



2022

ANNUAL
REPORT

TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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Trinity Staff – 2022

Pastor	Jeffrey M. Engholm
Minister of Music	Joyce Harding (<i>thru May 2022</i>)
Children’s Ministry Coordinator	Hannah Rosholt
Office & Communications Manager	Robyn Behrens
Financial Administrator	Mary Jech
Financial Secretary	Gail Cassidy
Worship Band Leader	Penny Koets
Worship Accompanist	Joy Rundell

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Watertown, Minnesota 165th Annual Meeting | Sunday, January 29, 2023

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Annual Meeting Agenda
Sunday, January 29, 2023 | 10:00 am

I. Call to Order – Jason Koets, Church Council President

- a. Devotions – Pastor Jeffrey M. Engholm

II. Approval of 2022 Congregational Meeting Minutes

- a. January 30, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

III. Nominations

- a. Nominating Committee Report
 - i. Presentation of Nominees

- b. Voting

IV. Reports

- a. Jason Koets, Church Council President
 - i. Roll of the Saints of 2022 – Pastor Jeffrey M. Engholm

- b. Mary Jech, Financial Administrator
 - i. 2022 Finance Review

- c. Audit Committee Results

- d. Ministry Teams / Support Committees / Boards Reports

V. Approval of Written Reports

VI. New Business

- a. Approve Spending Plan for 2023 as submitted by Finance Support Committee and Church Council

VII. Other Business

- a. Unfinished Business
- b. Report on the Election – Installation of new council members
- c. Motion to Adjourn

VIII. Closing Litany – Pastor Jeffrey M. Engholm

Unapproved Minutes of the Trinity Lutheran Church 164th Annual Meeting Sunday, January 30, 2022 | 11:30 am

The meeting, held in-person in the Worship Center and via Zoom, was called to order by President Carol Murray. Pastor Jeff Engholm led opening devotions. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of 2021 Congressional Minutes

1. January 31, 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion made to approve minutes as printed
 - i. *M/S/C – Hubie Widmer / Mary Jech / carried*

Nominations:

1. Nominating Committee Report
 - a. Presentation of Nominees – Council President Carol Murray
 - i. Church Council: Jason Koets, Corky Ibeling, Nick Neaton, Tammy Vraspir
 - ii. Nominating Committee: Jodi Boylan, Josh Guetzkow, Lori Sieling, Denice Widmer, Sara Hallermann, Gina Phearman
 - iii. Cemetery Board: Kevin Beck, Gary Harding
 - iv. Foundation Board: Ed Rundell, Heather Berscheit
- Motion made to approve a unanimous ballot vote for all nominated position
M/S/C – Ken Tufte / Brett Gens / carried

Reports:

1. Carol Murray, Church Council President
 - a. Role of the Saints 2021, Pastor Jeff Engholm
2. Mary Jech, Financial Administrator
 - a. Presented 2021 Financial Review
3. Audit Committee Results
 - a. Eileen Nelson reported from the Auditing Committee that the books were found to be in order
4. Ministry Teams/Support Committees/Board Reports
 - a. Motion made to approve Written Reports
 - i. *M/S/C – Gary Harding / Diane Johnson / carried*

New Business:

1. Approve the Spending Plan for 2022 as submitted by the Finance Support Committee and the Church Council – presented by Mary Jech
 - a. Motion made to approve the proposed 2022 Spending Plan
 - i. *M/S/C – Terri Gens / Ken Tufte / carried*

Other Business:

1. Unfinished business
 - a. Installation of new church council and committee members: All new council and committee members were installed
2. Motion to adjourn
 - a. *M/S/C – Dave Sloneker / Nancy Pickering / carried*

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm
Closing Prayer – Pastor Jeff Engholm

2022 Council, Committee & Board Members

Term ending is indicated with an asterisk

Church Council

Jason Koets, President
Carol Muray, Vice President *
Nancy Stello, Secretary
Ken Tufte, Treasurer *
Diane Holmes
Corky Ibeling
Nick Neaton
Nancy Pickering *
Tammy Vraspir

Cemetery Board

Mike Panzer, President *
Jim Sandquist, Treasurer
Kevin Beck
Gary Harding
Jeff Neaton *
Fred Thomson

Nominating Committee

**All terms ending*

Jodi Boylan
Josh Guetzkow
Lori Sieling
Denice Widmer
Sara Hallermann
Gina Phearman

Foundation Board

Ed Rundell, President
Heather Berscheit, Secretary
Dan Sieling, Treasurer
Lindsay Guetzkow
Kevin Holmes
Jamie Isakson

Names Submitted by Nominating Committee for 2023 Open Positions

Nominations for all positions may be made from the floor if so desired.

