our maintenance man, David Reed, who did a lot of the repair himself. I would also like to take this time and thank Stemper Auto Body for sandblasting and repainting the bathroom dividers and doors for us; this saved the church a lot of money for not having to buy new ones. Pete and Jean Stemper, we give you a huge thank you from Trinity! The dividers look like brand new.

Next, came the furnaces and boiler project. As you know, without these working properly, we would not have heat in the church. We had to replace these because I received a phone call one morning at 5:30 am from David Reed saying that he had the furnaces checked out and they were leaking too much CO₂ (carbon dioxide) into the church and we had no other option than to replace them. So Dave started calling around for bids. We replaced 3 furnaces for that portion of the church at a cost of roughly \$4,500.00. Then we started to tackle the boiler issue. If you don't remember from one of my monthly letters this past year, the reason for the boiler repair was at the end of last year, David Reed found that both boiler tanks were rusted through and leaking. The board started to look at options and getting quotes on repairs and for a whole new system. We had different opinions on whether to replace the whole system or just the tank. The quotes for a whole new system ranged from \$64,000.00 to \$75,000.00. Needless to say, we opted to just replace the tanks for now and look at other options for heating the church in the future, if the boiler does decide to go out some time. We were able to replace the tanks for around \$1,500.00, a huge savings compared to what it could have been.

Next, I had another call from David Reed at 5:30 in the morning. (It's a good thing I am an early riser and don't need much beauty sleep!!) David informed me that one of the main sump pumps had gone out and we needed to replace it before the basement flooded. This is not the kind of sump pump you have in your house. This thing is a beast. It pumps water from the basement all the way across the front of the church and it comes out in the water drains in front of the church. The cost was roughly \$1,500.00 to purchase and replace the pump.

In order for all of these repairs to be done, the Trustees had to reevaluate the list of things we had planned on. Many other things need to be done to the church yet, but we just did not have the funds to do all of them. Below is a short list of things that still need to be repaired in the church.

Tuck pointing on the outside of the church, some stained glass windows are in need of repair, the roof needs to be redone, plaster work on the inside of the church in many different places. So as you can see, we still have plenty of work to do.

As I look back on the past three years, it has been an eye opener about how the church is run and what it takes to keep the church running. I am amazed at how all the committees work together to make things happen for the church from the Board of Education making sure that they have things lined up all year from Confirmation to Sunday School to organizing youth trips, to the Board of Deacons for lining up the hymnal songs and lining up volunteers for greeting and ushers, to the Board of Trustees to make sure we stay on track with the financial plans of the church. And last but not least, we have our Pastors to direct all of us, who when we first start, have no clue as to what we are doing. It truly is a blessing to have them serve our congregation. It takes a whole army of people to help run God's house and I am truly very happy to have been a part of that experience the last 3 years. I believe that at some point in time every one of the members of the church should sit on one of the boards. It is a blessing to see such amazing work being done to run God's house.

Roger Olson

Board of Trustee Chairman

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2017 MISSION PLAN**

Description	2017 Mission Plan	Description	2017 Mission Plan
Income:		Board of Trustees:	
General Fund:		Foundation Funds Income	(2,000)
Regular Giving	\$ 477,625	Church Fuel - NWPS	16,000
Earned Income	<u>3,175</u>	Church Minor Repairs	35,000
General Fund Income	<u>480,800.00</u>	Telephone	2,800
		Utilities	13,000
Designated Funds Income	<u>6,150.00</u>	Equipment Replacement	2,000
		Auto Replacement	1,500
Benevolent Income	<u>18,000.00</u>	Technology	2,500
		Insurance	14,000
Total Income	\$ 504,950	Janitorial Supplies	2,000
		Stewardship	<u>3,000</u>
Expense:		Board of Trustees Expense	<u>89,800</u>
Benevolence Expense	<u>\$ 53,325</u>		
Board of Deacons:		Church Council:	
Camping	500	Church Council Expense	<u>15,950</u>
Celebration Service	500		
Evangelical Outreach Expense	4,500	Staff Compensation:	
Life & Growth	500	Staff Compensation Expense	<u>308,980</u>
Piano/Organ Maintenance	3,500		
Sacraments & Services	700	Total Expense	\$ 504,950
Worship & Music Supplies	<u>4,000</u>		
Board of Deacons Expense	<u>14,200</u>	Net Ordinary Income	\$ -
Board of Education:		Other Income (Expense):	
Confirmation Ministry	2,750	Special Appeal:	
Continuing Education	425	Heating Syatem	(65,000)
Early Childhood Ministry	720	Bat Removal	<u>(20,000)</u>
Elementary Education	11,500	Total Special Appeal	<u>(85,000)</u>
General Program Expense	2,500		
Youth Coordinator	750	Total Other Income	\$ (85,000)
Youth Ministries	<u>4,050</u>		
Board of Education Expense	<u>22,695</u>	Net Income	\$ (85,000)

This is a summary of the Revenue and Expense categories we monitor. For a detailed listing, contact the Church Office.

BOARD OF DEACONS 2016 REPORT

Evangelical Outreach – Mike Brooke

Trinity's Evangelical Outreach mission has continued to be very active in 2016. With our website and social media programs, such as Facebook and Twitter, we have connected with both current and prospective members throughout the year with these contemporary forms of communication and interactive engagement. Our videotaped worship broadcasts on VAST cable and You Tube have continued, while benefitting from improved video quality after the installation of new equipment recently purchased with funds donated by our members.

In late summer, TLC again hosted the DSU football and volleyball teams for dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Approximately 100 students and coaches enjoyed a great meal and warm Trinity hospitality. Trinity volunteers again helped to make Miracle Treat Day another great success, with booths, games and other activities for kids and families to enjoy. Our Care Teams continue to provide comfort and meals delivered to the homes of members in times of stress, such as major illness or death in the family.

Several of our newest member families were welcomed at an informal luncheon held in the Fireside Room in November, and then introduced to the entire congregation at a worship service and welcome reception soon after. We have found that it has become challenging to assemble all or even most of the newer members in one place at the same time, so as we look ahead to welcoming and introducing our newest members we are considering doing so on an individual basis throughout the year.

