



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

DEWITT, NEBRASKA

**ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016**

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Brian Nelson, Chairman  
Duane Wollenburg, Vice Chairman  
Lois Wattjes, Treasurer  
Jenn Uher, Paid Treasurer  
Jane Stokebrand, Secretary

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Adam Wollenburg  
Randy Wollenburg  
Jesse Gronemeyer  
Delva Smith  
Joel Kaelin

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 22, 2016 – Following the church service

1. Call to Order—Brian Nelson
2. Devotions—Pastor Koos
3. 2016 Annual Meeting and Semi-annual Minutes —Jane Stokebrand
4. Presentation of the Ballot
  - a. Motion to accept the ballot as presented
5. Elections
6. Reports:
  - A. Pastor's Report
  - B. Council Chairman's Report
  - C. Treasurer's Report
  - D. Memorial Report
    1. Motion to approve reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
  - A. #1 Acceptance of 2016 Budget
  - B. #2 Acceptance of 2016 Mission Share Goal.
  - C. #3 Thank you to outgoing Council Members and the nominating committee
  - D. Any Other New Business
9. Results of Election
10. Motion to Destroy Ballots
11. Motion to Adjourn
12. Closing – The Lord's Prayer

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting  
January 24, 2016

**Call to Order**

The Annual meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church was held following the church service on January 24, 2016 with a quorum present. Chair-person Chris Woerner called the meeting to order and Pastor Koos led in devotions.

**Annual Meeting Minutes and Pastor's report**

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, the Semi-Annual Meeting, and the Special October meeting were presented. There was a motion by Dean Thernes and a second by Michael Holtmeier to approve with one correction to the October Meeting. The motion carried. The Annual Pastor's report was presented by Pastor Koos. See included.

**Presentation of Ballots**

The ballots were presented. There was a motion by Tim Garrison and a second by Larry Wattjes to accept the ballots. Ballots were marked and collected for counting.

**Presentation of Reports**

Reports presented consisted of the Pastor's report, Chairperson's report. Treasurer's report, Memorial report, Investment report, and WELCA report. There was a motion by Duane Wollenburg and a second by Tom Koch to accept the reports. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

The first item of Old Business included discussion of the installation of handicapped pews to be installed by Radigan Schloter in the near future. There was also discussion of the option to have the pews reupholstered. Thrivent has offered to finance the handicapped pews.

The next item of Old Business was discussion of the Constitution update. Mr. Biggs from the synod has approved the updated constitution. There was a motion by Tim Garrison and a second by Adam Wollenburg to accept the most recent update of the constitution. The motion carried. Following congregational approve, the updated constitution will go to a synod meeting in April for approval. The constitution will go into effect following synod approval.

Flood damage updates were discussed to include information that insurance has covered most of the damages. The parsonage roof is scheduled for repair when weather permits and upgrades to the parsonage basement will be covered in New Business.

**New Business**

The first item of new business included discussion of updates to the parsonage basement related to flood damage as well as age. Vice -chair Brian Nelson presented some options to include new windows, an egressed window, shelving and enclosing a bedroom and bathroom. He estimated the cost to be approximately \$30,000. There was discussion of using some funds from the Memorial Fund to support this project. Support for this funding plan was supported by Tim Garrison and Sharon Rehm. No dissenting opinions were presented.

The second item of new business was presentation of the 2016 Budget. Some new categories were added to the budget to eliminate an excessive amount of items entered under miscellaneous. Upon review of the budget it was discovered that an additional \$6,000 was required to cover the pastor pension bringing the budget total to \$151,015.00. There was a motion by Dean Thernes and a second by Darin Mahloch to approve the budget as amended. The motion carried.

The third item presented was the opportunity to opt out of receiving the Newsletter by mail when it is possible to access that item electronic. Members will continue to receive the paper copy unless they sign up to receive it electronically.

Chris Woerner noted that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church Dedication will be July 10, 2015. Members have the opportunity to sign up for the committee to plan that celebration.

