

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Fiscal Year: January 1– December 31, 2022**

## **ANNUAL MEETING January 22, 2023**



### **CHURCH COUNCIL:**

### **Term Ends**

**President:** Diane Kracht

Jan. 2023

**Vice President:** Randy Ladbury

Jan. 2023

**Secretary:** Linda Anderson

Jan. 2025

Rodney Moore

Jan. 2023

Jennifer Jenness

Jan. 2024

Gene Langemo

Jan. 2024

Russ Larson

Jan. 2024

Bruce Anderson

Jan. 2025

Kim Wittenberg

Jan. 2025

**Pastor:** Rev. Diane Krumm

**Treasurer:** Kaneia Kinney

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### **Trinity Lutheran Church Mission Statement:**

***“Love God. Love Others.”***

The Auditing Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND, hereby informs the members of the congregation that the books of the congregational treasurer, Endowment Fund treasurer, WELCA treasurer, and all other organization treasurers have been audited as of ***January 12th, 2023***, and appear to represent fairly the activities and balances of the respective organizations.

Rose Wendt  
Sue Martin  
Karen Ladbury

# A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

We have seen many changes throughout the years and throughout the world. Sometimes we've been left yearning for the days when things didn't feel so complicated. Other times, we have seen something new happen and have asked, "Why did this take so long?" The church has been through its own changes as well. Some of these have left us wishing for simpler times while others have us waiting for even more to come about.

But, dear church, God still is unchanging. God's love is still the foundation on which the church was built. While we have seen many changes, both in the world and at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the eternal love of God and the good news that dwells with Christ's death and resurrection continue to provide hope for everyone. This is why our mission remains steadfast, whether that is through our traditional mission work in places near and far or from new ventures and visions that encourage us to think of different ways to reach even more people.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (13:16). That could not be truer in the work we have been doing in each expression of the church. Your gifts continue to benefit the good work of spreading the good news throughout your communities, your synods and the whole church. We are all answering the call to continue to do good work with the help of your support, whether that is through your resources, your time or your talents.

I am grateful for your generous support of each expression of the church. God calls all of us to continue to do the good work, and you continue to answer that call. We also continue to join you in that call and will remain true to looking toward God's unchanging promise. There is still much change and learning that will come before us, but God's steadfast love energizes us for the work God is still doing in the world through this church.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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to share what you have, for such  
sacrifices are pleasing to God”  
(Hebrews 13:16).

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## OPENING LITURGY

### Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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.**

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies;  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay;  
 all, all your own, and soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

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ELCA members in more than 9,300 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately **\$1.75 billion** in regular offering to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide. When members give through their **congregations**, a percentage of that money is then shared with the local **synod** and the national **churchwide organization**.

This unrestricted giving, called Mission Support, gives us both the foundation and the fuel to do God's work in the world and a portion of the gifts circle back to support ministries in synods and local congregations. Of these unrestricted gifts, the churchwide organization receives around 2.6 percent. This represents the largest portion of the ELCA churchwide organization's operating budget.

## Your Mission Support helps fund the following churchwide ministries:

### Grow the ELCA in the United States



**Plant and support**  
357 new congregations.

- **Enable congregations to renew their ministries** and reach out to their surrounding communities.
- **Work together** with our African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Latino/Latina members to develop networks and resources for ministry.
- **Develop and share resources** for faith, discipleship, prayer and worship.

### Grow the Lutheran church around the world



**Send 230 missionaries**  
in more than 48 countries, and more than 84 Young Adults in Global Mission in 11 country programs.

- **As a member of The Lutheran World Federation, we're in communion with 145 member churches** and directly connected to 85 companion churches in other countries.
- **Accompany new Lutheran churches**, expand ministries, and train leaders and evangelists.

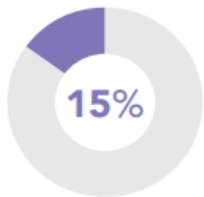
### Provide coordination and support for churchwide ministries



**Maintain constituent database**, including 1.1 million records of rostered and lay leaders, members, donors and congregations.

- **Preserve and maintain archives and historic records** of the ELCA and its predecessor bodies.
- **Provide office space, equipment and human resources** for staff and operations.
- **Process 150,000 gifts** to ELCA ministries.
- **Equip congregations and synods** with resources to assist in risk management and legal matters.

### Support and develop current and future leaders in the ELCA



**Recruit, prepare and implement a system** for the assignment of 9,900 rostered ministers.

- **Support the work** of seven ELCA seminaries and 26 colleges and universities.
- **Identify, connect and provide** ministry resources and opportunities for networking for lay leaders.
- **Offer events and leadership opportunities** for youth and young adults.



## Invest in **technology** and **communications**



### **Design and maintain communications tools**

to strengthen our Lutheran identity and grow awareness of our church and its mission and ministries.

- **Connect members with one another** through new technology and systems.

## Provide **governance** and **leadership**



**65**

**Coordinate meetings and support** for 65 synodical bishops.

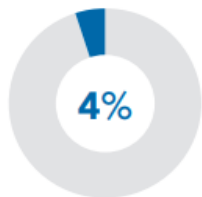
- **Organize lay and clergy leaders from across the church to serve** on the governance boards and committees that provide guidance and oversight for ELCA ministries.