Church Council

3-year term
Nancy Pickering
Ryan Ress
Dave Kind

Cemetery Board

3-year term
Jeff Neaton
Ed Salonek

Nominating Committee

1-year term
Terri Gens
Jenny Haller
Sara Hallermann
Sarah Ress
Lori Sieling
Hubie Widmer

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 2022 Congregation Statistics

Year End 2021

Total Baptized Members	690
Total Confirmed Members	555

Members received during 2022

By baptism.....	15
Affirmed faith	2
By transfer.....	5
Inactive to Active	1

Total..... 23

Members Removed during 2022

By death	5
By transfer.....	6
For Inactivity	6
Released by Request.....	10

Total -27

Baptized members confirmed 12

Year End 2022

Total Baptized Members	686
Total Confirmed Members	549

Associate Members in 2022 3

Total voting members December 31, 2022: 220

The constitution defines a voting member as a confirmed member who
has **communed AND contributed** in the past year.

Members Baptized in 2022:

Zoi Chouinard, Brooks Goulson, Liam Hembroff, Charles Horstmann, Carter Jones,
Lily McMahon, Van Oak, James Shakon, Arlin Sieling, Leighton Snow, Caleb Sommerfeld,
William Stenson, Archer Vogel, Wesley Vogel, MacKenzie Walker

Members Deceased in 2022:

Dean Hendricks, Roger Kamann, Bernice Olson,
Ron Olson, Bernadette Sandquist



Letter from the Church Council President

Jason Koets

Dear Trinity members and friends,

While making notes about some of the important events covered in church council over the last year, it looked like a number of things were coming to an end at Trinity. Jacob Ulland finished his internship, the Capital Campaign came to a close, Joyce Harding retired as music director, changing from two services to one, and the steeple was taken off the top of the church.

Upon further reflection, these were not endings, but more of an evolution of our congregation and worship. Jacob ended his internship, but evolved from intern to pastor. The Capital Campaign ended, but it's not the final payment, but a signal that we are getting closer. Joyce retired, but the music at worship evolved into different music groups (and some of the same favorites) under the new direction of Penny Koets, Joy Rundell, and Hannah Rosholt. We stopped second services, but when we include our online service, attendance has remained consistent, showing that our congregation is evolving in new ways as well. And the steeple will eventually be replaced with something very similar, but better and stronger.

As we look forward to 2023 and the evolution happening within Trinity, I am putting my faith in the congregation to meet the new challenges, my faith in the church leaders to guide us, and my faith in God's plan for our world.

I would especially like to thank:

- **Trinity Members for continuing to share your time, talents, and financial gifts as well as for your trust and prayers.**
- **Trinity Staff for your creativity, flexibility, and your guidance.**
- **Trinity Council for your thoughtful leadership, and your selflessness in giving of your time.**

I am honored to serve as your Council President over the last year, and looking forward to seeing what Trinity is evolving into in 2023.

In thanks,

Jason Koets
Trinity Church Council President



Pastor's Report 2022 Ministries Report Pastor Jeffrey M. Engholm

Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

As we begin a new year and a fresh start, it might be worth taking a look at the past year to see how far we have come under God's leadership. As you'll see, many of the "old" things we used to do have taken on a "new twist" on the other side of the global pandemic.

For instance, last January, we held our Annual Meeting in the sanctuary instead of the Fellowship Hall. Since our WI-FI connection is stronger upstairs, this move enabled us to gather both ON-SITE as well as livestream the meeting ONLINE. (Yes, the days of COVID are mostly behind us, but the changes that it brought about will certainly be long lasting. We are now a "hybrid church".)