Results of the voting were disclosed as follows: Vic Chairman is Duane Wollenburg, Council Members are Jesse Gronemeyer, Delva Smith, and Joel Kaelin, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent is Jana Muehling, Auditing Committee is Cindy Wollenburg, Nominating Committee are Karen Rahe and Fred Koch, Nebraska Synod Assembly Delegate is Liz Poessnecker. There was a motion by Mike Holtmeier and a second by Verdell Koch to destroy the ballots. The motion carried. Installation of these offices will be conducted at the next Sunday service.

Other new business included an offer by Thrivent advocates to use choice dollars toward the purchase of a lawn mower for use at the parsonage.

There was a motion by Adam Wollenburg and a second by Mike Holtmeier to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was concluded with Pastor Koos leading the group in recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Stokebrand/ Council Secretary.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Semi-Annual Meeting  
July 26, 2015

**Call to Order**

The Semi-Annual meeting was held following the church service on July 26, 2015 Chair-person Chris Woerner called the meeting to order and Pastor Koos led in devotions.

**Annual Meeting Minutes and Pastor's report**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were presented. There was a motion by Darin Mahloch and a second by Tim Garrison to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried. The Semi-Annual Pastor's report was presented by Pastor Koos. See included.

**Old Business**

The first item of Old Business included discussion regarding the newly installed Video Screen which was purchased with donations.

The second item concerned the update on the church pews. Paul Radigan of Radigan Shottler indicated that refinishing the pews was not a practical option because of the veneer finish. He did provide an estimate of \$400 to \$500 for each handicapped seat. There was a suggestion by Joyce Holtmeier to consider reupolstery of the pews. Church pews will continue to remain on the Five Year Plan.

**New Business**

The first item of new business included an update on flood repairs. There were no serious damages to the church. The parsonage did have water in the basement. At the current time there is no longer seepage in the basement. A sealant will be applied to reduce the risk of further seepage. Currently approximately \$7,750 of the approximate \$10,000 insurance payment has been used for major purchases with some continued work to be done in the parsonage.

The second item of new business addressed the constitutional update process. Pastor Koos's mentor Rev Timothy Bernard has assisted in terms of providing input in regard to changes to comply with the requirements of the model constitution. The goal is to have constitutional updates to present to the congregation in September or October.

Use of the Suggestion Box was discussed. Input through the Suggestion Box is valuable. A reminder that all items must be signed to be considered by the council.

The social committee will be meeting to plan fall events and reported \$350 raised for the Back Pack program by the golf outing.

There was a motion by Duane Wollenburg and a second by Mike Holtmeier to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was concluded with Pastor Koos leading the group in recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Stokebrand/ Council Secretary.

## Annual Pastor's Report

January 2017

Looking back over the last year, it was a good year for our congregation, especially considering we didn't have to wade through any more flooding or hail storms. We confirmed a large group of 12 students and started a smaller class of 6 students in the fall. We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building being re-built after a catastrophic fire. We shifted our bible study to a new day/time and there has been increased participation. We started up a new men's bible study group in the fall that has had strong participation. Our Sunday school classes continue to grow with the help of our eager and organized teachers. Both our praise and adult choirs bless our worship services with joyful song. It was a special treat having our brass band play for us during the Advent season. I hope to have them come back every Advent season from now on! Hearing them on Easter morning just isn't enough. Our Sunday school kids and adult choir made the Christmas season truly festive with their program and cantata.

There are few ministries I'd like to see improve over the next year. Our monthly adult bible study on Christian transformation hasn't been quite as well received as our prior study on parenting. Perhaps we might need to find a different topic. Also, participation in our committees has been lacking, in particular our Social Committee. We want to plan events that will engage our members so we need a variety of perspectives with fresh ideas to meet this goal. Please consider being a part of the Social Committee. Finally, our financial giving has become somewhat irregular. Hopefully the introduction of an "e-giving" option might reclaim some regularity for those of us with trouble attending weekly services. It could even help those who attend services regularly! Yes, financial giving is a ministry, an essential ministry to help all other ministries here at Trinity. Please consider your giving for the year ahead and not only maintaining your current giving but actually growing it. I know each year my family and I add to our giving and our joy from doing that grows considerably.