## Grow and sustain financial resources



**Develop and promote** efforts related to stewardship education, financial literacy, mission interpretation and growth in giving to all church ministries.

## Address social issues and **work for justice**



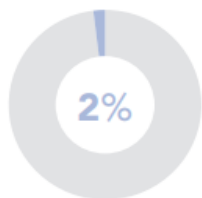
**1 in 50**

**Support** social ministry organizations, such as Lutheran Services in America, to impact the lives of **1 in 50** Americans.

- **Engage** in churchwide study and deliberation to create social statements and resources that address social, political, environmental and other public issues.
- **Equip** members and leaders to advocate with lawmakers in order to support policies that promote justice and peace.

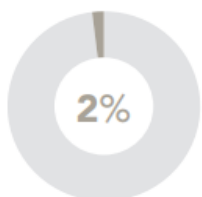
*Your designated gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response provide additional funds annually to address hunger, poverty and suffering around the world.*

## Engage in **research** and **strategic planning**



**Research and analyze trends that impact the ELCA and develop innovative strategies** to improve mission and ministry in the 21st century.

## Sustain **ecumenical** and **interfaith relationships**



**Facilitate dialogue and common action among communities of other faiths**, including the development of resources and communications for ELCA congregations.

- **Seek unity in faith and life** with all Lutherans and six full communion partners.

# **ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

## **January 22, 2023**



- I. Call to Order—President, Diane Kracht**
- II. Annual Meeting Devotion—Pastor Diane**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting**
- V. Pastor’s Word**
- VI. Membership Statistics & Congregational Acts**
- VII. Treasurer’s 2022 Report**
- VIII. Committee/Auxiliary reports**
  
- IX. Old Business:**
  - A.**
  - B.**
  
- X. New Business:**
  - A. Elections:**
    - 1. Church Council (2 positions/3 year terms)**
    - 2. Endowment (1 position/5 year term)**
  - B. Budget 2023**
  - C. Parsonage**
  - D. Sound System**
  - E.**
  
- XI. Other:**
  - A. Synod Assembly delegates: June 3 & 4, 2023; Holiday Inn, Fargo**
  - B.**
  
- XII. Adjournment, the Lord’s Prayer**



“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus.” I Corinthians 1:4

As we look back on 2022, I want to say “thank you.” Thank you for calling me to serve with you as your pastor. Thank you for the gracious welcome and for celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination. Thank you for your many talents that you share – helping with worship, making quilts, preparing meals, doing repairs, teaching Sunday School, and so much more. Special thank you to this year’s council and their leadership through the transition of pastors.

I thank you, and I thank God for you. When we thank God for another person, we are recognizing that God has blessed us with the gift of this person in our lives. It acknowledges that God works with and through our human relationships to accomplish God’s Will. And so, I do thank God for you.

As we lean into 2023, may we treasure all that our Lord has given us.

In Christ, Pastor Diane Krumm

## **2022 Pastor’s Report: September 11 – December 31, 2022**

### Worship Services:

Sunday Services: 18                      Legacy Place and Sheyenne Care Center: 1

### Pastoral Care Visits Included:

Hospital: 11    Office: 10    Care Center: 24    Phone: 32    Homes: 4  
Funeral Arrangements: 5

### Pastoral Acts:

Confirmation Sunday (10/30): 5 confirmed    Funeral or Memorial Services: 5

### Teaching:

Confirmation Classes/Activities: 10

### Continuing Education:

Webinars on Stewardship 11/4 and 12/13

### Meetings Included:

Council: 4	Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 13
Altar Guild: 2	Worship (and Organists/Hymns): 3 + 2 = 5
Christian Education: 5	Text Study: 10
Endowment: 1	Barnes County Ministerial: 1

### Additional Information:

Trinity Lutheran Congregation voted to call me on August 7. I began on September 11. The installation service was on October 9.

On November 20, the program “Life, Lefse, and Leftovers” featuring “The Sisters” (aka Rhonda Knodle, Claudette Carlson, and Jan Bakke) raised \$824 that was given directly to Abused Persons Outreach Center of Valley City.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Trinity has engaged in a “holy experiment” with Faith Lutheran and Our Saviors Lutheran in holding confirmation classes and activities together. Trinity has made a one year commitment and will prayerfully consider whether to continue in this sharing arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Diane Krumm



## **Trinity Annual Meeting Minutes —January 23, 2022**

**I. Call to Order: President Diane Kracht**

**II. Annual Meeting Devotions:** led by Pastor Robert

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Al Adams made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Amy Anderson, approved by congregation.

**IV. Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting:** Tracey Zaun made a motion to approve the Minutes; seconded by Rachael Johnson; approved by congregation.

**V. Pastor's Word:** see report

**VI. Membership Statistics and Congregation Acts:** see report

**VII. Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca Westman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Kevin Kamphius; approved by congregation

**VIII. Committee/Auxiliary Reports:** Jeanne Wobbema made a motion to approve the Committee/Auxiliary Reports; seconded by Rachael Johnson; approved by congregation.

### **IX. Old Business:**

**A. Sanctuary Carpet:** Diane gave an update on carpet; The carpet is here and paid for, Scott Magnuson will begin laying the new carpet in February.

