

# ANNUAL REPORT

— 2018 —



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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# A message from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Dear siblings in Christ,

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully. As communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world, we are confident about who we are in Christ and what God is calling us to do. Whether worshiping wherever two or more are gathered, engaging in lively conversations about faith, or rolling up our sleeves and getting to work, we strive to share God's grace and love in Christ for all people and creation. This reflects the vitality we find in Jesus Christ, our own spiritual life and our desire to participate in what God is doing today.



Within each community of Jesus there are leaders who strive to model an attitude of servanthood, trustworthiness, humility, patience and listening first while striving to work with others in healthy ways. These leaders teach all ages, motivate believers, build consensus, share a vision, discern direction and facilitate action. Their attention is focused on growing disciples who are sent into their daily life to love and serve others as friends, neighbors, parents, citizens and workers. Together we recognize the importance of growing disciples and multiplying leaders who serve inside your congregation and beyond your walls.

As our congregations plan their work for the coming year and how to use the resources God has entrusted to them, I invite you all to think about the relationships that bring you vitality and the leaders you nurture for God's mission in the world. While you make many decisions, remember you are not alone. We are all partners in sharing the gospel. Together, by God's grace, we can do what God is calling us to. May you go forth to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

Serving together in Christ's name,

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

You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all  
your soul, and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.

Mark 12:30

**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, 2018—December 31, 2018**

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS**

President: Tom Schulz  
Vice-President: Debbie Williams  
Secretary: Alex DeCaria  
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/Jackie Rinehart  
Inside Sexton: Tom and Beth Parker

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

<u>2016-2018</u>	<u>2017-2019</u>	<u>2018-2020</u>	<u>2019-2021</u>
Missy Burkholder	Mindy Leaman	Tina Ahrens	Jessica Fultz
Alex DeCaria	Joni McCrady	Casey Kraus	Craig Haas
Doug Rinehart	Debbie Williams	Tom Schulz	Harold Wilson

**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 9, 2018.  
THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO APPROVE COMMITTEE AND FINANCE  
REPORTS FOR 2018 WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2019.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**February 24, 2019**  
**AGENDA**

1. Receive and approve minutes of the 2018 Congregational Meetings
2. Receive/Accept President, Staff, and Committee 2018 Reports
3. Receive and approve 2018 Financial Reports
4. Announcement of Officers for 2019

President: Tom Schulz

Vice-President: Debbie Williams

Secretary: Tina Ahrens

Treasurer: Wayne Chappel

6. Adjournment

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Another year, and Trinity continues to stretch and grow.

When I look back at 2018, a few things stand out. We looked, again, very hard, at the possibility of changing our physical plant, and we gathered a good deal of promised funding from folks who felt that we should go in this direction.

We decided, early on, that we would determine whether to bring the renovations to a congregational vote by seeing IF we could meet certain financial goals. While we certainly garnered a lot of support for the ideas, we fell short of our goals. And, in the conversations surrounding our research, we listened to many who are struggling with what our "identity" should be as a church. Should we spend so much on our physical plant, or should we be looking at more ways to help others? More work that "reaches out?"

Of course, these ideas are not mutually exclusive, and we talked about that. (A lot.)

In the end, though I did a lot of work in trying to bring this project to fruition, I was not overly upset by the fact that we did not reach our targets. (As staff, our mission was to see if embarking on renovations was the "will" of the congregation.) I am not, and have never been, motivated by buildings or the "prestige" that comes with a shiny new space. I am disappointed that the "relationship building" that would have occurred (in my opinion) in the proposed space has been lost, but I totally understand the struggles concerning what our focus should be. (I felt the same pull internally as I considered our options.)

At this point there is no plan to revisit the concept of renovations anytime soon. (I feel like I gave the project my all in 2018, and that was after years of meetings and work.) We are moving ahead and need to look at our direction seriously.

I will say this, and, as I say it, please do not think that I am being overly critical.

While I completely accept the congregation's decision, there was a sense in some conversations that, "Everything's great, we don't need to change a thing."

Trinity flourishes because we have embraced change, even when others said we were foolish, even when we wondered if we were being foolish ourselves.

In this day and age, a church must be light on its feet and able to adapt to the many changes the society around it embraces. We are surrounded by struggling and dying churches that were much like us twenty years ago. (Back then, we were all pretty healthy!) But the churches now suffering were churches that largely chose "no" direction (save keeping things "the same") and ended up going in the wrong direction. These churches now have few young people, fewer children, and a bleak future.

Simply put--the day we decide things are "just right" will be a very dangerous day indeed. Do not succumb to that kind of thinking. It's ok to love tradition--we all love certain traditions! And change should never be made for the sake of change itself, but change should always be considered when the communication of the gospel is at stake. The communication of, and the living of, the gospel is what we are about--not comfort, not tradition alone.

Now, having gone through this process and having heard the words, "we need to be more outwardly focused" vocalized by many, I'm wondering, "What should that look like?"

Note: it's not just me: staff is actively exploring this question as well.

I know, as we look for direction as a church, that you will be looking to staff and council for guidance, but don't forget you are part of the conversation. (We'd like to hear your ideas!) But, if we need to be more outwardly focused, we will try to find ways to become so.

So, 2018 was really a year, as I look at it, of conversation, taking a deep breath, and considering next steps. That "consideration" is still very much in process.

Of course, we did a lot of cool stuff, too. Our "ROOTS" history day was one of the best events I've participated in at Trinity. We had a great "Together" campaign, and my heart is warmed whenever I see those car magnets. Worship was awesome, our programming was expanded, the Power Packs Program continues to grow, we had another amazing clothing give-away, our kids programs are still first rate, and we even managed to "Ketchup" with giving (the "Ketchup On Your Giving" campaign) when meeting our budget proved to be challenging.

