

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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

And also with you.

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

Receive our prayer, O God.

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

Receive our prayer, O God.

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

Receive our prayer, O God.

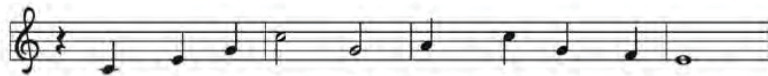
Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

Receive our prayer, O God.

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

Amen.

Founded on Faith



1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say;
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

All Creation Sings, 1048

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church February 1, 2026



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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY

Dear friends in Christ,

As Lutherans, we are set free to love our neighbors and seek justice. In Colossians 2, we read: “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving” (6-7).

I am abounding in thankfulness for you, church. You are an integral part of this mission as we envision a world experiencing the difference God’s grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. The ministries of congregations including yours, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together today and every day so more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. From providing food to people experiencing hunger, to helping train the next generation of leaders that will lead this church, your support is at work here at home and around the world.

Your generosity to each of the three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has made it possible for us to do this work

together. Your financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices are so valued.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to continue to walk in Christ, remembering you are rooted and established in faith, and free to love and serve your neighbors. Thank you, church, for the ways you connect with and support our siblings across the ELCA and in our communities.

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yehiel Curry'.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

—Colossians 2:6-7

COME AND SEE!

John 1:43-47: ⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."



We come together at our Annual Meeting to report everything done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through us this past year. And to plan how Trinity might celebrate and serve God in the year ahead. As we enter into 2026 here at Trinity, I suggest we boldly proclaim 2026 as a **"Come and see"** year. (John 1:39)

"Come and see". Because...twenty centuries ago a man named Phillip said to his friend Nathanael, "I have found someone you should know. Come and see for yourself" Nathanael, and the other new disciples saw for themselves, with the result that Jesus Christ became the truth and the life and the way in a concrete and pervasive way.

Come and see for yourself! Because I'm excited about what God is up to at Trinity:

- We are a church that reads and understands the bible well. We have several well attended bible study options and venues, the Narrative Lectionary, and a Sunday school curriculum that parallels the Sunday worship texts. We are a bible centered church!
- Strong stewardship and financial support. I'm boastful as I gather with my colleague's and talk about stewardship here at Trinity. I'm boastful on Christ's and your behalf, of the time and talents you give and how noteworthy your benevolences are that support God's mission outside our own four walls!
- We see growing attendance on Sunday mornings as we worship God with beautiful singing, thankfulness, prayers, youth and... one of my favorite sounds in worship...kids! As they, well... be kids, and catch faith alongside and in community with us all in worship!
- Our education to an amazing number of above average youth. Yes! **Come and see** your faithful and devoted Preschool teachers, Sunday school leaders, teachers, musicians and volunteers who pass on the faith... Take time to say thank you too!
- How about the Trinity Preschool, Missions, Music Ministry... Wow!!!

I could go on and on with many more of the **"Come and see"** moments, conversations and actions of the past year here at Trinity. But let us take a moment and focus on the year ahead. I invite you and all into a **"Come and see"** journey this year by sharing your experiences of how you were touched by God as you go about your daily activities. People are invited to **Come and see** for themselves who God is. Don't worry if they accept the invitation or not, that part isn't our job, that's God's job. Our job is to simply share the story. Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Many today are wondering, "if anything good can come from modern day institutional church?" Say to them **"Come and see."**

We can tell of the Jesus we know and love over coffee, at an EverTrue facility, soccer sidelines, car pool, walking the neighborhood or anywhere two or three are gathered by telling people what God is doing in our lives. If you are uncomfortable with that, you could start by telling them what is happening at Trinity or the church as a whole in our community, the world. Tell them God is at work in your life and in this place. The movement, the activity of the Holy Spirit is evident. Say to them **"Come and see"**. **Come and see** for yourself what God is doing, this son of Joseph from Nazareth, this Rabbi, this Son of God, this King of Israel, the Son of Man. Come and meet Jesus, we have found the Messiah, whatever you're looking for in this life, Jesus is here, in our midst right here in at Trinity Lutheran. **Come and see!**

Serving Christ together,
Christopher M. Naig, Pastor

PASTOR EMERITUS' REPORT

Pastor Emeritus Report



We give thanks as we consider how Terry and I have become part of the family of God here at Trinity Church. We have been so blessed through our fellowship and participation with you in the Grace and Truth of God.

As I look back on the year 2025, which has gone by in the blink of an eye, I would summarize the ministry we have shared with the following highlights:

- Visits and Home Communion as assigned
- Visits with people leading to membership @ Trinity Church
- 1 Baptism
- 2 Weddings
- 1 Funeral
- Preaching and Worship leadership as assigned
- Musical Sharing during worship (Thanks to Brian for the invitation)
- Participation in Staff meetings
- Children's messages as assigned
- Evangelism Workshop based on a Conversation/Relationship modeled developed and presented.
- Development of a "faith sharing" resource
- Adult Forum leadership as assigned
- Leadership in Bible Studies as assigned
- Participated in planning for Lenten and Holy Week worship
- Serve on EverTrue (Lutheran Senior Services) Board and Committee
- Consult with Pastor Chris regularly
- Consult with people who have completed Funeral Planning materials
- Nurturing relationships of faith and ministry



Thank you for the opportunity to use the gifts which God has given me in this shared ministry which is Trinity Lutheran Church.



In Christ,
Pastor Roy Christell



CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

President's Report

2025 has been a really good year for Trinity Lutheran Church and I am grateful that I have been able to serve in the capacity of President alongside a wonderful group of people including Pastor Chris, Pastor Roy, a fantastic staff, a dedicated council, and many of you who are doing God's work at Trinity.

It has been a blessing to be part of Trinity over the years and this year having the opportunity to humbly provide leadership as President. Pastor Chris and Pastor Roy continue to help us embrace the Gospel message of Love for all and Trinity continues to be a light to the community for over 125 years in so many ways expressing the Gospel in action. Trinity's support of our five key missions continues to be strongly supported both financially and by volunteers. It has been exciting to watch Trinity leadership and members live out our vision of **You Matter to God and You Matter to Us** as well as our calling to serve others and to continue to Be the Hands and Feet of Christ in our community.

Two very positive visual improvements took place this year. The first one, the redesign of our Sanctuary has significantly improved our collective worship experience. A special thanks to the Sanctuary Team that developed the plan as well as Pastor Chris, Naig family, and Paul Pohlers for their hard work to make this happen. The second is the addition of the Columbarium to our Cemetery. A special thanks to the Columbarium Team and Kathie Haferkamp, it's leader that has diligently worked to bring this beautiful addition to our Cemetery.