In February we had our first ever "Underwear Drive" to support the ministry of Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis. We collected 134 packages of t-shirts, socks, and underwear, along with 18 quilts that were delivered. What a fantastic effort!

The months of March and April were filled with Lent and Easter activities of worship services, and Drive-Thru Prayers. We also held our annual food drive and "Pack the Pews" Sunday in which we collected 431 pounds of food for the Watertown Foodshelf.

We kicked off the month of May with a "Non-Campaign Campaign Celebration" in which we celebrated the reduction of our remodeling debt from \$1.7 million to \$200,000. We also encouraged our members to continue reducing this debt in order to pay it off completely in the next three years. Pastors Marilyn Breckenridge and Ken DeFor joined us for this celebration.

During that same month we also said farewell to our intern, Jacob Ulland, who had spent the previous two years with us learning about life in the parish. We also celebrated the retirement of our Worship and Music Director, Joyce Harding, who had served

Trinity faithfully for over twenty years. Well done, good and faithful servant! (We're grateful that Joyce hasn't left the congregation completely, and still continues to support our ministry here at Trinity.)

During the summer months we held worship, Vacation Bible School, and had several outdoor services in the Trinity Backyard. We were also visited by former Trinity members who are now serving as pastors, Chris Beckman and Kim Kylo. We also received word that Pastor Beth Johnson, who served at Trinity from 2005-2011, was leaving her missionary work in Cameroon and returning to Minnesota. On top of all that, we did some renovation in the "choir loft" behind the organ and converted it to a "music loft". By removing the pews in that space, we were able to make room for the whole variety of musicians in the congregation: bands, choirs, soloists, ensembles, and instrumentalists.



When September arrived, we began our usual fall programming, but in our new “hybrid world”: we continued to offer our online worship service, as well as two Sunday morning services in person. We also started up Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Programming, and continued our ministry with the OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans), Apostles, Heavenly Housekeepers, Book Club, Priscilla Circle, and Quilters. Our musical groups restarted as well, although under new leadership. Hannah Rosholt began leading both a children’s choir and adult choir and Penny Koets began leading the Praise Band. Joy Rundell also continued her musical presence among us, not only as an accompanist, but also as a leader in her own right. Mary Jech and Eileen Nelson began serving as coordinators for the Bell Choir, with Diane Johnson as conductor, and I have also continued working with our newly formed “Gospel Band”.

October brought some changes to our worship schedule. During the month of September, we noticed that we had a robust attendance at our early service as well as our online service, but it became clear that a second in-person service was no longer needed, so we brought it to a close. (We will continue to pay attention to our worship patterns in the future.) But, there were other changes in October as well. For instance, the decision was made to move our Annual Stewardship Campaign from the fall of 2022 to February 2023 – stay tuned for more information about that! We also organized a Church Pictorial Directory that will be finalized and distributed in 2023. At the end of the month, we held a “Trick-or-Treat for Food” that involved all the churches of Watertown. (Trinity served as the home base for this Sunday afternoon effort in which 3,774 pounds of food was collected, along with \$620 for the Watertown Foodshelf.)

The most important event in November was the removal of the church steeple. Many thanks to the Property Committee for organizing this effort – we look forward to a new steeple to be installed in Spring 2023! We also gathered once again as a community for the annual Thanksgiving Eve Service at the Watertown Evangelical Free Church. This was the first time we had gathered since 2019.

In December, we returned to our Advent tradition of Holden Evening Prayer and Suppers, which is another event that had not been held since 2019. We also held the St. Lucia Festival on a Saturday morning in early December, followed later in the month by

Christmas programs, caroling, dinners, and services. Additionally, our Confirmation students met in one-on-one conversations with adult mentors. And on top of all that, our new dishwasher has just been installed!