**B. Pew Cushions:** Tracey Zaun made a motion to go ahead with purchasing new pew cushions. To take the remaining amount from Memorial funds but will continue to collect for pew cushions one month after the cushions are installed; Seconded by Al Adams; approved by congregation.

**C. Church Insulation:** Amy Anderson made a motion to NOT go ahead with the insulation at this time because of the increase in cost; seconded by Rachael Johnson; approved by congregation.

### **X. New Business:**

#### **A. Election:**

1. **TLC Council** (3 positions/3-year terms): **Nominations:** Bruce Anderson, Linda Anderson, Kim Wittenberg; Tracey Zaun made a motion that nominations cease and we cast a unanimous ballot for Bruce, Linda, and Kim; seconded by Rachael Johnson; approved by congregation.

1. **Endowment** (1 position/5 year term): **Nomination: Nicole Olson;** Margie Eggert made a motion that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Nicole; seconded by Rachael Johnson; approved by congregation.

**B. Budget 2022:** Kevin Kamphuis made a motion to approved the 2022 budget; seconded by Jeanne Wobbema; approved by congregation.

**C. Call Committee:** The call committee consisting of Tracey Zaun (chairperson), Rebecca Westman, Alex Wittenburg, Al Adams, Sue Martin, Royce Kinney, Kathy Hoefs, Kellen Westman, Emma Langemo. They had their first meeting Jan. 19 with Pastor Brad Skogen. They will be installed Jan. 30 during worship.

**D. Parsonage Update:** see property report

**E. Council Members:** Patty Beil made a motion to change bylaw C12.01.01 to read the Congregation Council shall consist of 7 members beginning 2023 with 2 members being elected the first year, 2 members elected the second year, and 3 members the third year and continue on from there; seconded by Rebecca Westman; approved by congregation.

**F. Synod Assembly:** June 4 and 5 in Fargo; Anyone interested should contact office or president.

**XI. Other: Marleen Pytlik retirement** – Celebration will be held in Feb. or March

**XII. Adjournment:** Kevin Kamphius made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Karen Ladbury; approved by congregation. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

**MEMBERS of the E.L.C.A.: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**"Love God.....Love Others"**

## Trinity Membership Statistics

	<u>Members Received in 2022</u>		<u>Members Removed in 2022</u>	
	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
<b><u>CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP</u></b>				
By Baptism	0	0		
By Confirmation		5		
By Transfer In	2	2		
By Death			6	6
By Transfer Out			1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>MEMBERSHIP TOTAL</u></b>					
Baptized Members	584	582	581	572	567
Confirmed Members	522	518	514	504	504
Communed Confirmed members	197	199	194	165	166

### **ATTENDANCE STATISTICS**

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Number of services held	53	51	51	50	52
Total Attendance	3,665	3,174	*	*	2,554
Average Attendance	72	65	*	**53	49

#### **OFFICIAL ACTS**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Baptisms	5	2	3	1	0
Confirmations	5	6	3	3	5
Marriages	2	1	0	1	0
Funerals	12	15	6	8	10

*\*Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic & strict guidelines against large gatherings, Worship was conducted on Facebook Live and with "partial in-person Worship" for those without Facebook. Therefore, "Total Attendance" for Sunday Worship services could not be accurately recorded from Jan.—March, 2021.*

*\*\* Full "in-person Sunday Worship" 2021 began on Sunday, March 28th, so the "Average Attendance" number is the count for the dates of March 28—December 26, 2021.*

## **Congregational Acts of 2022**

### **Baptism:**

None

### **Confirmations:**

Sean Buck  
Tessa Kinney  
Paige Lindgren  
Payton Lindgren  
Teagan Zaun

### **Weddings:**

None

### **Funerals:**

*Nancy Peterson (non-member)*  
Robert Pearson  
Marjorie Eggert  
*Howard "Denny" Plecity (non-member)*  
*Leland "Lee" Samson (non-member)*  
*Mary Berg (non-member)*  
*James Arneson (non-member)*  
Gloria Becker  
Walter Fadness  
Lorraine Olson

### **Removed by Death:**

Elaine Dahl  
(private family funeral TBD)

### **Transfer In**

Beverly Anderson  
Rev. Diane Krumm

### **Transfer Out**

Jodee Ukestad

## **About Eastern ND Synod:**

***Our Mission: "Jesus Christ calls us to live in love as we serve, equip, and challenge God's people."***

The Eastern ND Synod is part of Region 3 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The word "synod" comes from the Greek words: "syn-" meaning together, and "hodos-" meaning the way. A synod is a group of people on the way together.

The Eastern ND Synod is comprised of over 200 rostered leaders and over 101,000 baptized members. The synod covers approximately the eastern third of the state of North Dakota, and is divided into eight (8) conferences:

Spirit Lake  
Fargo  
Grafton  
Mayville  
Jamestown  
Prairie Rose  
Wahpeton  
Grand Forks



### **Where does your Offering go?**

More than 90% of all offering given is used to support its local congregation ministries, leaders, and expenses. Less than 10% of those offerings are passed on to the synod and, from those gifts, the synod passes 41.5% to the churchwide organization and some of that comes back to support synod ministries.



