

**Trinity Lutheran church**

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Call to order and Opening Remarks—Laurie Wille, President

Secretary's Report—Marlene Breitbarth

Motion to approve

Financial Reports—Clayton Duncanson, Treasurer

Motion to approve

Old Business:

New Business:

Nominations/Elections

Adjournment

**Important Dates:**

February 7	Installation of New Leadership
February 10	Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 pm Worship
Feb 17	Lenten Service at Truman 7 pm
Feb 24	Lenten Service at Madelia 7 pm
March 2	Lenten Service at Truman 7 pm
March 9	Lenten Service at Madelia 7 pm
March 16	Lenten Service at Truman 7 pm
March 20	Palm Sunday
March 24	Maundy Thursday Senior Service 9:30 am
March 25	Good Friday Worship with Communion at Trinity 7 pm
March 27	Easter Service at 10:30 am
May 15	Confirmation
May 22	Senior Recognition
June 10-12	Synod Assembly at Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter MN

## PASTORAL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

Dear Trinity Family,

My heart echoes the words of Paul in his letter to the people of Phillipi.

Phillipians 1:3-6

**3** I thank my God every time I remember you. **4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **6** being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

I am so very grateful for your support, encouragement and extension of grace as we begin ministry together. The highlight of 2015 was when I entered into a ministry partnership with both Trinity churches. I remember leaving the church after I met the call committee for Truman and felt the sense of call and God being at work in the midst of the process. I believe that the partnership is a responsible stewardship decision for both congregations BUT I also believe that this partnership has the possibility far beyond budgeting but to have an impact in the Kingdom of God. The question I am posing for both congregations in the coming year is how is this partnership impacting God's Kingdom beyond our walls?

Looking ahead to 2016 -

In the last few months it has been a challenge for me to find a balance in my weekly schedule. In trying to provide pastoral care for those in crisis, office work and worship planning, emergency calls, and my own personal illness – visitation for shut-ins has not been where I would like it to be and is a goal for the coming year. I enjoy doing visitations and look forward to making this happen on a regular basis.

Worship is the heart of our life together. Worship is where we encounter God through Word and Sacrament and equips us to live out our faith. It is during worship we are reminded of who we are as beloved Children of God - forgiven people called to be workers together in God's Kingdom. Sermon series for the year include: Prayer (Lent) and The Greatest Story (in the fall).

Faith formation for all ages is the work of the church. I am looking forward to working together with you on how we can live out our faith. We grow in faith through study, prayer, worship and service. We currently have 7 students total (5 Truman and 2 Madelia) who currently meet once a month for an extended class times.

This change has allowed the class to dig deeper, have fun, and a time for fellowship. One of the highlights has been a 103 year old guest that shared her faith story when we studied Communion. Upcoming themes include: The Lord's Prayer during Lent (coordinated with our worship series in Lent), 10 Commandments, and Luther. This fall, in conjunction with The Greatest Story series, our confirmation students will begin the year of studying the Bible.

I am very excited for the two mission trips this summer. In addition to the Youth trip, Trinity will be going on a Family Mission Trip. This trip is a great opportunity for our youngest members and our members with more life experience to serve together and grow in their faith by serving others.

I am so grateful to all who lead, serve, and worship here at Trinity. A special thank you to Brenda, Barb, and Lowell for all they do each and every week to support the ministry at Trinity.

*Pastor Krista*

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President Dave Sorenson called the meeting to order. The secretary's report was read. Lowell Noorlun moved to accept the report, Norma Stough seconded, and the motion carried.

Clayton Duncanson presented the treasurer's report and 2015 budget. Jim Shoen made the motion to accept the report and budget. Cathy Sorenson seconded. The motion carried.

There was not any old business.

The following slate of nominees were presented for election:

Vice President: Tom Dodge

Secretary: Marlene Breitbarth

Treasurer: Clayton Duncanson

Christian Education: Julie Bruderie & Kim Hastad

Church Properties: Brad Nickerson

Stewardship: Duane Heckman & Vern Quade

Lay Ministry: Marilyn Duncanson

Worship: Dean Gulbranson and Erin Krumwiede

Youth: Teresa Davis and Teresa Zaharia

Nominating Committee for 2015:

Dave Sorenson, Britta Hartman, Donna Kotewa, Dennis Rode, and Ross Ringeisen

2015 Synod Delegates Not Filled

LMH Representative Eloise Miller

Green Lake Not Filled

Clayton Duncanson made the motion to accept the nominees as slated and to cease nominations. Jerry Teig seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2015 president Laurie Wille called for a motion for adjournment. Jerry Teig made the motion and Ross Ringeisen made the second. The motion carried.