But we also did not include raises for staff in the 2019 budget, and that troubles me. Our people are too talented and work too hard not to receive increases. We need to be mindful in our giving in 2019 so that we can support the costs of this ministry.

In terms of staff, please thank them! They are amazing. And, please, welcome Jackie Rinehart as our new Business Manager and thank Kim Zern for holding down that position so ably for so long!

Watch out, the future is coming. God is always making a new thing! May Trinity always be made new!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mike

**Grateful**

As I look back on 2018, my third full year of being a part of the amazing staff at Trinity Lutheran Church, I am filled with so much gratitude. I am grateful that we have continued, against many forces and pressures in the world, to be a loving and generous community of believers who look out for each other, take seriously God's call to servant life, and continue to gather together for mutual encouragement and consolation. I am grateful that we continue to bless others with the blessings that we ourselves have received from God, to garble the beginning of Second Corinthians a bit. I am grateful that we have such dedicated volunteers and talented staff. I am grateful that the warmth and friendliness of this congregation is as apparent to others as it is to me. I am grateful that I get to do ministry in this place with all of you.

I've loved many things that have started and continued in the past year; I want to especially lift up a few of them:

- Our fellowship groups that I've been involved with starting or advising or just participating in, especially Wing Men, Seasoned Men, Uplifting Sisters, and Moms Time Out... I've been so glad to see friends of all ages come together to get to know each other better and catch up on life! I think that we continue to under-rate the importance of this; modern life encourages us to be as busy as possible all the time, and to retreat into individual bubbles of screens and isolation when we're not. It's hard work, sometimes, to get up and go out to meet with other people for no purpose other than just spending "quality time"... but I continue to believe that it is WORTH it, and that it is an important foundation of community. If you haven't had a chance to get connected to one of these groups yet, make this a priority in 2019!
- Our amazing VBS that I got a chance to participate in for the first time in 2018! It takes so much work to make that happen, and I am so glad and impressed that we have such a strong team each and every year. I can't wait for the 2019 version!
- Our midweek Bible study that historically took a break over the summer instead took a chance in 2018 and turned itself over to ME. We said that we were studying the book of Acts... but really what we did was explore the history of Christianity, the Bible, our own personal faith experiences, and how all of that fits into the world today. It was GREAT, and I look forward to rejoining that class for more freewheeling fun at some point in 2019!
- Our new midweek worship opportunity; it's small but has been so personally refreshing for me. We meet for Quiet Communion at 11:30 on Wednesday mornings; there is silence, sacred music, confession and forgiveness, brief readings, and the celebration of communion, and we're done in about 15 minutes. It's a mid-week reminder to pause and pray, and it's been very good for me and for some of you too. Join us if it fits into your schedule, and thank you to several members who suggested it.
- Our education ministry and youth ministry is so strong here, which is a credit both to Michelle our fearless leader in those areas and to the strong congregational desire and support for those things. I have loved teaching Junior High ROC and helping and being involved in adult classes where and when I can, and I jump at every chance to go on retreats and help with late nights, those are my jam. We are a church that has offerings for people of all ages, but we are especially good at connecting with kids and families, and we are so blessed at the response from all of you. Thank you for being supportive of these ministries; they are such a benefit to all of us!

I said last year and I'll say it again: Trinity is a place of joy, for me and I think for just about all of you. We don't get to decide what times we live in... but we DO get to decide how we live in them. A fictional wizard said that, but it's about as Christian and as true as anything I know. Here at Trinity, we are deciding to live with hope, to live in service, to live TOGETHER and to face the challenges knowing that we have friends, that we're not alone. Thank you for helping to make this church what it is... and thank you for continuing to invite me to be a part of it.

"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,

God has truly blessed us! This has been an exciting year of worship at Trinity. Your dedication and commitment to serve our congregation as well as the local community continues to be a shining example of God's word in motion. Our staff is "best in class" and has worked tirelessly over the past year managing our financial, facility and Ministry needs.

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 challenged to meet our goals for most of the year. I'm pleased to report that thanks to your generous support in November and December we were able to close strong and meet our 2018 financial objectives! While many ELCA congregations around us struggle, Trinity is blessed by strong giving, growing worship attendance, new members and active participation.

It was another busy year at Trinity. We began the year with our "Roots" campaign. We all enjoyed the characters from the past that were brought to life by our very talented members. The "Standing on the Shoulders" capital/renovations campaign generated much discussion and kind-hearted debate within Council as well as the membership at large. After much consideration, input from the congregation and prayer, we decided to "take a breath" and pause on the project. We're continually exploring new opportunities for growth and at some point in the future I'm confident that we'll revisit additional building enhancements when the timing is right.

Unforeseen building needs throughout the year were also managed by Council. The challenges included HVAC unit replacements, stained glass window repairs, front door window replacements and mold remediation in the old kitchen (caused by the late summer flooding).

I'd like to thank the congregation, my fellow Council members and our staff for your incredible support and service. Council is looking forward to serving you with joyous hearts as we consider the possibilities awaiting us in 2019.

God Bless,

Tom Schulz

Council President

## **Worship and Music Committee**

**Chair:** Becky Noon

**Council Liaison:** Joni McCrady

**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, 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 are decorations and a tree 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 second "Choir Camp," an original production which she authored, was particularly successful!

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 highlights of our worship year. We also utilized the "stations of the cross" format again for Good Friday worship, using special music by the choir and vocal/instrumental soloists.

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! Our programs continue to welcome new faces and our participants love being a part of our church.

### **Christian Education Overview Council Liaison: Missy Burkholder**

ROC (Raised on Christ) continues to enrich the faith lives of children and youth with dedicated and creative teachers and fun programming. For the second year we put our lesson plans together ourselves as opposed to purchasing them. The extra time and hard work is worth it when we see the happy faces of both teachers and students on Sundays! Jr. High ROC continues with curriculum written by our Pastors and special outreach Sundays composed by Elayne Olson and myself. A new outreach this year included an arts class for residents at Juniper Village. Our teens put together an art lesson on the story of David and Goliath and shared it with the residents the following week. It was a huge success and will continue into the next year!

