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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

God has joined us to one another, in congregations, in our denomination, and with Christians around the world. As church together, we faithfully strive to participate in God's reconciling work, near and far.

**Together, we are partners in ministry.**

We plant new congregations and renew existing ones; we work with ethnic ministries to reach all God's people; we develop and share resources for God's work when we gather.

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We support The Lutheran World Federation's global communion of churches and send more than 200 missionaries to more than 40 countries; we facilitate dialogue and common action among communities of other faiths that God's love may spread far and wide.

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We equip current and future leaders through our colleges, universities, seminaries and lay ministry schools; we engage in hopeful conversation about current economic, environmental, political, public and social issues.

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Christ has freed us *from* sin and death, even from ourselves, so that we can live with and for our neighbors; in worship we cry out to be forgiven, fed and equipped that our faith may be aligned with our lives and our lives with God's good purposes.

**Scattered into the world, we do God's work.**

Sent into the world – in every relationship, in every daily task, in every corner of life – we provide daily bread for our neighbors, nurture hope and faith, and work for a healed, reconciled and just world.

**Scattered into the world, we do God's work.**

On the highway and in the skies, in jails and in offices, in the unemployment line and at the mechanic's shop, in kitchens and in classrooms, shopping for toys or hoping to find our next meal, in nursing homes and in the voting booth, God is at work, providing for our needs and for our neighbors' needs.

**Scattered into the world, we do God's work.**

Gracious God, you call us together, and you send us out. Give us strength to be your people, both when we gather and when we scatter. Deliver us from service of ourselves alone, and deliver us from service to the welfare of our congregations that we may do the work you are calling us to do, alone and together. Whether in our daily lives or in and through our congregation, may we always seek common good. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MOUNT JOY, PENNSYLVANIA**

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to be a community of faith,  
committed to serve, conforming to Christ.

**PAROCHIAL REPORT  
January 1, 2017—December 31, 2017**

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS**

President: Scott Noon  
Vice-President: Debbie Williams  
Secretary: Jessica Johnston  
Treasurer: Wayne Chappel

**CHURCH STAFF**

Senior Pastor: The Rev. Michael J. Martine  
Associate Pastor: The Rev. Matthew Pensinger  
Director of Youth and Family Ministries: Michelle Shirk  
Organist: Joy Ide  
Adult Choral Director: Tara Beitzel  
Director of Children and Youth Choirs: Christa Schimitsch  
Office/Outreach Coordinator: Elayne Olson  
Parish Nurse: Judi Cosgriff, RN  
Business Manager: Kim Zern  
Inside Sexton: Tom and Beth Parker

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

<u>2015-2017</u>	<u>2016-2018</u>	<u>2017-2019</u>	<u>2018-2020</u>
Jessica Johnston	Missy Burkholder	Mindy Leaman	Tina Ahrens
Scott Noon	Alex Decaria	Joni McCrady	Casey Kraus
Geoff Ottens	Doug Rinehart	Debbie Williams	Tom Schulz

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Christian Education.....Gayle Watson  
Fellowship.....Tina Ahrens/Linda Umberger  
Finance.....Wayne Chappel  
Stewardship.....Staff  
Outreach.....Carol Rago  
Property.....Tracey Olson  
Staff Relations.....Marc Spiridigliozzi  
Evangelism/Communication.....Scott Noon  
Worship and Music.....Becky Noon  
Youth.....Scott Everhart

**The Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the 2018 Budget was held on December 10, 2017.  
THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO APPROVE COMMITTEE AND FINANCE  
REPORTS FOR 2017 WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2018.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**February 25, 2018**  
**AGENDA**

1. Receive and approve minutes of the 2017 Congregational Meetings
2. Receive/Accept President, Staff, and Committee 2017 Reports
3. Receive and approve 2017 Financial Reports
4. Announcement of Officers for 2018

    President: Tom Schulz

    Vice-President: Debbie Williams

    Secretary: Alex DeCaria

    Treasurer: Wayne Chappel

6. Adjournment

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As I sit to write this, we are preparing for "ROOTS: Celebrating Our History."

Like many things at Trinity, this is a big job, and the staff is (as usual) running hard.

Every year, I review the past 12 months in preparation for writing this report. And always, I'm shocked at what I've forgotten and by what has "melted" into the memories of previous years. But, while some of what we do runs together with those memories, there is always a lot that is unique to a given year.

A lot of the "unique" stuff is painful—the loss of friends, memories of caring for them in illness, and the memory of saying "Goodbye."

A lot is joyful—baptisms and weddings, seeing that (more and more) the kids who were here when I started this ministry are moving forward in life.

And, much reminds me of our blessings. Trinity has talented and dedicated staff and incredibly giving, skilled volunteers.

So, it's hard to review the past 12 months without being moved to prayer. Prayers of thanks; prayers requesting healing and comfort; prayers that we might continue in the mission we have been given.

Of course, there are always frustrations that get "remembered" as well (more on that in a minute), but the blessings continue to far outweigh the disappointments.

First, I need to recognize my coworkers and thank them. Our remarkable staff continues to make Trinity truly conscious of our mission to the gospel and to one another.

Outreach Coordinator Elayne Olson's continued work has been a tremendous blessing to us. Elayne's leadership of the Power Packs project continues to be outstanding and brings our wider community together in the mission of feeding hungry schoolchildren and their families. Elayne also, along with Business Manager, Kim Zern, makes sure our office is running smoothly and efficiently.

As for Kim, she continues to do a remarkable job of beautifully keeping our books and working with the vendors who help to care for our physical plant. It's remarkable how well she manages all things "financial" for Trinity!

Beth and Tom Parker continue to be a blessing. You always know when Beth is at work: laughter is heard in the halls and show tunes from her powerful alto voice emanate from any room being vacuumed. She is not a fan of glitter, but she throws herself into any task asked of her and continues to be a great help to Michelle Shirk in preparing things for our BOLD leaders.

Judi Cosgriff's work as Parish Nurse continues to be indispensable. She is a comfort to so many and a true messenger of the gospel to those in great need. I am constantly reminded how fortunate I am, and Trinity is, to have such a competent and caring person in her position.

Our music staff is exceptional. Christa Schimitsch took over in the fall of 2016 as Children's and Youth Choir director. She has been a wonderful addition to our staff. The kids love her; she runs a terrific "choir camp," and she has a great rapport with older youth as well!

Joy Ide is an exceptionally talented organist and pianist. (Many thanks to the Miller family for giving Trinity a beautiful new piano for Joy to play! I know that Irv and June Miller are smiling each time she plays it!)

And, Tara Beitzel continues to serve us beautifully and faithfully. We truly are blessed to have competent and talented music leaders in our worship life!

Michelle Shirk continues to do incredible work—leading programs, writing curriculum, caring for any child or youth in need at a moment's notice. We are fortunate and blessed to have a Director of Youth and Family that truly puts the gospel, and the care of others, first in her life.

Pastor Matt has fit in from day one, and he continues to enliven and enrich all that we do—from "Wing Men," to worship, to Jr. High ROC. He is a true "good and faithful" servant to those in need and a constant source of mirth.

Our team, like our church, is a family. We have our ups and downs; we do bump heads occasionally, and we do hold one another accountable. But we are bound in our care for one another and in a drive to continually do better for Christ.

Of course, as I hinted before, every year has its difficulties. For me, this would include our look at continued renovations in 2017 and a capital campaign that we rather quickly brought to an end.

Before going on, let me note some things I learned in research for our upcoming “history day.”

First, Trinity has a historical habit of calling off building plans. First, in the 1940's, expected construction of the “Education Wing” (the “Parish House”) was halted because of the expense and in hopes that, with the end of the war, costs would fall back in line.

Then, in the 1960s, plans for the new sanctuary were originally scrapped as “too expensive.”