For over 125 years individuals have provided support which has allowed us to become who we are today. I ask that we all continue the support of Trinity Lutheran Church now and for future generations!

I thank God for each of you and your commitment to God's work. The time is now to follow where God is leading us! In Christ, we aspire to journey with one another, in faith, grace, love, and service.

Yours's in Christ,



Larry Tietjen, Church Council President



MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT

Music Ministry at Trinity

Music has a way of gathering people—quietly, steadily, and often without drawing attention to itself. In 2025, our efforts in music ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church sought to serve in that spirit: to support worship, to encourage participation, and to offer our best with humility and care. Scripture reminds us why we do this work: “*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation*” (Psalm 95:1). The joy is God’s gift; our role is simply to respond.

That response has been made possible by our volunteer singers and instrumentalists, who continue to give generously of their time and talents. Their faithfulness—week after week, rehearsal after rehearsal—sustains our ministry more than words can express. Many serve without being seen, and all serve with a shared understanding that music in worship is not about performance, but about offering what we have in service to God and to one another. I am deeply thankful for each of them.

The Trinity Lutheran Concert Series provided meaningful opportunities to extend that spirit beyond Sunday mornings. This year, we were grateful to welcome many performers whose music supported core missions of our church. **W. Mark Akin’s** classical guitar recital benefited Gateway180, the **Kormenn men’s choir** concert directed by Jonathan Owen supported Trinity Preschool, **Javier Mendoza’s** singer-songwriter performance raised funds for Circle of Concern, and **Bethany Worrell’s** classical soprano concert benefited Lantern Hill. These concerts reminded us that music can open doors—to listening, to generosity, and to care for our neighbors.

The Christmas season offered a particularly joyful moment in Prince of Peace, our children’s Christmas program. I am sincerely grateful to Graeme Allen and Stacy Drake for their thoughtful leadership and steady encouragement of our children throughout the process. I also want to offer special thanks to Karen Person for preparing the children instrumentalists, helping them play with confidence and care. Together, their work created space for our children to share the story of Christ’s birth in a way that was both joyful and meaningful. As Scripture says, “*Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs*” (Psalm 100:2).

Finally, I want to acknowledge Jonathan Owen, our organist and pianist. Jonathan brings consistency, depth, and quiet excellence to every service. His playing never distracts—it focuses. He understands when to lead, when to support, and when to step back. That kind of musicianship is rare, and it strengthens our worship week after week.

I am thankful to be part of a faith community that values music as a shared offering. In 2025, we moved forward together—learning, serving, and singing our best, trusting God to do the rest.

With gratitude,
Brian Parrish
Director of Music Ministries



Facilities Report

This year was a very busy year for the Trinity facility. Many improvements were made. The towers in the west end of the church were painted, as well as the railings around the playground and the preschool front windows. Also, soffits were added above the preschool windows. The preschool office did not have central air conditioning and used a window unit. We were able to install a new furnace and add air conditioning and remove the unsightly window air conditioner. Banners were added to the north wall of the gym. The church office remodel was completed by adding new paint and the little gym was painted.

In July we began a clean out of old and unused items in the church and preschool. We filled 2-40 cubic yard dumpsters. Also in July, we began the construction of the Columbarium. We dealt with many surprises and setbacks but finished the project in December. The redesign of the sanctuary was completed. Special thanks to the Naig family and Paul Pohlers for their work of design and build of the area. Also, Hudson Frank took on an Eagle Scout project and built a beautiful scatter garden in the cemetery.

This past winter was a huge challenge. The expense for snow removal, largely because of the ice storm in January, overran our snow removal budget by several thousand dollars. Also, we had several roof drains that required replacement impacting our facility cost.

in November, we entered into a relationship with Buckeye Supply to provide our janitorial supplies. This allowed us to consolidate suppliers and leverage our volume of supplies with one provider. As part of this relationship, all our towel dispensers, toilet paper dispensers, soap and hand sanitizer dispensers were replaced. This total effort makes a significant positive impact to the workload of keeping supplies on hand and refilling units.

All in all it has been a very busy, productive year for the Trinity facility .

Mike Sharitz
Trinity Facilities Manager



COLUMBARIUM REPORT

After many years of planning, the custom-designed columbaria for the cemetery, which was approved by the church members in 2024, was completed and installed in 2025. The columbaria consist of two distinct structures.

The 96 niche Estate Unit features sculptured columns, granite niches and dome. Each niche is designed to hold two urns. At the center of the Estate Unit is an ossuary with the capacity to accommodate the cremains of up to 300 individuals.

The second structure is the 204 niche curved granite Chinook Wall. Each niche is designed to hold two urns.

The niches are available for sale and include engraving. Please contact the church office for further information.

In addition to the columbaria, one of our members and his family, Hudson Frank, generously built and donated a Scatter Garden for cremains as part of an Eagle Scout project.

In 2026, a separate phase of the cemetery project will focus on landscaping and beautifying the entire cemetery.

Kathie Haferkamp, Columbarium Committee



RENTAL REPORT

Rentals at Trinity are a HOT ITEM!

Fundraiser events that take place in the gym book around a year plus in advance – currently the gym is booked every Friday and Saturday night January, February, March and April 2026!! We will have a break over the summer months and then they start back up again the fall months.

Team practices in the gym and on the ballfield book about 6 to 9 months in advance of the sport season.

For the gym - every weeknight (excluding Wednesdays which are reserved for Trinity's use only) are scheduled with teams between 4:30pm to 10:00pm. Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons/evenings also host team activities.

On the ballfield – if it is light out, there is a team on the field.

A few of our community programs that meet at Trinity:

Al-Anon, AA, ACA, Show Me Stitchers, MOMCo, Swing Dance Club, and new to the renter list is Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies (we have 3 on the calendar currently).

Amy Jones, Rental Coordinator

Report from the 2025 Central States Synod Assembly

Trinity Lutheran was one of 149 congregations in Missouri and Kansas that comprise the Central States Synod of the ELCA. In the last 6 years, 13 churches have disbanded and 11 have disaffiliated, primarily due to differing interpretations of the phrase ‘welcoming to all’. The 2025 assembly was held from June 5-7 in Olathe, KS with up to 325 voting members present. Voting attendees from Trinity were Eric and Stephanie Petersen, Kevin and Karen Johnson, Pastor Chris and Pastor Roy. The theme for the meeting was “Renewed by the Spirit” and Bishop Susan Candea challenged all the attendees to discern what the Holy Spirit is moving YOU to do. Her primary message was to focus on the centrality of Grace, and that it is Christ’s church, created by Grace, and it’s for us to do HIS work in the world.