Outreach efforts during the Advent and Christmas season include the Blue Christmas service that is non-denominational and welcomes all who have suffered with tragedy and loss. Our Christmas Eve 5:00pm service will again be broadcast on KJAM radio shortly afterward that same evening, to allow our homebound members and the general public to hear the Word and the joyous message of our Lord's birth. Hallelujah!

Mission Momentum - Ann Marie Rossing

Mission Momentum is a branch of the Deacon Board that collaborates with the pastors and the congregation in an effort to promote and support local and worldwide missions meeting the needs in the community and throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Missions of the Month supported in 2016 were Union Gospel Mission, TLC (Trinity Lutheran Church) Care fund, Voice of the Martyrs, the Gathering, TLC Campership, Family Connection, Salvation Army Back to School Project, Trinity's video outreach ministry, Lake County Kid's Pantry, Domestic Violence Network, Samaritan's Purse, and the Trinity Care Fund again in December. The congregation supported these services with approximately \$3,500.00 during the year. That amount includes "Jingle Change" and specific offerings designated to support the Mission of the Month.

Mission Momentum worked with the Gathering in May and October to serve meals. About 20 members of the congregation helped with the May serving, and in October the TLC youth provided the time and energy for the service of the food and cleanup.

Two opportunities (May and October) were offered for TLC members to worship with the St. Dymas congregation (the Lutheran congregation on-site at the SD State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls). This outreach opportunity is always met with the greatest appreciation by those inmates, our brothers, whom we meet and worship with.

Thank you to those who serve and give in various ways to this arm of Trinity's ministry outreach.

Life and Growth - Susan M. Langner

Trinity is blessed to have many generous members who volunteer to serve and provide. We have 387 households that make up our 13 service groups, and 21 of those households lead or co-lead their service group. The service groups are on a monthly rotation. The leaders are instrumental in organizing the coffee services and Lenten soup suppers as well as providing service and desserts for funerals.

Service group leaders and members are invited to a monthly meeting to volunteer for the following month. Myron Downs and Marv Rhode helped out this year by preparing and serving coffee in the Narthex before the first service every Sunday morning.

As new members join Trinity, they are added to various service groups to even out the member numbers within each group. Marlys Schmidt keeps an up-to-date member file, and she mails the monthly letters to the leaders and members.

Thank you to everyone involved in this rewarding ministry.

Services and Sacraments – Barb Jorgenson and Linda Brick

This year the challenge of recruiting worship volunteers has continued. We have experimented with a variety of methods for contacting members, including email messages, telephone calling and keeping sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Messages encouraging members to volunteer have also been distributed to our membership via the newsletter, e-news, video Powerpoint display, worship bulletins, and worship announcements/temple talks. We are so grateful to have Julie Jones added to our office staff to collaborate with in recruiting our worship volunteers, and together we will continue to explore ways to effectively communicate with our membership about volunteer opportunities and the spiritual joy of having a meaningful role in our worship services.

Despite leaving her Council position last year, Cindy Nielsen has continued her leadership role in training and directing our home communion volunteers. These volunteers serve homebound and nursing home residents holy communion each month, and in the course of doing so share stories, prayer and a bit of fellowship that is appreciated so much by these TLC members who are unable to attend regular worship services. Our sincere thanks to Cindy and all of the volunteers who help to carry out this important TLC ministry.

Worship and Music – Nancy Sabbe

With Colleen Tucker's retirement at the end of 2015, the Worship and Committee contracted with four individuals—Donna Mathison, Monica Pickard, Kim Wermers and Virginia Lemme--to provide the organ music at the 8:45 worship through May 2016. Jackson Richards provided the music for the traditional services in June. In July, the congregation welcomed Alex Eykamp as the principal organist.

The Celebration Team has led the contemporary worship service since 1992 and will celebrate their 25th anniversary in October 2017. Mary Hunter and Alexandria Bruna share the responsibility of accompanying the services on Saturday evening.

There is an abundance of musical talent in the congregation and community. Thank you to all who provided special music in the past year including Trinity's choirs. Thanks to dedicated directors—Sandy Cole, Diane Plack, Mary Hunter, Emily Knuths, Virginia Lemme, Tami Christiansen and Stacey Riedel—and all who participate in the choirs for their time and talent.

The members of the Worship and Music Committee are Mary Hunter, Sandy Cole, Marilyn Hexom, Diane Plack, Alex Eykamp. With input from Pastor Constanze, they provide the leadership and guidance for developing a meaningful worship experience for the congregation.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT - FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING

Tracy Barton Opdahl, RN

With the love, support, and vision of the faithful people within the Madison community, I was able to begin employment August 15th, 2016. In the months of August and September, foundational work was completed including requirements for new hires for Avera Health and administering the congregational needs assessment. There was an overwhelming response, approximately 500, from the assessments. This has shown that there are health interests and concerns within our congregations across the lifespan. Installation was conducted at St. John and Trinity which included a kids talk about how we're all called to be healers. Visitation was done with the confirmation classes at St. John and Trinity to include the same topic. I was invited to speak with the Trinity students regarding healthy relationships. In October and November, blood pressure screenings were conducted at St. John and Trinity. A visit was made to St. Peter to discuss support of a grieving congregation with the upcoming closing. Individual health assessments were conducted based on the referrals from the pastors. From August-November, 54 visits were made in all settings including home, assisted living, nursing home, hospital, and by telephone. What an honor it has been getting to know the parishioners in health and being a support in times of illness, and meeting within illness and seeing improvement. Thus far in December we have begun planning methods to incorporate programming into congregational life, to address concerns identified by the health assessments.

Future Plans

I will continue to write the health hints for the bulletins and visit the Sunday school and Confirmation classes. Grief support gatherings will begin in February. The top five needs across the congregations have been identified and will begin being infused into the congregations in a variety of ways, such as display tables, presenters, sensory and tactile, health hints, and handouts. One-on-one visits will continue. The Health Cabinet (visionary) and Task force (financial & administrative) continue to be active.