After taking 6 months off from home visitations, I'm going to get back out there in the year ahead. I just don't see enough of you on a regular basis and I do so enjoy connecting with you more than Sunday mornings allow for. I'm not going to make up a schedule but will just randomly reach out to you throughout the year. Hopefully this flexibility will offer more chances to connect. All in all, I'm excited for our shared ministry in the year ahead. I'd like to be a part of more than 4 baptisms, less than 3 funerals, more than 6 new members, and more than 2 weddings like last year. We have one wedding scheduled for April but otherwise the expected ministry is a blank sheet. Wherever the year leads us, be assured that I will be praying for each of you and hoping for another strong year of rich ministry.

Many blessings,

Pastor Koos



To my fellow members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

These past two years, it has been a privilege and a challenge to serve as Vice Chairman and Chairman on Church Council. We have accomplished some projects.

I want to thank Travis Garrison for installing new windows in the basement of the parsonage. The bathroom area downstairs was also walled off to create a partial finished space. The roof was also replaced on the parsonage by James Pittman.

We want to thank Thrivent dollars for the purchase of a lawn mower and a new electric organ for the church.

I would like to thank the 50<sup>th</sup> committee members who helped plan and deliver a successful rededication celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church building.

Thank you to the council members for serving and to all our members who serve on boards, committees, and in groups. Without everyone working together and giving of their time and talents our church would not run as smoothly. A special thanks to our service groups for serving at functions which are held throughout the year and to the members who bring such great food to enjoy.

There are more projects that could be done to update/upgrade the parsonage (i.e. replacement of windows); these will be considered as funds allow.

Thanks,

Brian K. Nelson



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017

### VICE CHAIRMAN:

(choose one)

Brian Scherling  
Mike Holtmeier

### COUNCIL MEMBERS: (2 – 2yr. terms; 1 – 1 yr. term)

(choose three)

Byron Beerenstrauch  
Cody Wollenburg  
Steve Garrison  
Yvonne Rahe  
Craig Wollenburg

### SECRETARY:

(choose one)

Amy Stokebrand  
Nancy McDougall

### ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

(choose one)

Josi Hoesche  
Ashley Garrison

### AUDITING COMMITTEE:

(choose one)

Pam Garrison  
Deb Schwan

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

(choose two)

Cara Heller  
Jackie Placek  
Larry Pieper  
Kyle Wollenburg

### NEBRASKA SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATE:

(choose one)

Bev Plihal  
Connie Scherling

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report as of December 2016

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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Budget YTD

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance
<b>Income</b>				
415.01.00.00	General Treasury	19,262.25		116,300.89
415.01.00.01	Benevolence	201.28		2,518.24
415.01.00.02	Special Project Fund	0.00		16,837.80
415.01.00.03	Property (sinking fund)	21,715.23		21,722.23
415.01.00.04	Special Benevolence	0.00		0.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$41,178.76</b>		<b>\$157,379.16</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
516.01.01.00	Pastor's Salary	3,580.74	3,437.00	41,173.88
516.01.01.01	Treasurer's Salary	199.75	213.00	2,391.19
516.01.01.02	Secretary's Salary	301.62	385.00	3,607.47
516.01.01.03	Organist Salary	300.00	382.00	4,275.00
516.01.01.04	Custodian Salary	510.62	538.00	6,127.44
516.01.01.05	Payroll Taxes	0.00	675.00	6,571.32
516.01.01.06	Pension Fund	1,091.84	1,062.00	13,079.20*
516.01.01.07	Supply Pastor	0.00	37.00	514.53*
516.01.02.00	Mileage	380.16	375.00	4,304.34
516.01.02.01	Health Insurance Reimbursement	0.00	210.00	2,310.00
516.01.02.02	Culligan (parsonage)	27.00	27.00	297.00
516.01.02.03	Water supplies (Culligan)	0.00	13.00	114.00
516.01.02.04	Insurance (Portico)	236.55	0.00	2,832.75
516.01.03.00	Bulletins	0.00	37.00	403.65*
516.01.03.01	Offering envelopes	0.00	31.00	0.00
516.01.03.02	Altar Supplies	40.00	7.00	49.96
516.01.03.03	Communion supplies	0.00	12.00	32.00
516.01.03.04	Baptismal supplies	0.00	12.00	76.72
516.01.03.05	Interpreting	0.00		0.00
516.01.04.00	Postage and freight	117.40	63.00	1,072.94*
516.01.04.02	Office supplies	0.00	100.00	1,003.01
516.01.04.03	Copies from copier machine	0.00	100.00	873.98
516.01.04.04	Office equipment	150.99	163.00	1,811.88
516.01.04.05	Accountant Fees	25.00	0.00	155.00
516.01.05.00	Village Utilities - Church	83.45	250.00	3,228.21*
516.01.05.01	Village Utilities - Parsonage	159.11	212.00	2,751.05*
516.01.05.02	Natural gas - Church	188.33	462.00	3,593.72