The assembly incorporated several worship services, devotionals, reports, and business resolutions interspersed with wonderful meals and time for fellowship. Bishop Candea highlighted the challenges of the church’s mission given the current polarization in our society and reiterated our belief in acceptance and love of all and our call to serve in response to God’s love to treat all with dignity, justice and equity.

The primary function of this meeting was to elect a new bishop. On the fifth ballot, Pastor Donna Simon was elected Bishop. Other business for the gathering included approval of the proposed \$1,286,075 budget and resolutions regarding funding for the development of new congregations, global awareness for companion synods in Russia and New Guinea, and compensation guidelines. There was a fair amount of discussion regarding the continued decrease on contributions from declining congregations and limited opportunities for reducing costs and improving efficiencies given the constitutional obligations of the synod and each church; however there are efforts underway to seed ‘micro-churches’ and other ways to develop new congregations.

For those of us who’ve never experienced this gathering before, it was an eye-opening experience into the workings of the business of the church and the spiritual leadership and dedication that our elected leaders bring to the table each and every day. If/when a nominating committee person asks you if you would consider attending on behalf of Trinity, prayerfully consider accepting. It is a meaningful and enriching experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Petersen, Stephanie Petersen, Kevin Johnson, Karen Johnson, Pastor Chris, Pastor Roy



MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mission Committee Report



On behalf of the Trinity family, the Mission Committee works to fulfill Trinity's vision "You Matter to God: You Matter to Us" and to show the love of Christ through service to the church, the world and those in need by being the hands and feet of Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity to support this vision through both hands-on and financial support and look forward to continuing this work. We are also grateful for all the individual missional work members of the Trinity family continue to do to share God's love. If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the Mission Team (Rob Harper, Genie Mueller, Deb Palmer, Aruna Nadar, Donna Rice, Leslie Steinmeyer, Christie Tietjen, and Pastor Chris).



In 2025, the Committee worked to uplift Trinity's Core Missions with the Mission of the Month. This allowed each of the core missions, Circle of Concern, Gateway180, Lantern Hill, Meals Do Matter and Trinity Preschool to be the focus of our efforts twice a year. Additionally, God's Work. Our Hands. was held in September of 2025.



While 2025 continued to present challenges to how we provided missional support, the Mission Committee, with support from the Endowment Committee, was able to continue to partner with many organizations and groups to share God's love and support. This support is detailed later in the Annual Report.

Finally, the Mission Committee would like to say a special thank you to Brian Parrish, Trinity's Music Director for supporting our endeavors. The concerts hosted by the Trinity Concert Series have raised approximately \$75,000 for missions since its inception.

Circle of Concern



Circle of Concern is a food pantry located in Valley Park that serves approximately 2,000 individuals in west St. Louis County each month. More than a third of these are children. Circle's mission is to feed the hungry and provide assistance to low-income families living in our community.

In January 2025, the Trinity Mission Committee hosted a cereal drive. Trinity Preschool joined us in collecting boxes of cereal. Working together, we were able to collect over 270 boxes of cereal for Circle of Concern.



For the 4th year, a dedicated group of Trinity gardeners led by Rebecca Henderson and Jenny Larsen worked with our preschoolers to plant herbs, flowers and vegetables. Beginning in April and working until October, our dedicated gardeners made weekly deliveries of vegetables and herbs to Circle.

Our VBS picked Circle of Concern as the recipient of their VBS service project. During the month of June 2025, our VBS campers, along with our Trinity family, collected over 60 bags of travel snacks for Circle.

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In Eptember 2025, our Trinity family helped package 50 Thanksgiving kits for Circle, ensuring that our neighbors who are struggling could enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal.

On October 5, \$741 in donations was collected for Circle during the Hobo Cane concert, one of the many Trinity Concert Series concerts in 2025.

We topped off 2025 with a collection of pasta for Circle. With the help of our Trinity Preschool students, over 3 bins (320 pounds!) of pasta was collected.

Thank you as always for your generous contributions to Circle of Concern and for helping to meet the growing needs of our low-income neighbors and families.

On May 19, 2024, the Trinity Concert series hosted the Cello Duo Concert. A total of \$5,910 in donations was collected at the concert.



Lantern Hill

It has been an incredible 12 months at Lantern Hill. We continue to support approximately 90 students in grades from kindergarten through university through tutoring and nutrition programs. There are 8 students in different universities, including 1 in dental school, as well as 14 students in high school, and 18 students in middle school. The hope that students from this community will continue their education beyond middle school is now a reality!

Last year, a new piece of property was identified and acquired for an expansion of the programs at Lantern Hill. That property is fully paid off and plans are in place for a new gym area, as well as 4 new, larger classrooms. Work on the classroom area has started and Lantern Hill has begun to fundraise for this new building. It will be a long road and all donations as well as prayers are appreciated. We are looking forward to the progress that can be made and shared in 2026.



Help Us Grow in 2026

Lantern Hill started a “Sponsor a Student” program in 2025. For \$35 a month, plus fees, you can sponsor a student from Lantern Hill, receive updates on that student, and make a personal connection in their lives. Please visit <https://friendsoflanternhill.betterworld.org/> for more information on this program as well as other ways to support Lantern Hill.

Finally, several Trinity members and friends will be taking part in a multi-generational trip to Lantern Hill during the summer of 2026. While this trip is filling fast, there is an opportunity for other trips. If you are interested in forming a small group of friends and family to visit Lantern Hill, please speak with Rob Harper.



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Gateway180



2025 marked the 18th year of Trinity's relationship with Gateway180. Through the continued support of our Trinity family and friends, we are able to be the hands and feet of Christ by serving this organization and its clients and positively impacting the lives of some of the struggling families in the St. Louis area.

Gateway180 remains Missouri's largest 24-hour emergency housing organization for women, children and families, providing services to empower clients to move their families beyond homelessness into stable, permanent housing as quickly as possible. Gateway has made significant strides to end the experience of homelessness for their clients. In 2019, Gateway180 rehoused 20% of the individuals served. In 2025, they rehoused an average of 60% of the roughly 500 women, children and family members served. There are approximately 2,100 individuals experiencing homelessness in St. Louis, 25% are senior citizens and 25% are children. Gateway provides roughly 40,000 bed nights of shelter per year to help these vulnerable groups.

Trinity's family and friends continued to provide support in many ways in 2025. In addition to the funds budgeted for this mission, funding available through the Thrivent Action Teams program assisted in supporting Gateway180's needs. On your behalf, the Gateway Action Team gave thoughtful consideration to the use of this funding, targeting both ongoing and special needs.

