

Trinity Lutheran Church

2025 Annual Report

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Vision and Core Values

Vision Statement

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Core Values of Trinity Lutheran Church

Love

We believe that God is love. We believe that God loves everyone in the world. We share God's love for us by loving others. "In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us." (1 John 4:10)

Grace

We believe God's love is unconditional. We don't earn grace; God loves and forgives us because love and forgiveness is who God is. God is the forgiver, the one who forgives us, and who makes it so we can forgive others. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from your yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

Inclusion

We believe God created all of humanity in God's image. Since every person is made in the image of God, every person is part of God's family. Whatever your gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, income, mental or physical ability, age, religious background, nationality or political ideology, you are welcome here. Diversity of skills, gifts, talents, opinions, and experiences are what strengthen the body of Christ. "For all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28b)

Social Justice

We believe God's will for the world is for every living thing to thrive. (By thrive we mean access to basic needs as well as space to grow and to know you are loved and accepted.). We take seriously God's mandate to Micah to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8)

Action

We believe in putting faith in action. We follow Jesus' example through our relationships with our neighbors and by serving all in need. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

Welcome Statement

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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
February 15, 2026**

AGENDA

11:45 Call to Order

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New Business

- **Trinity 2026**
 1. Slide Presentation
 2. Question and Answer Time

- **Synod Representatives**
Election of voting members to Synod Assembly

Adjourn for lunch.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Trinity Lutheran Church
March 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Congregation President, Jeff Andert, at 11:40. It was determined that there was a quorum. It was noted that there needed to be the addition of Call Process under New Business.

It was moved by Wayne Walentowski and seconded to accept the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Wayne Walentowski and seconded by Don James to accept the written minutes from February 2, 2024, May 2, 2024, and December 8, 2024 as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

Written Reports: Jeff then went through the written reports asking for comments or questions. Tresa Garver commented on the Card Ministry being done by the Welcoming and Inviting Committee. Eileen Martens highlighted the number of volunteers on the Property Committee working to keep our aging building going.

Financial Reports: The agenda next turned to the minutes of the Audit from January 6, 2025, and the financial reports. Doug Martens highlighted the following:

- The loose offering this year was \$9313.24. This is a combination of the cash placed in the offering plate and the donations via PayPal.
- Thrivent Auto Deposits (members can direct their Thrivent choice dollars to Trinity) was \$376. • Property Subsidy: \$700, paid by folks using our building and paying a rental fee.
- Admin Sub: \$1,011.42, members contributed the cost of updating our website, the cost of a supply pastor, etc.
- Synod Outreach: \$24,000 received from the Synod. The Council moved to invest \$12,000 in a CD which is reflected in Disbursements. The CD was renewed in January.
- KCC Utilities: \$4800. \$400 is transferred every month to our checking account.
- Page 22, on the bottom the summary of stock shares and funds: The 44 shares of Kellanova will be sold (current price, \$83.50/share) due to the purchase of Kellanova by Mars.
- The Mission Investment Fund \$125.62 balance represents that the roof loan has been paid off. This represents \$5000 that we will not need to allocate in 2025.
- Page 28: Before our pastoral situation changed, our income was expected to be \$115,036 to cover a budget of \$118,697 which was a better situation than previous years.
- Synod/ELCA OUTREACH GRANTS: This \$15,000 (\$1200/month) is what we're checking on for a clarification. If we don't have a pastor, these pause. We're hoping a contract with Pastor Cheri Johnson will suffice to keep this income.

Jeff commented on the hard work done by the Financial Committee – Bob Swanson, Doug & Eileen Martens. Their continued time and service is much appreciated!!

New Business:

Election of representatives to the Synod Assembly, May 18 – 20, Gloria Kolodzieizyck has indicated an interest to be the female representative. We still need a male rep. The floor was opened for nominations. Moved by Mary Mahurin and seconded by Wayne Walentowski to appoint Gloria as our female representative. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council Election:

It was moved and seconded to elect Kendra Witowski-Lehman to the Council. The motion was unanimously approved.

Community Center: Still waiting for the approval by the IRS. Moving forward with appointing the Board.

Call Process The floor was turned over to Pastor Chrissy Bright to outline the call process. • No call process is the same as another. However, there is a guideline to follow.