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Treasurer's Report as of December 2016**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
516.01.05.03	Natural gas - Parsonage	49.93	87.00	810.97	1,000.00
516.01.06.00	Miscellaneous	0.00	38.00	180.00	500.00
516.01.06.01	ELCA Benevolence	0.00	901.00	17,312.00*	10,812.00
516.01.06.02	Special Given Benevolence	0.00	87.00	240.00	1,000.00
516.01.06.03	Bank fees	20.00	4.00	20.00	20.00
516.01.07.00	Conference dues	0.00		0.00	
516.01.07.01	Devotional books	150.00	69.00	1,175.80*	850.00
516.01.07.02	NE Synod Assembly	0.00	32.00	626.83*	450.00
516.01.07.03	Copyright License	0.00	37.00	208.00	400.00
516.01.07.04	Technology License & Upgrades	0.00	57.00	770.78*	750.00
516.01.08.00	Telephone/Internet - Church	159.52	125.00	1,723.52*	1,500.00
516.01.08.01	Telephone - Parsonage	34.50	29.00	379.50	414.00
516.01.08.02	Telephone - personal	0.00		0.00	
516.01.09.00	Sunday School Material	310.50	125.00	2,039.84*	1,500.00
516.01.09.01	Bible School	0.00	38.00	0.00	500.00
516.01.09.02	Confirmation material	440.00	125.00	934.09	1,500.00
516.01.09.03	Trinity Youth Group	0.00	50.00	0.00	600.00
516.01.09.04	WELCA	0.00		0.00	
516.01.09.05	Continuing Education (Pastor)	0.00	88.00	680.01	1,100.00
516.01.09.06	Worship material	0.00	19.00	236.62	250.00
516.01.10.00	Choir material	0.00	12.00	52.31	100.00
516.01.11.00	Church Maintenance	602.29	462.00	4,279.32	5,500.00
516.01.11.01	Repairs to the Church	0.00	38.00	107.82	500.00
516.01.11.02	Organ - Tuck point sink fund	0.00		435.00	
516.01.11.03	Lawn/Landscape	0.00	250.00	3,296.64*	3,000.00
516.01.11.04	Repairs to the parsonage	0.00	663.00	11,105.32*	8,000.00
516.01.11.05	Property Insurance	0.00	425.00	5,644.50*	5,100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$9,159.30</b>	<b>\$12,564.00</b>	<b>\$154,909.11*</b>	<b>\$151,015.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>\$32,019.46</b>	<b>(\$12,564.00)</b>	<b>\$2,470.05</b>	<b>(\$151,015.00)</b>

\* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

# TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER, 2016

Balance as of 11/30/16	\$7,164.18
Income	\$24,667.86
Interest	\$0.39

	Expenses	Outstanding
01-00 Pastor's Salary	\$3,420.74	
01-01 Treasurer's Salary	\$199.75	
01-02 Secretary Salary	\$357.79	357.79
01-03 Organist	\$750.00	450.00
01-04 Custodial Salary	\$510.62	
01-06 Pension Fund	\$1,328.39	
02-00 Mileage	\$380.16	
02-02 Misc. Water Softener	\$27.00	
04-00 Postage & Freight	\$58.70	
04-02 Office Supplies	\$30.32	30.32
04-04 Office Equipment	\$150.99	
05-00 Village Utilities Church	\$83.45	
05-01 Village Utilities Parsonage	\$159.11	
05-02 Natural Gas Church	\$188.33	
05-03 Natural Gas Parsonage	\$49.93	
06-00 Miscellaneous	\$200.00	
06-01 ELCA Benevolence	\$5,406.00	5,406.00
06-03 Bank Fees	\$20.00	
07-01 Devotional Books	\$150.00	
08-00 Telephone Church	\$159.52	
08-01 Telephone Parsonage	\$34.50	
09-00 Sunday School	\$310.50	
09-02 Confirmation	\$440.00	
11-00 Church Maintenance	\$552.29	
11-02 Organ	\$435.00	435.00
06-01 Transfer to Benev. Savings	\$910.00	

Total Expenses:	\$16,313.09
Previous months checks that cleared	\$435.32
<b>Available Cash as of 12/31/16</b>	<b>\$15,084.02</b>

Outstanding Checks:	\$6,679.11
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Reconciled to balance on bank statement 12/31/16	\$21,763.13
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Other Accounts:	
Benevolence (Savings Account)	\$7,020.44
Capital Improvement Fund (Savings Account)	\$22,137.15

**2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**  
**(formerly Sinking Fund)**

**Balance as of 12/31/15                      \$    421.92**

**Deposits:**

**Transfer from Memorial Fund      \$21,715.00**  
**Interest    .23**

**Balance as of 12/31/16                      \$22,137.15**

## 2016 TRINITY LUTHERAN MEMORIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE ON 1/1/2016	\$19,266.61
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### DEPOSITS

Walter Wollenburg	1240.00
Jerry Saathoff	975.00
Charles Mundil	25,000.00
Thrivent (mower reimb)	3815.57
Interest	23.13
Total Deposits	\$31,053.70

### DISBURSEMENTS

Roger Krivan (Exmark mower)	3816.00
Site Scapes (outdoor benches)	1350.00
Dietz Music (Electric piano)	2700.00
Richters (Furnace repair)	3285.00
Capital Improvement Fund	21,715.00

Total Disbursements	\$32,866.00
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ENDING BALANCE 12/31/16	\$17,454.31
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Randy Wollenburg, Memorial Treasurer

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Investments Report

### Investment Funds:

December 31, 2013	\$58986.57
December 31, 2014	\$35809.36
December 31, 2015	\$35396.66
December 31, 2016	\$37263.33

**TOTAL**

**\$37263.33**

Duane Wollenburg  
Vice Chairman  
Treasurer of Endowment Fund



## WELCA – YEAR END REPORT

<b>Balance 1-1-2016</b>	<b>\$4,697.71</b>
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### **Income:**

Circle Offerings	\$422.00
Fellowship Hall Donations (funerals)	\$800.00
Greeting Card Sales	\$160.50
Farmers Market	\$812.00
Thank Offering	\$307.70
Interest	\$2.36
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,504.56</b>

### **Expenses:**

Tina Holtmeier (kitchen supplies)	\$268.69
Flowers	\$57.98
Farmers Market(\$573.80 to Anniversary Fund)	\$812.00
WELCA Circle Offerings	\$187.50
Greetings Cards	\$307.90
WELCA Thank Offering	\$307.70
Donations	\$850.00
Library Update	\$924.60
Gifts	\$245.00
Subscription to "Gather"	\$28.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,989.37</b>

<b>Ending Balance 12-31-2016</b>	<b>\$3,212.90</b>
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## 2016 Annual Report for WELCA

On behalf of the Trinity WELCA Board I would like to express a HUGE thank you to all members of Trinity Lutheran for your gracious giving for any and all projects that our WELCA pursued this past year for our church. Whether it be your donations of food, money, time and/or talents, you came through most heartedly for anything we requested. A sincere thank you to all.

