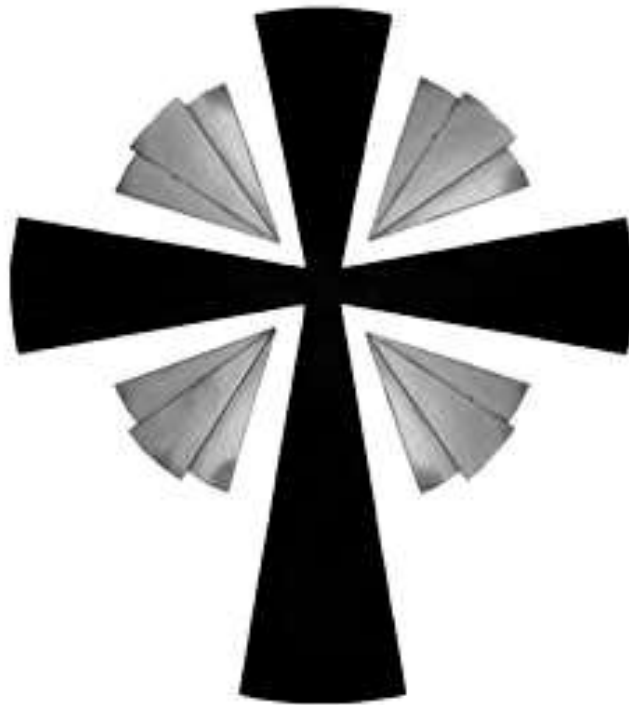


BULLETIN OF REPORTS
2016 SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 17, 7 p.m.

Mission: *Transforming our Community through Christ*

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

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Prayer and Meditation

III. Determination of a Quorum – Judy Lankes to conduct the count

IV. Additions or Changes to the Agenda from the Congregation

V. Consideration of the June 10, 2015 Congregational Meeting Minutes

VI. Team Reports

- A. Administrative
 - a. Properties – Bob Musheno/Brian Woodland
 - b. Stewardship – Peter Weyandt
 - c. Finance – Jim Cowan
- B. Outreach/Social Ministry – Lynn Garrison, Megan Orient, Scott Sheaffer
 - a. 50th Anniversary – Megan Orient
 - b. Seminarians – Caroline Clifford & Roger Glad
- C. TLC Ministries – Bill Campbell, Jeff Gonet, Tracey Turner
 - a. Handbell Choir Director/Pianist – Barb Roberts
 - b. Joyful Voices/Band Director – Donna Weller
 - c. Angel Choir – Ronica Skarphol Brownson
 - d. Organist – Jim Rearick

VII. Leadership Reports

- A. Pastor Ron Miller
- B. Council President – Christina Pillot
- C. Council Vice President – John Waters

VIII. Administrative Reports

- A. Financial Secretary – Duane Moberg
- B. Treasurer – Bruce Miller/Karen Hulett
- C. Membership Status Report and Year-End Report – Marla Moberg

IX. New Business

- A. Approval of 2016-2017 Budget
- B. Nominating Team Update

X. Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Trinity Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order: Christina Pillot at 7:00 pm.

B. Devotions: Pastor Miller offered devotions

C. Determination of a quorum: quorum present

D. Additions or Changes to the Agenda from the Congregation – no change

E. Consideration of the 2014 Congregational Meeting Minutes: approved

F. Team Reports:

1. Administrative

a. Finance – Jim Cowan

b. Properties – Bob Musheno/Brian Woodland

c. Stewardship – Peter Weyandt

Reports emailed in advance of meeting – no additions or changes

2. Outreach/Social Ministry

Lynn Garrison, Megan Orient, Scott Sheaffer

Reports emailed in advance of meeting – no additions or changes

3. TLC Ministries – Bill Campbell, Jeff Gonet, & Viki Stumbers

Reports emailed in advance of meeting

ONE CHANGE – Maggie Cowan is responsible for maintaining the selection of devotional materials – report incorrectly named Jean Quinn

G. Leadership Reports:

1. Report from Lead Pastor – Pastor Miller’s report was submitted via email – no additional comments

2. Report from Council President – Christina Pillot – Christina summarized her written report, and shared that a second book group will begin in June

3. Report from Council Vice President – John Waters – no report

H. Administrative Reports:

Duane Moberg, Bruce Miller, Marla Moberg

Reports emailed in advance of meeting – no additions or changes

I. New Business:

1. Approval of the 2015-2016 Budget: Lou Mayer moved to accept the proposed budget, John Waters seconded – budget approved unanimously

2. 50th anniversary fundraising campaign

Jim Cowan spoke and kicked off the 50 for 50 campaign
Fellowship hall renovation estimates passed out to congregation – Bob
Musheno explained specifics and answered questions
\$8400 pledged by council members thus far
Megan Orient handed out envelopes for donation

John Waters thanked Christina Pillot for her leadership and vision as council president.