Jan Ringeisen

2014 secretary

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Financial Report**  
**December 31, 2015**

**General Fund Income**

	2015 Actual	2015 Budget	2016 Budget
<b>General Fund Income</b>			
Current Donations	\$87,342	\$83,859	\$85,970
Loose Offering	\$1,534		
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,609		
Use of Church	\$575		
<b>Thrivent Choice \$1,864</b>			
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$91,060</b>	<b>\$83,859</b>	<b>\$85,970</b>

**General Fund Expenses**

**Expenses:**

**Business Management:**

Convention Delegates	\$321	\$350	\$350
Financial Sec. & Treas.	\$500	\$500	\$500
Florist & Gifts	\$136	\$200	\$150
Interest			
Bus. Man. Miscellaneous		\$250	\$150
<b>Total Business Management</b>	<b>\$957</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>	<b>\$1,150</b>

**Christian Education**

Confirmation	\$109	\$200	\$150
Sunday School & VBS Supplies	\$488	\$1,150	\$1,150
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>\$597</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>

**Church Properties:**

Custodian Salary	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Contracted Services	\$921	\$300	\$1,200
Custodial Supplies	\$82	\$800	\$200
Office Supplies & Equipment	\$2,784	\$2,500	\$2,500
Petty Cash and Postage	\$454	\$600	\$600
Repairs and Improvements	\$89	\$2,000	\$1,500
Telephone	\$2,216	\$2,000	\$2,100
Utility - Electricity	\$3,565	\$3,500	\$3,250
Utility - Heat	\$6,984	\$5,700	\$5,700
Workman's Comp. & Insurance	\$4,090	\$5,000	\$5,000
Church Properties, Other (Recycle Tax)	\$69		\$70
<b>Total Church Properties</b>	<b>\$26,254</b>	<b>\$27,400</b>	<b>\$27,120</b>

**Ministry**

Pastor - Conventions	\$155	\$500	\$500
Pastor's Education			
Pastor's Housing Allowance	\$6,743	\$8,400	\$6,330

## General Fund Expenses

	2015 Actual	2015 Budget	2016 Budget
Pastor's Salary	\$20,367	\$20,400	\$20,100
Travel and Auto.	\$4,274	\$5,000	\$5,000
FICA for Pastor			\$2,024
Pastor's Insurance & Pension	\$4,443		\$14,254
Total Pastor	\$35,982	\$34,300	\$48,208
Lay Min. Board Exp.	28		
Secretary Salary			
630 Hrs X 13.50	\$8,570	\$8,500	\$8,800
Social Security			
\$13500 X .0765`	\$1,036	\$1,000	\$1,100
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$45,616</b>	<b>\$43,800</b>	<b>\$58,108</b>
<b>Stewardship:</b>			
Green Lake Bible Camp	\$600	\$600	\$600
Lutheran Social Services	\$400	\$400	\$400
Luther Mem. Home - Madelia	\$400	\$400	\$400
Missionary	\$500	\$500	\$500
S. W. MN Synod	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Stewardship Miscellaneous	\$175	\$300	\$200
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>\$5,675</b>	<b>\$5,800</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>
<b>Worship:</b>			
Choir Director	\$1,020	\$500	\$1,000
Organist	\$3,090	\$3,500	\$3,000
Piano Accompanist	\$120	\$500	\$200
Guest Pastor		\$300	\$300
Music for Choir			
Worship Supplies - Bulletins	\$841	\$1,000	\$1,000
Worship Miscellaneous	\$548	\$350	\$300
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>\$5,619</b>	<b>\$6,150</b>	<b>\$5,800</b>
<b>Young People's Work</b>			
Youth Expense	\$550	\$500	\$500
Camperships		\$400	
<b>Total Young People's Work</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$85,268.05</b>	<b>\$86,700</b>	<b>\$99,678</b>
<b>Net General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$5,792.00</b>	<b>(\$2,841)</b>	<b>(\$13,708)</b>