### Summary of WELCA 2016 activities:

World Day of Prayer – 25 in attendance (Trinity will host in 2017)  
Trinity hosted Chrismon Mass for area Pastors  
“Basket of Promises” during Lent - 38 Health Kits assembled  
Easter Lilies for church – 13 ordered  
Fairbury Spring Gathering – 2 attended from our church  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Farmer’s Market proceeds - \$573.80  
Church Library updated & new shelving purchased  
Pastor updated our WELCA constitution  
Thankoffering totaled \$307.70  
Lutheran World Relief Totals:  
    Blankets – 30  
    School Kits – 153 (2 pickup loads of 41 boxes packed & taken to Lincoln)  
    Layettes – 136  
    Health Kits – 38  
    Sewing Kits – 7  
Poinsettias Ordered for church – 9  
Nice display of Christmas Dishes for Advent  
Many pounds of groceries distributed to area Food Pantries  
56 Lap Robes taken to Blue Valley & Crete Manor

What a gracious congregation Trinity is. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Wollenburg

2016 WELCA Chairman

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Youth Group  
Annual Report

Beginning Balance 12-31-15	\$1522.80
Deposits	
02/22 deposit	\$335.00
Total Income	\$335.00
Expenses	
02/19 check	\$61.81
11/22 check	\$1250.00
Total expenses	\$1311.81
Ending Balance	\$545.99

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Sean Koos

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT – 2016**

**Beginning Balance:** **\$1,398.12**

**Expenses:**

Curriculum \$39.00  
Class Room \$20.50  
Palm Branches \$30.80  
Kickoff \$121.87  
Christmas Sacks \$247.09  
Caroler Candles \$65.60  
6 foot artificial Christmas Tree (Main Entrance) \$90.00  
Youth Room TV \$219.80

**Total Expenses: \$834.70**

**Deposits:**

Food Pantry loose offering 2015 \$144.00  
Christmas Sacks loose offering 2016 \$310.50  
Class Offering \$350.27  
Kickoff Donations: \$177.00

**Total Deposits: \$981.77**

**Ending Balance:** **\$1,545.19**

**Submitted by**

**Darcy Baker, Sunday School Secretary/Treasurer**

## **BIBLE SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT – 2016**

**Beginning Balance: \$913.56**

**Ending Balance: \$913.56**

**No activity for the year due to Camp Noah! (Flood Relief fully funded program)**

**Submitted by**

**Darcy Baker, Sunday School Secretary/Treasurer**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2016 STATISTICAL REPORT**

**BAPTISM – 4**

Aria June Rowden (2/7/16)  
Brynlee SueAnn Bergmeier (2/7/16)  
MaKenzie Renee Parker (3/13/16)  
Jackson Ray Slama (10/2/16)

**CONFIRMATIONS – 12**

Alyssa Rae Brown (4/24/16)  
Turner John Faxon (4/24/16)  
Drew Steven Garrison (4/24/16)  
Drey Joshua Heller (4/24/16)  
Hannah Rae Holtmeier (4/24/16)  
Madison Kirchoff (4/24/16)  
Zachary C. Kuhn (4/24/16)  
Jordan Muehling (4/24/16)  
Dominic Diego Smith (4/24/16)  
Maddox Lane Smith (4/24/16)  
Krayten Allen Uher (4/24/16)  
Kynlee Elizabeth Uher (4/24/16)

**FUNERALS – 4**

Walter Wollenburg (2/16/2016)  
Roy Smith (3/19/2016) (non member)  
Jerry Saathoff (July 12, 2016)  
Charles Mundil (9/1/16) held and officiated elsewhere