J. Closing Prayer and Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm – Pastor Miller offered prayer and thanked the congregation for their continued support

Respectfully Submitted
Judy Lankes

Church Properties

Annual Report

May, 2016

The mild weather this past winter has been a welcome change over the harsh weather we had over the past 2 years. This has enabled our energy costs to be lower and has kept us under budget for the year.

We are currently underway with the remodeling of Fellowship Hall. The new Heating and air conditioning has been installed and the new windows should be installed by the date of our Congregational meeting. The next phase will be to stud, rewire, insulate, drywall and finish the walls. We are hoping to work on this over the summer months. The final stage will be to install new floor coverings.

Finally I would like to thank all of those who gave their time and energy to help with the many tasks that kept our church running smoothly over the last year.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Musheno

Custodian Report:

This marks my 8th year as custodian. Fortunately, this position is one that I find a pleasure to perform.

I would like to thank the outgoing council for the support and cooperation that was shown to me. Hopefully and prayerfully the newly formed council and I will continue to work together. Feel free to contact me with custodial issues or concerns as I continue another year at Trinity.

Brian

2015-2016 Outreach Team Annual Report

May 17, 2016

As Pastor Miller reminds us, the church is not *inside* the walls of our building, but on the outside. For the disciples of Trinity, this is certainly the case and was apparent in 2015-2016. Members were most generous with their time, talents, and financial resources in the following sample:

ONGOING MINISTRIES:

State College Area Food bank: Along with yearlong donations, over 1000 food items were donated. Many thanks to Donna Weller and Lynn Garrison for making deliveries to the facility.

Worship Visitor Follow-up: Bette Larson continues to keep the pews stocked with Communications Cards and responds to cards as they are submitted.

Interfaith Human Services: Esther Lauchle acts as Trinity's representative to this ministry and attends their monthly meetings. She collected blankets for their fall drive and organized Trinity's presence at the annual bell-ringing event at Meyer Dairy.

Women of Faith: The group met for a presentation by Carol Falke about her mission trips to Rwanda. 13 women attended the presentation.

Quilt Ministry: The quilt ministry continued to meet as needed and maintains a good supply of handmade quilts. Quilts are distributed to those Trinity disciples on the prayer list along with many friends of Trinity. Barb Roberts and Jean Ross coordinate this activity.

Mt. Top Mission Trip: The 10th annual outreach trip to Tennessee took place in the summer of 2015. Seven youth and three adults went on the mission. Four volunteers participated in the day camp program for elementary-school camp kids. The rest of the group participated in the service project program which usually includes painting, yard work and construction. A group is scheduled to attend again in June 2016.

TLC Women's Prayer Group: This is an online effort led by Rhonda Walker that receives prayer requests. Participating women listen and support people through prayer, both inside and outside of the Trinity Family. This group has no formal meetings, but prayer requests are taken any time via e-mail.

Toys for Tots: Gene and Donna Weller, along with many Trinity disciples, made this once again a very successful campaign for the annual U.S. Marine Corps drive. About 10,000 donated toys were wrapped and gifted throughout Centre County, benefitting over 3,000 children

Park Forest Preschool: Craft kits were purchased and wrapped for children at the school. Lynn Garrison coordinated this collection. 32 kits were purchased and donated.

Trinity Yard Sale: This 31st annual event and community outreach continues raises money to support IHS and Park Forest Preschool. Trinity Youth operates a lunch stand at the event to help finance their Mt. Top trip. Roger and Sue Glad, Rich Whitmer and Sue Ellen Krupa and family did a masterful job coordinating this year's sale along with MANY Trinity disciples. More than \$100,000 has been raised for the beneficiaries over 31 years.

Rwanda Mission: The congregation collected donations to support Carol Falke's mission to Rwanda. The money donated provided socks and baby items.

Trinity Directory: A new pictorial directory was distributed to the Trinity Family in the fall. Many members of the Trinity family volunteered to make the directory possible. Scheduling volunteers included Jean Ross, Esther Lauchle, Linda Lorich and Lynn Garrison. Megan Orient, with input from Marla Moberg and Lynn Garrison designed the layout of the directory.

Plans for the coming year: ...

The Outreach Team cannot adequately express their gratitude for ALL who have helped in these efforts this year, in front as well as behind the scenes. Additionally, the team seeks talents and time of congregants who can help all these efforts.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25: 40

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Garrison (llg5@psu.edu)

Megan Orient (meganorient@gmail.com)

Scott Sheaffer (sheaffer@mac.com)

50th Anniversary 2015-2016 Report (May 2016)

A very special thanks to the members of the Trinity staff, music team, 50th anniversary planning team, and countless congregation members for contributing to the planning of our church's 50th anniversary beginning as early as 2014. Dozens of ideas were submitted to help commemorate the congregation's golden anniversary. Below is a brief summary of the plans and activities implemented by the time of this report (May 2016), and a few projects that are forthcoming.