But, obviously, both of these projects came to fruition, greatly enhancing our ministry and making it possible for Trinity to become what it is today.

Now, a note. I don't consider myself a “builder.” I don't much care for the process and am not terribly talented in that area. I don't need to be able to look back when I retire saying: “Look! Bricks and mortar from my ministry!” If you know me? You know I can't even tell you the color of the walls of my office.

But, I do believe that we need to keep considering if, and how, we might want to move forward with improvements to our facility.

I think that what we learned in our failed attempt at a capital campaign is how “we don't want to do this.”

I was personally grateful that people felt comfortable voicing their opinions concerning our project and methodology as we explored both in focus group meetings. It became clear that a consultant was not considered a good investment. It also became clear that some are hesitant to invest in buildings when there is so much need in the world. Some simply did not like the design.

And, yes, some were (and are) very excited about the project.

Council and staff listened, and we abandoned the campaign with the understanding that we would revisit the idea at a later date, continuing to consider if the improvements to the building are really something Trinity needs.

Having said that, some of the “needs” are indisputable. Our new front doors, originally part of the project, became an absolute necessity in 2017 and now are both functional and beautiful additions to our physical plant.

A new elevator to replace the “elevette” (using the same shaft) is also an absolute necessity. According to the exercise app on my phone, I climbed thirty flights of stairs during our clothing giveaway in January. (I climbed those stairs because the elevator is so hard for people to operate.) Let's just say I'll write the first check towards this expense...

But, despite whether each improvement is needed immediately by the church, we need to consider if the Trinity of the “future” will need these changes. As I said before, without the courage to step forward shown by the leaders of Trinity in the 1940's and 60's, we would not be where we are today. (And, I'm sure at those times, not all were in full agreement on the path forward...families rarely agree on everything!)

So, as we look to 2018, this is on my mind and, I know, on the mind of many others. I do not have the answers at this point, but I'm always willing to listen.

What I'm not willing to do, however, is nothing. As long as I am a leader at Trinity, I will push with you to move forward. That may, or may not include a building program, but we will continue to move forward.

As always, I thank you for your partnership and support—especially as you have supported my teammates in all that they do.

It was a wonderful year. Join me in my prayers for more wonderful years to come!

In Christ, Pastor Mike

### Appreciation

What a year 2017 was. It is hard to put into words just how deeply I feel God's presence and guidance here with us, how proud I am of all of you for continuing to be supportive of each other and of our ministry to the community, and how lucky I feel to be here with you.

This continues to be an... interesting time for the church in general. I continue to feel, as I have for many years, that the church (general sense) is in transition from one form to another, and that we don't quite know what the new form will look like yet. All the signs point to things like: less bureaucracy, fewer buildings used for more things, worship that's at the same time simpler but also more creative, and greater focus on service, learning, and spending time together. That all sounds good and easy, right? But for a lot of congregations, it's hard to let go: of worship forms, of events etc. that "we've always done," even of some things that could be called "bureaucracy"! And so, for a lot of congregations, it feels like a painful and uncertain time. And in a lot of ways, it feels painful and uncertain in the world in general... and when there's painful uncertainty both within and without, it can be difficult to see the vision of hope that God has for the present AND the future.

And yet... here at Trinity... it feels hopeful and powerful and like things ARE still working. Life in the world is often painful and uncertain, and YET... when we come together for work and worship and education and celebration... it helps, right? It feels better. It feels energizing, and comforting, and inspiring, and like taking a break. We're not perfect people, certainly, and we don't always do things perfectly. But I think part of the reason that things look and feel like they're working here is because we're used to being in that transitional phase. We are good at simplifying and refocusing. We are good at making changes... okay, as "good" as people can be! And we are already focused, we HAVE been, on serving, and learning, and spending time together. Those are priorities for us, and in 2017 they continued to be and in some ways became even more so. And those are the building blocks of true community, old but also new. We have been particularly blessed here at Trinity with good leadership that has been both consistent and flexible, and with willing workers who have worked HARD and continue to work hard... but what has made those things especially effective in making our ministry grow is the spirit of faith, togetherness, and trust that YOU all have cultivated and bought into here. There is stress and sadness in the world... and this is a place of joy where we equip ourselves to make changes out there. There is chaos and violence in the world... and this is a place of peace and stability. There is selfishness and stubbornness and systematic dysfunction in the world... and this is a place where we work together, and accept everybody, and hold love as the highest and best rule of all. It still works... Trinity is proof of it. I appreciate that so much. I hope you do too.

I loved being a part of the education ministry this year, especially teaching Jr. High ROC and the revamped Coffee Talk adult discussion. We have so many great opportunities to learn AND have fun together, for kids AND for adults, and helping make some of those experiences happen through teaching and writing curriculum was one of my favorite things of the year. I also loved meeting with the Wing Men, visiting our shut-in members, getting to know people better over lunches and dinners, and helping in various (small) ways to make the ministry of this church go. And in 2018 I'm finally going to get to experience our amazing VBS week! So grateful for that too.

I said this last year, and I want to say it again, nearly verbatim: thank you so much for your partnership in ministry. Thank you to our amazing staff Elayne, Michelle, Kim, Beth, Judi; thank you to our music staff Tara, Joy, Christa, Bill; thank you to the band, the choir, the worship assistants, the people who do setup, the people who do tech, the people who make fellowship happen, the people who serve on council, the people who volunteer for everything, the people who volunteer for one special thing, the people who teach, the people who support, the people who love us and pray for us, the people of this community. By the grace of God, YOU make Trinity Lutheran Church go and grow.

And a special thank you to Mike, who sets the tone and keeps this train on the tracks with blood sweat and a deep love for this place and what we do here. I appreciate the opportunity I've been given to participate in the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, and I look forward to another great year in 2018.

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?"

In Christ,  
Pastor Matt Pensinger

Fellow Congregational Members,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as president of Trinity's Congregation Council this past year. Trinity's members are committed to worship, service, and learning, remaining a shining light in the Mount Joy community. Our staff are second to none, making leadership of this faith community a joy and a pleasure. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

The Congregation Council continued its primary role of overseeing ministries, setting direction and policy, and ensuring the safekeeping of Trinity's assets. In terms of stewardship, Trinity was in good shape all year long, thanks to the Team Trinity program last February. While many ELCA congregations around us struggle, Trinity is blessed by strong giving, growing worship attendance, new members, and active participation.

The building continues to look better and better, given the support of the Renovations Task Force and strong Property Committee leadership. This past year, the congregation approved the replacement of the warped and well-worn front doors. The new ones finally arrived just a few weeks ago, brightening the front hallway with much needed natural light.

The major renovation for the primary hallway was put on hold in response to valuable feedback from congregation members. As we seek to meet the needs of a growing congregation, it's inevitable that our building needs will change, forcing us to think creatively about how we use space in this land-locked location. We continue to get feedback that folks enjoy the new designs, but congregants want a better process and timeline for raising the funds-- sentiments echoed among Council leaders as well. When the time is right, we'll take up the plans and move forward.

As always, Trinity's mission is to serve Christ's call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples." May God continue to bless us as we faithfully respond to his command.

Blessings,  
Scott C. Noon  
President, Congregation Council

## Worship and Music Committee

**Chair:** Becky Noon  
**Council Liaison:** Geoff Ottens

**Members:** Pastors Mike Martine and Matt Pensinger, Linda Boozer, Jere Duke, Carrie Henry, Terri Lee, Georgeanne Reardon, Tim Markovits, Cathy Hoffmaster, Tara Beitzel, Joy Ide, Geoff Ottens, Christa Schimitsch

Worship and Music works in conjunction with the pastoral staff and music staff to oversee the worship life at Trinity. Our committee is a dedicated mixture of members from both the contemporary and traditional services, and we are committed to excellence in all of our worship offerings. The scheduling of acolytes, crucifers, readers, altar guild, ProPresenter operators, and greeters all fall under the auspices of this committee. The committee also assures that there is a tree and decorations for the Advent/Christmas Season and that palms are purchased for Palm Sunday.