Throughout 2025, Trinity was the hands and feet of Christ for Gateway180 in many ways:

- Providing food and preparing about 1,400 Brown Bag lunches.
- Preparing monthly meals of Sloppy Joe sandwiches for the residents.
- In 2025, we restarted our monthly dinners at Gateway, where we prepare and serve a meal for the clients.
- Preparing and donating intake bags to provide Gateway180's new clients with needed personal care items.
- Providing cleaning supplies for the clients to use when they move to housing.
- Planning and providing funds for the Gateway Gala.
- Providing small Christmas gifts as a "thank you" to Gateway180's staff.
- Sorting donations at Gateway180.
- Monetary donations for client support
- In kind donations by the Trinity family

We look forward to continued support of Trinity's mission to be the hands and feet of Christ by partnering with Gateway180. We value and appreciate the support of our Trinity family in this endeavor.

Please contact any member of the Gateway Action Team for more information about how you can be engaged. The current Gateway Action Team members are Kathy Gaal, Ken Hardebeck, Peggy Miller and Jon and Barb Trettel. More members and volunteers are always welcome.

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Trinity Preschool

Trinity Preschool continues to benefit from the generosity of the Mission Committee Trinity Lutheran Church. With the support of the Mission Team the preschool families were able to enjoy pancakes at their Fall Festival though Chris Cakes Pancakes, eating yummy donuts with their grandparents at our Grandparents' Day Chapel and watching caterpillars turn to butterflies in their classrooms during the Spring.

In the Fall, the Mission Committee purchased and delivered over 150 pie pumpkins for our 5th Annual Trinity Preschool Pumpkin Patch. Each child chose their own pumpkin, decorated it during the Halloween party, and was able to take it home for their families to enjoy.

The Mission Committee also funded the purchase of 55 Children's Bibles for our 3's Classes and for our new students. The Bibles were presented to the students, along with their parents, by Pastor Chris Naig and Pastor Roy Christell during Chapel in November. The students were very excited to be able to have a Bible of their very own to take home and share with their families.

Most recently, thanks to the generosity of the Mission Committee, each classroom was granted classroom toys/supplies from their "wish lists" for gifts under the Christmas tree...what a fun surprise for the students right before the Christmas break! The Trinity Staff was also blessed with generous gifts for the end of the school year and for Christmas to show our great appreciation for their time, talent and all the wonderful work they do sharing God's message of Jesus's love. We are so grateful for your generosity and support!

Our 3's and 4's Classes have benefited from our visits with Mary Hepperly every Wednesday. Mary faithfully came to preschool each week to share our rolling Library Cart, visit with children, help them return their library book to the cart and assist them as they carefully choose a special book to "check out" for the week. Thank you, Mary, for being so kind, patient and gracious with our preschool students!

The Preschool Outdoor Garden continues to benefit Circle of Concern. Working with the preschool children and staff, Rebecca Henderson and Jenny Larsen continue to bring new life to the garden. We were able to plant both a butterfly garden and a sensory garden for the children to enjoy. The Trinity preschoolers and teachers enjoyed helping plant seeds during the month of May. When many of the students returned in the fall, they were excited to see how large the garden had grown throughout the summer.

Thank you for your continued support and especially your prayers!

In Him,
Christy Cole
Director, Trinity Preschool



MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Meals Do Matter



Meals Do Matter is a ministry of preparing and providing meals to those in need—blessing friends, family, and total strangers with meals during their times of need. MDM makes home-cooked meals, packages them, and freezes them for our church members to deliver to people in their communities who need extra comfort, compassion, consolation, and care.

Meals Do Matter is a natural extension of our church's mission, "You Matter to God. You Matter to Us." MDM lives out the mission from God for us to be the hands & feet of Christ. The words that make up our name demonstrate "action" along with empowering people to serve. The gift of a delicious meal really does matter to people who are hurting or struggling. The act of being cared for reaches to the heart and soul of those in need.

Our website, launched in 2015, (www.mealsdomatter.org) allows for a national presence for this ministry, as well as encouraging and supporting other organizations by sharing in detail how we provide this ministry and how others can be the hands and feet of Christ in their world. Thank you to all who helped fund this ministry: Trinity's Mission Budget, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (and those who applied for Action Team cards), individual donors of dollars, food, and supplies, and all the hands that have helped.

In 2025, Meals Do Matter hosted monthly cooking and assembly sessions and made over 2,000 meals to keep our MDM freezers full during the year. Our Meals Do Matter freezer continues to be popular with our members, Trinity Preschool parents, EverTrue, and members of our local community.

If you know anyone who could use a meal, encourage them to take a meal or bring a meal to them. We have two serving and four serving meals available on the shelves: Shepherd's Pie, Chicken Pot Pie, Teriyaki Chicken, Vegetables & Rice BBQ Pulled Pork, Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole, Sloppy Joes, Swedish Meatballs, and assorted soups and sweets.

Trinity hosted its first ever Take and Make meal event in February. Trinity members picked up ingredients to make either Greg's Award Winning Chili or Country Soup. Our members had fun preparing the meals and over 100 packages of goodness were enjoyed by EverTrue, Gods Helping Hands and our community.

In July, we hosted another soup assembly session. During our Service Sunday, over 100 Garden Vegetable and Taco soup kits were assembled. These were quickly picked up by EverTrue and distributed to EverTrue's affordable housing residents. EverTrue also makes almost weekly visits to our Meals Do Matter freezer to pick up meals for senior citizens who are food insecure.

Bring a meal to someone in need. Please reach out to someone you know who could use a meal. And, as always, remember to remind them that:

**You Matter to God
You Matter to Us**



God's Work. Our Hands. Service Sunday God's Work.

On September 14, 2025, we did something a little different for our annual God's Work. Our Hands. Service Sunday. Over 50 of our Trinity family traveled by bus to St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church, where we dropped off tornado relief donations and participated in an engaging presentation by Dr. Terrance Freeman.

On the afternoon of May 16, 2025, an intense and destructive EF3 tornado tracked more than 20 miles through urban areas of Greater St. Louis, including Greater Ville. The tornado caused widespread destruction across St. Louis. We learned about the Ville, a historic African-American neighborhood with a rich history of African-American education, business, entertainment, and culture. The Ville Neighborhood is bounded by Taylor Avenue on the West, St. Louis Avenue on the North, Sarah Street on the East, and Martin Luther King Drive on the South.

The Ville traces its name back to when the area was called Elleardsville after a prominent resident of the area, Charles Elleard, who once owned the Ville land. St. Louis annexed this area in 1876. Originally home to German and Irish immigrants and a small proportion of African Americans, the Ville is most widely recognized for the strength of the African-American community that developed in the neighborhood by 1930.

For over 50 years, the Ville nurtured a legacy for the black population of St. Louis and was the home to several critical black institutions, including Simmons Elementary, Sumner High School, and the first high school for black students located west of the Mississippi River, Poro College, Lincoln University Law School, Stowe Teachers College, Tandy Recreation Center, Annie Malone Children's Home, and Homer G. Phillips Hospital, which, at the time, was responsible for training more black doctors than any other hospital in the world.