Professional membership and involvement continue within the Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association on a regional and national level. Support from the Avera Health Ministry continues.

Feedback given to me from parishioners who have been affected by this ministry has been overwhelmingly positive, appreciative, and in line with the mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Barton-Opdahl RN

Madison Area Faith Community Nurse

*“Following Christ’s example we partner to integrate faith and health,
promoting wellness of mind, body, and spirit.”*

BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT 2016

In 2016, the Board of Parish Education spent much time planning and participating in events to further Christian Education at Trinity.

Becky Brown was the chair. Becky has brought to this position understanding, leadership skills, organization and insight into the future that made our Board of Parish Education meetings run very well! We would like to thank Becky for all the work she has done for the Parish Education Program at Trinity for the last three years!

Carolyn Feige was the Adult Continuing Education representative. On Wednesday nights, Becky Brown has been leading a Bible Study for the high school youth in the Youth Room. Pastor Constanze is leading a Women's group on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. where they studied the Gospel of the coming Sunday. This fall she presented a video course "Why I am a Lutheran". Pastor Dirk leads a Men's Bible Study on Friday mornings.

Becky Brown was the Confirmation representative. We had guest speakers to talk about "Epiphany", "Drug and Alcohol" and "Sexuality" during January-March. In April, we watched "Heaven is For Real" as the basis for sessions. From September-December, we have been using the movie "Jesus" with the sessions dealing with "Baptism", "Temptation", "Miracles", "Anger and Love", "Lost and Found", "Last Supper" and "Money". We had guest speakers to talk about "Sexuality" and "Technology". There are 41 seventh and eighth graders attending confirmation classes. Pastor Dirk Hagmaier served as the large-group presenter. We would like to thank the parents who helped with set-up, serving and clean-up for our Wednesday night suppers. We continued the Service Project Program, in addition, to their class work, and 14 sermon notes during the school year. We continued the schedule for the mentoring program for the ninth graders by having them choose their mentors in January and completing the four worksheets by the end of May. Fifteen students confirmed their Affirmation of Baptism on October 30, 2016. The students decorated their confirmation stoles again this year and we thank Power Promotions for doing the lettering on the stoles. We would like to thank Becky for her dedication to the Confirmation ministry and the youth at Trinity for the last three years!

Julie Jones was our Early Childhood Ministry representative. Ashley Briggs and Savannah Miller staffed the church nursery from January-May and then Morgan Briggs was hired in September to take Ashley's place when she graduated. Julie was a representative on the Trinity Preschool Board. The Preschool Board worked on fundraisers to help with their expenses. We thank Julie for the time and commitment she has given to this position on the board for the last year.

Adam Shaw was the Youth Ministry representative. The youth at Trinity have been very active over the past year. There were planned activities that included fun events and service projects each month for both the middle school and high school LYO groups. A special thank you to the youth, their parents, and congregation members who continue to pray, support, and volunteer for events and fundraisers that our youth have had in 2016. We had 9 youth and 4 adults attend the Mountain Top Mission Trip to Cumberland, TN, on June 10-19, 2016. We thank everyone who has donated to us and helped pay for the expenses for this trip. We thank Adam for his time and commitment to the youth at Trinity for the last year!

Carolyn Feige was also the representative for the Library. We have a number of books in the Library that can be checked out from the Library cart. We thank Carolyn for her efforts with the Library for the last year.

Amy Townsend was our Elementary Education representative. We served 206 students in Preschool I-Grade 9. We are grateful for the time and love our 54 teachers, helpers, Music Leaders and Sunday School Superintendents gave to our Sunday School students each Sunday. We had a Teacher's Appreciation Sunday for the Teachers and Confirmation Guides on April 24, 2016, and we gave the teachers, helpers, Music Leaders, Superintendents, and Confirmation Guides an "Overflowing with Thanks" ceramic cup and "Encouragement" booklet. Preschool Vacation Bible School was held June 5-9, 2016, for 41 children Preschool I-Kindergarten. The 40 teachers/helpers and VBS Committee were given either a "Amazing Grace" manicure set, ceramic ring bowl, and hand lotion for the women or "Strong in the Lord" travel mug for the men. We had Day Camp for 52 grade K-5 students with 4 NeSoDak Bible Camp counselors at the 4-H Grounds June 13-16, 2016. We had 10 helpers. We gave thank-you gifts for the female helpers an "Amazing Grace" devotional book, pen and a Dairy Queen Blizzard coupon. The male helpers received a "Built to Serve" key chain and a Blizzard coupon. We gave the host family that housed the NeSoDak Bible Camp counselors a Madison Chamber Bucks gift certificate. The "Family Faith Fest" Committee planned a Bingo Blizzard Bash on January 24, 2016, which included lunch with soup and bingo with baked goods as prizes. The families in attendance had a great time. The committee also planned games for the Miracle Treat Day on July 28, 2016. We used "Witness" curriculum from Augsburg-Fortress for Preschool I-grade 6 and "Faith Lens" Bible Study from the ELCA for grade 7-8 for Sunday School. We had a "Noah's Ark" Party for 12 three-year old students on September 10, 2016. We had Opening Worship/Music for Preschool I-grade 4 at the beginning of the Sunday School hour. We presented "The Jesus Storybook" Bibles to 25 third graders on September 18, 2016. Our fifth-sixth graders had a "Second Breakfast" and our seventh-eighth graders had a "Third Breakfast" each month that they either had a guest speaker, watched a video, or did a service project for the Trinity shut-ins or nursing home residents. At the Celebration Worship/Sunday School Christmas program on December 18, 2016, Preschool I-Grade 4 students told the story of Jesus birth in word and songs during the sermon time at the program. We had a "Valiant Living" Christmas tree with gift tags and money donation envelopes for the residents Christmas presents. We gave the Preschool I-Grade 8 students an "O Holy Night" ornament. The Sunday School teachers, Music Leaders, helpers, Sunday School Superintendents and Confirmation Guides received a "Come to Bethlehem and See" Ornament. We thank Amy for the time and work she has given to our youth with the Education programs at Trinity this year!