Excellence in music, and music leadership, was certainly evident at Trinity throughout the year. Joy Ide, Organist; Tara Beitzel, Senior Choir Director; along with Christa Schimitsch added meaning and richness to our worship. Christa's first "Choir Camp" was particularly successful, and she has our children and youth singing beautifully!

Thanks as well to the work of our bell choir, conducted by Bill Troutman, and to the volunteers in the choir and contemporary band. Trinity had another year of worship that truly fed the spirit and energized us for service!

Two cantatas (with full orchestra and ballet) were again highlights of our worship year. (These works were carried out through donations made in memory and honor of loved ones by the Beardslee and Foltz families.)

Cantatas are a principle part of our work, and our church continues to grow in the execution of them. Once again, we had our Lenten Cantata on Palm Sunday, allowing many more members to witness the work. We also utilized the "stations of the cross" format again for Good Friday worship, using special music by the choir and vocal/instrumental soloists. This has become a "new tradition" at Trinity that richly communicates the meaning of this day.

The Advent Cantata was simply joyous and featured a "new" cantata by James Martin. As this music, and as musicians come at a significant cost, council has included a line in the 2018 budget of \$5,000.00 to support the cantatas—which, again, have previously only been funded through donations.

The Sunday after Christmas was again a special day with "Come into God's Presence with Singing." A truly "special" special music Sunday, the service remains one of the most original and joyous offerings celebrating the birth of Christ one could find in an ELCA church.

As always, the committee thanks the singers, musicians, dancers, "tech people," and all those who lend a hand in carrying out worship in this place. We are truly blessed to be able to praise the creator in so many wonderful ways.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Noon

## **Youth and Family Annual Report**

It has been another great year of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries! It's hard to believe that this is my 12th year in ministry at Trinity. We are blessed with wonderful kids and supportive families – thank you for making Trinity the special place that it is!

### **Christian Education Overview Council Liaison: Alex DeCaria**

ROC (Raised on Christ) continues to be a wonderful place for kids and teens to learn about how God is working in their lives. Our self-created curriculum continues to be loved by our students and works great for our teachers. We will continue with this plan.

Vacation Bible School was held the week of June 19th and was successfully lead this year by Kim Alampi. We continued the tradition of writing our own program and once again had great success. Our title was “Spirit Detectives” and our kids learned to find peace, choose joy, share love, and be like Jesus. With original music, hands-on detective fun and crafts, interesting science and storytelling, and crazy games – this VBS was a real winner!

In addition to our annual Youth Sunday, we also have made the first Sunday of each month an informal “youth serving in worship” Sunday. Our schedule allows for teens to read, take offering, and serve communion at all services on these days. It is refreshing to see these young participants serving in worship more than the one time per year!

Favorite traditions continue to be the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Little Chiques Park, the Festival of the Arts featuring our tween and adult artists, and Celebration Sunday where confirmands and graduates are recognized.

### **Youth Programming Overview Council Liaison: Missy Burkholder**

BOLD continues to a fun place for our children and teens to learn about how God works in their lives. We added several creative storytelling techniques this year and they were all very successful. We have seen several new, non-member faces on Wednesday nights. It's great to be reaching beyond our families with the stories of our faith. We added a second hike night to our schedule to get our kids outside in the fall. It was well-attended and a welcomed addition to the calendar.

Retreats continue to be a fun favorite of our kids. Jr. High continues as a winter weekend retreat; Sr. High was moved to a one-day event this year. This generation of teens are extremely busy and find it difficult to be away for an entire weekend. An all-day Sunday event was quite the success and we plan to continue that in the year to come.

The Barn Party, Alive Jr. High weekend at Nawakwa, the meal packing with Stop Hunger Now, Chickies Hike Nights, and the Clothing Sorting Nights continue to be favorites of all involved.

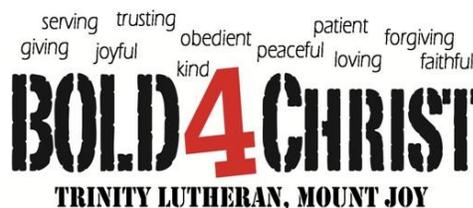
Professionally speaking I have served on two boards this past year: The Lower Susquehanna Synod's Learning Ministries Team and the Donegal Foundation Board. Along with Elayne Olson, I am also part of the founding group for the Donegal HUB – an organization that serves those in need in our community.

As required by the timeline within, I successfully created a task force to review and revise Trinity's Child Protection Policy.

Over the summer months, the staff studied "Generation Z" and analyzed how Trinity can adapt to better reach this generation. Because of the research, I updated the way we reach out to Sr. High, created a new YouTube series entitled "Milli Moments," and played a part in a revision of how we tabulate participation at Trinity. Instead of only listing people present in worship and classes, we now also list the number of virtual visits we see each week on social media outlets.

Please take a moment to say a special "thank you" to our volunteers who make children and youth ministry happen. There are close to 70 adults who give their time, talents, and energy to Trinity kids. What we do could not happen without all of them!

Sincerely;  
*Michelle Shirk*  
Director, Youth & Family Ministry



## Outreach Ministry Report

**Committee Chairperson: Carol Rago**  
**Council Liaison: Jessica Johnston**

Trinity's Outreach Committee meets on an as needed basis to review, plan and complete projects. Anyone is welcome to participate. Highlights of the congregation's service in 2017:

- Community Clothing Give-Away and Community Meal Event
- Rocky Boy Indian Reservation Monetary Collection for Layette Ministry
- Participated in the Growing Project at Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown
- College/Military Care Packages – 33 gift cards/knitted scarves for freshman
- Holiday cards with mints mailed to 24 homebound members
- Giving Tree Project – Assisted Mom's Group with 100 gifts bags of PJ's, books, small toy and personal care items for children to the non-profit, "Alyssa's Bedtime Stories" based in Lancaster
- Collected items and assembled backpacks for a new outreach ministry, "Blessed Bundles", started by Trinity's Garcia family
- Wrapped holiday gifts at the United Disabilities Services Foundation booth
- Education Box Top collection for Donegal School District
- Collection of Eye Glasses for Lions Club benefits the Blind Association
- Mount Joy Food Bank collection
- Service Week - Food Drive, Dresses for Africa, Binding Love, Faith on the Farm, Central PA Food Bank, Blessed Bundles
- Service week and other times throughout the year, served at Water Street Mission in Lancaster and the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg
- Trinity continues to be the core group operating the Donegal Power Packs Project in its 3rd full year of distribution (2017/18)

The Comfort Stitchers of Trinity continue to meet from September through May on the first Monday of each month. The group consists of members of Trinity, as well as friends of members who are interested in knitting or crocheting for charity causes. Jessica Johnston stepped down as leader in May 2017, and Elayne Olson stepped in beginning September 2017. The following items were created and donated by the members of the Comfort Stitchers in 2017:

- 165 washcloths
- 225 hats
- 31 prayer shawls
- 87 prayer squares
- 19 Warm Up America blankets
- 10 baptismal blankets
- 64 scarves
- 9 scarves to graduating seniors
- 20 traditional mantles
- 11 military mantles

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elayne C Olson  
Outreach Coordinator

## **Congregational Mission Ministry Report**

We have continued our “prayer partner” relationship with Amazing Grace Lutheran Church of Baltimore (AGC). Our shared visits have decreased; however, we remain in contact with Pastor Gary Dittman.

There does not seem to be an interest in our congregation for domestic mission trips. Research continues and notices will be posted as trips are formed within our Synod.