Church Directory

Given it had been more than five years since a formal church directory had been printed, a new one was coordinated in spring 2015 by Lynn Garrison and other Trinity volunteers to help capture images of our many members and their families. Around 100 copies were printed, including a few history and activity pages to honor the church's anniversary.

Photo Digitization Project

In addition to family portraits, over the course of 12 months, personal pictures were submitted and church photos were sorted and digitized, all in an effort to help capture and preserve our church history. Of the thousands of photos received and digitized, approximately 400 photos were selected to share in a digital slide show at the 50th anniversary reception for attendees to enjoy. Special thanks to Dick Frisque and Dee Frisque for leading this massive undertaking.

History Booklet

Throughout the summer and fall, a booklet was developed to publish a written history of the early years of the church. Some of the content had been captured at the 40th anniversary, but had not previously been published. Other information was pulled from written and oral history interviews, as well as original documents in the church archives. The booklet included old maps and aerial photography, missionary correspondence, charter members' signatures, building blueprints, and various summaries about church activities as could be recalled by members past and present. Paid ads by members and local businesses helped fund the cost of the publication. Lou and Sue Mayer and Megan Orient were instrumental in developing this publication.

Day of Service

In the fall, an inaugural "Trinity Day of Service" was held to increase outreach into the community. This effort was held on the existing Centre County United Way Day of Caring, the first Thursday in October each year. On the 1st of October 2015, approximately a dozen Trinity volunteers participated, and were assigned to two historic properties cared for by the Centre County Historical Society: Boogersburg One-Room School, and Centre Furnace Mansion. Volunteers helped clean, stain, mulch, paint, and perform minor gardening and maintenance on these sites. Sue Mayer helped coordinate this outreach effort.

Church Banner

A lovely new quilted banner was designed and prepared by Karen Aubuchon, which is envisioned to be displayed in Fellowship Hall once the renovations are complete. The banner was designed in the influence of nature – as the Care of Creation is of special concern and interest to our congregation. It also complemented the leaf on the church's very first bulletin. It states "Growing in God's Grace, Since November 1966."

First Service Reenactment

The official anniversary celebration commenced November 15, 2015 with a reenactment of Trinity's first service from November 14, 1965. The original bulletin, worship, and music were used, though preceded by some special music by Joyful Voices led by Donna Weller and accompanied by Barb Roberts and Contemporary Band Members, Larry Jump and Glenn Leiko, along with pieces arranged and performed by organist Jim Rearick. Duane Moberg gave the introductions for the evening. Howard Pillot rang the church bell. Allegheny Synod Bishop Michael Rhynne and Pastor Ron Miller led the worship. New history booklets were distributed. Brian Woodland helped prepare refreshments, and set-up the beautiful décor in Fellowship Hall. Cakes were made by Sylvia Musheno. Boxes of photos and old directories were displayed in the hall, while the slide show of digital photos played on an LCD projector. Flowers were donated by Woodring's Floral Gardens. Special thank you to Duane and Marla Moberg for orchestrating such a beautiful commemorative service.

Special Music

In addition to the special music that was prepared for the anniversary service by Trinity members, our church has been blessed with special music presented by Trinity's two choirs, Joyful Voices directed by Donna Weller, and the Angel Choir directed by Ronica Skarphol Brownson, throughout the year. Joyful Voices provided special music during Holy Week and at our Christmas Eve service and the two choirs combined to present music for our Palm Sunday and Easter worship and are planning to provide special music at the 50th Anniversary closing service in November. Trinity's Bell Choir, directed by Barb Roberts, is also planning to ring in November during the closing worship service. In April, Trinity was honored to host the Essence of Joy singers, directed by Dr. Anthony T. Leach. And in May, we were graced with the *acapella* music of The Accidental Chorists, a group of female vocalists from the community led by Trinity member Amanda Silliker.

Fundraising Campaign

To date, the congregation has raised nearly \$18,923.25 (as of April 28) of the "\$50K for the 50th" Campaign. This will be used towards a new street-side sign for the church, as well as for renovations to Fellowship Hall (HVAC, new windows, new floor, and more). Additional funds have also been donated for improvements to the church organ.

Special Gifts

We are so blessed to host various community groups in our church building for various activities. Not only are we able to fill a need in providing them space, but they have been very generous in return. Specifically, the Zumba Class has held a few fundraisers just to support our 50th anniversary! We thank them!

FUTURE PLANS

There are other activities in the works in the next 6 months. There could be more than what is listed below, but these are the firm plans:

- Trinity will host its 31st annual Yard Sale May 7th (and car wash & bake sale)
- A Craft Fair will be held May 21st
- A few "gift shop" items will be available for donation to help raise funds for the 50th:
 - Insulated Coffee Mugs
 - Church Miniatures are being developed
 - Note Cards / Christmas Cards
 - CDs with video and slide show from the anniversary service
- New road-side sign will be unveiled in late spring/early summer
- Special Rally Day September 11th
- Closing Worship November 13th

OTHER IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION – New liturgical banners, Stained glass window, Trinity 50th T-Shirts, Praise & Paint event, Special national speaker or comedian, Campfire & Hayride event, Trinity's Got Talent / Open Mic Nights, Women's chocolate-themed retreat, Fundraising for the future of the Church, A Guided Trip to Lutheran historical sites in Germany.