Vacation Bible School was led by Kim Alampi once again this year. “God’s Funland VBS” was written by our teams at Trinity and designed specifically for our children. The setting was an amusement park and the lessons taught our kids about their emotions and gave them tools to navigate the ups and downs of life. Our offering focus was “Hope With In Counseling Services” and they were thrilled to receive our over \$1,000 donation.

We continue to have success encouraging youth of all ages to take part in leadership roles in worship. On “Souperbowl” Sunday our youth did almost every part of all three worship services. Throughout the rest of the year, our teens served the first Sunday of each month. It is great to see this generation leading in this way!

Favorite traditions continue to be the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Festival of the Arts featuring our tween artists, and Celebration Sunday where confirmands and graduates are recognized. This year we were thrilled to be able to present Trinity member custom-made crosses to all confirmands.

### **Youth Programming Overview Council Liaison: Debbie Williams**

Our big youth event this year was the National Youth Gathering – held in Houston, Texas. Trinity had a wonderful group of seventeen youth and three adults who attended this important milestone. The Gathering takes place once every three years and most youth have only one opportunity to take part in it. Our attendees experienced many new things and learned a lot about the needs of the large cities in our country. We are already looking forward to Minneapolis in 2021!

Milli Moments continues to be a fun way to highlight our church events to the public. Milli Straub, a Donegal High School junior, shares her video production talents with us several times throughout the year. If you have not yet seen Milli in action, check out her videos at our YouTube channel. (Search for Trinity Mount Joy at youtube.com)

Summer Sparks took on a new twist this year! We teamed up with Rainbows End Youth Services to put on three fun summer camp afternoons for community kids. Over 60 of us gathered in the fellowship hall for games, culinary lessons, outreach projects, and dance classes. Everyone involved had a great time and loved making new friends!

BOLD continues to be a fun place for our children and teens to learn about how God works in their lives. The in-house curriculum works incredibly well in teaching the stories of our faith. Our High School teens are reporting that this foundation in the Bible has helped them tremendously in their advanced literature classes. This year’s Senior Class was our very-first BOLD Kindergarten group – it has been fun to see this group of kids experience BOLD throughout their thirteen educational years.

Retreats continue to be a fun favorite of our kids. Jr. High continued 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.

The Jr. High weekend at Nawakwa, the meal packing with Rise Against Hunger, Hike Nights, Jr. High late-night event, and the Clothing Sorting Nights continue to be favorites of all involved.

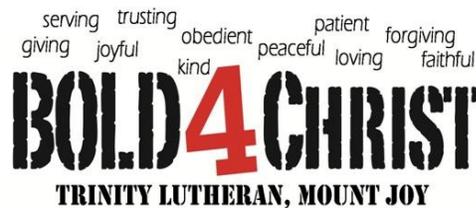
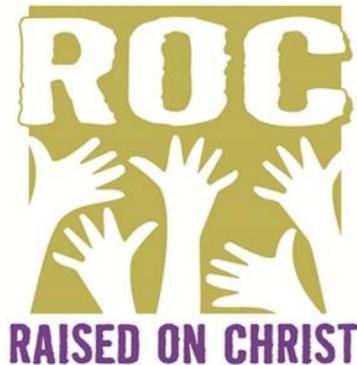
**Professionally** I continue to serve on the Donegal Foundation Board and attend meetings with the Donegal HUB regularly.

Please take a moment to say a special “thank you” to our volunteers who make children and youth ministry happen. There are close to 60 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: Casey Kraus**

Trinity's Outreach Committee meets on an as needed basis to review, plan and complete projects. Anyone is welcome to participate. Highlights of the congregations service in 2018:

- Community Clothing Give-Away and Community Meal Event
- Rocky Boy Indian Reservation Monetary Collection for Layette Ministry
- College/Military Care Packages – 30 gift cards, plus knitted scarves for freshman
- "Thinking of You" cards mailed to homebound members
- Toys For Tots collection site
- Giving Tree Project – Collected socks for age 6 through adult which were filled with small gifts, snacks, etc. These were distributed to area residents through; Meal-on-Wheels, to Our Home of Hope in Columbia and to Donegal Power Pack Families
- Education Box Top collection for Donegal School District
- Collection of Eyeglasses for Lions Club benefits the Blind Association
- Mount Joy Food Bank collection
- Metal Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Annual "Dresses for Africa" sewing day held in July
- 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 4th full year of distribution (2018/19)

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. Elayne Olson stepped down as leader in September 2018 with the group now being led by Karen Adams. The following items were created and donated by the members of the Comfort Stitchers in 2018:

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| • 104 washcloths             | • 92 scarves                      |
| • 195 hats                   | • 9 scarves to graduating seniors |
| • 33 prayer shawls           | • 1 traditional mantles           |
| • 9 baby blankets            | • 34 military mantles             |
| • 9 Warm Up America blankets | • 2 fleece blankets               |
| • 33 baptismal blankets      |                                   |

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elayne C Olson  
Outreach Coordinator

## Congregational Mission Ministry Report

We remain in contact with Pastor Gary Dittman of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church of Baltimore (AGC). Summer 2018, with the help of Ken Gall, Hershey Park Passes were secured for AGC's summer camp program.

There does not seem to be an interest in our congregation for domestic mission trips. Rev. Glenn Beard of Luthercare has begun taking groups to Puerto Rico for hurricane relief. There was not interest in 2018 but we will continue to follow the progress and future trips.