Six (6) members traveled with the Tree4Hope organization to Guatemala, July 8-16, 2017, under the leadership of Elayne Olson. They served at Hogar Manual Orphanage with other missionaries from the Lower Susquehanna Synod. We will plan to return in 2019 if there is interest from Trinity members.

In the spring, the “Wall of Money” was held and was successful. No additional plans have been made for fundraising.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elayne C Olson  
Outreach Coordinator

## **Finance Committee**

**Treasurer:** Wayne Chappel  
**Council Liaison:** Doug Rinehart  
**Business Manager:** Kim Zern  
**Committee Members:** Julie Houseal, Doug Rinehart

The Finance committee met monthly, several meetings were virtual, to review Trinity’s record of receipts and disbursements, and to make recommendations to Council regarding investment vehicles, as needed. Overall, we had a positive financial year with continued support from our congregation, particularly at the beginning and end of the year. The shortfall in offerings to budget of \$8,900 was offset by the overage in interest income of \$2,800 that exceeded budget and expenses lower than budget by \$14,100. With a really strong push during the Christmas season from the congregation, we were able to exceed budget by \$7,940 in total for the year. \$3,454 of the excess was donated to Lutheran Camping Corp and the remainder was designated for a broken drainage pipe that was repaired in 2018.

On January 21, 2018, this committee (Wayne Chappel, Julie Houseal, and Doug Rinehart) along with the help of Julie Houck, Tara Gensemer, Trobe Barnitz, Nancy Barnitz and Joe Rago conducted an internal audit of Trinity’s financial records and practices. Committee member, Wayne Chappel, submitted a report to Council in summary of the audit’s findings, and offered suggestions for improvement opportunities. The audit report identified no major findings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne E Chappel

## Property Committee

**Committee Chair:** Tracey Olson  
**Renovations Committee Chair:** Marc Spiridigliozzi  
**Council Liaison:** Alex Decaria

Under guidance of Tracey Olson, the Property Committee has performed needed maintenance on the building and grounds throughout the past year. They are available on an “as needed basis” to support our sexton when needs arise. Their efforts have allowed Trinity to keep costs down and for the church facility to remain functional and attractive.

### 2017 Highlights:

Held spring and fall clean-up days, and roadside trash pick-up.

After much research, the auxiliary parking lot signage has been completed and is now in place. This step was necessary in order to give priority parking to TLC members during church functions.

All sanctuary chandelier lights have now been completely converted to LED bulbs with dimmable switches. The older tungsten bulbs were costly and needed changed often. The transition to LED should reduce our energy consumption, and the need for some of us to climb up the tall ladder to change the bulbs each month.

After years of discussions and research, and soliciting advice from numerous professionals, a bid was secured by Ebersole Brother’s Construction of Mount Joy for the replacement of the three deteriorated front doors and side windows. Though there were some setbacks, the doors and windows are all installed and look beautiful. The doors are custom built and made from red oak on the inside and weather resistant mahogany on the outside which was painted red. The glass is a clear antique double pane which will provide much better thermal insulation than the single pane that was on the old doors and windows. The coming is internal and will be easy to clean. But the best part – they are much more secure, and actually close without force! We have received many positive comments and all agree it really brightens up the entrance hall. This was a monumental project and I thank all those that were involved along the way in the discussions, decisions, and implementation. They will be enjoyed for many, many years.

Though we did not formally have an adopt-a-garden program this year, many members volunteered to weed, plant a few flowers, and maintain the landscape beds and butterfly garden around Trinity. The foundational planting installed the fall of 2016 was well cared for, and only a few plants needed replaced. The trees all took very well, and we should all look forward to seeing the entire landscape fill-in and mature. Thank you to all who have spent many hours with keeping the landscape tidy and beautiful.

Another large project was the reupholstering of all the pew cushions. The Hoffines and Bair families graciously donated the necessary funds as well as their time in coordinating this project. They look absolutely beautiful and compliment the new carpet that was installed in the sanctuary a year ago.

Though many who help throughout the year would like to remain anonymous, I want to thank those individuals who share their time and talents in maintaining the Trinity building and property. It is much appreciated.

If you are interested in serving with this committee, or helping around the church when needed, please contact Tracey Olson (717)419-1853. Thank you to all who seek to keep our church beautiful, safe and in good repair.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracey Olson

## Fellowship Committee

**Co-Chairpersons:** Tina Ahrens and Linda Umberger

**Council Liaison:** Joni McCrady

**Committee Members:** Allan and Carol Crist, Ann & Rick Divet, Jim and Yvonne Geiger, Harry & Carol Markovits-Goehring, Madolin Heisey, Jean Nelson, Pete & Gail Peterman, Jim Rintz, Kate Thome, Linda & Dick Umberger, Elaine Krause, Gail Fridy, Cathy Hoffmaster, Joni McCrady, Sarah Bernot

The committee organized the following activities in 2017:

- Community Meal for Clothing Giveaway on January 29<sup>th</sup>
- Chili Cook-Off on February 12<sup>th</sup>
- Ash Wednesday Meager Meal on March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Coffee & Dessert Hour after each Lenten Mid-Week Service
- Palm Sunday Cantata Reception on April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Maundy Thursday Soup Supper on April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Timbers Trinity Trivia Event & Lunch on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Celebration Sunday Reception on May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Chicken BBQ/Congregational Picnic on August 6<sup>th</sup>
- ROC Open House Reception on September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Timbers Paint & Lunch on October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Timbers Christmas Luncheon with Rhythm Singers on December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Cantata Reception on December 17<sup>th</sup>

The committee would like to express a special “Thank You” to Beth Parker for all she does for our committee.

We appreciate the members of Trinity for participating in the activities planned by our committee and your willingness to donate items when requested. We are always looking for new ideas and new members.

We hold monthly meetings throughout the year on the first Saturday of every month at 9:00am in Room 209.

We began to explore the possibility of replacing some of the kitchen equipment, including stoves/ovens, freezers and the purchase of an ice machine, and look forward to those purchases and installations in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Ahrens & Linda Umberger

**February 26, 2017**

Scott Noon, Council President, called the Congregational Meeting to order following the early contemporary service. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2016 Annual Report and to seek approval of \$110,000 in front entrance renovations.

**Approval of 2016 Congregational Annual Reports:**

Copies of the Annual Congregational Reports and Financial audit were available. Scott thanked Joe Rago, Dawn Sites-Nolt, Julie Houseal, Julie Houck, Doug Rinehart, Tara Gensemer and Wayne Chappel for their work on the annual audit. The audit concluded with no major findings. The motion to approved the 2016 annual reports was seconded, and unanimously approved at all three meetings.

Scott announced the council officers for 2017 of himself as president, Debbie Williams as vice president, Jessica Johnston as secretary, and Wayne Chappel continuing as treasurer.

**Approval to set aside \$110,000 for Front Door and Window Replacement from the Endowment Fund to be repaid through Building Fund:**

Scott explained that the front doors have been an ongoing issue. The wood has warped and the glass in the doors is undulating with the leading shifting which has resulted in water leaks. The Renovations Committee has explored different materials, canopies, and possible structures. Mahogany remains the best option aesthetically and cost-effectively. Ultimately, the doors cannot wait until Phase #2 renovations.

There were no questions or discussion at the 8:30am and 9:45am meetings. At the 11:00am meeting, Larry Boozer asked if the designs will be available. Kim Zern has the designs for review. The motion to approve \$110,000 for front door and window replacement was made during the 8:30 meeting and seconded. The motion carried through voting at all three services.

Following the 11:00AM meeting, John Frey moved to adjourn the Congregational Meeting; seconded by Larry Boozer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Johnston

**August 6, 2017**

Scott Noon, Council President, called the Congregational Meeting to order following the early contemporary service. The motion to retain the services of James D. Klote and Associates for the initial four weeks of the planning phase of a capital campaign to continue the next phase of the renovations project with costs not to exceed \$30,000 was presented.