### **Companion Synod: Central African Republic**

Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect Lutheran churches throughout the world with ELCA synods and congregations. These relationships are concrete expressions of the communion and fellowship with the more than 140 Lutheran member churches of the Lutheran World Federation. Each of the 65 synods has at least one international church companion and many have additional relationships, resulting in more than 120 companion synod relationships.



## BUDGETED EXPENDITURES 2022

	<u>BUDGETED 2022</u>	<u>SPENT 2022</u>
<u>WORLD MISSION &amp; LOCAL BENEVOLENCE</u>		
ELCA Synod Mission Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Barnes County Ministerial	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Global Mission/CAR		\$ -
Ministerial Community Assistance	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Other Benevolence	\$ 200.00	\$ 519.00
 <u>OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY</u>		
Pastor's Salary	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 55,934.82
* Health Ins. Retirement ELCA/Portico	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,996.52
Half of Pastor's Social Security	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,278.51
Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 141.00
Mileage/Reimbursement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 591.26
Supply Pastor/Guest Speakers	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00
Housing Allowance		
 <u>OUR WORSHIP &amp; PROGRAM SERVICE</u>		
Staff Salaries	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 31,791.41
Social Security & Workers Compensation	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,432.03
Worship Accompanists	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,660.00
Worship Supplies/Music	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,508.64
Office Supplies & Copier	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,485.51
Outreach/Stewardship	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,319.63
Conferences/Synod Assembly/Bus	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 733.00
Christian Ed. SS Confirmation & Adult	\$ 600.00	\$ 341.58
Jr. & Sr. Youth Events/Scholarships	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,000.00
Sound Equipment		\$ 4,298.30
Miscellaneous		\$ 1,345.21
Art/Design/Flowers Expense		\$ 1,543.28
Proclaim KOVC		\$ 194.00
 <u>OUR CHURCH HOME</u>		
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 35,705.23
Property Services/Snow/Lawn care	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,755.13
Gas (church)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,482.13
Utilities (church)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,914.20
Telephone/Internet (church)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,262.43
Telephone/Internet (Parsonage)		\$ 1,420.32
Gas (Parsonage)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,531.14
Utilities (Parsonage)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,092.18
Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,994.72
Miscellaneous	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,343.16
 Total Budgeted Expenditures	 \$180,100.00	 \$ 222,464.34

\* \$2,149.98/yr. of the Health Ins. Retirement ELCA/Portico expense is a pretax item that is taken out of Pastor's paycheck.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance January 1, 2022	\$	38,379.76		
Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$	113,224.00		
Sunday Loose Offering & Initial Offering	\$	20,251.98		
General Fund Memorials	\$	20,125.00		
Misc Offering Revenue	\$	5,433.03		
Transfer IN	\$	2,130.49		
Expenses		<u>\$ (180,900.42)</u>		
	\$	18,643.84	\$	18,643.84

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Balance January 1, 2022	\$	227,581.27		
Memorials & Donations	\$	60,455.00		
Transfer IN	\$	6,483.00		
Expense		<u>\$ (33,968.67)</u>		
TOTAL	\$	260,550.60	\$	260,550.60

**PROCLAIM/KOVC FUND**

Balance January 2022	\$	2,324.49		
Income	\$	-		
Transfer OUT		<u>\$ (2,130.49)</u>		
Expense		<u>\$ (194.00)</u>		
	\$	-	\$	-

**THE DESIGNATED FUND**

Balance January 2022	\$	8,954.72		
Income	\$	30.00		
Transfer OUT		<u>\$ (6,483.00)</u>		
Expense		<u>\$ (2,371.75)</u>		
	\$	129.97	\$	129.97

**TLC BUILDING FUND**

Balance January 2022	\$	4,873.73		
Income: Memorials & Donations	\$	2,265.00		
Expense		<u>\$ (5,529.50)</u>		
TOTAL	\$	1,609.23	\$	1,609.23
			\$	280,933.64



**Fixed Assets**

Church & Educational Unit	\$ 2,000,000.00
Parsonage	\$ 225,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,225,000.00</b>

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 18,643.84</b>
<b>MEMORIAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 260,550.60</b>
<b>RADIO FUND</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>THE DESIGNATED FUND</b>	<b>\$ 129.97</b>
<b>TLC BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>\$ 1,609.23</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 280,933.64</b>

Diane & John Hill CD	\$ 200,000.00
2022 CD Interest	\$ 3,542.16
Total Income 2022	\$ 221,674.50
Total Expense 2022	<u>\$ 222,964.34</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ (1,289.84)</b>

**Special Income/Offerings**

Pew Cushions	\$2,600.00
Maundy Thurs., Good Friday, Easter	\$3,453.00
Lenton Offerings	\$5,506.01
Christmas Eve/Day Offerings	\$16,570.82
Lights purchased	\$200.00
Flowers/Plants	\$930.00
Scholarships	\$4,000.00
Backpack program	\$193.00
Thrivent	\$1,273.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$1,559.00
Crop Walk	\$319.00
CAR	\$131.00

## Worship Committee



The last worship committee met back in 2012 (or 2013) so a new worship committee was formed in August 2022 and has met monthly to discuss ways to enhance worship services. Current committee members are Diane Kracht, Pr. Diane, Amy Anderson, Naomi Schlecht, and Kathy Hoefs. Our first order of business was to review/rewrite our purpose statement and we came up with the following:

*The Trinity Lutheran Worship Committee is committed to providing quality worship experiences for our members and visitors alike, incorporating a biblical and spiritual perspective aligned with principles of the ELCA. We view our role as one which examines the worship experience, recommends, and consults with the Pastor and Church Council for ways it can be strengthened and improved. We study ways that worship can be inclusive and meaningful for all. The word "worship" is used to define events that occur on Sunday mornings or other special services when the church family is gathered for praise and hearing the spoken Word.*

Pastor Diane, Amy, and Naomi continue to meet together to choose hymns for services and arrange for accompanists. Some topics the committee has addressed or plan to are: improving the sound system; Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter services; ways to welcome members and visitors to services; upkeep of our organ and Clavinova; following copyright rules and what we are allowed to print in the bulletin or put on Facebook.

If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Pastor Diane.

Submitted by Amy Anderson



The duties of the Banner Committee are to hang banners for different liturgical seasons of the church and for different occasions that happen during the church year, such as baptisms, funerals, weddings, confirmation etc.

This year Rose, Edna, and Pat made individual banners with a special Bible verse for the five individual confirmands in October. We also had two new Lenten banners donated by Margie Eggert in memory of Buzz Eggert. The committee bought a new banner for Advent, and one was donated for this season. They are a beautiful additions to our sanctuary during these seasons.

The talented quilters of Amy Anderson, Kim Wittenberg, and Patty Beil made three new quilt banners. They are beautiful; two hang in our sanctuary and one is in the office hallway. We thank them for sharing their talents.

Members: Rose Wendt, Edna Elsner, Pat Larson, Rachel Johnson, Diane Kracht, and honorary Rochelle Triebold (who helped out several times during the year).

Submitted by Diane Kracht

The Altar Guild is responsible for taking care of the Altar. Our responsibilities include changing the Altar hangings, getting communion ready for Sunday and other special services. We assist with communion as needed. We keep the pews equipped with communion cards, scratch paper and pencils. We take care of the flowers, arranging and watering them. We keep the candles filled with oil and the altar area dusted.



We meet when necessary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm. We welcome anyone who is interested to join our group. We ask for your patience and support as we continue to do our work with guidance from our Lord.

Submitted by Patricia Larson, Altar Guild President

## Global Missions/Casa de Fe (CdF) Mission Team 2022 Annual Report

The Global Missions committee of Trinity Lutheran Church is part of the work of the ELCA and beyond, throughout the world.

Here at TLC, we have engaged in global mission work primarily through two sub-committees:

**Synod Partners with “Central African Republic” (C.A.R.)**/Jennifer Jenness, Council Rep.

Four times a year, we raise funds (donations of \$5 or more) for many ministries in the C.A.R.

**Casa de Fe = “House of Faith”**/ Pat Beil, Committee Chairperson

Trinity's Casa de Fe mission team was actively involved in fundraising in spite of Covid during 2022. All funds raised minus expenses went directly to benefit the kids at CdF, a home for abandoned, abused, special needs and orphaned children of the Amazon Rain Forest Region.

### **Trinity's Mission Team Income 2022:**

-prepared 5 Lenten meals	\$ 888.00
-prepared and served 4 brunches	\$1583.00
-prepared main dish for 4 funerals	\$ 654.00
-coordinated rummage sale & Casa de Fe Cafeteria	\$ 5791.78
-was a recipient of donations and memorials for Casa de Fe	\$1350.00
-uncashed check from 2021	\$ <u>20.00</u>
	\$10,286.78

Because of the commitment & support of the members of Trinity Lutheran, its mission team, the community, and Thrivent funds\*, 2022 fundraising for Casa de Fe was a success. **(\*Thrivent funds are a benefit of any policy holding member. \$500 is available annually to support fund raising activities.)** Thank you!

Questions may be answered by any member of the mission team: Patty Beil, Sue Martin, Jan Pearson, Francis Yokom, Susan Smith, Jeanne Wobbema, Margaret Heise, Rose Wendt and Pat Beil.

Submitted by Pat Beil

### **Casa de Fe Financials for 2022:**

<b>Beginning balance:</b>	<b>\$704.95</b>
2022 Income	\$ <u>10,286.78</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,991.73
2022 Expenses:	\$10,000.00 ( <i>Paid to Hope Extended for CdF</i> )
	<u>\$337.49</u> (supplies)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,337.49
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$654.24</b>





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education committee is the group that oversees the educational aspects of our church. This includes Sunday school, Adult Bible Study, Confirmation, TLC Kids Club, and ELCA collaborations within our community. Our committee members for 2022 included Linda Anderson, Diane Kracht, Kaneia Kinney (treasurer), Rebecca Westman, and Pr. Diane Krumm.