The plan to return to Guatemala with Tree4Hope in 2019 has been put on hold. A donation of \$250 was approved by Council and sent to Tree4Hope in 2018 to assist with building Hope Academy, a school for girls. Research has begun on an additional organization serving in Guatemala. Ideas of how to support these organizations without the expense of traveling is being considered.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elayne C Olson  
Outreach Coordinator

## Finance Committee

**Treasurer:** Wayne Chappel  
**Council Liaison:** Doug Rinehart  
**Business Manager:** Kim Zern/Jackie Rinehart  
**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 \$11,300 was offset by the overage in interest income of \$4,000 that exceeded budget and expenses lower than budget by \$12,300. With a really strong push during the Christmas season from the congregation, we were able to exceed budget by \$5,000 in total for the year.

On January 20, 2019, this committee (Wayne Chappel and Julie Houseal) along with the help of Julie Houck, Robert Houck, Trobe Barnitz, and Carl Spellman 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

**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.

### **2018 Highlights:**

- Weather took its toll on our physical plant in 2018. Like much of the Mount Joy area, our building was hit hard by the September storm. Damage included flooding in the old kitchen (being addressed with a professional clean up service largely covered by insurance), flooding in the new fellowship hall, and leakage through a number of our stained-glass windows. Fortunately, the majority of the damage was minor, but even minor repairs become costly.
- Part of the damage incurred in the aftermath of the storm included the appearance of a sinkhole in our front yard along Route 772. The hole was fairly large (perhaps 4ft by 4ft across and about 3ft deep). We contracted a professional repair company and did a full repair of the area. (It appears, at this time, that this will be the only necessary repair to the area.)
- We held a spring clean-up day (with mulching) and continued roadside trash pick-up.
- With congregational approval, secured the replacement of four HVAC units. Two of the units are now heating/cooling the offices and main hallway. The other two (set to be installed in February) will heat/cool the fellowship hall. The units being replaced were very old, so the new units should improve energy efficiency.
- As detailed in last year's property report, installation of the new front doors and windows was completed in 2018. They are beautiful! The doors were 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! This project was the culmination of several years of work, and the doors will be enjoyed for many, many years.
- A significant project this year involved the removal of the plexiglass covering our stained-glass windows. The original intent of the plexiglass was, of course, the protection of the windows and the insulation the material provided. Unfortunately, as we consulted with stained-glass professionals regarding future care of our windows, we were strongly encouraged to remove the plexiglass, as the windows are being warped as the lead softens in the summer heat.

Therefore, we contracted to have the plexiglass removed and then to have the outside sashes/frames painted and caulked. Fortunately, the project was completed just before the major storm, or the damage we sustained would have been more significant.

Regardless, our windows still require repairs. We are in the process of securing estimates and plans for doing this work, but we need to be prepared to take steps to secure this important and beautiful part of our building.

- So much of what occurs at Trinity only happens because of our wonderful volunteers. Special thanks to all of those who weed, mulch, water, and tend to the many tasks that keep our garden beds beautiful. Thanks, as well, to the many who use their skills to help us with indoor repairs and maintenance. Your service to Trinity is appreciated and essential!

If you are interested in serving with this committee, or helping around the church when needed, please contact Tracey Olson or Casey Kraus. 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:** Tina Ahrens

**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

The committee organized and/or assisted with the following activities in 2018:

- Community Meal for Clothing Giveaway on January 27<sup>th</sup>
- Chili Cook-Off on February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ash Wednesday Meager Meal on February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Coffee & Dessert Hour after each Lenten Mid-Week Service
- Palm Sunday Cantata Reception on March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Maundy Thursday Soup Supper on March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Celebration Sunday Reception on May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Virginia Schafer 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Congregational Picnic on August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Together Open-House on September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Timbers Christmas Luncheon with Rhythm Singers on December 3<sup>rd</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 continue 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 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Ahrens & Linda Umberger

## February 25, 2018

Tom Schulz, Council President, called the Congregational Meeting to order following the early contemporary service. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2017 Annual Report.

Tom thanked those in the congregation who serve in some capacity and encouraged others to serve. He thanked the congregation for their continued financial support. Tom also thanked the staff for their hard work and asked the congregation to show their thanks with a round of applause.

Copies of the Annual Congregational Reports and Financial audit were available. Tom directed thanks to Joe Rago, Julie Houseal, Julie Houck, Doug Rinehart, Tara Gensemer, Trobe Barnitz, Nancy Barnitz, and Wayne Chappel for their work on the annual audit. The audit concluded with no major findings.

Council brought forth the motion to approve the reports as written with a second by Marc Spiridigliozzi. The motion was unanimously approved at all three meetings.

Tom announced the council officers for 2018 of himself as president, Debbie Williams as vice president, Alex DeCaria as secretary, and Wayne Chappel continuing as treasurer.

Following the 11:00am meeting, Scott Noon moved for adjournment, with a second by Georgie Reardon. Those present voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alex DeCaria

## September 16, 2018

Tom Schulz, Council President, called the Congregational Meeting to order following the early contemporary service. Council brought forth the motion to ask for the congregation's approval for borrowing no more than \$45,000 from reserves for replacement of the HVAC units. The motion was seconded by Trobe Barnitz. The motion was unanimously approved at all three meetings.

Following the 11:00AM meeting Tina Ahrens moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mindy Leaman and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alex DeCaria

**December 9, 2018**

Tom Schulz, Council President, called the Congregational Meeting to order following the early contemporary service. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt the proposed 2019 budget and elect new council members.

## **Proposed 2019 Budget**

Copies of the proposed 2019 budget were distributed via email, mail, Budget Forums, and paper copies were available at the back of the sanctuary. Tom Schulz commented that it was a challenging year with unexpected expenses. He noted that the congregation responded with a marked increase in giving and he encouraged it to continue. Tom explained that the proposed budget is slightly lower than last year's budget. Also, there were no salary increases for pastors or staff. Tom did comment that the pastors and staff are commended for their outstanding contributions to the congregation, and the fact that there were not raises is in no way a reflection of their value to the congregation. A motion was made by Marc Spiridigliozzi to approve the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Trobe Barnitz. The congregation voted unanimously at all three services to approve the 2019 proposed budget.