After Dr. Freeman's presentation, we toured the half square mile of the Ville and drove around to witness the devastation caused by the May 16th tornado.

From March - September, the Mission Committee hosted several tornado relief drives. Initial tornado relief efforts focused on hygiene, medical and cleaning supplies. Our members came through by donating carloads of supplies. We also collected many bins of non-perishable food.

In August, the church congregation approved the distribution of funds to St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church to help with tornado relief. Trinity members donated over \$500 for tornado relief and the Mission Committee voted to distribute additional Mission funds to St. Philip's to help with tornado relief efforts.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT



2025 was a wonderful year for our children here at Trinity!

Our Vacation Bible School theme this year was “**Road Trip**”. We were “*on the go with God*” as we grew in our faith through large and small group Bible sessions, music, snack, craft and game stations. We wrapped up our VBS week with a fun-filled water day including a visit from our Town and Country Fire Department spraying us down on the playground.



We kicked off our Sunday School year with our Rally Day in September. Our Congregation celebrated with a BBQ and games and our children enjoyed face painting. Age appropriate Bibles were distributed.

Our Sunday School classes are held every Sunday from 9:00-10:00 in Rooms 7 and 263 for children ages 3 through 5th grade. We follow our Faith Five curriculum as the children learn our Bible story through reading, conversation, art and games. The children also enjoy 30 minutes of music led by Graeme Allen.



Our Children's Christmas Program this year was “**Prince of Peace**”. Our Sunday School children put on a touching performance and our middle schoolers and high schoolers did a fantastic job reciting our opening and closing prayers as well as Bible verses throughout our program.

We have nineteen sixth, seventh and eighth graders in our Confirmation class. Our class is led by Pastor Chris at 7:00 on Wednesday nights in Room 123.

Many thanks to all of you for another great year as your Children's Ministry Coordinator!

Stacey Drake
Children's Ministry Coordinator



TRINITY PRESCHOOL REPORT

The purpose of Trinity Lutheran Preschool is to make Christ known to preschoolers and their parents and to provide a developmentally appropriate educational experience that recognizes the spiritual, mental, motional, social and physical needs of the child.

“To make Christ known...To help them grow.”

2025 was a wonderful year at Trinity Preschool! Our program continues to maintain an excellent reputation in the community as a quality Christian preschool. While the school provides a Christian education to the preschoolers of our member families, it is also a valuable outreach into the community. Many families, both from Trinity Church and from our current preschool families, share with their neighbors, family and friends the positive impact that Trinity Preschool has had on their lives. Through the preschool, Trinity students learn of Jesus’s love for them and experience this love daily. Our mission for Trinity Preschool is that our ministry to these children may help lead them and the families towards a relationship with Christ.

Our Christ-centered philosophy, developmental programming, and most of all, our dedicated, highly educated staff are some of the reasons why our preschool is recommended by parents and professionals. We continue to utilize the “Living the Word” Bible Curriculum, which coordinates with what the church is teaching each Sunday. The children are introduced to a new Bible story each week and do an activity to share at home with their family.

Our 24 experienced and talented teachers implement a developmentally appropriate Christian curriculum through our STREAM: Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math, along with our Handwriting Without Tears Programs. This year we have 136 students filling 258 slots in both our morning and afternoon classes...God has certainly blessed us! In addition, we have added the following classes for the 2025-2026 school year: 3-year-old class on MWE, 5-day 4-year-old class, Monday & Wednesday afternoon Enrichment Class, and Tuesday & Thursday afternoon STEM Class.

Thank you to Trinity Lutheran Church for your continued prayers and support for our Staff and Preschool Families. The Mission Committee has blessed both the teachers and students alike~donating 49 Children’s Bibles for our 3’s Classes, supplying crafts and games for our Fall Festival, granting classroom “wish lists” for gifts under the Christmas tree and blessing our teachers with Christmas gift cards to show their appreciation. We are so grateful for your generosity and support!

It has been a great joy to work with such a dedicated and educated staff of teachers, as well as a supportive and inspirational church. It is my daily privilege and joy to share in ministry with you.

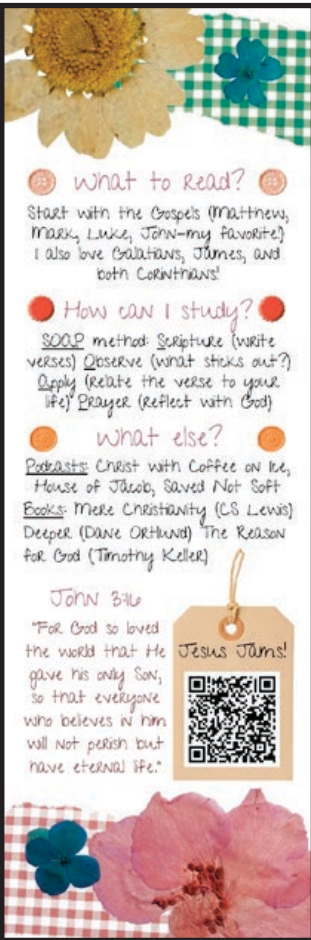
In Him,
Christy Cole
Director, Trinity Preschool



Trinity Youth LEADing Youth (YLY)

I often think about how blessed I was to have the title “Youth Leader” next to my name on resumes and LinkedIn profiles - it was certainly a conversation starter during job interviews. What a unique opportunity to take something of the highest importance in my life (my relationship with Christ) and share it with Trinity’s youth.

This year I decided to include small Bible studies with each event, an awkward time at first but soon became routine with prayer and participation! We covered some very famous verses and passages, including the most recent one (and one of my favorites): Proverbs 31. Along with fun activities such as cookie decorating, painting, and more, the youth were also given their own Bibles, Bible bags, and bookmarks so that they can continue to learn and grow as children of God. Each event we would include some type of highlighting of verses or words, and a sticky note to help them remember everything we discussed. One of the most rewarding things was hearing about how some of the youth shared our discussion with others in their lives!



Like I said, this was no ordinary job - and thank God for that! My prayer is that each youth continues this zeal for the Lord, and that these past few years or so have helped to strengthen or start their journey as they grow deeper in relationship with Jesus. This job has actually helped to strengthen my own faith as well! While I’m sad to leave the position, I’m hopeful for Trinity’s youth, and will continue to keep them in my prayers! Thank you for trusting me, what a blessing this job has been!