Sunday school meets from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Our current enrollment is 16 students. Our teachers include the following. PreK-2<sup>nd</sup>: Jaxon Baumgartner, Carson Johnson, Sadie Olson, Kellen Westman; 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>: Linda Anderson; 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Rebecca Westman

Confirmation is for kids in grades 7-9. January 2022-May 2022 our confirmation was taught by Amy Anderson and Diane Kracht at Trinity. Beginning in September 2022 TLC collaborated with Our Saviors and Faith Lutheran to offer confirmation together. Each church will hold confirmation class 1/3 of the year. As part of this collaboration, we participated in two Community Action nights. In October the students collected food for our community food bank and in November/December they shopped/wrapped gifts for local families. There are currently 13 students attending confirmation and 5 students were confirmed in the fall of 2022.

Adult Bible study meets Tuesday mornings in the TLC library at 10:30 a.m. We are a small group of about 10-12, and welcome all to join this group!

The Christian Education committee is involved in the following activities: Vacation Bible School (ELCA collaboration), graduate recognition, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible presentations, First Communion, Sacraments class, Sunday school Christmas program, TLC Kids Club Activities, Faith Kids club (Wednesday-ELCA collaboration), Senior High Lunch (Mondays @OSLC-ELCA collaboration), Book Club, Bible study, Early Dismissal Fun days (K-6), and student participation in worship service.

Submitted by Rebecca Westman, Christian Education Chairperson

### **Christian Education Financial 2022:**

Beginning Balance:	\$2,287.97
Income (S.S. offering, memorials, misc.)	\$5,550.64
Expenses:	\$5,243.53
Ending Balance:	\$2,595.08

Financials submitted by  
Kaneia Kinney



The TLC Kids Club continues to be a casual group that is part of the Christian Education committee. The goal is to provide 2-3 recreational activities for our youth each year.

Our Sunday school students have had the following opportunities this year.

Faith Kids club (grades 4-6) on Wednesday after school (two students attending). The ELCA Collaboration in our community has also provided fun activities for our K-6 youth on early dismissal days for Valley City Public Schools. At Trinity we hosted an End of the Year Party in May, Halloween Bash in October and a Family Skate Night in December.

Our 7-12 students have had the following opportunities this year. As part of the ELCA collaboration we had pizza/game nights at Faith, fun night at the lake, Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis (July), attended the Castaway Club Retreat (grades 6-10 in September), packed/distributed Thanksgiving baskets (November), Parade of Lights (December), and Feed My Starving Children event in Mayville (December). Our 9-12 can attend Senior High Lunch at OSLC on Mondays. Trinity helps serve on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

### **TLC Kids Club Financial 2022:**

Beginning Balance:	\$2,100.03
2022 Income:	\$ 82.28
2022 Expenses:	\$ 171.24
Ending Balance:	\$2,011.07

Financials submitted by  
Kaneia Kinney

## **2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **ENDOWMENT FUND**

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to enhance the work of Trinity Lutheran Church by supporting ministries and special charitable and educational purposes additional to and apart from the general operation of the congregation, as recommended by the advisory members of this committee.

During the year of 2022 the Endowment Fund has provided funding for the following projects:

Lutheran Magazine	\$179.00
Book Club Book	325.22
Campers at Red Willow	365.00
Sunday School Room Updates	1000.00
Barnes County Food Pantry	750.00
Abused Person Outreach Center	1000.00
Barnes County Salvation Army	1000.00
A Time to Say Goodbye Book	67.61
Trinity Lutheran Church General Fund	1000.00
Christ in Our Home Booklet	200.00
VCPS Lunch Program	500.00
Community Closet	500.00
Eastern ND Synod Giving Hearts Day Match	500.00
<b>Total giving for 2022</b>	<b>\$ 7386.83</b>

The committee made the decision in 2022 to keep investments at 6% cash 30% bonds and 64% stock. We welcome any and all suggestions from the congregation as to use of funds.

Respectfully submitted:

President Boyd Westman

Secretary Amy Anderson

Treasurer Alex Wittenberg

Members: Gayle Hoff, Nicole Olson

## How Your Endowment Gift Helps





## **2022 Endowment Fund Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022**

	<b><u>12/31/21</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2022</u></b>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CASH ACCOUNTS</b>		
EDWARD JONES MONEY MARKET	1,617.96	3,989.82
<b>TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$1,617.96</b>	<b>\$3,989.82</b>
<b><u>INVESTMENTS</u></b>		
FEDERAL NATL MORTGAGE ASSN	27.40	23.03
AMERICAN BALANCED FUND	56,109.24	48,513.98
BOND FUND OF AMERICA	54,503.20	46,560.67
CAPITOL WORLD GROWTH & INCOME	21,561.91	17,467.62
GROWTH FUND OF AMERICA	26,197.73	18,092.26
HIGH-INCOME TRUST	19,293.44	16,615.83
NEW WORLD	16,772.75	12,957.31
SMALLCAP WORLD	63,540.78	44,541.27
FIDELITY CONTRA	148,811.19	106,148.14
OPPENHEIMER SENIOR FLOATING	<u>20,922.67</u>	<u>20,357.32</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$427,740.31</b>	<b>\$331,277.43</b>
<b>TOTAL EDWARD JONES ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$429,358.27</b>	<b>\$335,267.25</b>
<b><u>OTHER ASSETS</u></b>		
ELCA MIF (24 month)	14,723.86	14,795.33
ELCA MIF (48 month)	<u>15,010.06</u>	<u>15,373.44</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>	<b>\$29,528.43</b>	<b>\$30,168.77</b>
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$458,886.70</u></b>	<b><u>\$365,436.02</u></b>
<b><u>CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; EQUITY</u></b>		
TRUST CONTRIBUTIONS (NON-SPENDABLE)	18,7743.61	18,7843.61
	18,7743.61	18,7843.61
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>\$271,143.09</b>	<b>\$177,592.41</b>
<b><u>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$458,886.70</u></b>	<b><u>\$365,436.02</u></b>

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

**Members:** Gene Langemo, Diane Kracht (Council reps.), Sherri Adams, Pr. Diane



Our Outreach Committee did not meet officially this year, but we did plan some “outreach efforts” within the congregation and beyond our community.