## **Election of 2019-2020 Council Members**

Tom thanked the outgoing members of church council, Missy Burkholder, Doug Rinehart, and Alex DeCaria. Tom read the names of the three new candidates, Jessica Fultz, Craig Haas, and Harold Wilson. Biographies of all three candidates were available. Charles Peterman made a motion to accept the incoming slate of council members and the motion was seconded by Wendy Sites. The motion was unanimously approved at all three meetings by the congregation.

Following the 11:00AM service Scott Noon motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Boozer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alex DeCaria

**Statement of Cash Flow - December 31, 2018**

	GENERAL FUNDS	OUTREACH FUNDS	TRINITY FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS	RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS
Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	\$174,547.77	\$4,794.78	\$95,903.20	\$363,829.68	\$230,761.12
Offering Receipts	\$514,990.95				
Investment Income	55,233.40				
Operating Expenses	(565,272.41)				
Change in Liabilities	(230.47)				
Outreach Gifts		\$24,278.75			
Disbursements		(25,120.28)			
Trinity Gifts			\$38,965.75		
Disbursements			(55,389.11)		
Endowments Received				\$893.30	\$0.00
Trinity Loan Repayment				43,884.74	
Disbursements				(51,042.00)	(13,553.88)
<b>YTD Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>\$4,721.47</b>	<b>(\$841.53)</b>	<b>(\$16,423.36)</b>	<b>(\$6,263.96)</b>	<b>(\$13,553.88)</b>
Ending Balance December 31, 2018	\$179,269.24	\$3,953.25	\$79,479.84	\$357,565.72	\$217,207.24

Total Cash	\$837,475.29
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Reconciliation to Balance Sheet	
Total Assets BS	\$1,144,944.85
Less Loan BS	307,469.56
Net Cash	\$837,475.29
Variance	\$0.00

# Balance Sheet - December 31, 2018

Name	December 31 2017	December 31 2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Checking Account	101,261.81	80,255.97
UCB Money Market	81,961.41	82,443.59
ELCA Mission Bond	47,000.00	47,000.00
Investments (MM, CDs, Savings)	574,153.39	575,869.67
Library Stock	65,459.94	51,906.06
Loan from Endowment Fund	300,862.30	307,469.56
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,170,698.85</b>	<b>1,144,944.85</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.	300,862.30	307,469.56
Credit Card Payables	743.20	512.73
<b>Total Other Payables</b>	<b>301,605.50</b>	<b>307,982.29</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>		
Endowment Fund	354,656.94	348,049.68
Schock Library Fund	154,959.94	141,406.06
Organ Fund	24,586.91	24,586.91
Scholarship Fund	4,214.27	4,214.27
Memorial Fund	9,172.74	9,516.04
Mission Fund	47,000.00	47,000.00
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>594,590.80</b>	<b>574,772.96</b>
<b>Outreach Funds</b>		
Blessed Bundles	160.60	337.61
Comfort Stitchers	1,003.75	1,019.71
Rocky Boy	0.00	20.00
Friends of Luther Acres	125.78	125.78
Discretionary Needs	2,334.07	1,931.30
Rise Against Hunger	1,040.05	515.34
Sunday School Funds	90.58	(18.67)
Samaritans Purse	36.95	0.00
Broad Street Ministries	3.00	3.00
Donegal Power Packs Project	0.00	19.18
<b>Total Outreach Funds</b>	<b>4,794.78</b>	<b>3,953.25</b>

Name	December 31 2017	December 31 2018
<b>Trinity Funds</b>		
Mom's Group	248.81	375.15
Property Improvements	5,187.73	926.47
Designated Gift	10,005.00	10,005.00
Social Ministry Projects	307.64	317.64
The Timbers	0.00	10.00
Chancel Flowers	(148.12)	(328.12)
Quilt Group	123.39	428.39
Youth Fund	28,246.36	11,363.07
Mission Trips	9,402.00	9,677.35
Spark Teams	4,155.02	4,112.08
Sr. High Pilgrimage	3,995.11	3,195.11
Soderholm/Ruhl Youth Mission	15,700.00	15,700.00
Holiday Memorials	779.45	1,118.54
Choir Camp	777.63	916.77
Audio/Visual Equipment	750.00	750.00
Special Appeal	0.00	30.00
Wedding	0.00	(75.00)
Building Use	15,117.44	18,527.99
Music Ministry Fund	(189.32)	0.00
Capital Campaign	0.00	610.00
Schock Library Book/Resources	1,445.06	1,819.40
<b>Total Trinity Funds</b>	<b>95,903.20</b>	<b>79,479.84</b>
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>		
	695,288.78	658,206.05
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		
	996,894.28	966,188.34
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Equity	173,804.57	173,804.57
Equity - Current Year	0.00	4,951.94
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>173,804.57</b>	<b>178,756.51</b>
<b>TOTAL LIAB. AND NET ASSETS</b>		
	1,170,698.85	1,144,944.85