We are grateful to all who so generously gave of their time and resources to assist in the Parish Education and Youth programs at Trinity. These gifts are an important part of the programs at Trinity Lutheran. We ask for your continued prayers and support for even more efforts in 2017!

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Parish Education

Becky Brown	Carolyn Feige
Julie Jones	Adam Shaw
Amy Townsend	Sandy Rhode

YOUTH & EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT for 2016

On April 24, 2016, we honored our Sunday School teachers, Helpers, Music Leaders, Superintendents and Confirmation Guides with a Teacher Appreciation/Continental Breakfast by giving them a "Overflowing with Thanks" ceramic cup and "Encourage-ment" Booklet. We continue to use the "Trinity Token" attendance program for Sunday School. Our Sunday School missions went to Ronald McDonald House, "Trinity Campership Fund", "Angel Tree-Aging Alliance for the Elderly", "Lake County Angel Tree", "Back to School Kick's Fund", "The Gathering", "Kid's Pantry", "Sew Much Comfort", and the "Lake County Food Pantry".

Preschool Vacation Bible School was held June 5-9, 2016 for 41 Preschool I-Kindergarten students with "Our Favorite Parables and Stories About Jesus" as the theme for this year. Each evening the students moved to a different storyteller, crafts, snacks, and games in their divided groups. The students had Opening Worship together as a large group. We had a daily newsletter that shared with the parents what their children did each night and devotion ideas for the family that went with the theme of the day. On Thursday night, we had a program and an "Ice Cream Social" for everyone in the Fellowship Hall. The VBS staff for this year included- Lana Johnson, Carrie Wieman, Leanne Reurink, Joan Merager, Danielle Jensen, Christine Sahr, Stacey Riedel, Kim Bruns, Jill Merager, Breanna Bruns, Kellie Bender, Angela Donlin, Lora Ermland, Christy Leighton, Bridget VanLiere, Aliya Jones, Mady Townsend, Amy Townsend, Valerie Wilkens, Andrew Ermland, Benjamin Lester, Amy Winrow, Brianna Routier, Ashley Carrico, Justin Wise, Kaylee Winrow, Kiara Winrow, Brittany Rymerson, Alexis Drew, Rylee Hall, Heather Olson, Amber Johnson, Drew Moore, Makena Schultz, Jennifer Kamrud, Amanda Bensen, McKenna Kryger, Tara Grayson, Allison Bruns, Emily VanLiere, Abby Christiansen, Marissa Jencks, Whitney Jencks, Julie Jones, Marissa Kearin, and Rebecca Sims.

Our Vacation Bible School offering donation helped with expenses, and a donation was given to the "Back to School Kicks Program". We also collected school supplies for the W.E.L.C.A. project. We had Day Camp for 52 Grade K-5 youth with NeSoDak Bible Camp counselors at the 4-H Grounds June 13-16, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

We had twenty young people go to Lutheran Outdoors camps all over the state of South Dakota this summer. They helped with Soup Suppers to defray some costs for camp. We had 9 youth and 4 adults go to the Mountain Top Mission Trip in Cumberland, TN, on June 10-19, 2016.

Rally Sunday began Sunday School on September 11, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. and followed with a Pork Feed for everyone. The Preschool I-sixth grade used curriculum called "Witness" from Augsburg Fortress. Grade 7-8 students used "Faith Lens" Bible Study from the E.L.C.A. The high school class continued their Bible study each Wednesday night with pizza. We again had Opening Worship/Music for Preschool I-grade 4 this fall.

Trinity's 2016-2017 Sunday School Staff:

Preschool I: Lana Johnson, Leanne Reurink, Amy Thrun, Kellie Bender

Preschool II: Chelsea Gerdes, Danielle Jensen, Kenna Nighbert, Dana Hoff, Christine Sahr, Kaitlyn Meadows

Kindergarten: Julie Jones, Megan Schneider, Anne Elisa Brown

First Grade: Tonia Meadows, Tara Engels, Stacey Riedel, Carrie Wieman

Second Grade: Kim Kern, Marinda Kern, Mariah Hass, Nikki Pooler

Third Grade: Melissa Opsahl, Kaylynn Bruns, Brittany Rymerson, Adam Ericsson, Julie Sims, Amber Coomes, Garry Eggert

Fourth Grade: Bridget VanLiere, Ryan Townsend,

Fifth Grade: Ramie Hansen, James Callahan, Lori Engebretson, Penny Johnson, Neisha Bjorklund

Sixth Grade: Kennedy Janke, Brandon Shaw, Rachael Jencks, Amy Shafer

Seventh Grade: Stephanie Krusemark Betsy Schamber, Christy Leighton, Tim Walburg, Kurt Christiansen,

Eighth Grade: Carolyn Feige, Amy Townsend, Dan Lemme

Ninth Grade & High School: Becky Brown, Pastor Dirk Hagmaier

Music: Tami Christiansen, Stacey Riedel

Superintendents: Amy Winrow, Kim Bruns

We had a Celebration Worship/Sunday School Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. The Preschool I-grade 4 students told the story of Jesus birth through song and readings. We thank everyone who helped make the program a success! We had a "Valiant Living" Christmas tree with gift tags and money donation envelopes for the residents' Christmas presents.