**Welcoming friends and visitors** to Trinity on Sunday morning is a way in which we “reach out” here. Together we hope to help others to feel warmly welcomed and cared about, from the moment they are greeted at the door. Thank you to council members and confirmation students for the warm welcomes on Sunday mornings.

As an Outreach ministry, we have “**TLCare**” – which stands for “tender loving care” as well as “Trinity Lutheran Church.” This group has not met since the pandemic, but this team has made individual visits to Trinity friends at home, hospitals, or care center. We hope to get this group up and running again so we can host gatherings at various places in Valley City.

**Crop Walk** was held in May. Trinity had a booth on “Water” with the help of Al Adams, Diane Kracht, and many confirmation students. It was a great success.

Donations were collected at Trinity for the **Community Thanksgiving baskets**. We joined with Faith Lutheran and Our Saviors Lutheran to let people in the community know we care about them and want to bless them from our blessings. Thanks to all those who help pack and deliver the baskets.

**Backpack Program** – Trinity has joined with other churches in the community to offer food to those in need. In the summer, Trinity helped with the food store at VCHS on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00. Also, Trinity will be delivering backpacks to the individual schools in March.

Individual Trinity members did volunteer to **ring bells** for Salvation Army during Advent season.

Many of our members are taking advantage of **the free transit** services to church through the Senior Center. All you have to do is say put it on “Trinity’s Tab”!

We would **welcome** more of you to join us on the Outreach Committee and help us make some on-going and new Outreach ministry plans for this next year. Contact one of us and ask whatever questions you may have or share your ideas. We look forward to reaching to one another and to our Valley City community with you.

Submitted by Diane Kracht, Chairperson



### Property

Tending and repairing our church building and parsonage is a never-ending privilege and challenge. We are grateful for all who help “behind the scenes” in cleaning and fixing. Also for bringing to our attention what needs fixing and attention. We are so grateful for your donations in-kind and in money to our Trinity “Building Fund” that makes it possible to keep our church buildings in good shape, looking cared-for, and standing tall for years to come.

In 2022 we:

#### **Parsonage:**

Remodeled upstairs bathroom  
Boiler repairs (new gas furnace ordered)  
Front porch repaired  
Lawn sprayed  
Carpets cleaned  
Parsonage cleaned by Service Master

#### **Church:**

New fire extinguisher in balcony  
New pew cushions  
Lecturn Microphone  
New carpet in Sanctuary  
Sanctuary repaired and painted to wall and hallway  
Lawn sprayed  
Ends of pew redone  
Elevator inspected

A BIG THANK YOU to ALL who made the things possible!!!

Also, a special thank you to Westmans for donating their time in mowing and watering the church lawn. Thank you, Karen Magnuson, for the lovely planters outside!

Submitted by Russ Larson, Gene Langemo, and Bruce Anderson, TLC council reps

### Wilhelmeina Erickson Scholarship



This year Alexis Triebold was awarded Wilhelmeina Erickson Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000. Applications for the 2023-2024 school year are available at the church office and will be accepted until May 20.

To be eligible for consideration for the scholarship, students must be:

- Active member of Trinity Lutheran Church (student and/or parents). An active member of TLC is defined in our Constitution as “those who have communed and given an offering at TLC in the current and previous year” (C8.02).
- Good academic standing (GPA minimum of 2.5)
- Enrolled in University or Technical College
- Preference will be given to students enrolling into Christian Ministry.
- Students must have completed one academic year to be eligible.
- Undergraduates may renew the scholarship one time, with preference given to first-time applicants.
- 10 hours of church/community service (within 12 months) which has been verified by a supervisor through phone call, email or letter.

**Original amount invested**                      **\$ 68,892.61**

**Beginning Account Value**                      **\$133,742.79**  
(as of 1/01/22)

**Ending Account value**                      **\$109,876.55**  
(as of 12/31/22)

Submitted by Rochelle Triebold  
(on behalf of the Scholarship Cmte)

Committee Members:

Rodney Moore, Russ Larson, Gene Langemo,  
Roger Triebold



As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

This is the promise we commit to as Women of the ELCA and as I report for the year 2022 you will see that our commitment extends to ministry, action, healing and wholeness in our church, our community, and our world.

As the year 2022 began we started to see the recovery of the pandemic of Covid that we have all had to deal with. It has been a slow process as we began to trust the environment that we live in, but with our trust and faith in our God we made an endeavor to proceed forth.