SPECIAL THANKS

Again, we want to recognize the 50th Anniversary Committee Members: Dick & Dee Frisque, Lou & Sue Mayer, Duane & Marla Moberg, Pastor Miller, Megan Orient, and Christina Pillot.

Caroline Clifford, Seminarian
Congregational Meeting Report-Year 2015-2016

Hello Trinity! I've been serving as an intern at St. James Lutheran the two years and the following outlines what I have done on internship.

Worship:

I serve in different aspects of worship. I've assisted in numerous worship activities, including as worship assistant, writing of the prayers once a month, and assisting in the baptism of several children. I also preach twice a month. Other activities include singing with the choir, playing with the bell choir, and I have led a couple of funerals and did the message for a wedding this last year.

Fellowship and Outreach:

I have participated in the following activities as outreach for St. James: submitting a newsletter article once a month, joining in some fellowship activities, serving during Huntingdon Day Camp with Camp Sequenota councilors, and I led the ecumenical Lenten Series in 2016. I attended several Synod-wide and conference-wide meetings for St. James over 2015 and 2016, including Synod Assembly. I have also been involved with visitation of several church members. It is a major ministry at St. James.

Classes:

In the fall of 2015, I began attending and leading the adult Sunday school class and teaching on the book of Revelation and forgiveness. I have also been doing my internship project. Part 1 was for the church council to participate, where we met before council meetings March through August using the book "Unbinding Your Heart" to learn about sharing faith and to share different prayer disciplines. In February of 2016, I led Part 2 of a Lenten Series using "Unbinding Your Soul;" the emphasis was a little different and had participation from other church members in the Huntingdon community as well as St. James. We had classes on Mondays from 6-7:30 PM, with a light meal served and a brief worship before having the class.

Training Activities:

I participated in internship cluster meetings, both this year and last year. This year I had the opportunity to plan and lead one of the worship services. I have met several times with my internship committee here at St. James and with Pr. Morelli for feedback.

This last year I managed to be in the office more during the day, when I could manage to be away from my current job. I also joined in several committee meetings. I visited the Early Childhood Education Center at Juniata College, which has a pre-school that provides a learning opportunity for students at Juniata.

I appreciate all support from members of Trinity (I miss all of you!), but am also looking forward to finishing internship June 30th. I will be participating in graduation at Luther in May, and getting my degree in late August. Exciting that I'm almost finished!

Sincerely, Caroline Clifford

From Roger Glad

Hello!

As many of you know, I have been an Authorized Lay Leader for the Allegheny Synod for more than a decade, filling in here at Trinity on occasion, as worship leader when Pastor Miller is gone, and also filling in 1-2 times a month at churches around the synod that don't have a full-time pastor. This has helped to focus a several decade discernment and this last summer, I applied for and was approved as a candidate for seminary. My initial intent was to either go on to be the pastor at a church/parish that is eligible for the T.E.E.M. (Theological Education for Emerging Ministry) program, or to apply for the Distributed Learning program at Luther Seminary, which is the program Carolyn is attending. However, I was presented a third option. You may have read that the Lutheran Theological Seminaries at Gettysburg and Philadelphia are combining to be one seminary with two campuses. In addition, they will be offering a Distributed Learning program, similar to the Luther Seminary program. I have applied and my goal is to start in that program this Fall. The program will be 5-6 years long, but still offers me the opportunity to keep working at my current job in the interim and continue to support the Allegheny Synod and Trinity as I am now.

It's an exciting but, as I'm sure you can understand, a tad bit scary. But I believe this is the path God has called me down. Evidently it was something others had seen more than me for a long time. For those of you who know my in-laws, Ed and Sue Petersen, when I informed them, they both said "It's about time!". As a side note, if you know anyone who is considering going on to seminary, this is an option but also, the Lutheran Theological Seminaries at Gettysburg and Philadelphia are also offering full-tuition scholarships available to all new full-time, ELCA rostered leader candidates studying in residence.

Thanks to all who already knew I was going down this route and have given me words of encouragement. Please keep Sue and I in your prayers as we go down this path and see God's plan for our lives unfold. Take care and God Bless!

Roger

The TLC Ministries Team Report 2016

The TLC Ministries Team is responsible for the ministries that help build up the body of Christ here at Trinity. The team strives to provide a broad range of activities to engage people at their points of greatest passion, interest, skill, and ability in expressing God's love for the world through service.