Scott reviewed that, to date, Trinity has spent approximately \$400,000 on renovation projects. The next phase of the renovation will require additional funds. Council is requesting the services of a capital campaign agency with expertise in this area of fundraising. Their services will include focus groups to share building plans and gather congregational input. In addition, they would prepare the initial documents necessary for a capital campaign.

The motion was seconded and carried with “aye” and “nay” votes verbally noted during all three meetings.

Following the 11:00AM meeting, Tyler Ashley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Johnston

**December 10, 2017**

Scott Noon, Council President, called the meeting to order following the early contemporary service. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt the proposed 2018 budget and elect new council members.

**Proposed 2018 Budget:**

Copies of the proposed 2018 budget have been distributed via email, mail, Budget Forums, and paper copies were available at the back of the sanctuary. There were no questions presented from the congregation members. The motion to approved the 2018 Budget was seconded; and carried with a unanimous verbal vote at all three services.

**Election of 2018-2020 Council Members:**

Jessica Johnston, Scott Noon, and Geoff Ottens are our outgoing members. There were 5 candidates on the ballot. Biographies of all 5 candidates were available . Paper ballots were distributed and collected by the ushers. Scott indicated the results will be tabulated and announced at the end of the 11:00 AM service and will be available on the church website.

A motion to adjourn was noted and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

The following candidates were elected to serve on Council:

Tina Ahrens  
Tom Schulz  
Casey Kraus

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Johnston

# Statement of Cash Flow - December 31, 2017

	GENERAL FUNDS	OUTREACH FUNDS	TRINITY FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS	RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS
Beginning Balance January 1, 2017	\$174,720.13	\$4,497.12	\$92,754.62	\$406,859.05	\$231,518.32
Offering Receipts	\$484,373.54				
Investment Income	58,863.17				
Operating Expenses	(543,236.71)				
Change in Liabilities	(172.36)				
Outreach Gifts Disbursements		\$25,338.30 (\$25,040.64)			
Trinity Gifts Disbursements			\$82,248.72 (79,100.14)		
Endowments Received				\$17,848.00	\$0.00
Trinity Loan Repayment				41,793.33	
Disbursements				(102,670.70)	(757.20)
YTD Increase/(Decrease)	(\$172.36)	\$297.66	\$3,148.58	(\$43,029.37)	(\$757.20)
Ending Balance December 31, 2017	\$174,547.77	\$4,794.78	\$95,903.20	\$363,829.68	\$230,761.12

Total Cash	\$869,836.55
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Reconciliation to Balance Sheet	
Total Assets BS	\$1,170,698.85
Less Loan BS	300,862.30
Net Cash	\$869,836.55
Variance	\$0.00

# Balance Sheet - December 31, 2017

Name	December 31 2016	December 31 2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Checking Account	173,045.93	101,261.81
UCB Money Market	51,594.59	81,961.41
ELCA Mission Bond	47,000.00	47,000.00
Investments (MM, CDs, Savings)	572,491.58	574,153.39
Library Stock	66,217.14	65,459.94
Loan from Endowment Fund	260,597.94	300,862.30
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,170,947.18</b>	<b>1,170,698.85</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Payroll Payables</b>		
Federal W/H	0.00	0.00
FICA W/H	0.00	0.00
State W/H	0.00	0.00
Lancaster County W/H	0.00	0.00
Local Service Tax	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Payroll Payables</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Payables</b>		
Construction Loan - Trinity Endow.	260,597.94	300,862.30
Credit Card Payables	915.56	743.20
<b>Total Other Payables</b>	<b>261,513.50</b>	<b>301,605.50</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>		
Endowment Fund	394,921.30	354,656.94
Schock Library Fund	155,717.14	154,959.94
Organ Fund	24,586.91	24,586.91
Scholarship Fund	4,214.27	4,214.27
Memorial Fund	11,937.75	9,172.74
Mission Fund	47,000.00	47,000.00
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>638,377.37</b>	<b>594,590.80</b>
<b>Outreach Funds</b>		
Blessed Bundles	0.00	160.60
Comfort Stitchers	795.19	1,003.75
Rocky Boy	60.00	0.00
Friends of Luther Acres	125.78	125.78
Discretionary Needs	238.19	2,334.07
Rise Against Hunger	3,010.08	1,040.05
Sunday School Funds	227.93	90.58
Samaritans Purse	36.95	36.95
Broad Street Ministries	3.00	3.00
Donegal Power Packs Project	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Outreach Funds</b>	<b>4,497.12</b>	<b>4,794.78</b>

Name	December 31 2016	December 31 2017
<b>Trinity Funds</b>		
Mom's Group	358.81	248.81
Property Improvements	1,126.47	5,187.73
Designated Gift	7,300.00	10,005.00
Social Ministry Projects	307.64	307.64
The Timbers	50.00	0.00
Chancel Flowers	(124.00)	(148.12)
Quilt Group	95.39	123.39
Youth Fund	28,408.68	28,246.36
Mission Trips	9,694.51	9,402.00
Spark Teams	4,155.02	4,155.02
Sr. High Pilgrimage	2,495.11	3,995.11
Soderholm/Ruhl Youth Mission Fund	15,700.00	15,700.00
Holiday Memorials	829.45	779.45
Choir Camp	659.81	777.63
Audio/Visual Equipment	600.00	750.00
Building Use	15,476.49	15,117.44
Music Ministry Fund	480.54	(189.32)
Capital Campaign	1,500.00	0.00
Schock Library Book/Resources	3,640.70	1,445.06
<b>Total Trinity Funds</b>	<b>92,754.62</b>	<b>95,903.20</b>
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>735,629.11</b>	<b>695,288.78</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>997,142.61</b>	<b>996,894.28</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Equity	159,034.25	173,804.57
Equity - Current Year	14,770.32	0.00
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>173,804.57</b>	<b>173,804.57</b>
<b>TOTAL LIAB. AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,170,947.18</b>	<b>1,170,698.85</b>

## 2017 Income & Expense and 2018 Approved Budget

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Line Description	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Balance	2018 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Offerings</b>				
Unified Envelopes	474,764.88	464,094.54	(10,670.34)	507,543.56
Easter	6,000.00	5,364.00	(636.00)	6,000.00
Thanksgiving	1,000.00	1,201.00	201.00	1,000.00
Christmas	10,000.00	12,039.00	2,039.00	10,000.00
Maundy Thursday	750.00	549.00	(201.00)	750.00
Good Friday	750.00	1,126.00	376.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>493,264.88</b>	<b>484,373.54</b>	<b>(8,891.34)</b>	<b>526,293.56</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>				
UNCB Money Market	100.00	366.82	266.82	250.00
Lanco FCU Savings Interest	5.00	9.44	4.44	10.00
Trust Fund Interest	50,000.00	51,660.85	1,660.85	45,000.00
Investment Interest	1,000.00	1,428.61	428.61	1,000.00
Thrivent Choice Income	5,000.00	5,355.00	355.00	5,000.00
Other Income	0.00	42.45	42.45	0.00
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>56,105.00</b>	<b>58,863.17</b>	<b>2,758.17</b>	<b>51,260.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>549,369.88</b>	<b>543,236.71</b>	<b>(6,133.17)</b>	<b>577,553.56</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Outreach Expenses</b>				
Regular Benevolence	36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00
Rocky Boy	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Fire Dept. Mount Joy	400.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Council Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lancaster Council of Churches	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Susquehanna Valley EMS	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Habitat for Humanity	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Outreach Expense</b>	<b>38,500.00</b>	<b>38,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>38,500.00</b>
<b>Worship/Music Expense</b>				
Worship Supplies	2,600.00	2,977.01	(377.01)	3,000.00
Choir Camp	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
Musicians/Supply Organist	2,000.00	2,950.00	(950.00)	2,000.00
Cantatas	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Robe Cleaning	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Offering Envelopes	2,300.00	1,937.11	362.89	2,000.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance	1,100.00	2,000.00	(900.00)	1,500.00
<b>Total Worship/Music Exp.</b>	<b>8,550.00</b>	<b>9,864.12</b>	<b>(1,314.12)</b>	<b>13,900.00</b>
<b>Education Expenses</b>				
Education Expense	5,700.00	5,691.66	8.34	5,700.00
Vacation Bible School	3,000.00	2,874.52	125.48	3,000.00
Confirmation	1,000.00	391.22	608.78	1,000.00
Sr. High Pilgrimage	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Church Camp	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Adult Education Expense	750.00	200.78	549.22	750.00
<b>Total Education Expenses</b>	<b>16,950.00</b>	<b>15,658.18</b>	<b>1,291.82</b>	<b>16,950.00</b>