## 2018 Income & Expense and 2019 Approved Budget

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Line Description	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	Balance	2019 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Offerings</b>				
Unified Envelopes	507,543.57	492,182.95	(15,360.62)	507,193.43
Easter	6,000.00	5,925.00	(75.00)	6,000.00
Thanksgiving	1,000.00	5,721.00	4,721.00	1,000.00
Christmas	10,000.00	9,798.00	(202.00)	10,000.00
Maunder Thursday	750.00	523.00	(227.00)	550.00
Good Friday	1,000.00	841.00	(159.00)	1,000.00
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>526,293.57</b>	<b>514,990.95</b>	<b>(11,302.62)</b>	<b>525,743.43</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>				
UNCB Money Market	250.00	482.18	232.18	360.00
Lanco FCU Savings Interest	10.00	9.50	(0.50)	10.00
Trust Fund Interest	45,000.00	50,162.70	5,162.70	45,000.00
Investment Interest	1,000.00	1,483.01	483.01	1,500.00
Thrivent Choice Income	5,000.00	3,090.00	(1,910.00)	3,500.00
Other Income	0.00	6.01	6.01	0.00
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>51,260.00</b>	<b>55,233.40</b>	<b>3,973.40</b>	<b>50,370.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>577,553.57</b>	<b>570,224.35</b>	<b>(7,329.22)</b>	<b>576,113.43</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
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	3,000.00	2,750.18	249.82	3,000.00
Musicians/Supply Organist	2,000.00	2,125.00	(125.00)	2,000.00
Cantatas	5,000.00	2,428.38	0.00	0.00
Robe Cleaning	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Offering Envelopes	2,000.00	2,350.04	(350.04)	2,000.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance	1,500.00	800.00	700.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Worship/Music Exp.</b>	<b>13,900.00</b>	<b>10,453.60</b>	<b>3,446.40</b>	<b>8,900.00</b>
<b>Education Expenses</b>				
Education Expense	5,700.00	2,505.76	3,194.24	4,000.00
Vacation Bible School	3,000.00	2,972.27	27.73	3,500.00
Confirmation	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	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	200.00	550.00	750.00
<b>Total Education Expenses</b>	<b>16,950.00</b>	<b>12,178.03</b>	<b>4,771.97</b>	<b>15,750.00</b>

# 2018 Income & Expense and 2019 Approved Budget

Line Description	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	Balance	2019 Budget
<b>Youth Expenses</b>				
Youth Activities	11,025.00	6,650.54	4,374.46	10,000.00
Youth Fund/Events	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Youth Expenses</b>	<b>13,625.00</b>	<b>9,250.54</b>	<b>4,374.46</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>
<b>Evangelism Expenses</b>				
Evangelism Communication	1,000.00	719.99	280.01	600.00
Advertising	350.00	750.09	(400.09)	560.00
Stewardship	1,500.00	2,453.84	(953.84)	2,000.00
Timbers	500.00	342.54	157.46	500.00
Mom's Group	700.00	240.00	460.00	0.00
Small Groups	300.00	146.80	153.20	450.00
Samaritan Center Partnership	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
<b>Total Evangelism Expenses</b>	<b>5,550.00</b>	<b>5,853.26</b>	<b>(303.26)</b>	<b>5,310.00</b>
<b>Outreach Expenses</b>				
Outreach Committee Expense	1,150.00	44.82	1,105.18	1,150.00
Comfort Stitchers	175.00	175.00	0.00	175.00
<b>Total Outreach Expenses</b>	<b>1,325.00</b>	<b>219.82</b>	<b>1,105.18</b>	<b>1,325.00</b>
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits Expense</b>	<b>384,783.57</b>	<b>380,188.73</b>	<b>4,594.84</b>	<b>384,468.43</b>
<b>Administration Expenses</b>				
Travel Allowance	2,000.00	1,227.14	772.86	1,500.00
Office Supplies	3,500.00	2,789.81	710.19	3,250.00
Postage	2,700.00	2,506.32	193.68	2,700.00
Office Equipment Lease/Maintenance	10,000.00	10,107.27	(107.27)	10,250.00
Synod Assembly Expenses	720.00	760.00	(40.00)	760.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	1,004.71	195.29	1,200.00
Church Insurance	9,200.00	9,535.58	(335.58)	9,600.00
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>29,320.00</b>	<b>27,930.83</b>	<b>1,389.17</b>	<b>29,260.00</b>
<b>Property Expenses</b>				
Building Maintenance	25,000.00	33,935.64	(8,935.64)	25,000.00
Outside Maintenance	5,000.00	8,034.61	(3,034.61)	6,000.00
Utilities	30,000.00	28,622.03	1,377.97	34,000.00
Telephone/Internet	3,500.00	3,474.55	25.45	3,500.00
Trinity Place	4,000.00	2,824.73	1,175.27	4,000.00
<b>Total Property Expenses</b>	<b>67,500.00</b>	<b>76,891.56</b>	<b>(9,391.56)</b>	<b>72,500.00</b>
<b>Total Fellowship Expenses</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>3,454.10</b>	<b>1,045.90</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
<b>Schock Library</b>				
Choir Music	1,000.00	351.94	648.06	1,000.00
Books/Audio Visual	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
<b>Total Schock Library Expense</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>351.94</b>	<b>1,248.06</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>577,553.57</b>	<b>565,272.41</b>	<b>12,281.16</b>	<b>576,113.43</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,951.94</b>	<b>4,951.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>