## Designated Income/Expenditures

<b>Designated Income:</b>	
Building Fund Income	\$170
Building Fund Interest	\$186
Christmas	\$696
Heat Fund	\$18,655
Lent	\$535
Specified Giving	\$717
Sunday School Donations	\$419
Thanksgiving	\$144
<b>Total Designated Income</b>	<b>\$21,521</b>

**Designated Expenditures:**

Expenditures for Congregation For Worship	\$294
Stewardship Programs	
Mission Projects: Crest & Heavens Tab	\$1,013
Sunday School Mission Projects	\$372
<b>Total Stewardship Programs</b>	<b>\$1,385</b>
<b>Total Designated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,679</b>
<b>Net Designated Income</b>	<b>\$19,843</b>

**Balance Sheet**

December 31, 2015

**Assets:**

Checking Account	\$14,239
Savings Account	\$71,195
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$85,434</b>

## Liability

Payroll Taxes Payable	\$254
Equity	\$85,180
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$85,434</b>

**Savings Account**

Building Funds	\$6,071
Heat Fund	\$33,900
Insurance Proceeds	\$4,727
Thanksgiving	\$136
Christmas	\$1,536
Sunday School	\$300
General Fund	\$24,525
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$71,195</b>

## Trinity President's Report

Being the church's president has opened my eyes to the workings of this church. Amazing things are going on behind the scenes. People are putting hours and hours of their time into projects, programs, and events. There are details to plan, materials to gather, things to set up, calls to make, and the final presentation to attend. These things don't just happen, unless there was someone doing God's work. If you have ever enjoyed looking at the flowers or decorations, accidentally spilled something, sang a hymn, read the bulletin, been inspired by the choir, attended the Cookie walk or other fundraiser, or sent your children to Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, you can be sure that someone planned and prepared for those things to happen. I have seen people working at the church at all hours. These people have put off their meals or made arrangements for child care to spend time at church during the week and some do not even turn in the receipts for the things they purchase. I appreciate all of you who helped get things done this year. The thing that we all can do for the good of Trinity is pray. Pray for each other, pray for your family, pray for our church, and the town, state and country. If you have a few seconds, you can pray, and if you have hours to spare, think of the difference your prayers could make!

*1 Timothy 2:1-2 "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." Romans 12:12 "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."*

Trinity has a wonderful opportunity with the addition of Pastor Krista Strum. Her husband Matt, and children Katherine and Lauren have been involved in services by reading and singing. I feel we have had a rejuvenation of sermons, liturgy, and atmosphere. We are contracting with Madelia Trinity, so while this is different than the partnership we had with Waverly, it is a strong connection. It has been a pleasure getting to know the people of Madelia Trinity, and working with them to make plans for the fall, Christmas and Lent. Our two councils meet together every month and communication is key to the success of our congregations. Thank you to the call committee for working to bring Pastor Krista to Trinity. Our church also has two wonderful employees, Brenda Hanson, Office Administrator and Lowell Noorlun, custodian. Thank you for your dedication.

*Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*

There are some challenges ahead for Trinity:

\*We currently have a 50%-50% contract with Madelia Trinity. We have extended our budget above the pledged amount, so we will need to continue receiving enough in offerings to pay all

of our bills. One way to reach this goal is for everyone to give what they can and specifically, to honor their pledge. We also hope to have our membership grow in the coming year. This is a leap of faith to trust God to fulfill our church's needs, but God expects us to live out our faith and ask Him for help.

*John 14:13-14*

*"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."*

\*We must continue to give help to those who plan Sunday School and Youth group activities. A strong church needs families and God-centered activities for these young people to do. Parents certainly, should volunteer or agree to help when asked, but helpers can be of any age. The Education and Youth board members have a heavy load, so our support and hands are needed. The sounds of children in church should be welcome, even if they cry or make a noise during worship.

Luke 18:16 "But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.' "

\*I challenge those who are critical of decisions, ideas, and changes when the Pastor, council or a board has acted, to step up and get involved. Being a leader isn't as easy as it looks, and there are many considerations that you may not be aware of. If you have a comment, please go to the appropriate person or board with your concerns. It is easy to complain, but comments made in public that are positive will bring more members to our congregation and a relationship with Christ. I have faith in the new officers and council for 2016. A team effort is the best way to get things done. Are you a team player?

Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

**\*The furnace fund continues** to grow slowly. Our furnaces are working, but there will need to be a replacement in the future. Prayerfully consider if you can contribute to this fund.

Finally, I encourage you to go deeper into your relationship with God. Read your bible, pray, attend church, and bring your children/grandchildren to the house of the Lord. God bless Trinity and God bless you all.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Laurie Wille  
2015 Trinity President

**GIFTS AND MEMORIALS--2015**

**Jerry Teig \$135**

Lorraine Vogt  
Dean Ricard  
Rev. Robert Walrod  
Carol Schwanz  
Arnie Kesler  
Vicki Stough  
Daryle Maloney  
Roxane Engel  
Betty Anderson  
Richard Lidberg  
Sig Clow  
Dorothy Anderson  
Marion Breitbarth  
Werner Glienke

**Geri Peterson \$15**

Roxane Engel  
Darlene Heckman

**Connie Selnes \$20**

Dean Ricard  
Steve Yokum  
Mildred Hyndman  
Dorothy Anderson

**Art and Norma Stough \$25**

Eddie Smith  
Jim Shoen

**Donna Fisk \$5**

Evelyn Plumhoff

**Doyle and Arlene Peterson \$45**

Dean Ricard  
Ruth M. Hendricksen  
Steve Yokum  
Vicki Stough  
Daryle Maloney  
Jim Shoen

**Lois Lloyd \$40**

Roxane Engel  
Dorothy Anderson  
Jim Shoen

**Marvin and Marlene Ratike \$10**

Norma Grefe  
Evelyn Plumhoff

**Veryle and Joan Williamson \$10**

Carol Schwanz

**Dorothy Graham \$5**

David Garrison

**Muriel Druck \$3**

Steve Yokum

**Wayne and Becky Maloney \$10**

Kyle Eckstrom

**Dave and Cathy Sorenson \$370**

Jim Nielson  
Charlotte Larsen  
Lorraine Brakke  
Bernice Christensen  
Steven Yokum  
Al Smith  
Vicki Stough  
Esther Sorensen  
Bob Berthelsen  
Arnold Kesler  
Kyle Eckstrom  
Daryle Maloney  
Carol Schwanz  
Clinton (Bill) Stough  
Redina Janssen  
Roxane Engel  
Betty Anderson  
Richard Lidberg  
Dennis Jensen  
George Janssen  
Dorothy Anderson  
Mildred Hyndman  
Jim Shoen  
Lydia Seeman  
Mary and Richard Stensland  
Allison Zoeller Brown  
Ryan Mortenson  
Myrtle Meteer  
Evelyn Hamilton  
Bob Jones  
Lois Sackett  
Alyce Nelson

**Gary and Linda Meyer \$85**

In memory of family and friends

**Myrtle Meteer memorial \$20**

Mary Selbrade

**Roxane Engel memorials \$330**

family and friends

**Richard Lidberg memorial \$100**

Mark and Margaret Durkee

**Steven Yokum memorials \$60**

Jan Warrington  
Clayton and Marilyn Duncanson  
Darrell and Janice Buhmann  
Mark and Margaret Durkee  
Jim and Brenda Hansen

**Jim Shoen memorials \$1775**

Jerome and Laurie Wille  
Tom Dodge  
Geri Peterson  
Lonnie and Connie Smith  
Marvin and Marlene Ratike  
Cynthia Celander  
Muriel Armbrust  
Marian Johnson  
Rose Ludvigson  
Rhonda Bonk  
Terry and Marcy Pettersen  
Duane and Rosalie Heckman  
Myrna Schaefer  
Mark and Joan Hansen  
LaDonna Levik  
Jeff and LeAnn Maloney  
Mel and Marlene Breitbarth  
Joyce Stensland  
Neal and Dawn Becker  
Catherine Chamberlain  
Muriel Druck  
Norman and Marilyn Anderson  
Joyce Jorgenson  
Wayne and Becky Maloney  
other family and friends