# 2017 Income & Expense and 2018 Approved Budget

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Line Description	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Balance	2018 Budget
<b>Youth Expenses</b>				
Youth Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,025.00
Primary Grades Activities	1,900.00	1,546.45	353.55	0.00
Secondary Grades Activities	9,125.00	4,657.66	4,467.34	0.00
Youth Fund/Events	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
<b>Total Youth Expenses</b>	<b>13,625.00</b>	<b>8,804.11</b>	<b>4,820.89</b>	<b>13,625.00</b>
<b>Evangelism Expenses</b>				
Evangelism Communication	1,000.00	925.00	75.00	1,000.00
Advertising	350.00	693.09	(343.09)	350.00
Stewardship	1,500.00	276.06	1,223.94	1,500.00
Capital Campaign	1,000.00	102.56	897.44	0.00
Timbers	500.00	456.67	43.33	500.00
Mom's Group	700.00	558.46	141.54	700.00
Small Groups	300.00	47.44	252.56	300.00
Samaritan Center Partnership	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
<b>Total Evangelism Expenses</b>	<b>6,550.00</b>	<b>4,259.28</b>	<b>2,290.72</b>	<b>5,550.00</b>
<b>Outreach Expenses</b>				
Outreach Committee Expense	1,150.00	540.87	609.13	1,150.00
Comfort Stitchers	175.00	57.48	0.00	175.00
<b>Total Outreach Expenses</b>	<b>1,325.00</b>	<b>598.35</b>	<b>726.65</b>	<b>1,325.00</b>
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits Expense</b>	<b>370,999.88</b>	<b>368,201.72</b>	<b>2,798.16</b>	<b>384,783.56</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>				
Travel Allowance	3,000.00	1,395.33	1,604.67	2,000.00
Office Supplies	3,500.00	2,741.91	758.09	3,500.00
Postage	2,700.00	2,577.59	122.41	2,700.00
Office Equipment Lease/Maintenance	11,250.00	10,246.52	1,003.48	10,000.00
Synod Assembly Expenses	720.00	360.00	360.00	720.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	1,201.10	(1.10)	1,200.00
Church Insurance	9,000.00	9,080.21	(80.21)	9,200.00
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>31,370.00</b>	<b>27,602.66</b>	<b>3,767.34</b>	<b>29,320.00</b>
<b>Property Expenses</b>				
Building Maintenance	15,000.00	21,746.38	(6,746.38)	25,000.00
Outside Maintenance	5,000.00	6,567.55	(1,567.55)	5,000.00
Utilities	30,000.00	28,243.18	1,756.82	30,000.00
Telephone/Internet	3,500.00	3,436.37	63.63	3,500.00
Trinity Place	2,500.00	4,407.51	(1,907.51)	4,000.00
<b>Total Property Expenses</b>	<b>56,000.00</b>	<b>64,400.99</b>	<b>(8,400.99)</b>	<b>67,500.00</b>
<b>Total Fellowship Expenses</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>4,291.85</b>	<b>208.15</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
<b>Schock Library</b>				
Choir Music	400.00	463.50	(63.50)	1,000.00
Books/Audio Visual	600.00	591.95	8.05	600.00
<b>Total Schock Library Expense</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,055.45</b>	<b>(55.45)</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>549,369.88</b>	<b>543,236.71</b>	<b>6,133.17</b>	<b>577,553.56</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

# Outreach/Trinity Funds Summary

## January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Description	Opening Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
<b>Outreach Funds</b>				
Mount Joy Helping Services	\$0.00	\$3,969.00	\$3,969.00	\$0.00
Comfort Stitches	795.19	392.23	183.67	1,003.75
Rocky Boy	60.00	540.00	600.00	0.00
Friends of Luther Acres	125.78	0.00	0.00	125.78
Discretionary Needs	238.19	6,594.32	4,498.44	2,334.07
Sunday School Offerings	227.93	425.54	562.89	90.58
Operation Underground Railroad	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
Water Street Ministries	0.00	1,277.50	1,277.50	0.00
ELCA Good Gifts	0.00	628.00	628.00	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	2,670.00	2,670.00	0.00
Rise Against Hunger	3,010.08	973.97	2,944.00	1,040.05
Heifer Project	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Samaritan's Purse	36.95	0.00	0.00	36.95
Blessed Bundles	0.00	160.60	0.00	160.60
Broad Street Ministries	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Habitat for Humanity	0.00	261.00	261.00	0.00
Disaster Relief	0.00	6,177.31	6,177.31	0.00
Donegal Power Packs Project	0.00	998.83	998.83	0.00
<b>Total Outreach Funds</b>	<b>\$4,497.12</b>	<b>\$25,338.30</b>	<b>\$25,040.64</b>	<b>\$4,794.78</b>
<b>Trinity Funds</b>				
Mom's Group	\$358.81	\$380.00	\$490.00	\$248.81
Property Improvements	1,126.47	4,486.26	425.00	5,187.73
Designated Gift	7,300.00	31,700.00	28,995.00	10,005.00
Social Ministry Projects	307.64	0.00	0.00	307.64
The Timbers	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Chancel Flowers	(124.00)	1,542.00	1,566.12	(148.12)
Quilt Group	95.39	75.00	47.00	123.39
Youth Fund	28,408.68	9,715.36	9,877.68	28,246.36
Mission Trips	9,694.51	13,951.69	14,244.20	9,402.00
Bagel Café	0.00	3,261.18	3,261.18	0.00
Spark Teams	4,155.02	0.00	0.00	4,155.02
Senior High Pilgrimage	2,495.11	1,500.00	0.00	3,995.11
Soderholm/Ruhl Youth Mission Fund	15,700.00	0.00	0.00	15,700.00
Holiday Memorials	829.45	643.00	693.00	779.45
Choir Camp	659.81	525.00	407.18	777.63
Audio/Visual Equipment	600.00	150.00	0.00	750.00
Wedding	0.00	450.00	450.00	0.00
Building Use	15,476.49	4,149.97	4,509.02	15,117.44
Music Ministry Fund	480.54	5,550.00	6,219.86	(189.32)
Capital Campaign	1,500.00	34,467.38	35,967.38	0.00
Property Capital Improvements	0.00	56,230.75	56,230.75	0.00
Schock Library Books/Resources	3,640.70	4,169.26	6,364.90	1,445.06
<b>Total Trinity Funds</b>	<b>\$92,754.62</b>	<b>\$172,946.85</b>	<b>\$169,798.27</b>	<b>\$95,903.20</b>
<b>Total Outreach &amp; Trinity Funds</b>	<b>\$97,251.74</b>	<b>\$198,285.15</b>	<b>\$194,838.91</b>	<b>\$100,697.98</b>

# Designated Funds Report

<b>Building Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2017	
Loan from Endowment Fund	(\$260,597.94)
Income:	
Loan from Endowment Fund	(82,057.69)
Expense:	
Building Fund Contributions	41,793.33
Balance December 31, 2017	<u>(\$300,862.30)</u>