On October 30, 2016, fifteen youth were confirmed at a 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Service. Each of these youth chose a "Mentor" to complete faith worksheets together during the spring and met with Becky Brown/Pastor Dirk/Sandy Rhode in September/October to prepare for their upcoming Affirmation of Baptism. The 2016 Mentors were Dan Brown, Kim Bruns, Rob Buchholtz, Beth Delzer, Scott Delzer, Carolyn Feige, Kim Hansen, Dan Lemme, Virginia Lemme, Joan Merager, Roger Olson, Diane Plack, Sandy Rhode, Amy Townsend and Tim Walburg. There are 41 seventh and eighth graders attending Confirmation and we had guest speakers to talk about "Epiphany", "Drug and Alcohol" and "Sexuality" during January-March. In April, we watched "Heaven is For Real" as the basis for sessions. From September-December, we have been using the movie "Jesus" with the sessions dealing with "Baptism", "Temptation", "Miracles", "Anger and Love", "Lost and Found", "Last Supper" and "Money". We had guest speakers to talk about "Sexuality" and "Technology". From September-December we have been using the movies "Jesus" and "The Nativity" as the basis for the sessions that touch important themes of the Apostle's Creed. The small-group Confirmation Guides this year are Lori Schultz, Roger Olson, Jennifer Briggs, Stacy Ulwelling, Lora Ersland, Kristin Morse, Rob Buchholtz, and Sid Gulbranson. Pastor Dirk Hagmaier led the Confirmation large group. We had a Closing Worship at the end of class. We continued the Service Project program again this year.

Overview of 2016:

- **January** "Blizzard Bingo Bash", Milestone Ministry-Honor 2015 Baptized children /6th Grade, Great Bear Skiing
- **February** Boy Scout Sunday, Milestone Ministry-High School Juniors Kindergarten. First Communion Retreat, Lenten Soup Suppers, Eighth Grade/Mentor Confirmation Meeting
- **March** Girl Scout Sunday, T.E.C., Milestone Ministry-2nd,5th, 8th, 10th grade Students, SkyZone, "Tour of Italy" Dinner, Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast
- **April** Stampede Game Teacher's Appreciation,
- **May** Senior Breakfast/Blessing, Baccalaureate, Last day of Sunday School Gallactic Bowling
- **June** Preschool Bible School, Outlaw Ranch, NeSoDak Day Camp High School Mission trip Cumberland, TN,
- **July** NeSoDak Bible Camp, T.E.C., "Children's Miracle Treat Day"
- **August** SS Teacher's Meeting
- **September** Confirmation Guide Training "Noah's Ark Party, Milestone Ministry, Backpack Blessing, 3rd grade Bibles, Rally Sunday-Pork Feed, MS LYO Pizza/Planning & HS LYO Pizza /Planning Meetings, 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation, Acolyte Training, "Camp Sunday"
- **October** Milestone Ministry-Preschool I/7th grade, 9th Grade Pictures/ Rehearsal/Supper/Reception, Affirmation of Baptism Service, MS LYO Served the "Gathering" at United Methodist Church
- **November** Milestone Ministry-Preschool II /grade 4 students, HS Pie Auction, MS LYO made/Confirmation classes delivered Thanksgiving gifts for the shut-ins, SkyZone
- **December** Milestone Min.-1st grade students, MS LYO delivered Christmas cookies and gifts to the shut-ins, Celebration Worship/SS Christmas Program

I want to thank the Board of Parish Education, Pastor Constanze, Pastor Dirk, Marlys Schmidt, Julie Jones, Dave Reed, Melissa Palmquist, Summer du Randt, Peg Nordling, Amy Winrow, and Kim Bruns for giving me their time, support, and kindness during 2016!

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Rhode

MILESTONE MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2016, the Milestone Ministry continues to be part of the Board of Parish Education budget to purchase the Milestone Ministry gifts. We continued to have an education event on each Sunday during the Sunday School hour with Pastor Constanze and Pastor Dirk leading this event with the students and parents in the Fireside Room.

We gave the following Milestone Ministry gifts to the following students in 2016:

Preschool I- Carol Maki made "Prayer Pillows" with laminated prayers in the pocket for 12 three-year old students. We gave the pillows and a blessing on 10/9/16. The students made a placemat with prayers and their handprint on it with their parents at their education event with Pastor Constanze.

Preschool II-We gave another set of laminated prayers to put in their Prayer Pillow pocket and a "*Praying in Color Kids Edition*" by Sybil Macbeth to 18 students. We gave these prayers, the book and a blessing on 11/13/16. The students worked with a Scribble pad/colors project with their parents at their education event with Pastor Constanze.

Kindergarten-We gave 18 students a "*My Little Bible*" and a blessing on 2/21/16. The students did an education event with Pastor Constanze.

First Grade-We gave an "*Oh, Holy Night*" Christmas Arch Book which tells the story of Jesus birth to 20y students on 12/4/16. The students worked with their parents on a workbook with Pastor Constanze. Pastor Constanze wrote this workbook for their education event.

Second Grade-We gave 20 students the "*Mary's Easter Story*" Arch Book and a blessing on 3/20/16. The students and parents did an education event with Pastor Constanze.

Third Grade-We gave 25 students a "*The Jesus Storybook*" Bible that was given to their parents to present to their child to fulfill the promise that they made at their child's Baptism-"that you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith..." on 9/18/16. The students worked with their parents on a "Get to Know the Book" workbook with Pastor Constanze. Pastor Constanze wrote the workbook for their education event.

Fourth Grade-We gave 13 students an angel ornament which reminds them that God is always present and will help them to make good decisions as they become more independent and a blessing on 11/20/16. The students worked with their parents on a "God's A-Team" workbook with Pastor Constanze. Pastor Constanze wrote this workbook for their education event.

Fifth Grade-Seventeen students made the Communion Bread for Maundy Thursday Worship Service and then were presented with a bowl and "Prayer Stones" that had a cross imprinted on them. These were presented and a blessing on 3/24/16.

Sixth Grade-We gave 19 students a magnet with the Bible verse from I Corinthians 16:13-14, "*Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.*" The symbols of the Ichthys, the Anchor, the Butterfly, and the Heart are incorporated on the magnets to help remind our youth of the power and promise of our God. They were presented this magnet and a blessing on 1/24/16. The students and parents did an education event with Pastor Constanze.

Seventh Grade-We gave 19 students a mirror for their lockers. Printed on the mirror are the words "*Imago Dei*" which means "created in the image of God" which reflects God's presence in our lives. We presented these and a blessing on 10/23/16. The students worked on a "Made in God's Image" workbook with Pastor Constanze and Pastor Dirk. Pastor Constanze wrote the workbook which had a parent resource section for their parents based on "*Way to Live*" book at their education event.