**WELCA memorials--2015**

Steven Yokum, Laurie Wille, father	\$2.00
Clinton (Bill) Stough, Art Stough, brother	\$2.00
Roxane Engel, Darrell and Janice Buhmann, daughter	\$5.00
Vicki Stough, Art and Norma Stough daughter-in-law Jeff and LeAnn Maloney sister-in-law	\$2.00
Carol Schwanz, Doug Schwanz, mother sister to Doyle Peterson and Eleanor Lubitz Geri Peterson, sister-in-law	\$5.00
Redina Janssen, Dan Janssen, mother	\$2.00
Betty Anderson, Chris Hyndman, mother	\$2.00
Richard Lidberg, Margaret Durkee, father	\$2.00
George Janssen, Dan Janssen, father	\$2.00
Mildred Hyndman, Kent Hyndman, mother	\$2.00
Dorothy Anderson, Joyce Jorgenson, sister	\$2.00
Jim Shoen family, member	\$5.00
Myrtle Meteer, Darla Mammenga, mother	\$2.00

**Withdrawals:**

August--\$313.83	flagpole holders	anonymous fund
October--\$140.00	2 anniversary banners	Steven Yokum and Richard Lidberg funds
December--\$1125	to heating/boiler fund	
December --\$400	i pad	general fund

Balance in general fund	\$1013.27
Balance in Mildred Thompson fund	\$50.00
Balance in choir music fund	\$391.00
Balance in Sylvan Behrens fund	\$596.00
Balance in Jim Shoen fund	\$1775.00
Balance in Roxane Engel fund	\$330.00

Submitted by  
Cathy Sorenson

## Trinity WELCA Report

WELCA is an organization of women doing God's work. It is a vital part of our church, and Trinity is blessed to have so many women give of themselves so generously. Every woman in the church belongs to one of the four working divisions. The division chairpersons for the past year were:

**A** –Yvonne & Lowell Noorlun and Lori Anderson

**B** – Pam & Dennis Rode and Deb and

Ove Oren **C** – Tammy & Scott Wokasch and Kaela and Ron Kelley

**D** – Cathy & Dave Sorenson and Tonia & Dave Kahler

It wasn't a very busy year for division work. Three divisions had one work session each and the fourth division did not have any assignments, so it was decided to leave the chairperson assignments the same for next year with the exception of one member. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the year.

A big thank you to our dedicated quilters who made approximately 110 quilts . Thank you also for the donations of fabric, batting and backing materials used to make the quilts. Two quilts were also made for our graduating seniors, Ciera Drevlow and Emily Zaharia. The quilters met the last Monday and Tuesday of January and February to make the quilts and enjoy fellowship, good coffee breaks and noon lunch. The quilts were donated to Bridging, Inc. in the Twin Cities who distributed them to kids and adults in need of a warm and comforting quilt. Thanks to Darrell and Janice Buhmann for delivering the quilts.

Other activities during the last year included the Salad Luncheon in June, the Thankoffering Service in November and our 20<sup>th</sup> Cookie Walk in December.

Eight times last year a group of ladies went to either Truman or Madelia nursing homes and assisted with Bingo. We also did mending at Truman Senior Living and helped sponsor a birthday party in September for the residents of Luther Memorial Home in Madelia.

Our ongoing activities include Prayer Project Lifesaver (praying for and supporting our youth), Equal Exchange Coffee project, the summer coffee hours, the mitten tree (a HUGE thank you goes to JoAnn Knutson for making so many knitted hats and mittens each year), and the recycled greeting card project. Money from the card project for 2015 was given to the mini golf course project by the swimming pool for continued expansion.

In addition to WELCA involvement, we still have two Circles. Members of the Martha Circle meet in homes and a joint-circle Bible study with the Lois Circle is held the first Thursday of

each month at the Truman Café . The primary purpose of Circle is Bible study but we all enjoy the fellowship as well. Service projects of the Circles include giving each baptized child at Trinity a baby quilt or book, donating baby quilts and money to Options Pregnancy Center and donating to the Toys for Tots program.

Profits from fundraisers this year enabled WELCA to donate \$1,000.00 to 14 different area charities. We are very proud that we are able to contribute to so many worthy organizations. Check the WELCA treasurer's report on the next page to see how the monies were raised and distributed this year.

Thank you to our officers who served this year and who have agreed to serve again next year.

Co-Presidents – Barb Shoen and Barb Mager

Secretary – Connie Selnes

Treasurer – Marlene Breitbarth

Trinity is blessed with a wonderful church family. We have SO MANY people who graciously and generously share their time, talents, and money. We look forward to 2016 in doing what we can to be God's stewards.