<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$4,214.27
Income	0.00
Expense:	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	<u>\$4,214.27</u>

<b>Organ Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$24,586.91
Income	0.00
Expense:	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	<u>\$24,586.91</u>

<b>Mission Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$47,000.00
Income	0.00
Expense:	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	<u>\$47,000.00</u>

<b>P. Franck and Clara S. Schock Memorial Library Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2017 (CD & Stock)	\$155,717.14
Income: Adjust stock value	0.00
Expense: Adjust stock value	<u>(757.20)</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	<u>\$154,959.94</u>

<b>Memorial Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$11,937.75
Income - Memorial Gifts	
Florence Bennett	805.00
Beth Ebersole	100.00
John Fetzeck	1,328.00
Shirley Garner	290.00
E. Jean Germer	240.00
Cathey Heisey	105.00
Rev & Mrs Lester Koder	1,000.00
F Bruce Martenis	200.00
Daisy Neiss	295.00
Rachel Reynolds	75.00
Irvin & June Smith	13,000.00
Carol Spellman	30.00
Betty Stauffer	180.00
Loraine Stoltzfus	200.00
Total Income	<u>17,848.00</u>
Expense - Transfers	
AV Equipment	(4,520.01)
Fetzeck- Good Gifts	(328.00)
Fetzeck-Groundskeeping	(500.00)
Heisey- Comfort Stitchers	(105.00)
Koder- Discretionary Needs	(1,000.00)
Martenis- Music Ministry	(200.00)
Smith- Grand Piano	(13,960.00)
Total Expense	<u>(20,613.01)</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	<u>\$9,172.74</u>

<b>Endowment Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2017	\$394,921.30
Income:	
Payment from Building Fund	41,793.33
Memorials	-
Expense:	
Loan to Building Fund	(82,057.69)
Balance December 31, 2017	<u>\$354,656.94</u>

**Trust Funds**

*Investments which donor(s) have established in trust through a commercial institution and in which Trinity receives interest income to be used for the total scope of the church's ministry. The principal amount invested in a "trust" is not available to Trinity.*

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>	<u>Trustee</u>
Elizabeth Everitt	\$1,007,468.00	Wells Fargo
<i>Trinity receives 3/4 of interest distribution</i>		
Franceanna Stoner	\$577,760.00	Wells Fargo
<i>Trinity receives 1/2 of interest distribution</i>		
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin K. Weaver	\$133,615.00	Security National Trust Company
John W. Dillinger	\$162,844.00	Security National Trust Company

**Endowment Funds**

*Investments which donor(s) have given to Trinity for the ongoing ministry of the church. At the January 27, 1980 Congregational Meeting, a policy was adopted regarding the gifts to Trinity: that monies received by Trinity from wills, bequests, memorials or honorariums which are not designated, shall be handled by the Church Council in the following ways:*

- 1.) \$2,000 or above shall be placed in appropriate trust funds or bonds in memory of the deceased with income used to meet budget expense;*
- 2.) Under \$2,000 shall be placed in the Memorial fund and used (at the discretion of Council) for appropriate memorials.*

*In April 1982, the amounts noted in 1.) and 2.) above were amended to \$1,000. Thus, the Endowment Fund grows as persons are memorialized at \$1,000 or more and as people name Trinity as a beneficiary in estate planning. The principal investment is managed by the Congregational Council and/or Investment Committee and a report is made to the Congregational in the Annual Report.*

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Value</u>
Doris Stekervetz Oberholtzer	164,272.55	Vernon Kinsey	2,205.00
Mr. & Mrs. William Batzel	78,000.00	Samuel & Mary Jane Harnish	2,020.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Keener	63,922.64	Clarence & Ann Hollinger	2,000.00
Peggy L. Mowrer	54,434.38	Jeffrey Meckley, Jr.	1,970.00
Viola S. Kilgore	38,225.00	Jeffrey Brown	1,490.00
Dorothy Schock	28,300.00	Gerald Sheetz	1,470.00
Rev. & Mrs. W. Lester Koder	24,025.00	Charles (Casey) Kraus, Jr.	1,365.00
Rudy Soderholm	20,000.00	Charles Ruhl	1,345.00
Kathryn A. Peiffer	19,000.00	Gertrude Scheffler	1,295.00
Mr. & Mrs. George I. Rice	19,000.00	Ervin Weaver	1,210.00
Wilma Dommel	15,000.00	Luella Eshleman	1,176.75
Mr. & Mrs. Grant D. Gerberich	10,500.00	Beulah Smith	1,135.00
Mildred O. Booth	10,000.00	Bruce Brown	1,100.00
Clyde E. Gerberich	10,000.00	Clyde Brinser	1,035.00
Lena Parker	10,000.00	Elizabeth Klumpp	1,027.92
Richard Heisey	5,050.00	Nora Derr Aubel	1,000.00
Mary Feist	5,000.00	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bortzfield	1,000.00
Dale W. Garber	5,000.00	Anna G. Buohl	1,000.00
Eugene & Anna Garber	5,000.00	Mrs. Marian A. (Bortzfield) Forry	1,000.00
Jean Gerberich	5,000.00	Elsie Lefever	1,000.00
Ragnar & Mary Hallgren	4,625.00	Levi Ricksecker	1,000.00
Charles "Jack" Bennett	3,840.00	Marie Schaefer	1,000.00
William Moyer	3,020.00	Pauline G. Smith	1,000.00
Reba Sebelist	3,000.00	O. K. Snyder	1,000.00
Jack & Helen Breneman	3,000.00	Dorothy Wagner	1,000.00
Harold Schafer	2,700.00	Catherine Waltz	1,000.00
Norman Z. Heisey	2,550.00	Carol Yocum	1,000.00
Roy Steinmetz	2,550.00	Theda Young	1,000.00
Marie Carson	2,500.00		
Katherine Neal	2,500.00		
Helen Kinsey	2,500.00		
		<b>Honorariums</b>	
		Rev. David E. Klepper, Jr.	5,000.00

**Bequest from Dorothy E. Schock**

" I give and bequeath my bank stock of the Union National Financial Corporation (of the Union National Mount Joy Bank) to the Trinity Lutheran Church of Mount Joy for the establishment and maintenance of a memorial in honor of my parents, know as the P. Franck Schock and Clara S. Schock Memorial Library Fund."

In May 2011, Union National Community Bank merged with Province Bank to form Union Community Bank, a subsidiary of Donegal Group, Inc.

**P. Franck and Clara S. Schock Memorial Library Fund**

(3,786 shares of Donegal Group Inc. stock and an \$89,500 certificate of deposit)

**Bequest from Kathryn Sauder**

\$85,000 for Trinity's Organ Fund received in 1997

**Bequest from Ethel Good**

\$50,000 received in 1998. "It is my wish that the gift to Trinity Lutheran Church be used in the Outreach Program of the Church. The principal is invested in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Mission Fund. This fund supports the development of the new ELCA congregations.

**Memorial Fund**

Begun in September 1977, this fund is for the deposit of monies less than \$1,000 given in memory of persons. The fund is to be used by the Congregational Council "for appropriate Memorial Fund Expenses" (see policy under Endowment Funds). Contributions and disbursements in this fund are reported annually and a record of persons memorialized, together with donors, is properly maintained. See Memorial Funds Financial Report for the current year receipts and disbursements.

**Designated Funds**

Memorial, Honorariums or Bequests received by Trinity Lutheran Church that are designated for a particular fund or project. These funds are expended in full or in part as needed in the specified fund or project. Due to space limitations, this list only includes donations made in the last 20 years. A full list is available in the church office.