Now it is January 2023, time to look ahead to what God has in store for us in the coming year. Will we ever “go back” to the way things used to be before the pandemic? My answer to that question is both “yes” and “no”. We will certainly continue our ministry of reaching out to the community, discovering God in our daily lives, and working hard to “be church in new ways”. But in the days to come, God will certainly be up to something new among us, and I’m ready for whatever comes our way in the year ahead. I’m looking forward to walking together with you in our next great adventure – thanks be to God.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeffrey M. Engholm





Children's Ministry Report

Hannah Rosholt, Children's Ministry Coordinator

The past twelve months have been a busy and exciting time for Children's Ministry. Thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers, we have in-person Sunday School each week where we focus on a Bible Story, a "Big Idea," and have some fun along the way. About 50 children are registered for our Sunday School program, and we have a team of almost 20 parent volunteers who rotate in and out to help teach and guide the children each week. We also continue to post the Bible Story and Big Idea video each week for families who want a virtual option.

In August, we had Vacation Bible School, also with about 50 kids and 20 volunteers—plus lots of smiles and fun!

At the beginning of this school year, we started some new things to support young families and children at Trinity.

- **We staff the Nursery during church and coffee hour! Thanks to Natalie Johnson, Nathan Behrens, and Luke Maas, children ages six months and up can enjoy supervised play in the Nursery while parents enjoy a little more focused worship.**
- **We have a weekly Children's Moment during the church service to engage our young worshippers and connect the congregation to what's happening in the Children's Ministry world.**
- **We brought back busy bags with some new and different toys!**
- **We've added three "toy stations" and a coloring table outside the Sanctuary!**
- **We began offering occasional after school fellowship activities for elementary students such as a Board Game Day and Gingerbread Houses!**
- **We started a Children's Choir that rehearses after school!**
- **We have been blessed with new families and hands-on volunteers.**

As Children's Ministry Coordinator, I am so grateful for the wonderful families who are open, flexible, and energized to continue building community at Trinity Lutheran Church. Looking forward to seeing what 2023 has in store!

Hannah Rosholt
Children's Ministry Coordinator



Music Ministry Report

Hannah Rosholt, Music Ministry Coordinator

From January through May, Joyce Harding served her final months as Trinity's Director of Music. On June 5, after more than twenty years of service, we had a beautiful send off for her at worship, complete with choirs, bands, flute, trumpet, and bells. Thank you, Joyce, for your many years of faithful service!

Beginning in June, we formed an unofficial Music Ministry Team here at Trinity. The team is made up of Pastor Jeff, Joy Rundell, Penny Koets, and myself, Hannah Rosholt. As a part of the new Music Ministry Team, I am having a tough time articulating our new arrangement. Adjectives that come to mind include: messy, unclear, beautiful, flexible, and blossoming.

In June, Pastor Jeff gathered this new team to meet and talk about how we might figure out music "at least for the next year" at Trinity. With Joy and Penny's talents, flexibility, and willingness to help out in various capacities, we have navigated through the fall with laughs and joy and music at every service!

- **The Praise Band, led by Penny Koets, rehearses weekly and you can catch them leading worship the second Sunday of each month.**
- **The Worship Choir, led by me and accompanied by Joy Rundell, rehearses in segments! We lead worship about every other month and rehearse 4-5 times leading up to that worship service.**
- **The newly formed Children's Choir, also led by me, operates like the Worship Choir – they lead worship every other month and rehearse a handful of times after school on Wednesdays leading up to that service.**
- **The Gospel Band, led by Pastor Jeff, is more of a pick-up band! They rehearse the day of the service they're leading. They lead worship about every other month.**
- **The Bell Choir has also begun rehearsing. Mary Jech and Eileen Nelson serve as the "organizers" of the group, with Diane Johnson conducting the group.**
- **And in between those times, we call on the talented musicians of Trinity to step in and sing or play an instrument during worship on Sunday mornings.**

Every week is different. Nothing is cut and dry. And yet, from my perspective, it's working, and it's joyous. So, on behalf of the Trinity Music Ministry Team, we look forward to an unclear and beautiful 2023 filled with music and chaos.

Hannah Rosholt
Music Ministry Coordinator





Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Financial Administrator, Mary Jech

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF 2022

With COVID somewhat behind us and many challenges and changes ahead of us, we stepped out to continue being the church of "Faithful Living, Changing Lives" — still somewhat uncertain of what comes next, both in ministries and finances.