# Outreach/Trinity Funds Summary

## January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Description	Opening Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
<b>Outreach Funds</b>				
Mount Joy Helping Services	\$0.00	\$4,981.71	\$4,981.71	\$0.00
Comfort Stitchers	1,003.75	518.92	502.96	1,019.71
Rocky Boy	0.00	1,365.00	1,345.00	20.00
Friends of Luther Acres	125.78	0.00	0.00	125.78
Discretionary Needs	2,334.07	6,495.34	6,898.11	1,931.30
Sunday School Offerings	90.58	437.88	547.13	(18.67)
School Kits	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Water Street Ministries	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	2,665.00	2,665.00	0.00
Rise Against Hunger	1,040.05	2,427.37	2,952.08	515.34
Heifer Project	0.00	214.15	214.15	0.00
Samaritan's Purse	36.95	0.00	36.95	0.00
Blessed Bundles	160.60	177.01	0.00	337.61
Broad Street Ministries	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Habitat for Humanity	0.00	260.00	260.00	0.00
Disaster Relief	0.00	1,845.02	1,845.02	0.00
Donegal Power Packs Project	0.00	391.35	372.17	19.18
<b>Total Outreach Funds</b>	<b>\$4,794.78</b>	<b>\$24,278.75</b>	<b>\$25,120.28</b>	<b>\$3,953.25</b>
<b>Trinity Funds</b>				
Mom's Group	\$248.81	\$270.00	\$143.66	\$375.15
Property Improvements	5,187.73	2,600.00	6,861.26	926.47
Designated Gift	10,005.00	0.00	0.00	10,005.00
Social Ministry Projects	307.64	10.00	0.00	317.64
11:00 Adult Sunday School	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Chancel Flowers	(148.12)	1,509.00	1,689.00	(328.12)
Quilt Group	123.39	305.00	0.00	428.39
Youth Fund	28,246.36	7,750.47	24,633.76	11,363.07
Mission Trips	9,402.00	625.35	350.00	9,677.35
Bagel Café	0.00	1,974.65	1,974.65	0.00
Spark Teams	4,155.02	0.00	42.94	4,112.08
Senior High Pilgrimage	3,995.11	1,500.00	2,300.00	3,195.11
Soderholm/Ruhl Youth Mission Fund	15,700.00	0.00	0.00	15,700.00
Holiday Memorials	779.45	990.95	651.86	1,118.54
Choir Camp	777.63	675.00	535.86	916.77
Audio/Visual Equipment	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Special Appeal	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
Wedding	0.00	575.00	650.00	(75.00)
Building Use	15,117.44	3,824.75	414.20	18,527.99
Music Ministry Fund	(189.32)	9,973.24	9,783.92	0.00
Capital Campaign	0.00	3,170.00	2,560.00	610.00
Property Capital Improvements	0.00	50,492.00	50,492.00	0.00
Schock Library Books/Resources	1,445.06	3,172.34	2,798.00	1,819.40
<b>Total Trinity Funds</b>	<b>\$95,903.20</b>	<b>\$89,457.75</b>	<b>\$105,881.11</b>	<b>\$79,479.84</b>
<b>Total Outreach &amp; Trinity Funds</b>	<b>\$100,697.98</b>	<b>\$113,736.50</b>	<b>\$131,001.39</b>	<b>\$83,433.09</b>

# Designated Funds Report

<b>Building Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2018	
Loan from Endowment Fund	(\$300,862.30)
Income:	
Loan from Endowment Fund	(50,492.00)
Expense:	
Building Fund Contributions	43,884.74
Balance December 31, 2018	<u>(\$307,469.56)</u>

<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2018	\$4,214.27
Income	0.00
Expense:	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2018	<u>\$4,214.27</u>

<b>Organ Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2018	\$24,586.91
Income	0.00
Expense:	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2018	<u>\$24,586.91</u>

<b>Mission Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2018	\$47,000.00
Income	0.00
Expense:	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2018	<u>\$47,000.00</u>

<b>P. Franck and Clara S. Schock Memorial Library Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2018 (CD & Stock)	\$154,959.94
Income: Adjust stock value	0.00
Expense: Adjust stock value	<u>(13,553.88)</u>
Balance December 31, 2018	<u>\$141,406.06</u>

<b>Memorial Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2018	\$9,172.74
Income - Memorial Gifts	
Helen Breinich	113.30
Harry Golden	110.00
Daisey Neiss	100.00
Samuel & Janet Ney	500.00
George Schatz	70.00
Total Income	<u>893.30</u>
Expense - Transfers	
Humidifier for Grand Piano	<u>(550.00)</u>
Total Expense	<u>(550.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2018	<u>\$9,516.04</u>

<b>Endowment Fund</b>	
Balance January 1, 2018	\$354,656.94
Income:	
Payment from Building Fund	43,884.74
Memorials	-
Expense:	
Loan to Building Fund	<u>(50,492.00)</u>
Balance December 31, 2018	<u>\$348,049.68</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 <i>Trinity receives 3/4 of interest distribution</i>	\$933,744.00	Wells Fargo
Franceanna Stoner <i>Trinity receives 1/2 of interest distribution</i>	\$506,065.00	Wells Fargo
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin K. Weaver	\$126,809.00	Security National Trust Company
John W. Dillinger	\$155,408.00	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.

Wilma Dommel ..... Memorial from Florence Dommel for the purchase and installation of a new carillon.	\$6,500.00	Rudy Soderholm (2014)..... Memorial gift from Jean Soderholm designated for Youth Mission Fund.	\$20,000.00
Glenn Nelson (2000) ..... Memorial gift from Jean Nelson and Family designated for the Stove Fund.	\$5,000.00	Mildred Hollinger (2014).....	\$101.00
Ray Sweigart (2000) ..... Memorial gift from Lorraine Meashey designated for the Stove Fund.	\$1,000.00	Ed Beardslee (2013-2016)..... Memorial gifts designated to the Music Ministry Fund	\$5,000.00
G. F. Naugle (2000) ..... Memorial gift from Agnes Naugle designated for the Stove Fund.	\$200.00	Paul Linard (2015).....	\$1,000.00
Mamie Goss (2000) ..... Memorial gift from John and Mary Ellen Steffy designated for the Stove Fund.	\$100.00	Peter Koder (2016)..... Memorial gift designated for building renovations.	\$1,000.00
Frank Young (2000) ..... Presented in celebration of Frank's 75th birthday by Frank and Dusty Young. Choir chimes were purchased.	\$4,550.00	Donald and Gladys Ney, Sr. (2016)..... Memorial gift from children and families designated for new landscaping plan.	\$15,000.00
Casey and MaryAnn Kraus (2001) ..... Presented by family and friends in celebration of Casey & MaryAnn's 50th wedding anniversary.	\$740.00	Irvin and June Smith (2017)..... Memorial gift from Carol Miller for the purchase of a Boston grand piano for the sanctuary	\$13,000.00
Ethel Ercolino (2011) ..... Memorial gift of Delilah Keller designated for audio/visual equipment.	\$500.00	John Fetzeck (2017)..... Memorial gifts given for groundskeeping and ELCA Good Gifts/Heifer Project	\$1,328.00
Charles & Elinore Ruhl (2012)..... Memorial gift from children designated for Audio/visual equipment & Youth Mission Fund.	\$10,000.00	The Rev. and Mrs. Lester Koder (2017)..... Memorial gift from Grace Koder designated for Discretionary Needs.	\$1,000.00
James B. Heilig (2013)..... Memorial gifts designated for the Building Fund in memory of James B. Heilig.	\$1,110.00	Richard and Linda Umberger (2018)..... Gift given by the Umbergers for Kitchen Renovations	\$10,000.00