Jeffrey Brown, Elaine Ressler and Janis Awad (1996) .....	\$300.00	Charles & Elinore Ruhl (2012).....	\$10,000.00
Honorarium from Bruce and Joyce Brown to provide 30 copies of With One Voice for Trinity's choir.		Memorial gift from children designated for Audio/visual equipment & Youth Mission Fund.	
The Rev. Russell and Mrs. Flora Shilling (1997) .....	\$651.00	James B. Heilig (2013).....	\$1,110.00
Memorial from The Rev. David and Mrs. Barbara (Shilling) Klepper for blue parchments and stole for Advent.		Memorial gifts designated for the Building Fund in memory of James B. Heilig.	
Wilma Dommel .....	\$6,500.00	Rudy Soderholm (2014).....	\$20,000.00
Memorial from Florence Dommel for the purchase and installation of a new carillon.		Memorial gift from Jean Soderholm designated for Youth Mission Fund.	
Glenn Nelson (2000) .....	\$5,000.00	Mildred Hollinger (2014).....	\$101.00
Memorial gift from Jean Nelson and Family designated for the Stove Fund.		Memorial gifts designated for the Mission Fund	
Ray Sweigart (2000) .....	\$1,000.00	Ed Beardslee (2013-2016).....	\$5,000.00
Memorial gift from Lorraine Meashey designated for the Stove Fund.		Memorial gifts designated to the Music Ministry Fund	
G. F. Naugle (2000) .....	\$200.00	Paul Linard (2015).....	\$1,000.00
Memorial gift from Agnes Naugle designated for the Stove Fund.		Memorial gifts designated for Church Camp Scholarships and Music Ministry Fund	
Mamie Goss (2000) .....	\$100.00	Peter Koder (2016).....	\$1,000.00
Memorial gift from John and Mary Ellen Steffy designated for the Stove Fund.		Memorial gift designated for building renovations.	
Frank Young (2000) .....	\$4,550.00	Donald and Gladys Ney, Sr. (2016).....	\$15,000.00
Presented in celebration of Frank's 75th birthday by Frank and Dusty Young. Choir chimes were purchased.		Memorial gift from children and families designated for new landscaping plan.	
Casey and MaryAnn Kraus (2001) .....	\$740.00	Irvin and June Smith (2017).....	\$13,000.00
Presented by family and friends in celebration of Casey & MaryAnn's 50th wedding anniversary.		Memorial gift from Carol Miller for the purchase of a Boston grand piano for the sanctuary	
Ethel Ercolino (2011) .....	\$500.00	John Fetzeck (2017).....	\$1,328.00
Memorial gift of Delilah Keller designated for audio/visual equipment.		Memorial gifts given for groundskeeping and ELCA Good Gifts/Heifer Project	
		The Rev. and Mrs. Lester Koder (2017).....	\$1,000.00
		Memorial gift from Grace Koder designated for Discretionary Needs.	

**Deaths**

Beth Ebersole  
 John Fetzeck  
 Shirley Garner  
 Cathy Heisey  
 Daisy Neiss  
 Rachael Reynolds  
 Betty Stauffer  
 Barbara Stoner

**Losses**

Janice Mills  
 Helene Wallauer

**Confirmands**

Bethany Crain  
 Owen Enterline  
 Richard Fitts  
 Heather Lauver  
 Rachel Merrill  
 Jordan Miller  
 Noah Morrison  
 Sarah Rhine  
 Levi Sites  
 Milligan Straub

**Baptisms**

Finnegan Beitzel  
 Jozlyn Boozer  
 Marcus Boozer  
 Brayden Delp  
 Christian Fellin  
 Lucas Jannotta  
 Cora McCrady  
 Madison Nentwig  
 Harper Pfautz  
 Reagan Prusch  
 Bennett Sasso  
 Mabrey Zurin

**New Members**

Michael Fellin  
 Rebecca Fellin  
 Jill Flemming  
 Tyler Hanna  
 Troy Hanna  
 Ashley Herman  
 Kathleen Hughes  
 Mark Hughes  
 DJ Kornis  
 Debra Kornis  
 Charlotte Leer  
 Hayden Llewellyn  
 Lisa Llewellyn  
 Peyton Llewellyn  
 Robert Llewellyn  
 Jeffrey Marsh  
 Sybil Marsh  
 Gary Masters  
 Lisa Masters

Alice McMinn  
 Lillian Osborne  
 Michael Osborne  
 Olivia Osborne  
 Deborah Pensinger  
 Maura Pensinger  
 Ethan Salem  
 Kathleen Stehman  
 Lillian Stehman  
 Scot Stehman  
 Timothy Stehman  
 Kristy Wesche  
 Shawn Wesche  
 Janet Wolfe

**First Communion**

Delaney Bleecher  
 Derrick Burkholder  
 Robert James Datorre  
 Nathan Frey  
 Hayden Llewellyn  
 Quinn Prusch

**Marriages**

Jessica Garber and Aaron Swarr  
 Samantha Houseal and Jared DiPerri  
 Colby Hoover and Haley Livingston  
 Emily O'Shea and Abram Weidman  
 Kristy Taylor and Shawn Wesche  
 Margaret Tufarolo and Edward Lazowski  
 Matthew Zimmerman and Nicole Ethridge

Average Weekly Attendance:	297
Baptized Members:	932
Confirmed Members:	733
Communing Members:	797

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# REFLECTIONS ON OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE AND OUR WORK TOGETHER

Whether we are gathered in our faith community or sent into our daily lives, we remember that we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we are to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed. As we live into God's word and deed, we are also reminded to be faithful stewards of God's creation and gifts. Faithful stewardship is about holding to God's purpose and ensuring the responsibilities and resources that God has entrusted to us are used with great care and with accountability to God, to each other and those served by the church.

With the adoption of Strategic Directions 2025 in 2017, the goals and priority areas for the ELCA as a whole church are identified. These goals and priorities are based on a shared trust and hope that the future is in God's hands. As stewards of God's grace, we are responsible for the time, talents and resources that will make these goals and priorities attainable in the many expressions of the church. As you consider your goals, priorities and resources for the years ahead, please consider how the following strategic directions are connected to your ministry.



1

## **A thriving church spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all people**

(Acts 1:8, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Matthew 28:16-20, Romans 1:16)



2

## **A church equipping people for their baptismal vocations in the world and the church**

(Philippians 2:4-11, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Romans 6:3-4, Mark 10:13-16)



3

## **An inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities that diversity brings**

(1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 2:14-20, Acts 10, Galatians 3:26-28)



4

## **A visible church deeply committed to working ecumenically and with other people of faith for justice, peace and reconciliation in communities and around the world**

(2 Corinthians 5:14-21, John 13:12-15, Isaiah 58:1-11)



5

## **A well-governed, connected and sustainable church**

(1 Corinthians 4:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, Micah 6:8, 2 Corinthians 9)

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## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In 2017, Lutherans around the world observed the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are called to foster unity within the church and to live into God's calling together in the years ahead. Through our more than 3.7 million members and friends, we will continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the life of the world.

We are church together, united by a common vision.

A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation.

We are church for the sake of the world, united by a common purpose.

Together in Jesus Christ, we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

As we strive to live into this vision and purpose, we face many challenges. In a radically individualistic society, we seek to create and sustain life-giving relationships and communities that connect us to God and one another. In a society that is becoming increasingly secular while facing many tensions, we seek to proclaim the gospel and share the story of Jesus as a source of hope, inclusion, peace and reconciliation. And, in a world that misuses power and authority while struggling with growing inequality, we seek to follow Jesus who spoke publicly for those who were oppressed and marginalized.

As your church family gathers to make decisions about using the gifts God has entrusted to you, may you remember that by the tender love of God, by the ceaseless pursuit of the Spirit, we are members of the body of Christ. We are family. We share our lives. We love each other. By the reconciling expression of God's grace, we can live confidently and generously in this community of faith and in service of others because we are joined in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Living together in community with Christ,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7