Barb Mager

WELCA Co-President

**WELCA TREASURER'S REPORT January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015**

	<b>Balance on Hand January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$3,730.16</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
	Circle Offerings	\$262.00
	Coffee Sales	\$288.00
	Card Sales	\$490.45
	Bars	\$4.50
	Salad Luncheon	\$1,531.00
	Summer Coffee Hours	\$311.66
	Cookie Walk	\$2,584.00
	Thankoffering	\$414.00
	Thrivent	\$300.00
	Zaharia Funeral Home(Jim Shoen)	\$200.00
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$6,385.61</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
	Equal Exchange (Coffee Orders)	\$653.65
	Women of ELCA -Offering/Conventions	\$181.00
	Women of ELCA - Thankoffering	\$414.00
	Watowan River Conf. (Fall Gathering)	\$25.00
	Trinity Furnace Project	\$1,500.00
	Luther Memorial Home	\$220.00
	Truman Senior Living - Bingo Prizes	\$127.44
	Greeting Card Supplies	\$126.35
	Supplies for Anniv. Dinner	\$350.00
	Hunger Awareness Program	\$150.00
	SW Synod - Ship Kits	\$150.00
	Green Lake Quilt Expense	\$6.70
	Sr. Reception	\$69.98
	Deluxe Checks (New Checks)	\$25.75
	Indoff Office Supply (new Check Stamp)	\$18.90
	Kitchen Supplies & 2 coffee pots	\$415.86
	Sewing Supplies	\$39.61
	Mileage to take Quilts to Cities	\$50.00
	Benevolences	\$1,000.00
	City of Truman - Mini Golf Project	\$200.00
	Flowers for Planter/Shut-in Gifts	\$34.73
	Salad Luncheon Ad	\$45.00
	Thankoffering Speaker	\$90.00
	Donations to Family in Need	\$38.50
	Gifts and Memorials	\$35.00
	Cookie Walk Ad	\$35.00
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$6,002.47</b>
	<b>Balance on Hand October 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$4,113.30</b>
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	<b>Savings</b>	
	Savings Account Balance January 1, 2015	\$2,068.95
	Interest earned 3rd Qtr.	\$2.07
	<b>Total Savings Account Balance December 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$2,071.02</b>

Marlene Breitbarth  
WELCA Treasurer

## **BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY AND EVANGELISM 2015**

The purpose of the Lay Ministry and Evangelism Committee is to tend to the spiritual welfare of the congregation.

The following services were provided during the year:

- Maundy Thursday Service
- Confirmation -- Gifts for the confirmands
- Graduation -- Reception, gifts, and cards
- Baptisms
- Helped with 50yr celebration of the church building
- Welcomed new members
- Remembered members with greeting cards
- Helped with welcome for Pastor Krista and family

Thank you to all who helped the board during 2015.

Lay Ministry Board

Brenda Hansen  
Yvonne Noorlun  
Tammy Wokash  
Marilyn Duncanson

## BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP 2015

Food collected during the year was brought to Heaven's Table Food Shelf in Fairmont. They appreciated everything that was donated.

91 families were on the Pony Express. 15 letters were sent to out of town members.

Totals Pledges:           \$ 85,970.00

Pledges up from 2015    2,110.00

34 did not respond or chose not to pledge

Thank you to the Torchbearers who worked hard to keep the packets moving and back to the church for the deadline, Clayton Duncanson, Bev Gulbranson, LeAnn Maloney, Yvonne and Lowell Noorlun, Arlene Peterson, Jan Ringeisen, Connie Selnes, Barb Shoen, Dave Sorenson, Jerry Teig and Laurie Wille.

Thank you to all the church members who took the time to fill out the Time and Talent sheet and the pledge form. It takes all of us to volunteer our time and contribute financially to make Trinity a Great Church.

### **THANK YOU**

Board of Stewardship

Arlene Wegner, Linda Meyer, Vern Quade and Duane Heckman

## Trinity Youth Group Annual Report

2015 was mostly a service year for the Youth.

One of the main service projects were the Lenten Suppers. On the menu for the 5 weeks of meals, were baked potatoes with toppings, lasagna and garlic bread, cheesy chicken sandwiches, a taco bar, and finishing off the suppers was a summer picnic. These were well attended and the youth (and leaders) really appreciate all the support. The youth served the Easter breakfast again this year - with a variety of egg-bakes being served.