**MARRIAGES – 2**

Tina Kuhn and Lonnie Groathouse (9/3/16)  
Brittany Reed and Travis Murray (9/17/16)

**TRANSFER OUT – 6**

Maci Hicks (8/14/16)  
Heather (Schwan) Baker (9/14/16)  
Derrick Damrow (11/23/16)  
Jessica Damrow (11/23/16)  
Brevin Damrow (11/23/16)  
Pierce Damrow (11/23/16)

**TRANSFER IN – 5**

Travis Murrery (5/15/16)  
Brittany (Reed) Murray (5/15/16)  
Tina (Kuhn) Groathouse (5/15/16)  
Lonnie Groathouse (10/16/16)  
Zach Kuhn (5/15/16)

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	BAPTIZED	CONFIRMED
MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016	475	344
<b>GAINS IN 2016</b>		
Baptisms	4	
Confirmation		12
Transfer In	5	4
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>LOSSES IN 2016</b>		
Deaths	3	3
Transfers Out	6	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016	475	353
<b>NUMBER OF SUNDAY SERVICES FOR 2016</b>		<b>50</b>
<b>AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE FOR 2016</b>		<b>95</b>

YEAR:	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Average Worship Attendance	115	104	111	95	95
Communing	201	205	210	187	198
Total Giving	147,982	191,932	189,354	147,269	138,023
Total Benevolence	9,202	15,967	13,109	13,456	30,276



# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016**

**SUPERINTENDENT** – Amber Koch  
**ASSISTANT SUPT.** – Jana Muehling  
**SECRETARY/TREASURER** – Darcy Baker

## **PRE K & KINDERGARTEN**

Jamie Beerenstrauch and Kenni Woerner

## **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADES**

Jana Muehling and Kim Gronemeyer

## **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Bobbi Scherling and Becky Kaelin

## **5<sup>TH</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> GRADES**

Nicole Morrissey and Penny Holtmeier

## **Junior High**

Pastor Koos and Liz Poessnecker

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Kelly Smith

## **CARE-A-LOT**

Josi Hoesche and Cara Heller

## **MUSIC DIRECTORS**

Jan Dunn and Arlyce Albert

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Ashley Garrison  
Jackie Placek  
Reagan Brown

## Ushers for 2017

February: Head Usher—Fred Koch

Brian Stokebrand, John Chavez, Mark Roesler, Darin Mahloch, Joel Kaelin

March: Head Usher—Doug Stokebrand

Brad Garrison, Drew Garrison, Chuck Holtmeier, Zach Kuhn, Kevin Thornburg

April: Head Usher—Rick Mangus

Sam Kirchoff, Madison Kirchoff, Jessi Gronemeyer, Shane Parker, Logunn Baker

May: Head Usher—Doug Damkroger

Jim Essman, Drey Heller, Bob Schwan, Dean Thernes, Kyle Thernes, Tanner Baker

June: Head Usher--Steve Garrison

Mike Bergmeier, Ron Hinzman, Jeremy Placek, Mike Rahe, Roy Scherling

July: Head Usher--Brian Scherling

Celena Chavez, Carson Hicks, David Hicks, Shae Wattjes, Travis Murray

August: Head Usher—Kirk Holtmeier

Hannah Holtmeier, Jim Miller, Darin Muehling, Jordan Muehling, Adam Wollenburg

September: Head Usher—Arlyn Parde

Bruce Rahe, Matt Uher, Kynlee Uher, Krayten Uher, Delaney Uher

October: Head Usher—Tim Garrison

Gary Niemeier, Delva Smith, Cooper Smith, Dominic Smith, Maddox Smith

November: Head Usher—Derrick Damrow

Chris Woerner, Alex Tietjen, Chad Pohlman, Brent Rahe, Nate Morrissey

December: Head Usher—Mike Holtmeier

Hunter Garrison, Tim Garrison, Turner Faxon, Tom Koch, Craig Wollenburg

January 2017: Head Usher--Kyle Wollenburg

Byron Beerenstrauch, Mitch McDougall, Cody Wollenburg, Ron Wollenburg,  
John Chavez