Eighth Grade-We gave 15 students an "*Uncommon-Finding Your Path to Significance*" book. We presented these books and a blessing on 3/8/16. The students and parents did an education event with Pastor Constanze.

Ninth Grade-We gave 15 students a "stole" that each of the confirmands decorated and wore at their Affirmation of Baptism Service on 10/30/16.

Tenth Grade-We gave 18 students a "*365 Trivia Twist*" devotional book. We presented these books and a blessing on 3/6/16. The students and parents did an education event with Pastor Dirk.

Eleventh Grade-We gave 19 students a "*The Message Bible*". We presented these Bibles and a blessing on 2/7/16. The students and parents did an education event with Pastor Dirk.

Twelfth Grade-We had a Senior Breakfast for 22 seniors and their families. The seniors and parents had a special "Blessing" for each other during the Worship Service. Each senior was presented with a quilt made by the "Piecemakers" quilting ladies at our church on 5/1/16.

"Backpack Blessing"- On 9/11/16, we had all the children and youth bring their backpacks to church to be "blessed" and we gave every student a "Be the Church Jeremiah 29:11" keychain for their backpack that will remind them that God is with them with their experiences at school.

Honor Married Couples-We honored married couples by giving candy kisses on 2/14/16.

We will give a "Faith Chest" which is a wood chest that will hold all the milestone mementos that the child will receive on their faith journey on January 8, 2017 at the Anniversary of the 2016 Baptisms. Joyce Farrell and Ken Simet have retired from making the chests in 2015, so Bill Bruns started in January 2016 making the chests. Bill Bruns has been making the chests through September 2016 when he retired from this position. Carol Maki made a receiving blanket for each child to honor their Baptism.

The "Family" events that the Milestone Ministry Committee encouraged families to attend in 2016 were 6/9/16-Preschool VBS Program/Ice Cream Social, 6/15/16-Day Camp Program/Supper at 4-H grounds, 7/28/16, "Children's Miracle Treat Day", 9/11/16-Rally Sunday Pork Feed, 12/18/16-Celebration Worship/SS Christmas Program.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR TRINITY PRESCHOOL 2016

Trinity Lutheran Preschool has been staffed this year by Director and Head teacher Melissa Palmquist, who is in her 12th year at the preschool. Preschool Assistant is Summer duRandt who is in her second year. I have submitted my resignation to be done at the preschool at the end of the school year. I have really enjoyed my time at the preschool. Everyone here will hold a special place in my heart.

The children enrolled for the January through May sessions of preschool were taught about Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection during Easter, alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes and much, much more. We visited the Library, KJAM radio, Gary's Bakery, Watertown Zoo, and Madison Elementary School. We presented the spring programs in May to finish the year. The program was a circus theme and the children did a fabulous job!

School began in September with 58 children enrolled. The demographics of the enrollment are the following:

Trinity Lutheran: 19	Other Lutheran: 14	Methodist: 5
Baptist: 1	Wesleyan: 4	Seventh Day Adventist: 1
Catholic: 7	No Preference: 7	

This year the children come to us from Madison, Wentworth, Nunda, Rutland and Arlington.

In October (while dressed in costumes), we entertained the residents at Bethel Nursing Home and Heritage Assisted Living. We also presented them with a fall craft that was put together at school. We visited the Fire Station and we had a few visits from Lisa, the children's librarian at the Public Library.

During November we talked about Thanksgiving and presented a short Thanksgiving Program for friends and family. We had our school conferences and greatly appreciate the time from parents to visit with them about their children.

In December, we collected hats and mittens to donate to the local daycare and the Head Start program in Madison. We celebrated with a party in the classroom and we exchanged of gifts; then we toured Dairy Queen where we made our own ice cream cones. We visited First Bank & Trust and Wells Fargo during their Open House to sing some Christmas songs. We also hosted an open house to begin our 2017-2018 registrations.

The preschool is an outreach of the church and is under the immediate direction of the Preschool Board. The Preschool Board is under the direction of the Board of Education. The present preschool Board members are as follows:

Chairman: Christy Leighton
Treasurer: Ashley Johnke
Secretary: Jill Feige
Fund Raiser: Renae Prostrollo
Scholarship: Dana Neu
Board of Ed: Julie Jones
Head Teacher/Director: Melissa Palmquist
Teacher Assistant: Summer duRandt

We are very appreciative and grateful for the support and prayers given to our preschool from everyone in the church. We also praise God for all of the great families who continue to support Trinity Lutheran Preschool and send us their fantastic children to be a part of our lives. Below is a copy of our budget; all of the money comes from tuition and a couple of fundraisers per year. We would like to extend a special thank you to the office staff for all of their encouragement, prayers, help and support.

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017

Advertising Expense	\$200
Early Childhood Conference	\$500
Church Donation	\$500
Copier Contract	\$350
Equipment Expense	\$500
Gifts Expense	\$600
Office Supplies	\$150
Paper/Toner Expense	\$500
Supplies Expense	\$1400
Scholarship Expense	
Trinity Preschool	\$600
Don Hillan Scholarship	\$700
Sub Pay Expense	\$1000
Weekly Reader Expense	\$400
TOTAL:	\$7,400

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Palmquist

WOMEN OF TRINITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016

The purpose of Trinity's women reads as follows:

"As a community of women created in the name of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

All women of Trinity are included in the organization. We have four circles that meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship.

Three Gatherings were held by the Medary conference: Spring, Fall, and early winter. Also, the Annual meeting is during the year usually in the summer.

The DSU Homecoming Lunch/Bake Sale was held on September 24th in the Fellowship Hall. Many, many, women and men work together for many days to make this a success. The homemade pies, barbeques and great soups made this a very successful 10th year fund raiser. We were also able to give a total of approximately \$2800 to community wide service projects.