Our team provides the community of believers at Trinity with an array of opportunities to serve, and with the encouragement to serve, and oversees:

Christian Education, including, but not limited to Sunday School, Bible School, Bible studies, seasonal studies, and other educational opportunities. Volunteers currently are being sought to assist teaching our young disciples in Sunday School.

Worship and music, including, but not limited to weekly worship services, special services during Lent and Holy Week, Easter and Christmas services. Our music ministry includes the Organist, Pianist, Joyful Voices, Handbells, and Band.

Fellowship, including, but not limited to the Annual Congregational Dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner, Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, and Lenten Fish Dinners.

The spiritual health and welfare of the congregation by providing devotional materials, booklets, and other resources for the spiritual, physical, and emotional health of disciples and their families.

All efforts designed to care for or support individuals and families in times of need or crises, including, but not limited to funeral dinners and delivered meals.

The Ministries team gratefully acknowledges the efforts of TLC disciples, without whom this endeavor would not be possible.

We are deeply thankful to all who have instructed in any ministry of education and to all of those who have made Vacation Bible School possible.

We are grateful for all those who have been gifted by God to be creative in music and the other arts, and we thank all who serve in worship, including our music staff, choir members, instrumentalists, ringers, deacons, lectors, acolytes, communion assistants, greeters, artists and so many more.

We are thankful for all the help we have received in the kitchen; for those who bring food to share, and to all the TLC disciples who volunteered to sponsor a coffee hour or donate breakfast items. We extend a special Thank You to Jay Aubuchon for making the table rack in Fellowship Hall and to Brian Woodland for continuing to coordinate coffee hour.

We encourage all our disciples to prayerfully consider serving in areas that bless you and give you energy, so that service brings you joy as you bring joy to others.

The TLC Ministries Team. . . Jeff Gonet, Bill Campbell and Tracey Turner.

Bell Choir

The bell choir continues to rehearse Thursday nights. There were 7 ringers in the group this year, but one ringer will graduate in June and head to college. Several bell repairs have been necessary this year. One bell has already been repaired and 2 more are in the process of being mailed back to Schulmerich. The cost of the repairs has been absorbed by individual bell ringers. The choir continues to be hard working and enthusiastic. New members are welcomed and would allow us to take advantage of all the bells Trinity currently has.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Roberts

JOYFUL VOICES YEAR END REPORT

The Joyful voices has a lot to be thankful for. The membership of the choir has remained strong with 18 active members. We lost a few members due to personal conflicts but were able to have new members join the ranks. I am honored to work with such a fine group of dedicated musicians.

The choir meets on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM from September to May. Our rehearsals usually run about 50 minutes. We also are responsible to sing on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday at the 10:45 service. Members who are involved with Sunday School can still be a part of Joyful Voices by joining the rehearsal at 10:10. I have arranged the rehearsal so that the last 10 minutes will be used to rehearse the anthems for that Sunday and the next Sunday. By doing this the members will have enough time to get familiar with the music for the upcoming weeks. We always are looking for additional singers to join us.

Along with singing at the second and third Sundays of each month at the 10:45 service, we sing at special services for the Anniversary Celebration service, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy week services and Easter. This year we had the honor of having the Angel choir join us for two Sundays which was really fun for both choirs. The choir has also sung at the 8:15 service occasionally. The music we do isn't extremely difficult, which makes it easy for singers of various levels of ability to master and allows the singers to use their talents to praise God through music.

I want to thank the members of the choir and band and especially Barb Roberts for their dedication and willingness to serve God with their musical talents. I would like to thank the congregation and Pastor Miller for their support of the choir and their many kind words of encouragement. Your support means a great deal to the group and to me.

The goals I have for Joyful Voices in the future are:

1. To be an active part of the ministry at Trinity.
2. To attract new members as I know there are many members of Trinity who have beautiful voices that would be an asset to Joyful Voices.
3. To sing at the 8:15 service occasionally
4. To encourage the members of Joyful Voices to offer special music on the Sundays we aren't schedule to sing.
5. To provide support and fellowship for the members of Joyful Voices.

To select music that enhances the worship service and touches the heart of the members of the choir and the congregation.

Along with the Joyful Voices Choir we have the Joyful Voices Band, which is a group of musicians. Glenn Lelko, Larry Jump, and Barb Roberts have offered their talents to support the Joyful Voices Choir. The band rehearses with the choir on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month from September to May. The band is a valuable part of Joyful Voices and I want to thank the band for all their hard work and dedication to the choir. We are lucky to have their support,

If you would like to join Joyful Voices or the band, just come to one of our rehearsals or talk to Donna Weller (237-2107 or at dw0220@aol.com), or talk to any of the members. We always have room for more singers and band members.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve God by directing the choir.