**Deaths**

Helen Breinich  
 Harry Golden  
 Dortohy Heilig  
 Michael Herman  
 Barbara Klepper  
 Janet Ney  
 Samuel Ney  
 George Schatz

**Losses**

Cheryl Lefever  
 Melissa Lefever  
 Whitney Lehman  
 Bruce Rockel  
 Jancie Rockel  
 Bennett Sasso

**Confirmands**

Faith Burkholder  
 Madeline Diodato  
 Owen Gensemer  
 Noah Haas  
 Brooke Henry  
 Nicholas Lees  
 Julia Piatt  
 Lilly Stehman  
 Gavin Sload  
 Maddie Watson  
 Cohen Weaver  
 Ellen Zern

**New Members**

Jim Adams  
 Bonnie Bell  
 Robert Bell  
 David Brandyberry  
 Joan Donahey  
 Marlin Donahey  
 Barbara Faust  
 Mary Jane Geiser  
 Milton Geiser  
 Maryann Kraus  
 Christa Schimitsch  
 Kim Smith  
 Oliver Smith  
 Lily Smith  
 Ben Smith  
 Carl Spellman  
 Joanne Spellman  
 William Tweed  
 Kimberly Tweed  
 Timothy Witman  
 Nicole Witman  
 Emma Witman  
 Blake Witman  
 Howard Wright  
 Lois Wright

**Baptisms**

Ann Louise Dattilo  
 Luke Thomas Furnia  
 Amelia Grace Kimbell  
 Clark James Kimbell  
 Benjamin James Kreider  
 Jovi Juanita Lutz  
 Seanna Joy Lutz  
 Benjamin Smith  
 Lily Smith  
 Oliver Smith  
 Caden Thomas Woolfolk

**First Communion**

Carter Adams  
 Leyna Jannotta  
 Anna Rittle  
 Benjamin Rittle

**Marriages**

Andrew Flattery and Ashley Raus  
 Tyler Hanna and Ashley Herman  
 James Herr and Danielle Bleecher  
 Nathaniel Ottens and Jacqueline Rhinier  
 William Tweed and Kimberly Dumbrowsky

Average Weekly Attendance:	298
Baptized Members:	945
Confirmed Members:	751
Communing Members:	755

# [ Annual congregational meeting opening liturgy ]

## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wear it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way,  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

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## Litany

L Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

C And also with you.

L Teach us, O Lord, to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

C Lord in your name we pray.

L Descend on our hearts, O Lord, that we may love others in the way Jesus loves us.

C Christ in your name we pray.

L Empower us, O Lord, to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

C Lord in your name we pray.

L Move us, O Lord, to engage issues in our community in Christ-like ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those we serve and partner.

C Jesus in your name we pray.

L Strengthen us, O Lord, to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others although we may not agree.

C Lord in your name we pray.

L Give us, O Lord, the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

C Christ in your name we pray.

L Guide us, O Lord, to be a healthy congregation that learns from our failures as well as our successes and offers wisdom to others.

C Lord in your name we pray.

L Let us pray. As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, help us to grow leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Help us to take a fresh look at our baptism each day so we may discover vitality in our relationship with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

C Amen.

# Reflections on understanding a living and vital faith

In Mark 12:28 Jesus is asked by a scribe: "Which commandment is first of all?" Jesus responded with "the Lord is one," and went on to say, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). These words are very similar to those that served as Israel's central confession of faith (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). Joshua (22:5) later reminded the people of Israel to observe these words. With this text as a guide, how do we begin to explore the ways we will nurture a living and vital faith in each person and the congregation?

Within the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, congregational vitality is defined as "communities of Jesus where there are life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world." These are three important dimensions of our work together. But it is the way in which we bring our heart, soul, mind and strength into our life and work that shows how the light of Christ shines in and through us. Our heart is the way we feel and sense God's presence in and through emotions. The soul is our mindful awareness of the presence of God within us and the world. This awareness encourages us to find meaning and purpose in life, both individually and as a community of faith. The mind is how we learn our beliefs, perspectives and practices that shape our understanding, knowledge and expressions of faith. And strength is the way we use our abilities, passions and skills to shape and live a life of faith.

The vitality of our faith as Christians, and as a church in the Lutheran tradition, finds meaning and purpose in Jesus' words from Mark 12:30. As we engage our strategic directions for the future, we find both power and insight by reflecting on what brings us vitality. Please consider the following:

## Heart

- When are the times you feel or sense God is present?
- How are these experiences different when you are with others rather than alone?
- How do these emotions bring vitality to your faith and relationship with God?

## Soul

- What Scripture passages give you an awareness of life or "living faith"?
- How does this awareness of a living faith help you find meaning and purpose in life?
- What about your life experiences brings a sense of vitality to your faith?

## Mind

- What motivates you to continue growing in your relationship with God?
- What have you found helps you learn more about God?
- Where do you find vitality through your learnings and spiritual practices?

## Strengths

- What God-given abilities, passions and skills have you discovered in your life?
- How does your faith guide you in using these?
- What about using these abilities, passions and gifts gives you vitality?

May your responses to these questions help you gain new insight and vitality into your relationship with God, each other and the world.