We started the year once again with a healthy \$13,000+ in the operating fund. Monthly income was consistently less than expenses except for the months of April, June and December, so we started eating away at that \$13,000. Our average monthly income was \$32,300 while average monthly expenses were \$33,223, leaving us short by about \$900 each month on average. At the end of November, the operating fund was almost \$25,000 in the red, but with December offerings and additional donations, we ended the year \$1,900 in the black in the operating fund. Thank you.

In grateful appreciation, Trinity received a significant number of memorials during the year. Memorial monies were used to update the nursery, replace the altar candelabra, and purchase a new dishwasher among other smaller items. Significant repairs were made to the church. Hail damage insurance receipts from the 2019 hail storm were used for gutters, soffits and other roof repairs on the church. 2019 Capital Appeal money set aside for particular projects was used to repair the bell tower when the steeple was removed saving money by doing both at the same time.

We continue to make excellent progress in paying down the mortgage with a balance of \$150,000 remaining. If we continue to make payments of \$5,000/month we hope to have the mortgage paid in less than three years. \$50,000 is being held in reserve as a final or emergency payment.

We are grateful for your faithful giving and faithful living!

OPERATING FUND YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY

Operating Fund – Beginning balance 01/01/2022	\$ 13,032.67
Operating Fund Year-to-Date receipts and Transfers In	\$ 387,582.87
Operating Fund Year-to-Date Expenses and Transfers Out	\$ 398,676.33
Operating Fund Year-to-Date Net Balance	-\$ 11,093.46
Operating Fund – Ending Balance 12/31/2022	\$ 1,939.46

MORTGAGE LOAN AT THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Original Loan Amount	\$ 1,300,000.00
Beginning balance 1/1/2022	\$ 247,938.78
Principal paid in 2022	\$ 97,926.53
Interest paid in 2022	\$ 7,285.47
Remaining balance at year end:	\$ 150,012.25

CASH SUMMARY (AS OF 12/31/2021)

Bremer Bank	
Operating Funds	\$ 68,451.53
Citizen's Alliance Bank	
Capital/Appeal/Building	\$ 96,417.81

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Financial Administrator, Mary Jech

2022 INCOME / EXPENSES

INCOME

Promises
Other Offerings
Other Income

YEAR 2022
\$344,404.05
\$16,411.02
\$26,767.80

Total Operating Income

\$387,582.87

Designated Funds
Undesignated Memorials
Special Gifts

\$16,104.24
\$19,834.96
\$6,406.14

Total Non-Operating Income

\$42,345.34

Capital Appeal/Building Fund Income

\$112,691.50

TOTAL INCOME

\$542,619.71

EXPENDITURES

Benevolence
Church Utilities, Upkeep and Insurance
Parsonage Utilities and Upkeep
Salaries
Educational Ministry
Other Operating Expense

\$30,561.82
\$73,360.46
\$5,752.61
\$205,697.39
\$4,785.73
\$78,518.32

Total Operating Expense

\$398,676.33

Designated fund payments
Special Gifts/Memorial transfers

\$12,538.86
\$10,138.38

Total Non-Operating Expenses

\$22,677.24

Capital Appeal/Building Fund Expense

\$155,384.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$576,737.57

Notes:

Other offerings include:

- Advent
- Christmas
- Lent
- Easter
- Thanksgiving

Other income includes:

- Parsonage rent
- Church use fees
- Thrivent Choice
- Bremer Bank interest
- Insurance payments
- Refunded income

Benevolence includes:

- Mpls Synod
- Love Inc
- Food Shelf
- Lutheran Social Service
- Green Lake Bible Camp

Other operating expense includes:

- All support committee and ministry team budgeted amounts

2022 Budget Summary and 2023 Proposed Spending Plan

Looking ahead to 2023...

In putting together a spending plan for 2023 the following considerations were made:

- Slight increases in salaries.
- Minor increase in property tax on the parsonage.
- Significant increases in the property committee line due to projected increases in fuel, electricity and maintenance contracts.
- Increase in insurance and minor increases in other finance expenses (i.e. postage, bank charges, shipping, etc.)
- As was done last year, removing the money in the property line, which in the past, has been allocated toward special projects, and adding a separate amount for a capital improvement project.
- Identified ministry teams will share \$5,000 as requests are made.