In January we had our election of officers and started set the budget for 2022. Officers elected where the same as the previous year:

Jeanne Wobbema (President), Frances Yokom (Vice President), Sue Martin (Secretary), and Rose Wendt (Treasurer). With the donation we received from the Endowment Fund (\$500), we were able to move our two storerooms and reorganize. We purchased shelving for what is now known as the 'Casa de Fe Rummage Sale' room and the "WELCA Lutheran World Relief" room. Woody and Rose Wendt assembled all the new shelving, and the move took place. The shelving was \$429, and we gifted Woody \$75 for his help.

We took part in the Giving Hearts Day in February by donating to \$2100 to several of our benefactors which at that time is double through the Giving Hearts Foundation.

During the month of March, we worked on Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers along with the youth serving as part of their "service projects

In April we made our yearly appeal for items for health kits that would in turn be sent to LWR. The congregation was very generous with these donations. We inventoried our good silverware and purchased additional forks. We also made an appeal to people to save postage stamps and OUR FAMILY bar codes and to place them in the canisters at the back of the sanctuary. The labels bring us 5 cents per code. You snip the labels, we will do the counting and mailing, the funds go where needed at time of arrival...

May brought us some concern in meeting our budget but after much thought and consideration we decided we would have a bake sale in the month of June to help in our mission to meet our selected benevolent gifts. May is also the month where LWR items are taken to Fargo for distribution.

We did not have a meeting in June

In July we held our Crazy Day Walking Taco event uptown and started with the summer activity know as Thursdays on Central. These events are our major fund raisers for each year, and all did well regardless of heat or rain. We could use more help for these events so if you would like to be a helper, please let us know and we will call upon you... usually it is just a two-hour commitment and it is FUN. We had been working on new "Funeral Group" lists for several month and in July we finished and published our new lists. We have four working groups and one group of members who have given much help for many years and now they are Thank You Members. Each group has a chairperson and a co-chairperson. These groups are called in rotation for funeral or church wide potlucks.

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Moving into August, September, and October WELCA was busy getting ready for all the fall events as convention, fall festival and school kits. Dates are decided and plans are made. October is also another trip to Fargo with LWR kits.

November brings in the fall festival and this event involves many many people in our entire congregation. Once again, we had a fabulous turn out and much help. We also help with the Community Thanksgiving Baskets during this month.

One last little note summing up the entire year. WELCA takes time on several occasions, (Valentines, Mother's Day, Easter, Father's Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas) to remember many of TLC's Shut-ins and Home Bound Members.

As the year comes to an end, we give much thanks for all the support the congregation gives to us and invite new participants in any area you may be interested in. We can always use hands on in the kitchen, shoppers, drivers and especially Thrivent Action Team participants. Please let us know if you're interested in knowing more about those teams or being part of any of our hospitality groups. See the financial report below to see where the monies YOU help us raise goes.

Sincerely with an Open Invitation & Thanks,

Jeanne Wobbema (President)

Where TLC WELCA financial donations went in 2022...

God's Child project	\$100.00
Wycliff Translator	\$100.00
Comm. Thanksgiving baskets	\$400.00
Abused Persons Outreach Center	\$350.00
Community Backpacks	\$400.00
Barnes County Food Pantry	\$500.00
South Central Ride Share	\$400.00
Hospice (local)	\$200.00
Hospice (RRV)	\$150.00
Project Ignite Light	\$200.00
Salvation Army	\$250.00
SMP-St. Raphael (stocking prgm)	\$250.00
Anne Carlson Center	\$200.00
Great Plains Summer Food prgm	\$150.00
LIRS	\$300.00
ND Lutheran Campus	\$200.00
Red Willow Ministries	\$200.00

**Trinity Lutheran Church WELCA**

**Treasurer's report:**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 4,007.84</b>
Income for 2022:	\$10,638.76
Expenses for 2022:	\$11,461.75
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 3,184.85</b>

Stewardship, Banners, and Quilting accounts are all included in WELCA's bank balance. Those balances are:

Stewardship:	\$ 21.96
Banners:	\$ 101.26
Quilters:	\$ 945.09
WELCA:	\$2,116.54
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,184.85</b>

WELCA Financials submitted by  
Rose Wendt, WELCA Treasurer



## PROPOSED BUDGET 2023

	<u>BUDGETED</u> 2023	<u>BUDGETED</u> 2022
<u>WORLD MISSION &amp; LOCAL BENEVOLENCE</u>		
ELCA Synod Mission Support	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Barnes County Ministerial	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Ministerial Community Assistance	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Other Benevolence	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
 <u>OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY</u>		
Pastor's Salary	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00
Health Ins. Retirement ELCA/Portico	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Half of Pastor's Social Security	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00
Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Mileage/Reimbursement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Supply Pastor/Guest Speakers	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
 <u>OUR WORSHIP &amp; PROGRAM SERVICE</u>		
Staff Salaries	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Social Security & Workers Compensation	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Worship Accompanists	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Worship Supplies/Music	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Office Supplies & Copier	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Outreach/Stewardship	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Conferences/Synod Assembly	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Christian Ed. SS Confirmation & Adult	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
 <u>OUR CHURCH HOME</u>		
Minor Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Property Services/Snow/Lawn care	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Gas (church)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Lights & Water (church)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Telephone (church)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Parsonage Utilities	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 450.00</u>	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$188,900.00	\$180,100.00