In July, the kids helped with the Truman Days waffle breakfast.

In August, we attempted to have a pool party, but after 2 “too cold” tries, we ended up eating pizza and watching the movie “Heaven Is For Real” at the church.

In October we helped served the meal for our Church building’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We also went to Pastor Krista’s house and had supper, and made s’mores around a campfire.

In November we held the Annual Election Night Supper, serving Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, and Egg Salad and Peanut Butter sandwiches.

We finished off the year with cookie decorating and the movie “90 Minutes in Heaven” in December.

We are looking forward to the opportunity for our youth members to attend a mission trip in St. Paul on July 24-29, 2016. We will also be doing more fellowship activities throughout the year

Presented by the Youth Board

Teresa Zaharia

Terresa Davis

Raquel Harder

LeAnn Maloney

## Board of Education

The Sunday year started with a new way of doing Sunday school. We started two weeks of classroom activities followed by one week of Family Sunday school and one week of Community Sunday school. Some the activities we did was bring tie blankets we made to the nursing home and we sang for them. We invited the humane society to the church when we presented them a check and donations. We continued using the materials that we had purchased previously.

For VBS we did a science theme with the title of Power Lab. We did a full three days with before and after childcare for an additional hour. The church opened at 8 and kids needed to be picked up by 5. The kids watched the last video at the kick off of Sunday school along with singing during church.

We started Sunday school with the kids inviting the congregation to a gathering time with food and a balloon release. We started with a new curriculum that was suggested by Pastor that fit well with our new Sunday school layout. We continued with the same rotation of classroom, family, and community Sunday school. A snack and fellowship time was added that was opened to the congregation. We also continued to sing in church regularly.

The Christmas program was titled "God So Loved the World". It was about kids in a group home that were taught the real meaning of Christmas. Following the program we had a little meal and gathering time.

Thank you to all the teachers, board members, parents, Sunday school members, and everyone else that has supported us.

Thank you!

Board of Christian Education

Julie Brudellie, Nikki Smith, and Kim Hastd

## Board of Worship Report 2015

The Worship Committee had a busy year. The first task was to schedule ushers, lay readers, communion servers and object lesson presenters for the year from March 2014 through February 2015.

As a committee we helped Vicar Kent Krumwiede choose hymns for services and suggested ideas for worship services and events. We have also worked with Pastor Krista since September to help her learn more about our worship traditions, likes and dislikes, and ideas that we have for coordinating services with Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia.

In October we planned our ninth annual Polka Service which was attended by the most people since we started having the service. A pot-luck supper meal was served after the service. The following day our church observed the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Church Building. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and remembrance. We were honored to have the following former pastors join us for services – Pastor Robert Onkka, Pastor Lyle Rich and his wife Joan and two of their children – Nathan and Nancy, Pastor Rebecca Sullivan. A luncheon was served after the service.

We would like to thank the many volunteers who help usher, read scripture lessons, serve communion, present children's lessons, decorate the church sanctuary and fellowship areas, sing in the choir and those who do so many little and big things that often times go unnoticed but are so necessary . We appreciate all of you!

Thank you to Kim Breamer for directing the choir and to Beth Kotewa for helping with Sunday School music. We enjoy the times they sing during our church services.

A special thank you to Pastor Krista, Matt, Kathryn and Lauren for “shepherding” our church family. We enjoy your enthusiasm, musical talents, new ideas and the inspiration that you give us each week. We are blessed to have you!

Our committee is always interested in your input. If you have ideas or concerns, please contact us. We look forward to a new year of putting our faith in action. ***Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.***

***(1 Peter 4:10)***

Worship Committee Members – Barb Mager, Pam Rode and Dean Gulbranson

## **CHURCH PROPERTY REPORT-2015**

Our Heat Fund is growing!

Thank you to a generous family and members who donated to it.

For energy efficiency we are installing new L.E.D. bulbs. Thank you to the hard working members who helped keep our church lawn and building looking nice throughout the year.