Paige Halter, Youth LEADing Youth Coordinator



Trinity Book Group

We are a group of avid book readers that meet at church on the fourth Monday of the month at 11:30am. We enjoy a wide variety of books that are selected by the group. We bring our own lunches and share some fellowship before we jump into our discussions that are led by different members. In December, we end our year with a potluck lunch and a movie. Everyone is welcome and we would love to have you join us.



Adult Forum

The Adult Forum had another successful year in 2025. Meeting regularly after Sunday Services in the winter/spring and fall, we have been blessed with a diverse array of knowledgeable and interesting speakers. They've come from outside Trinity as well as from within and have been willing to share their perspectives and expertise on a variety of topics. We have learned about Christian theology, history, other religions, how to think about faith, and how to live together in our world. We've been supported by an interested core of attendees knowledgeable enough to ask critical questions and keep those lecturers on their toes. All are invited to learn with us by attending, or to contribute their own experience and knowledge by speaking.

You can always find the week-by-week Adult Forum schedule of our current semester posted on the whiteboard in Room 123.

The Adult Forum Committee is made up of Mary Hepperly, Jerry Partlow, and Jeff Haferkamp. We would like to say "thank you" to all the attendees and speakers throughout the year. We're always looking for more help on the committee and welcome your suggestions of relevant speakers/topics to be presented.



2025 Budget vs. 2025 Actuals

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	(Worse)/ Better
Receipts			
Envelope Giving	676,000	700,481	24,481
Loose Basket	6,200	7,712	1,512
Interest	5,000	9,826	4,826
Other Income & Rental	40,000	33,936	(6,064)
Fund Raising & Endowment	25,000	17,000	(8,000)
Children Ministry	5,000	3,159	(1,841)
Preschool	456,902	540,307	83,405
Total Receipts	1,214,102	1,312,524	98,422
Expenses			
Community Outreach	2,700	2,738	(38)
Administration	244,173	240,233	4,117
Adult Spiritual Growth	202,290	204,173	(1,883)
Children's Spiritual Growth	17,192	18,109	(917)
Facility	162,243	190,969	(28,620)
Mission - ALL	89,000	79,846	9,154
Pre-School Cost	370,900	382,476	(11,576)
Music Accounts	73,030	72,065	965
Worship/Accounts	6,000	6,958	(823)
Youth Spiritual Growth	44,178	40,980	3,198
Total Expenses	1,211,706	1,235,496	(28,386)
Net Operating Income	2,396	77,028	70,036

2025 BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

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	As of December 31, 2025	As of December 31, 2024	Change 2025 vs 2024
Assets			
ELCA Endowment Investment	\$ 507,683	\$ 459,607	\$ 48,077
Mission Investment Fund of ELCA	\$ -	\$ 78,559	\$ (78,559)
Bank Checking & Money Market	\$ 601,965	\$ 312,358	\$ 289,607
Total for Cash and Investments	\$ 1,109,649	\$ 850,524	\$ 259,125
Fixed Assets			
Buildings Fixed Asset	\$ 3,892,130	\$ 3,892,130	\$ -
Cemetery	\$ 5,661	\$ 5,661	\$ -
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 119,575	\$ 119,575	\$ -
Land Fixed Asset	\$ 640,637	\$ 640,637	\$ -
Total for Fixed Assets	\$ 4,658,002	\$ 4,658,002	\$ -
Total for Assets	\$ 5,767,650	\$ 5,508,526	\$ 259,125
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable and Credit Cards	\$ 36,370	\$ 21,235	\$ 15,136
Total for Capital Reserves	\$ 40,744	\$ 40,562	\$ 183
Total for Dedicated- Cemetery	\$ (6,943)	\$ 131,205	\$ (138,148)
Total Dedicated- Fellowship/Care Min	\$ 2,644	\$ 11,296	\$ (8,653)
Total for Endowment Fund-3	\$ 516,354	\$ 459,607	\$ 56,748
Total for Dedicated- Mission	\$ 6,400	\$ 22,085	\$ (15,685)
Total for Dedicated- Office Operation	\$ 367,077	\$ 51,052	\$ 316,025
Total for Dedicated- Preschool	\$ 85,906	\$ 54,413	\$ 31,493
Payroll Tax	\$ 58	\$ 54	\$ 4
Other	\$ 1,320	\$ 1,320	\$ -
Total for Liabilities	\$ 1,049,931	\$ 792,828	\$ 257,103
Total for Equity	\$ 4,717,719	\$ 4,715,698	\$ 2,021
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$ 5,767,650	\$ 5,508,526	\$ 259,124

2026 Budget vs. 2025 Budget

	2026 Budget	2025 Budget	(Worse)/ Better
Receipts			
Envelope Giving	676,000	676,000	-
Loose Basket	6,900	6,200	700
Interest	14,400	5,000	9,400
Other Income & Rental	40,000	40,000	-
Fund Raising & Endowment	34,000	25,000	9,000
Children Ministry	4,000	5,000	(1,000)
Preschool	538,893	456,902	81,991
Total Receipts	1,314,193	1,214,102	100,091
Expenses			
Community Outreach	3,100	2,700	(400)
Administration	257,211	244,171	(13,041)
Adult Spiritual Growth	198,491	202,290	3,799
Children's Spiritual Growth	15,892	17,192	1,300
Facility	187,200	162,243	(24,957)
Mission - ALL	89,500	89,000	(500)
Pre-School Cost	440,433	370,900	(69,533)
Music Accounts	73,280	73,030	(250)
Worship/Accounts	6,000	6,000	-
Youth Spiritual Growth	42,265	44,178	1,913
Total Expenses	1,313,372	1,211,703	(101,668)
Net Operating Income	821	2,399	(1,577)

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT



Purpose: The Trinity Endowment Fund will be used to enhance the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Chesterfield, Missouri (the “Congregation”) and/or to assist in capital improvements over and above the general operation of the congregation as customarily provided for in its annual operating budget. We want to encourage all Trinity members to consider:

PAYING GOD’S BLESSINGS FORWARD

Fund Status: In accordance with the Founding Document, this is the status of the Trinity Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2025. The summary status of the fund is as follows:

Fund Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$419,313
2025 Mission Support	(\$17,000)
2025 Donations/Additions	\$57,322
Market Changes	\$56,360
Fund Balance as of 12/31/2025	\$515,996