Donna Weller

Angel Choir

The Angel Choir at Trinity meets every Sunday there is Sunday School from 10:30-10:45. We have enjoyed worshiping the Lord with our voices, singing songs together, adding our own choreography, and making a joyful noise! Our focus is on worship, not performance, but we chose to share our new songs several times this year. Between six and eight kids are regularly attending, and we were able to sing as the Children's message this year during the 10:45 service, and to join the Joyful Voices choir on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday with two special pieces. We have a wonderful time making music and serving God with our voices!

Ronica Skarphol Brownson

From the Organist's Bench

It is hard to believe that it has been 10 years since becoming organist at Trinity. How time flies when you love doing something! I cannot express how much I appreciate all the support I get from the congregation and the Pastor. Part of my position as organist is to maintain the organ. Over the last several years the organ has had several renovations. The Vox Celeste [strings] and the Bourdon pedal pipes were replaced. This was a great improvement of sound quality. In August 2015 the Reed pipes were removed and completely redone. The pipes were about 60 years old and were in need of major renovation. We were without the pipes for two months; they were replaced in October just in time for our 50th anniversary celebration. This has made a huge difference in the sound quality of the organ. I want to thank all of the people who contributed to complete this project paid in full! It amazes me at the generosity of the congregation at Trinity! There are some minor repairs that will be done in the near future and this money will come out of the music budget.

I want to thank Donna and the Joyful Voices for their contribution to our worship experience. Also, I want to thank Barb for all she does as pianist and I really enjoy the time we spend together doing piano and organ duets. I look forward to serving as your organist in the future and Praising God through Music.

Jim

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 17, 2016

REPORT FROM THE PASTOR

“The more things change the more they stay the same.”

--Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr

As he [Saul] neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?”

“Who are You, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” He replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

(Acts 9:3-6)

Change, as is often observed, is one of the few changes in life. Changes in life can be fun and exciting but change can also be quite challenging and difficult. That is to say, the transitions associated with change can be challenging and difficult due to the adjustments such transitions require or create.

State College is a town that experiences a great deal of change each year. As I write this finals are underway at Penn State which means that significant change is underway bringing about a myriad of transitions. This hallmark of life here in the Centre Region, I believe is one factor in my longevity. Life is never dull nor overly repetitious!

In many congregations across our synod nothing has changed in years. The motto is, “We’ve never done it that way before!” Traditions that were begun with good reason can become stumbling blocks over time or when change is necessary.

So, rather than providing a more detailed report I thought I would change my approach and offer some reflections while at the same time inviting you to join me in these reflections.

First, we can start with some general observations:

- Trinity is a healthy, vibrant community of faith
- Trinity contributes a great deal to the community beyond the walls of the building
- Our facilities are used by a wide variety of groups, entities and individuals
- Disciples not only serve Trinity well but also serve in many and various organizations in the greater community
- Trinity is a welcoming community that seeks to offer engaging worship and empowering Christian Education.
- God has blessed this community and continues to do so
- We still have many opportunities for ministry and service among ourselves and together in the greater community

What are some other observations or “truths” you might identify for Trinity? What are other strengths that you can see?

Next, does this mean we simply sit back and coast on previous accomplishments? Do we just repeat next year what we did last year without reflection or planning? While some congregations tend to function that way, I would not like to see that happen here! One of my greatest concerns is that I settle into a “comfort zone” making choices and doing things to maintain that comfort.

Ministry is an adventure of faith! So,

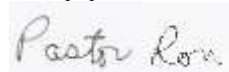
- What shall we do in the future? What have we done well and how can we do it better?
- What changes shall we make in worship? Shall we change style? Can we add anything either to worship or our music ministry to enhance our shared worship experience?
- As we struggle with getting folks to serve in Sunday school, what changes might help in this area of faith formation?
- Are there places we should consider with regard to outreach? Are there creative ways to reach others with the Gospel we have not considered before?
- What new opportunities might there be for us to consider for our ministry that were not available previously due to the changing nature of this community?
- Does our spending plan reflect who we are and what we want to invest in?
- What about ministry with and to our youth and/or children, what changes might we consider there, if any?

What have I missed? What might you like to add or like to see added? We may not know what the future holds in store for us but we certainly know Who holds that future? Whatever changes we create or have to face, we do so with the power, strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit and for that I am eternally grateful!

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry! My thanks also to the Congregation Council, our staff members, and the many volunteers who give nearly countless hours serving at and through our community of faith!

May God continue to bless us all for His purposes and for the sake of the world!

Truly yours in Christ,



2016 President's Report

Thank you, dear friends in Christ, for the opportunity to lead our congregation as Council President over the past three years. You are a gentle, kind, and faithful congregation and God has and will continue to bless our efforts to serve and love each other, our community, and the world.

This year we have focused on celebrating 50 years of ministry as a congregation. Our hardworking 50th Anniversary Team has planned special worship services, concerts, booklets, slide shows, and much more. Also, we have been busy refurbishing our Fellowship Hall, our original worship space, to enable increased energy efficiency via a new HVAC system, insulated walls, and new windows. We have new storage for our tables and chairs as well. And it shouldn't be too long until our new roadside sign is installed! Thanks a million to all who have been involved with these and other facility projects.