Finance committee: Benevolence, everything salary related and office related expenses.

Property: Church utilities, church and parsonage insurance and maintenance.

	2022 SPENDING PLAN	2019 EXPENSES (FOR COMPARISON)	2022 OPERATING EXPENSES	2023 PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN
FINANCE	\$371,400.00	\$335,782.00	\$318,102.05	\$313,810.00
PROPERTY	\$65,100.00	\$58,686.00	\$63,257.79	\$69,850.00
TECHNOLOGY	\$2,800.00	\$1,611.00	\$2,011.63	\$3,000.00
CHILDREN'S	\$6,500.00	\$5,260.00	\$3,983.17	\$6,000.00
YOUTH	\$1,200.00	\$1,131.00	\$702.56	\$1,200.00
WORSHIP & MUSIC	\$5,500.00	\$4,993.00	\$3,058.84	\$5,500.00
OTHER Ministry Teams	\$5,000.00	\$4,576.00	\$4,127.62	\$5,000.00
STEWARDSHIP		\$185.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
OUTREACH		\$1,747.00	\$1,727.64	\$2,000.00
SOCIAL		\$440.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
HOSPITALITY		\$1,825.00	\$2,099.98	\$1800.00
ADULT/PARISH HEALTH		\$379.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
SUBTOTAL	\$457,500.00	\$412,039.00	\$395,243.66	\$404,360.00
Capital Improvement	\$15,000.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL	\$472,500.00	\$412,039.00	\$395,243.66	\$419,360.00

2022 SUMMARY

Total Budgeted Expense	\$395,243.66
Total Expenses (excluding capital appeal)	\$421,353.57
Total Capital/Building Expense	\$155,384.00
Total Overall Expense	\$576,737.57

Foundation Board of Trustees

Submitted by Foundation Treasurer, Dan Sieling

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2022 - November 2022

INCOME

Interest - Bremer CD	\$	144.73
Dividend - Thrivent Money Market	\$	15.79
Dividend - Thrivent Moderate Allocation	\$	1,046.35
Dividend - LCF Growth	\$	165.39
Investment Income:	\$	1,372.26
Gift - Scholarships	\$	100.00
Insurance Policy Income	\$	15,169.96
Income Received:	\$	15,269.96
Realized Income:	\$	16,642.22
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$	0.00
Total Income:	\$	16,642.22

EXPENSES

Safe Deposit Rent	\$	30.00
Fund Administration Fee	\$	470.15
Stamps	\$	12.00
Church Windows Software	\$	200.00
Insurance Policy Money to TLC	\$	15,169.96
General Expenses:	\$	15,882.11
Scholarships - General Fund	\$	3,800.00
Realized Expense:	\$	19,682.11
Unrealized Loss on Investments	\$	52,452.91
Total Expenses:	\$	52,452.91

DIFFERENCE

\$ (55,492.80)

The Financial Report being submitted by the Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation for the annual report of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is "as of" November 30, 2022. At the time the annual report was published, the Year-End Financial Statements from InFaith Community Foundation and from Thrivent Financials were not available. The December 31, 2022 Financial Report for the Foundation will be made available at a future date upon request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Sieling
Trinity Lutheran Foundation Treasurer

Cemetery Board

Submitted by Cemetery Board Treasurer, James Sandquist

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

GENERAL FUND

	Beginning Balance	Gain/Loss	Interest & Dividends	Income	Disbmt	Ending Balance
Checking Account	\$2,806.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,129.97	\$7,592.96	\$1,343.17
Savings Account	\$2,386.16	\$0.00	\$1.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,387.81
Thrivent Global Stock Fund	\$26,752.39	-\$5,384.37	\$207.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,575.43
Thrivent Large Cap Value Fund	\$27,018.39	-\$1,695.49	\$391.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,714.30
Thrivent Income Fund	\$58,936.47	-\$11,080.19	\$1,604.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,461.00
Thrivent Lg Cap Growth Fund	\$25,112.63	-\$9,942.68	\$1,426.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,596.22
Mission Term Select CD	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$669.00	\$0.00	\$699.00	\$30,000.00
General Fund Totals	\$173,012.20	-\$28,102.73	\$4,300.45	\$6,129.97	\$8,261.96	\$147,077.93

PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	Beginning Balance	Gain/Loss	Interest & Dividends	Income	Disbmt	Ending Balance
Savings Account	\$4,727.83	\$0.00	\$4.16	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$6,131.99
Mission Term Select CD	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$22.29	\$0.00	\$22.29	\$1,000.00
Mission Term Investment CD	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$362.77	\$0.00	\$362.77	\$10,500.00
Thrivent Divs. Income Fund	\$41,559.56	-\$7,415.00	\$1,100.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,244.66
Thrivent High Yield Fund	\$50,902.45	-\$9,892.18	\$2,278.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,288.83
Perpetual Care Fund Totals	\$108,689.84	-\$17,307.18	\$3,767.88	\$1,400.00	\$385.06	\$96,165.48

COMBINED TOTALS	\$281,702.04	-\$45,409.91	\$8,068.33	\$7,529.97	\$8,647.02	\$243,243.41
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Net Income/Loss						-\$38,458.63
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Respectfully Submitted,

James Sandquist
Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery Treasurer

Complete details of Cemetery Board income and expenses is available upon request from the Trinity church office.

Quilting Ministry

Submitted by Quilting Ministry Treasurer, Sarah Barfknecht

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

Checking Account Balance 1/1/2022 \$3,726.25

INCOME

Donations and Memorials \$195.00

Interest \$2.67

EXPENSES

Supplies \$317.30

Altar Candelabra Donation \$1,000.00

Ending Balance 12/31/2022 \$2,606.62



Message from the Bishop of the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Ann Svennungsen

God's grace, peace, and hope be with you through our Savior, Jesus Christ .

Like rain after an endless drought, the gift of gathering in person this year has quenched a deep thirst. The pandemic revealed anew the depth of our thirst for community; Scripture also articulates this profound human need. Advances in technologies like livestreaming are indeed gifts to our church and world. Still, our hearts sing when we can rub shoulders around the communion table, embrace those who grieve, and raise our voices together in resounding song.

The mission of the synod is to support communities who share the thirst-quenching love of God – forming disciples, building beloved community, and working for just and healthy neighborhoods. I am deeply grateful for the many ways that we walk together in our journey of faith.

The synod staff walks closely in partnership with congregations, especially in times of transition, planning, or conflict. Last year, we accompanied congregations in 58 call processes. We offer skills trainings for lay members through the annual Tool Kit, and for church staff through peer groups and communicators gatherings. And, our Faith Practices & Neighborhood Practices program strengthens congregations in faith formation and engaging their neighborhoods.

Synod staff also work closely with our deacons and pastors. We experience great joy when we gather with congregations for ordinations, installations, and Ministry Site Profile reviews, as well as in preaching, presiding, and offering adult forums. We support our interim pastors who provide wise leadership in times of transition and our chaplains who provide critical care in a variety of settings. And, currently, we support 50 seminary students preparing to become pastors and deacons.

Our congregations worship in Spanish, Swahili, ASL, Oromo, Hmong, Lao, Norwegian, and Amharic. As we celebrate our diversity, we also recognize inequities affecting our congregations. Using a “racial equity lens,” the synod council launched an in-depth process to evaluate and strengthen partnerships with our “strategic ministries,” addressing historical realities of disconnection and resource inequities.

As a synod together, we will gather again April 28-29 for Synod Assembly. All are welcome at the opening worship Friday night; voting members will carry out the business of the synod on Saturday. We are blessed with the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III as our keynote speaker.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of Lutherans in our synod and in the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, the ground-breaking for the first ever Lutheran University in Nigeria occurred this December. We celebrate God's provision and look forward to the blessings this university will bring.

During my sabbatical, I have been studying “the church in the U.S. – hopes and challenges.” I would like to present some of my learnings as well as facilitate conversations in as many congregations as possible during the coming months. For more information about these visits or news about what's happening around the synod, please visit the synod website and sign up for our weekly enews.