Another effort of the women of Trinity are the Mission Action projects. In 2016 nearly 300 quilts were made by our quilters. 200 were sent to Lutheran World Relief as were 116 health kits. A total of over 100 Christmas boxes were sent to McCrossan's Boys Ranch. A huge Thank You is owed to all of those who contributed, funded, shopped, sewed and packed, and especially to Lisa Gale for the tremendous job she does purchasing items needed to make these projects successful.

We will continue to meet as circles and continue our outreach mission work. I will be the contact person and Sharon Halseth will continue as circle's treasurer as will Lisa Gale with projects plus the quilters will continue their work. Lori Schultz and I will be the coordinators for the DSU event in September 2017.

It has been a pleasure serving as your coordinator for the past year. It has been a very rewarding and enlightening experience. A big thank you is owed to all of the circles, the office staff, custodian, and pastors who all have been so very accommodating and helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jensen-Miller

2016 Women of the ELCA Treasures' Report

January 2016 Checkbook total		3755.88
Less Quilt Fund		<u>-1531.46</u>
Total General fund		2224.42
Receipts:		
Serving Funerals	2530.00	
Less Funeral expenses	<u>- 445.32</u>	
Total	2084.68	2084.68
DSU Luncheon	1779.25	
Less expenses	<u>-425.54</u>	
Total	1353.71	<u>1353.71</u>
		5662.81
Donations:		
Church Women United	35.00	
Quilt postage	200.00	
Bethel Foundation	1000.00	
Lake County Food Pantry	350.00	
Family Connection	100.00	
Trinity Camperships	550.00	
Madison Domestic Violence Network	400.00	
St Dysmus of SD	<u>300.00</u>	
Total	2935.00	<u>-2935.00</u>
General fund total		2727.81
Quilt Fund January 2016	1531.46	
Plus donations	<u>570.00</u>	
	2101.46	
Less expenses	<u>-281.02</u>	
Total quilt December 2016	1820.44	<u>1820.44</u>
Total in checkbook December 2016		4548.25

BETHEL LUTHERAN HOME, INC. - 2016 CONGREGATIONAL REPORT

To

Trinity Lutheran Church

Since we opened our doors on March 25, 1962, we have now served 1,081 residents as an extension of Trinity. In this past year, we had openings in four apartments, three in assisted living, and our first leased home became open this past year. We also begun remodeling our former childcare building for two new patio homes, and our first new neighbors moved in last month, with the second home ready this month.

You bless us with good people. You elect the largest contingent of annual meeting delegates (one delegate for every 100 confirmed members). Dan & Sharon Carlson, Myron Downs, Joyce Farrell, Kay Johnson and Lana Johnson are your delegates. Millie Moser represents Trinity on the governing board. Pastor Dirk and Pastor Constanze help conduct Sunday worship services throughout the year, come for monthly Holy Communion services and visit your members faithfully. We also want to thank the Trinity women who are so supportive of us!

In 2014, Jim Iverson came to the Board of Directors and laid out his plan for an orderly withdrawal and retirement from his long tenure as administrator of the facility. Implementation of that plan began with the hiring of an assistant administrator, who could step in as his replacement when that time arrived. To that end, Lisa Schaefer was hired as the assistant administrator in January 2015. Since then, she has learned about Bethel, its employees and residents. In June 2016, Jim decided that it was time to move into the retirement phase of his plan. Lisa began picking up the administration of additional departments every month, as Jim pulled back from the front lines. The goal has been to make this change in leadership as seamless as possible for the residents their families and the staff.

December 31, 2016 marked the end of this somewhat unique process. We invite you to come to Bethel on Sunday afternoon, January 8, 2017, from 3 to 5 p.m. to join us in thanking Jim for his 38 years of exemplary leadership and to meet Lisa Schaefer, our new administrator.

Norman Andenas, Chairman

Board of Directors

Bethel Home Foundation

At our October annual meeting, two new board members were elected onto the board, Deb Reed and Bobbi Janke. Along with Pat Engebretson and Terry Schultz there are now four board members from Trinity on our board of directors. Our 20th Foundation Dinner was held last April and we thank everyone who faithfully helps to attend and support this event. Our 21st dinner will be April 21st. 18 teams played at our 10th Annual Golf Tournament last August and we were fortunate to have another beautiful day for golf and fun. Last October, Connie Struwe resigned after four years as our Resource Development Coordinator. We are pleased that Rosie Jamison was hired by our new administrator, Lisa Schaefer, for this position and Rosie will begin in January. She too, is a member of Trinity!



South Dakota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Advent, 2016

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." - Matthew 24:42

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ whose coming we await with hope!

I am writing this letter for your congregation's annual report in the early days of Advent, when the sun's light is retreating from the world, and text for last Sunday has Jesus calling upon us to prepare and "keep awake." Jesus was speaking to his disciples who faced a not-to-distant future of witnessing their Lord's crucifixion, cowering as their city was overrun by an angry Roman overlord while enduring persecution in their own families and synagogues. Matthew's community believed they were living in extraordinary times, and they fervently hoped that Jesus would come -- and come soon!

It seems like we, too, are living in such times. A contentious election has left us feeling fearful, or hopeful, or with a sinking ambivalence about our government. Our once-hospitable earthly home now feels fragile as we come to grips with a rapidly changing climate. Protests around the country and on our state's border unveil lingering resentments, racial tensions and past and current injustices. With Matthew's community we cry out, "Come Lord Jesus! Come quickly!" What does it mean to be the church in times like these? Jesus said it has to do with being awake and living in a state of preparedness.

I am grateful for the ways in which I see signs of Christ's coming through an "awoke" church -- through you! You prepare for the coming of Christ each time you feed your hungry neighbors with a meal of food or a promise of continued presence in grief or hardship. You stay awake when you declare God's love in Jesus Christ for the child in your midst or the new neighbors in your community. You prepare the way of the Lord when you welcome a stranger whom your wider community might consider "dangerous" "other" or "alien." Whenever, instead of disparaging young people, you celebrate their gifts, gather them in to supportive relationships and share holy conversations, you are living as awakened followers of Jesus. Thank you!