## Greeters for 2017

February- Eugene and Karen Wollenburg / Arlyce Albert, Liz Poessnecker  
March- Lonnie and Tina Groathouse / Eldon and Jane Stokebrand  
April- Don and Shirlie Wollenburg / Vic and Bonnie Schuerman  
May- Marvin and Lois Zimmerman / Jack and Kathy Holtmeier  
June- Jim and Joyce Holtmeier / Arlyn Parde  
July- Alan and Jan Dunn / Larry and Lois Wattjes  
August- Harry and Jean Malchow / Arlene Scherling  
September- Dan and Connie Scherling / Alan and Jan Dunn  
October- Jack and Mary Garrison / Tim and Pam Garrison  
November- Leonard and Shirley Saathoff / Gordon and Linda Schuerman  
December- Ron and Cindy Wollenburg / Verdell and Priscilla Koch  
January 2017- Galen and Bev Plihal / Brian and Barb Nelson

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH--PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017			
EXPENSE	2016 BUDGET	2017 PROPOSED	
PASTOR'S SALARY	41,200.00	42,436.00	
SUPPLY PASTOR	400.00	550.00	
SECRETARY SALARY	4,675.00	4,000.00	
ORGANIST SALARY	4,650.00	4,650.00	
CUSTODIAN SALARY	6,500.00	6,500.00	
TREASURER SALARY	2,600.00	2,600.00	
PAYROLL TAXES	8,100.00	6,800.00	
PASTOR CONTINUING ED	1,100.00	1,100.00	
PASTOR PENSION, HOUSING, FICA	12,700.00	13,400.00	
INSURANCE (Portico)		2,850.00	
CAR ALLOWANCE (MILEAGE)	4,500.00	4,500.00	
HEALTH INSURANCE REIMB.	2,520.00	2,520.00	
CULLIGAN (parsonage)	324.00	600.00	
CULLIGAN (church)	200.00	200.00	
BULLETINS	400.00	400.00	
OFFERING ENVELOPES	350.00	350.00	
ALTAR SUPPLIES	150.00	100.00	
COMMUNION SUPPLIES	100.00	100.00	
BAPTISMAL SUPPLIES	100.00	100.00	
BIBLE SCHOOL	500.00	500.00	
CONFIRMATION	1,500.00	1,000.00	
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	250.00	250.00	
POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	800.00	1,200.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,200.00	1,200.00	
COPIES FROM COPIER MACHINE	1,200.00	1,000.00	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00	
VILLAGE UTILITIES-CHURCH	3,000.00	3,500.00	
VILLAGE UTILITIES-PARSON.	2,500.00	3,000.00	
NATURAL GAS-CHURCH	5,500.00	5,000.00	
NATURAL GAS-PARSONAGE	1,000.00	1000.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	300.00	
DEVOTIONAL BOOKS	850.00	1,200.00	
ELCA BENEVOLENCE	10,812.00	11,000.00	
SPECIAL BENEVOLENCE	1,000.00	500.00	
BANK FEES	20.00	20.00	
NE SYNOD ASSEMBLY	450.00	700.00	
YOUTH MINISTRY	600.00	1,000.00	
CHOIR	100.00	100.00	
COPYRIGHT LICENSE	400.00	400.00	
TELEPHONE-INTERNET	1,500.00	1,700.00	
TELEPHONE-PARSONAGE	414.00	400.00	
SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL	1500.00	2,000.00	
TECHNOLOGY LICENSE & UPGRADES	750.00	800.00	
<b>PROPERTY MAIN. BUDGET</b>		-	
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	5500.00	5,500.00	
LAWN/LANDSCAPE	3000.00	3,300.00	
PROPERTY INSURANCE	5100.00	5,700.00	
REPAIRS/SUPPLIES PARSONAGE	8000.00	7,500.00	
REPAIRS TO CHURCH (SINKING FUND)	500.00	500.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>151,015.00</b>	<b>156,026.00</b>	