To fund all these improvements we are undertaking a fundraising campaign, \$50K for 50Years through November 2016 and hope that you will consider pledging, if you haven't already. We are confident that the Lord will provide.

Finally, there is nothing more rewarding than giving of ourselves to others, whether it's via a listening ear, financial support, our time and talent, or joining others in worship and song. May you continue to be blessed as a giving member of this group of Jesus' followers we call Trinity Lutheran Church.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” ~John 14: 1-4

Christina Pillot

2013-16 Council President

Trinity Lutheran Church
Financial Secretary's Report

May 2016

A summary of annual weekly income for the first nine months of the 2015-2016 fiscal year is included for your consideration.

Financial Secretary's Report
As of March 30, 2016

Operating Income:	Income To Date	Budget To Date	Annual Budget	Last Year To Date
Current	\$157,017	\$160,500	\$214,000	\$161,225
Loose Plate - Cash	\$3,878	\$3,900	\$5,200	\$3,687
Loose Plate - Check	\$58,457	\$37,275	\$49,700	\$36,168
Sunday School	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Seasonal	\$5,003	\$3,075	\$4,100	\$4,065
Building Use	\$2,695	\$2,047	\$2,730	\$2,607
Misc Income	\$555	\$0	\$0	\$520
Reimbursements	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$145
Total Operating Inc:	\$227,704	\$206,797	\$275,730	\$208,417

A review of our Total Operating Income totals to date reveals that this year's income significantly exceeds our budget to date; this situation occurred because a member family submitted their annual contribution in February which skews our loose plate check income category for the fiscal year.

Our income for this year was estimated by a two-step process. First, the total operating income to date was reduced to remove nine months of excess income. Then, the income for the remaining three months was estimated assuming that income for the next three months will be contributed at the same rate as in April, May and June of each of the last three years. Using these estimates, our Total Operating Income for 2015-2016 is estimated to be \$277,400.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I thank the Congregation for your financial support of Trinity during the past fiscal year.

Submitted by,



Duane Moberg Financial Secretary

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report March 2016

	Previous Months Transactions	March Transactions	March To Date	March Budget To Date	\$ Over/Under Budget	Annual Budget
Other Income:						
Memorial Gift / In	375.00	0.00	375.00			
World Hunger / In	873.00	130.00	1,003.00			
Pass Thru / In	5,582.77	799.36	6,382.13			
Youth Fund Raise / In	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Youth Mission Trips Donations	2,050.50	0.00	2,050.50			
Building Fund/ In	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Debt Reduction / In	1,316.00	0.00	1,316.00			
50th Anniversary/ In	16,405.00	1,750.00	18,155.00			
General Funds / In	12.76	16.03	28.79			
Total Other Income	26,615.03	2,695.39	29,310.42			
Other Expenses:						
Memorial Gift / Out	0.00	0.00	0.00			
World Hunger / Out	873.00	130.00	1,003.00			
Pass Thru / Out	6,007.90	1,056.00	7,063.90			
Youth Fund Raise / Out	1,458.26	0.00	1,458.26			
Building Fund / Out	7,722.50	0.00	7,722.50			
Debt Reduction / Out	1,498.00	0.00	1,498.00			
50th Anniversary/ Out	15,911.79	1,548.54	17,460.33			
General Funds / Out	7,362.92	0.00	7,362.92			
Total Other Expenses	40,834.37	2,734.54	43,568.91			
Total Income	231,188.68	25,826.16	257,014.84	207,075.00	49,939.84	276,100.00
Total Expenses	220,374.74	24,874.92	245,249.66	207,075.00	(38,174.66)	276,100.00
Total Transfer to Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Total Income-Financial
Secretary Report**

231,175.92 25,810.13 256,986.05

**Difference between Fin. Sec.
Report and Treasurer's report-
due to interest from Northwest
accounts**

12.76 16.03 28.79

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce G. Miller
Treasurer

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report
March 2016
Assets and Liabilities