You also prepare the way of the Lord with the counter-cultural act of releasing some of your hard-earned money to bless your local congregation and share God's love with people around the world. Your congregation's mission support teaches new skills to subsistence farmers in Nicaragua, and prepares new ministers of the Gospel in Cameroon. You have made the path a little straighter for our Lord by your generosity, through your congregation, that this year is starting 378 new congregations, two-thirds of them among people living in poverty: scripture continues to be fulfilled -- "Good news for the poor!"

Dear church -- stay awake! I am grateful for you and your good work, and I pray for you as you gather in your annual meetings.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop David Zellmer

**Adopted Budget
02/01/2017 - 01/31/2018**

	Adopted 2016	Revised 2016	Proposed 2017
SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD MINISTRIES			
Staff Leadership			
Bishop	108,084	108,088	111,331
Associate Tesch	12,373	12,373	12,744
Associate Marone	81,665	80,665	83,085
Bishop/Associate Benefits	69,500	73,170	75,215
SDS Travel	44,566	35,553	35,201
Bishop/Assistants Travel & Cont Ed	18,800	18,800	18,800
Program Ministries			
Native American Ministry	129,428	116,411	118,323
Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator	14,811	14,811	15,231
Companion Synod Coordinator	11,276	11,276	11,577
Support Staff and Office			
Support Staff Salaries/Benefits	139,318	140,555	144,750
Resource Center Supplies	250	250	250
Synod Office Expenses	58,623	54,560	55,070
Augustana College	19,233	19,689	19,689
Synod Leadership			
Synod Council	5,500	5,500	5,500
Support to Ministries Committee	3,500	3,500	3,500
Candidacy Committee	7,000	5,500	5,500
Electronic Communications	2,500	1,500	1,500
Multicultural Ministry Committee	1,700	1,700	1,700
Companion Synods Ministry Committee	500	500	500
Evangelical Outreach Committee	1,500	1,500	1,500
Mission Strategy Committee	2,000	2,000	2,000
Ministry Projects			
Stewardship Project	1,000	1,000	1,000
Continuing Education Projects	250	250	250
Outreach Ministries			
Multicultural Center/Woyatan	15,000	15,000	15,000
Mission Congregation Start-up	4,000	4,000	4,000
Companion Synods	500	500	500
Contingency	669	5,244	-
Subtotal SD Synod Ministries	753,546	733,895	743,716
Total Expense	1,992,560	1,938,081	1,965,883
Net Total	0	0	0

Troop 5 2016 Annual Report

Summary

Registered Adult Leaders –

- 1 Scoutmaster
- 29 Assistant Scoutmasters
- 6 Committee Members

Registered Youth - 33

Weekend Campouts - 5

Maui trip – March 11 - 20; 16 Scouts and 12 adult leaders

Summer Camp at Lewis and Clark Scout Camp, Tabor, SD, June 19-25; 32 Scouts and 10 leaders

Camping Nights (Scouts & Leaders x Nights) 541 nights

Combined Community Service Hours 1350 hours

Scouting Contact Hours (estimated) 13,972 hours

Narrative

Troop 5 had a very fun and eventful year. There were campouts at Lewis & Clark in January and March; Shetek in February, April, and November.

February had the Scouts serving the annual pancake breakfast during Scout Week. Turnout was average this year. Marv Rhode had a Scout display set up again during the feed; our thanks to Marv for sharing his Boy Scout Memorabilia. The money raised went into the individual Scouts accounts to pay for their camping trips throughout the year and any additional activities that they enjoyed. Thank you to Trinity for the use of the kitchen facility for this fundraiser. We finished the month with our Court Of Honor at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Summer camp was attended in June at the Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. During the week, 72 merit badges were earned. We had 32 youth attend for the week and ten leaders who attended the full week and four leaders who attended for part of the week. The week was dry and sunny, no rain this year. The boys had a week of fun.

In March 28 of us went to Maui, Hawaii, for 10 days; of course two full days were airports and planes. We did a lot of snorkeling and boogie boarding; the group really enjoyed the beaches and surf. We had a chance to do some sightseeing; we took a rainy afternoon and visited a volcanic blow hole, and then when it cleared up we went to look at some petroglyphs. There was also a trip up the volcano – over 11,000 feet above sea level and we could still see the ocean.

In the fall, the troop had a campout at the Izaak Walton clubhouse. The Troop hiked to the State Park and tried our hand at geocaching – the boys found 5 of the 6 targets that I had located. The Scouts had the opportunity to shoot a round of trap in the afternoon and the families were invited out to partake in the annual pork loin supper. Awards were presented after supper and the evening was topped off by a game or two of capture the flag.

In October, the Scouts helped clean up after the Kiwanis pancake feed, and in November, the troop crossed-over five new Webelos Scouts and their leaders from the pack. The new Scouts have joined our troop and are learning basic Scout fundamentals.

The Scouts are planning on an active year in 2017. Monthly campouts are planned with summer camp in June again at Lewis and Clark and a trip to Colorado to hike over 14,000 feet is planned for July.

Thank you, Trinity, for your continued support of Troop 5.

Mark Maberry

Scoutmaster, Troop 5

2016 Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota Annual Report



2016 Congregational Annual Report for

Trinity Lutheran Church

From
Madison

2016 Bible Study Theme

In it, Not of It

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

In our 2016 Bible studies, campers learn they are loved, forgiven and freed from their sins, that God uses them to reveal His love, grace, and promises, and to grow in faith, to have hope in the midst of overwhelming odds and to have strength in the gifts God has given them.

The opportunity for youth and adults to live in Christian community and renew their faith through the camping ministry is often a life-changing experience. You help make that possible through your gifts-your gifts of prayer, as well as your financial gifts.

Thank you!

In 2016, Lutheran Outdoors served over 16,500 youth, family campers, and guests at Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch, NeSoDak, Joy Ranch, and at day camps held in local congregations and Joy Ranch.

Statistics for
Trinity Lutheran Church
\$1200.00 to the Annual Fund
Between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016