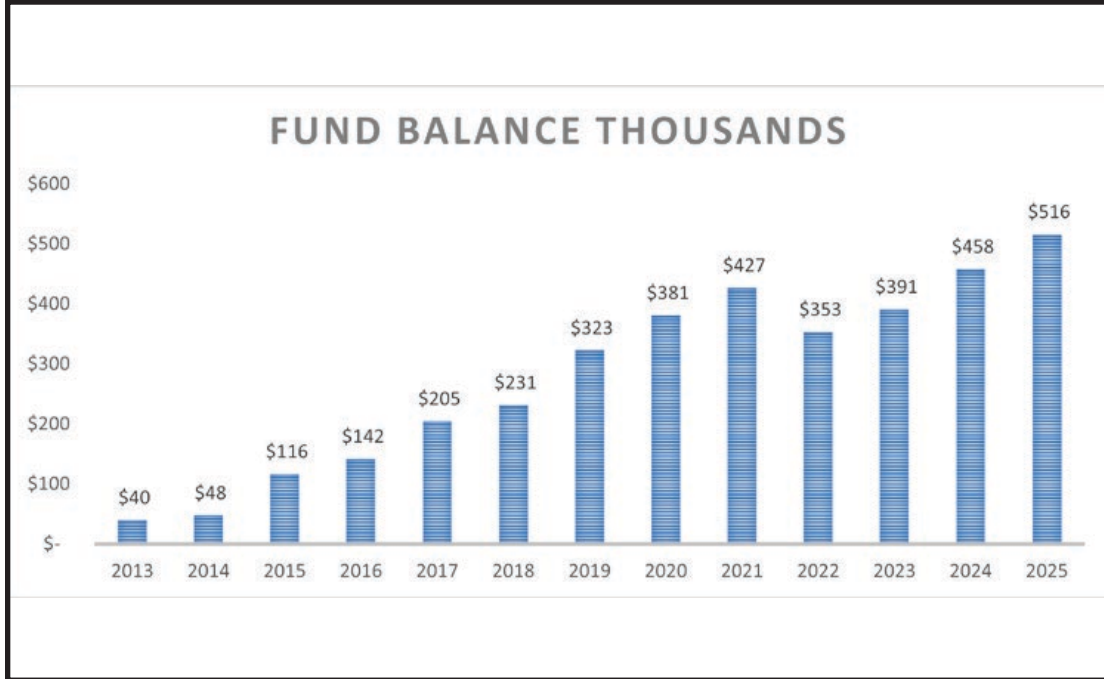
2025 Goals and Accomplishments:

1. Manage the Fund’s Portfolio:
 - Another strong year with the market and the overall performance of the growth fund as administered by the ELCA Foundation.
2. Continual Communication to Congregation
 - Held an Adult Forum in the fall and provided updates in the Trinitell.
3. Distribute Funds to Missions and/or Capital Improvements
 - Donated \$17,000 from Fund in 2025 to the following:
 - Lutheran School of Theology \$2,500
 - Lutheran Senior Services \$1,500
 - Lutheran Campus Ministries \$2,500
 - Lutheran Disaster Response \$3,500
 - ELCA World Hunger \$2,500
 - Trinity Lutheran Church Facilities \$3,000
 - God’s Helping Hands \$1,500

The Endowment Committee recommended, and Council approve a distribution of a total of \$22,000 to be sent out in early 2026. These monies will be divided between various missional causes and a capital improvement at Trinity Lutheran Church.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Trinity Endowment Fund is new and had a balance of about \$30,000 at the end of 2011. As of December 31, 2025, the balance is approximately \$515,996.



This has allowed the Mission Support from the Endowment Fund to continue to grow. The first distribution was made in 2016 and has increased steadily since then.



FEBRUARY 2, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes February 2, 2025



Call to Order: 11:51 am

Attendance: 70

Opening Devotion: Pastor Chris Naig

Opening Hymn: ELW #840 “Now Thank You We All Our God”

President’s Report—Michael Herrmann

- Presentation of 2024 minutes, *Minutes were approved unanimously*

Pastor’s Report—Pastor Chris Naig

General – Trinity Lutheran had a great year being the hands and feet of Christ,

- Avg. Attendance 137 in person + 52 online= 189
- $137/447 = 30\%$ 20-25% is excellent
- $189/447 = 42\%$
- Staffing: we have dropped 1.25 full-time due to the restructuring. The tremendous contributions of the staff have made this possible.
- Gym Banners: these were added to communicate the values and works of the congregation who rent and use our facilities.
- Columbarium: the congregation approved the construction of the columbarium starting summer of 2025
- Preschool Growing, this is demonstrated by the addition of another classroom, and an extension of school hours to meet the needs of the community.
- Digital Clips, “weekly Pick me ups” – please share these! These are one-minute videos to share the Good News to members and the wider community.
- New member Comments:
 - Welcoming to all and meaning it
 - Children, especially up front in worship
 - Music Ministry
- 2025 Theme- “Sharing our Faith”
- 2025 Biggest challenge- “Political parties interpretation of our Lutheran Theology.”
- 2025 Lift up the excellence we get to be part of with Trinity’s music ministry.
- Presentation of idea for redesigning the choir area and front of church to enable special events for preschool, and special events. The ideas would also include making the church altar ADA compliant.



Mission Committee Report — Rob Harper

- Thank you to all the committee members for their hard work
- Roughly \$20,000 was raised through musical concerts performed during 2024
- Our five core missions will be discussed at the February 23rd Adult Forum: Circle of Concern, Gateway180, Lantern Hill, Meals Do Matter, and Trinity Preschool
- Information about these missions can be found in the Annual Report that was distributed in the meeting.

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer's Report—Paul Ogier

- Budget's pages 21-24 of the 2024 Annual Report. We ended the year \$94,000 ahead of budgeted revenue with an increase of \$30,000 from envelopes and a \$75,000 increase from preschool due to increased enrollment. Expenses increased \$25,000 over budget. Church staff did an excellent job of managing expenses. The reasons for the costs over budget included computers, credit charges, telephone and internet costs.
- 2024 had a surplus of \$69,453 which will be added to the Council Discretionary Fund.
- 2025 Budget was presented. It includes an increase in Envelope giving which is only \$8,000 more than achieved in 2024. It also includes a \$84,602 increase in Preschool revenue due to an increase in enrollment numbers. Increases in the Preschool expenditure is expected due to the increased enrollment. Increases for Administration, Facility, Music, Worship and Youth Spiritual Growth are included due to inflation.
- Items not included in the Budget include roughly \$75,000 currently in the Council Discretionary Fund. The roughly \$300,000 in COVID relief funds we hope to receive in the future.
- Challenges for 2025
 - This 2024 budget is essentially break-even.
 - We are committing to the ongoing expense of an intern or other ways to provide additional pastoral support.
 - Our budget includes increases in Envelope Giving and School tuition. Our budget target for Envelope Giving is less than received in 2023, and the school showed significant improvement as well.
 - Trinity has great momentum, and it will be exciting to see how we grow our mission this year and into the future.
- ***The motion to Approve the 2025 Budget was approved unanimously.***



Mission Endowment Committee Report—Peter Larsen

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is found on page 25 of the 2024 Annual Report. Graphs of the Endowment Fund balances since inception can be found on page 26 of the 2024 Annual Report.