2015 Property Committee

Brad Nickerson  
Tom Kneeland  
Duke Drevlow

**Trinity Lutheran church**  
**2015 Statistical Report**

**New Members**

Tyler Splinter 2/15  
Kylie Blattner 4/18 (NM)  
Ava, Zoe, Amanda & Ryan Taylor 4/18  
Jordan Clark 7/26  
Tim & Mindy Cook  
Jaiden, Tallin & Ashlyn Cook 11/11

**Confirmation**

None

**Baptisms**

Tyler Splinter 2/15  
Kylie Blattner 4/18 (adult) (NM)  
Zoe Taylor 4/18  
Ava Taylor 4/18  
Amanda Taylor 4/18 (adult)  
Jordan Clark 7/26

**Funerals**

Jim Shoen 9/18

**Releases**

Dawn Wille  
Pete & Kelle Goeringer  
Reese, Jack, Rachel Goeringer

**Weddings**

Kaela Krebs & Ron Kelley 1/3  
Amber Davis & Taylor Menke 6/20 (*different pastor/ location*)

Year	Baptized	Confirmed	Families
2015	381	294	134
2014	375	295	131
2013	369	289	128
2012	414	329	138
2011	402	315	136

**Average Sunday Worship Attendance**

2015	66
2014	73
2013	71
2012	72
2011	68

**Average Holy Communion Attendance**

2015	59
2014	66
2013	70
2012	70
2011	64

**Average Lenten Service Attendance**

2015	48
2014	66
2013	76
2012	75
2011	80

**Average Sunday Attendance**  
**Pastor Krista's Arrival**

84

**2015 Highest Attendance**

Christmas Eve-197
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary-160
S/S Christmas Program-133
Easter-129
Polka Service-112

	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>F</u>
<b>MEMBERSHIP INCREASE</b>	11	3	4
<b>MEMBERSHIP DECREASE</b>	7	4	1
	4	-1	3

## 2016 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

PRESIDENT: **Tom Dodge** (one year term) 2016

VICE PRESIDENT: **Dennis Rode** (president 2017)

SECRETARY: Marlene Breitbarth (her 2<sup>nd</sup> year term)

TREASURER: Clayton Duncanson (his 3<sup>rd</sup> year term)

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nikki Smith (2016) +  
Julie Budelie (2016-17)  
Kim Hastad (2016-17)

**Natalie Splinter (2016-18)**

### CHURCH PROPERTIES

Tom Kneeland (2016)  
Duke Drevlow (2016)  
Brad Nickerson (2016-17) ++

**Ron Kelley (2016-18)**

### STEWARDSHIP

Duane Heckman (2016) +  
Vern Quade (2016-2017)  
**Dave Sorenson (2016-18)**

### LAY MINISTRY

Yvonne Noorlun (2016) +  
Brenda Hansen (2016)  
Marilyn Duncanson (2016-17)  
**Rosalie Heckman (2016-18)**

+One year term remaining as council representative  
++Two year term remaining as council representative  
++Three years remaining as council representative

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2016** (six)-(one year term) (*2 must be outgoing council members*)

\*Laurie Wille, Chairperson,  
Doyle Peterson, LeAnn Maloney, Linda Meyer, Raquel Harder, Tammy Wokasch

### Outgoing Council and Board Members

Laurie Wille (president)

Arlene Wegner (S)  
Linda Meyer (S)  
Tammy Wokasch (LM)  
Pam Rode (W)  
Barb Mager (W)  
LeAnn Maloney (Y)  
Raquel Harder (Y)

### WORSHIP

Dean Gulbranson (2016)  
Erin Krumwiede (2016)  
**Cathy Sorenson (2016-18) +++**

### YOUTH

Teresa Davis (2016) +  
Teresa Zaharia (2016-17)  
**Britta Hartman (2016-18)**

**2016 Synod Delegates**

Man \_\_\_\_\_ Women \_\_\_\_\_

**LMH Representative**

**Pam Rode**

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Co-Presidents: Barb Mager & Barb Shoen Division A Yvonne & Lowell Noorlun

Secretary: Connie Selnes Lori Anderson

Treasurer: Marlene Breitbarth Division B Deb & Ove Oren

Mission Action: Barb Shoen Linda & Gary Meyer

Division C Tammy & Scott Wokasch

Kaela & Ron Kelley

Circle Chairpersons: Division D Cathy & Dave Sorenson

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Martha Circle Chairperson-Connie Selnes

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