Bank Balances (as of March 31, 2016)	Current Month	Last Month	Balance Difference
Northwest Savings Bank:			
Checking Account	\$35,015.08	\$26,200.76	\$8,814.32
Savings Account	\$26,810.65	\$26,803.99	\$6.66
Savings Account - Building Fund	\$3,430.07	\$11,150.45	-\$7,720.38
Savings Account - Memorial Funds	\$16,370.69	\$16,366.63	\$4.06
Savings Account - Youth Group Fund	\$4,458.33	\$4,457.22	\$1.11
Total All Bank Accounts	\$86,084.82	\$84,979.05	
Memorial Acct Details (As of March 31, 2016):			
	\$16,370.69		
<i>ELCA Foundation/Mrs. Bissey</i>	\$2,634.43		
<i>Thelma Clayton</i>	\$40.00		
<i>Sheila Merrill</i>	\$1,725.00		
<i>Budd Brooks</i>	\$345.00		
<i>Jim Wion</i>	\$170.00		
<i>Ethel Bright</i>	\$505.30		
<i>Jim Larson</i>	\$460.00		
<i>Friedrich Helfferich</i>	\$274.26		
<i>David Clifford</i>	\$234.85		
<i>Helen Ziegler</i>	\$140.00		
<i>Nancy Jump</i>	\$600.00		
<i>Trudy McClellan</i>	\$310.00		
<i>Arelene Miller</i>	\$950.00		
<i>Ed & Yvonne Rauff</i>	\$770.00		
<i>Eugene Weller</i>	\$25.00		
<i>Ron Miller</i>	\$1,215.00		
<i>Charlie Claar</i>	\$5,000.00		
<i>R.C. Miller, Sr.</i>	\$80.00		
<i>Nancy Mayer</i>	\$365.00		
<i>Harriette Raynar</i>	\$300.00		
<i>Elma Reynolds</i>	\$118.37		
<i>Jane Miller</i>	\$50.00		
<i>Edwin Clinger</i>	\$25.00		
<i>Interest</i>	\$33.48		

Other Assets	Current Value
Investment with Nestlerode & Loy (as of 03/31/2016)	
• Securities	\$0.00
• Cash-Money Market	\$0.00
• Bank Deposit Program	\$0.00

Northwest Savings Bank - Mortgage (as of March 24, 2016)	Yr 2016 Pd to Date	Current Balance
Principal	\$2,165.95	\$56,145.51
Interest - 4.25% (refinanced December 2011)	\$611.96	

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT
AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 2015

Baptized Membership, end of 2014		308
Members received in 2015		
Infant Baptism	6	
Adult Baptism	0	
Affirmation of Faith	9	
Transfer	1	
Total Members Received, 2015		16
Members removed in 2015:		
Death	0	
Transferred	0	
Statistical Adjustment	0	
Total Members Removed, 2015		0
Baptized Membership, end of 2015		324
Number of people confirmed in 2015	5	
Total confirmed membership, end 2015	273	
Average weekly worship attendance in 2015	121	

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

I have served as Trinity's Office Administrator (formerly Ministry Assistant) for 18 years. I am responsible for the 'business' side of operating the church. This includes keeping track of the weekly income, paying the church's expenses, preparing payroll along with the monthly and quarterly Federal, State and Local tax forms, creating financial reports for Council, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, editing the weekly newsletter, preparing the bulletins for all of our worship services, and providing support as needed for the different Trinity ministries.

I am in the office Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, from the Tuesday following Labor Day through the week following Memorial Day. During the summer months I work mainly from home (thanks to the laptop computer), but I am usually in the office Wednesday mornings. The best way to contact me during the summer is via email (tlcmarla@comcast.net).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marla Moberg".

Marla Moberg

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Proposed 2016-2017 Budget**

	2014-2015 Actual Budget	2015-2016 Actual Budget	2016-2017 Proposed
INCOME			
Envelope Giving	210,210	214,000	215,000
Loose Plate Checks	49,140	49,700	50,000
Loose Plate Cash	5,460	5,200	5,500
Seasonal	5,460	4,100	4,700
Sunday School	-	-	-
Building Use	2,730	3,100	3,300
Total Income	\$273,000	\$276,100	\$278,500
EXPENSES			
<u>Personnel:</u>			
Pastoral Compensation	65,870	67,133	68,420
Auto - payments, insurance, fuel, upkeep	3,247	5,400	5,000
Staff Salaries	60,756	61,857	62,476
Benefits	33,546	38,600	42,263
Employer Taxes	4,648	4,732	4,789
Pastoral Professional Development	3,757	2,000	2,000
<u>Administrative/Finance:</u>			
Allegheny Synod/ELCA Support	25,935	26,230	27,800
Mortgage	11,112	11,112	11,112
Administration	6,960	7,000	6,500
Properties & Utilities	36,000	37,000	33,000
Stewardship / Finance	500	500	500
<u>TLC Ministries:</u>			
Christian Ed	2,000	2,500	2,500
Youth Ministry	2,500	2,500	2,500
Worship & Music	3,200	2,000	2,000
Fellowship	1,500	1,086	1,140
Lay Ministry/ Devotional Materials	500	500	500
Supply Pastors	1,260	1,050	1,000
<u>Outreach/Social Ministry:</u>			
Social Ministry	100	0	0
Evangelism/Communications/Social Ministry	1,500	2,400	2,500
Youth Mission Trips	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Expenses	\$267,391	\$276,100	\$278,500
TRANSFER TO BANK ACCOUNTS			
Building Fund	2,596		
Savings	3,013		
Total Budget	\$273,000	\$276,100	\$278,500
PROJECTED BUDGET SURPLUS/DEFICIT	0	0	0