In Christ,
Bishop Ann Svennungsen

Messages from Trinity Lutheran Church's Benevolence Partners



Greetings from Love INC! Love INC believes the thing in short supply, and the thing needed most these days, are people committed to walking with those buried in generational poverty. This is what we try to address at Love INC:

- We are sincere in our love for others.
- We never see our neighbors as less.
- We see them as our brothers and sisters who are hurting.
- We believe generational poverty is rooted in broken relationships.
- We know giving money, paying bills, or giving stuff will not help people improve their situation.

We only resolve the problem by walking with our Neighbors in a highly relational, empowering way. By walking alongside of neighbors we empower them to discover their gifts and talents and use them so they don't need to keep asking for handouts. They begin to let go of their poverty and see their value as children of our God, brothers and sisters to Jesus, and loved ones created for a purpose.

When you support this ministry through prayer, volunteering, or financially, you are supporting our efforts to help those willing to grow and develop as people of God. Thank you to everyone involved in our ministry and those who donated to our cause in 2022.

In Christ,
Jim Holmlund, Executive Director
Love INC Heartland



Watertown Foodshelf

Watertown Foodshelf provides temporary food and personal care items to help alleviate hunger and poverty in a dignified and supportive manner. Since 1988, Watertown Foodshelf has been sustained by individuals, churches, businesses, civic groups, employer matches and corporations in and around Carver County.

In 2022, Watertown Foodshelf distributed 38,127 pounds of food and collected 27,741 pounds from donors. We purchase food from Second Harvest Heartland and Marketplace Foods. Monetary donations from individuals, churches, local businesses, civic organizations totaled just under \$32,000, down considerably from 2021. Inflation is taking its toll on our donors as well as our ability to acquire food at discount prices. But we have reserves from previous years and COVID-era grants to help supply our needs at this time. We served an average of 43 families per month. Most guests use our discreet online order process and pick up their food curbside.

On a personal note, we appreciate the partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church for all these years! Bernice Olson was a founding member representing Trinity Lutheran back in 1988 when we started. She was such a support to our fledgling group and to me as a young leader back then. We are grateful to still be a presence in this community and to help people when times are rough.

Thank you!
Linda Johnson, Program Administrator
Watertown Foodshelf



Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota are neighbors helping neighbors – Minnesotans rising together to practice compassion. And we are here to support you with personalized services that inspire hope, change lives and build community. Since 1865, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota has responded to Minnesota’s changing needs.

Our 2,400 staff support one in 65 people in Minnesota through a comprehensive range of innovative services and networks. We have a presence in all 87 Minnesota counties. With an annual budget of \$208 million funded from public, private and charitable sources, LSS is one of the state’s largest nonprofit social service organizations.

Our work is grounded in two principles – God loves all people without condition and God yearns for us to love the neighbor. These principles call us to help assure that:

- Children and families will have safe, stable homes and the opportunity to thrive in community.
- People with disabilities will have access to social services and the opportunity to contribute to community life.
- Older adults will have choice in the services they need and opportunities to participate in community life.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota expresses the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives and builds community. Thank you for your partnership!

Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota



God is at work in inspiring and life-changing ways at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, Green Lake Bible Camp, and Camp House! We give thanks for all of the ways that your ministry has impacted the work and mission we share. It has been such a joy to partner with you in such impactful and successful ways this year!

This summer, we served 345 more kids and families as part of our summer camp and day camp ministry than last year and reached 90% of our pre-pandemic numbers! Retreat ministries at GLLM bounced back in the summer after many slow months during the height of the pandemic . Confirmation groups, crafting retreats, education events, and our own programmed retreats have all made for busy weeks! In fact, between May 1 and December 1 there were only 4 days that we didn’t have at least one group at camp! We estimate that we hosted 1,100 more guests on site in 2022 versus 2021. It has been amazing to see so many of you on site this year!

As we consider the year ahead, we have so many reasons to be excited regarding what is to come. We are projecting increased participation across all our programs, we are set to start significant work within our capital projects, and we are excited to invest in new and existing relationships and partnerships. Thank you so much for partnering with us again this year as we share (together) the life-changing love of Jesus in vibrant settings in community and creation!

Gratefully,
Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

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