- **Fund Status:** In accordance with the Founding Document, this is the status of the Trinity Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2024. The summary status of the fund is as follows:
- Fund Balance as of 12/31/2023 \$390,912
- 2024 Mission Support (\$17,500)
- 2024 Donations/Additions \$5,912
- Market Changes \$39,989



FEBRUARY 2, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

- Fund Balance as of 12/31/2024: \$419,313
 - Donated \$17,500 from Fund in 2024 to the following:
 - Lutheran School of Theology \$2,500
 - Lutheran Senior Services \$2,000
 - Companion Synod \$500
 - Circle of Concern \$1,000
 - Lutheran Campus Ministries \$2,000
 - Lutheran Disaster Response \$2,000
 - ELCA World Hunger \$1,000
 - Trinity Pre School \$3,000
 - Trinity Lutheran Church Facilities \$3,500
- The Endowment Committee recommended, and the Council approved a distribution of \$18,000 to be sent out early in 2025, these monies will be distributed between missional causes and capital improvements at Trinity Lutheran Church.



Columbarium Committee Report—Larry Tietjen

- The deposit is in, and the Bid packages for finding a project manager are being put together. Construction should begin in the summer of 2025.

Nominating Committee—Eric Petersen

- Opening remarks: The Nominating Committee grateful for the Trinity Members who have such a great commitment to serve this congregation. It has made their job easy.
- See page 29 of the 2024 Annual Report for the complete slate of Officers, Committee Members, and Delegates
- **Presentation of Slate 1—Council Officers and At-Large Council Members: APPROVED.**
- **Presentation of Slate 2—Nominating Committee: APPROVED.**
- **Presentation of Slate 3—Mission Endowment Fund Committee: APPROVED.**
- **Presentation of Slate 4—Mission Committee: APPROVED.**
- **Presentation of Slate 5—Synod Assembly Delegates: APPROVED.**



New President's Comments—Larry Tietjen

- Larry thanked the outgoing members of the Church Council. He looked forward to serving the congregation. Larry was excited about our Sharing the Faith theme Trinity is embracing this year. Larry suggested a need to look at another capital campaign as we have old HVAC units and other facilities needs. Lastly, Larry, with all of our blessings we might explore how we could help other struggling congregations in our area.



Closing comments / Prayer: Pastor Chris

- Thank you to all Trinity Members!

Adjourn: 12:32 pm.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The five slates of 2026 Trinity Nominees are as follows:

Council Officers and At-Large Members
Nominating Committee
Endowment Committee
Mission Team
Synod Assembly Delegates

For the following slates, the proposed nominees on whom you will vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 1, 2026, are in **bold type** and underlined.

Slate 1—Council Officers and At-Large Council Members

President Jeff Haferkamp will serve a one-year term.
VP/President Elect **Dave Luethy** has agreed to stand for election to a two-year term.
Secretary Elaine Larson will serve the second year of 1st two-year term.
Treasurer Mike Hower will serve the second year of a 1st two-year term.

At-large Council Members

John Engle has agreed to stand for election to a 2nd two-year term
Dan Fry will serve the second year of 2nd two-year term
Eric Halter will serve the second year of 2nd two-year term
Maureen Hoppin has agreed to stand for election to a 2nd two-year term
Sasi Jeyarajan has agreed to stand for election to a 1st two-year term
Gene Kerr will serve the second year of 2nd two-year term
Mikki Lee will serve the second year of 1st two-year term
Jim Mueller will serve the second year of 1st two-year term

Slate 2—Nominating Committee

Cindy Gesme will serve the third year of a three-year term
Karen Henselmeier will serve the third year of a three-year term
Nicole Maloy will serve the second year of a 2nd three-year term
Eric Petersen has agreed to stand for election to a second three-year term
Miguel Pico will serve the second year of a 2nd three-year term
Barb Trettel has agreed to stand for election to a three-year term

Slate 3—Endowment Fund Committee

Eric Flattem will serve the third year of a 2nd three-year term
Eric Halter will serve the third year of a 2nd three-year term
Morris Larson will serve the third year of a 1st three-year term
Eric Petersen will serve the second year of a 1st three-year term

Slate 4—Mission Committee

Pam Franke has agreed to stand for election to a first three-year term
Peggy Miller has agreed to stand for election to a first three-year term
Genie Mueller will serve the third year of a 1st three-year term
Deb Palmer will serve the second year of a 2nd three-year term
Donna Rice will serve the second year of a 1st three-year term
Christie Tietjen will serve the third year of a 2nd three-year term

Slate 5—Synod Assembly Delegates

Dale & Karen Henselmeier and **John & Deborah Palmer** have agreed to serve as Trinity's delegates to the Central States Synod Assembly in 2026.

2025 PARISH STATISTICAL REPORT

Members Received

Karen Person
 Bill Melchior
 Brandon Monzyk
 Noelle Monzyk
 Blakley Monzyk
 Everly Monzyk
 Greg Smith
 Kaari Smith
 Max Smith
 Sam Smith
 Julianna Smith
 Jason Brenton
 Melanie Brenton
 Grady Brenton
 Don Franke
 Pam Franke
 Catherine Tietjen
 Christopher Yanker
 Ryan Riley
 Emily Riley
 Quinn Riley
 Graham Riley
 Joe Clinton
 Julie VandeDrink



Baptisms

Joseph Clinton
 Grady Jason Brenton

2025 Membership Report

	Baptized	Voting	Households
1/01/2025	441	364	264
Members Received	26	18	9
Confirmation	0	5	8
Baptized Members	2	0	0
Removed/Transferred	-3	-3	-2
Deceased	-5	-5	-2
12/31/2025	461	379	277

Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 191

Confirmations

Remington Dunn
 Marielle Flattem
 Abigail Masiel
 Mason Merenda
 Sabrina Straub



Deaths

Norm Hild
 Steve Rowan
 Chuck Parrott
 Paula Parkin
 Dan Steinmeyer



THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY, GOD IS AT WORK ACROSS THE ELCA.

MISSION SUPPORT

A portion of your offering, called Mission Support, advances the ministry of our church, helping the ELCA nurture Christian community, raise up leaders, serve our neighbors and strive for justice.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Part of our church's long tradition of meeting human needs, ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God's promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. ELCA World Hunger walks alongside communities in more than 60 countries — including the United States — to create unique solutions to hunger and poverty.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

WHERE NEEDED MOST

Where Needed Most supports the powerful ways we work together around the world — supporting leaders, inspiring young people, fueling ministries and championing global mission. Gifts to Where Needed Most support and sustain the people, congregations, synods and ministries working around the world to realize the hope-filled future God promises.