- The Call Committee needs to be a broad spectrum of the congregation including members of different ages and length of membership at Trinity.
- The Council fills out a profile – who we are and what we want from a new pastor. When this is done, it is submitted to the Synod. She advised that we be sure to represent what we're looking for and to be truthful when answering the questions.
- The profile will be activated and available to any pastors looking for a call within our Synod or outside.
- Any applications will be sent to us to look over and decide if we want to pursue the candidate. The Call Committee's first meeting with any candidate would be over ZOOM. Next step would be to invite for an in-person interview. Finally, after we say "yes we're interested" there will be no more interviews on either side. The last step is to take it to the congregation.
- Synod will give as many candidates as required. They will reach out to the entire country, not just Michigan. They will also take names from us that we think might work. Synod would check them out to see if there are any other outside issues (an ill spouse is one example).
- We need to have discussions as a congregation asking do we want a pastor that just serves us? A half time pastor? A three-quarter time pastor? Sharing a pastor with another congregation? Dream big – ideas? Pastor Bright opened the floor to questions:
- The first concerned the availability of candidates and the time it takes to finish the process. A full-time pastor takes from 12 to 18 months in our synod. It takes 3 – 5 years in other areas. There are approximately 380 pastors in the call process and 2000 churches looking to fill their vacancy. It's hard to find a non-full-time pastor.

- We are a strategic partner congregation in the community. This can be an advantage and another good descriptor of Trinity.
- Even though the typical time is 12 – 18 months, our Synod is good and it's sometimes less. Trinity Lutheran in Grand Rapids was 7 months.
- Could our church close? There is a process to follow. The Synod helps with the money. We would save money on pastor's salary but we would also need to spend money on an interim.
- Have you (Pastor Bright) seen any other congregations sharing pastors? There are some road blocks to this the biggest is being unwilling to be flexible. We would need to consider alternate worship times. She knows of a pair of churches sharing a pastor where one worships on Saturday night and the other on Sunday.

This is scary but also an opportunity. God is with us and the Synod will work with us as we move through this process.

It was moved to adjourn. Motion unanimously approved at 12:25.

We closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Everson
Council Secretary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Jeff Andert, at 11:34.

There was a quorum present.

The Nominating Committee has nominated Tish Gancer to fill the current council vacancy; seconded by Tresa Garver.

Jeff asked for any further nominations, there were none.

The motion to elect Tish Gancer was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Everson
Council Secretary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Jeff Andert, at 11:33.

A quorum was present.

Doug Martens covered the following changes in the 2026 Budget.

- Original predictions were for pledges around \$50,000 but the actual amount was over \$60,000.
- Ronnie Cung was given a 5% raise.
- \$100 was added for a table at the Pride Event next summer.
- With the increase in intended giving, we were able to offer St. Peter \$30,000 to contract for 25% of Pastor Ed's time. St. Peter will do what they want with the money.
- Line Item 1862 was added for pest control. We will have three inspections at \$310 each for a total of \$930.
- The amount of the budget is \$76,632 with an anticipated income of approximately \$81,000.

Moved by Mary Mahurin and seconded by Wayne Walentowski to adopt the budget as presented. Unanimously approved.

In additional business, Doug Martens moved and Janelle Hickey seconded taking \$500 from the Tree of Wishes savings account to purchase gift cards to be donated to Santas Helper. Unanimously approved.

Meet adjourned at 11:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Everson
Congregation Secretary

2025 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Reviewing the President's report from last year, we were experiencing challenges and yet "the ship remained upright" with many positive activities. Our goals for 2025 focused on expanding services to our immediate community and making connections with community partners. And then, our focus took an abrupt turn in March 2025 with the resignation of Pastor Sullivan. As a result, our focus was more inward as we explored the true nature of our ministries, the desires of our members and the vision for Trinity going forward. Our needs for pastoral leadership required considerable discernment in light of the limited availability of ordained ministers.

Our survey of Trinity members quickly identified a primary goal to remain a worshipping community with Sunday worship services in our building. This became our focus beginning with the Lenten season and we have been successful in meeting this goal for the year. We relied on the strength of Trinity to make community connections in filling the role of preachers. We are thankful to Pastor Cheri Johnson for providing the stability needed of a supply Pastor for the remainder of the year. We are thankful to those who shared their Gospel messages as well: Pastor Erick Johnson, Pastor Ed Ruble, Pastor Nate Craddock, Rev. Ricky Perry, Dr. Candy McCorkle-Boughton, Bill Duggan and our own Ronnie Cung, Gloria Kolodizieizyck, Laurie Swanson and Tresa Garver. I have heard many comments about what a blessing it has been to hear the wisdom and interpretations of the Gospel from so many difference perspectives. The consistency of our music program under the leadership of Ronnie Cung has been critical in our worship.

Yet, for a church to be viable and thriving, there must be ministries beyond Sunday worship. We can all reflect on vibrant activities at Trinity in the past which engaged our members with one another and the community. Unfortunately, these ministries declined along with membership and changing patterns of church attendance. COVID halted our remaining ministries and for the most part we minimally re-engaged. The need for pastoral leadership opened up our discussion of what ministries are possible for Trinity to go forward. The work of our Trinity Visioning Team has been essential in defining our direction. Our Trinity representatives deserve our thanks for this work: Heidi Peterson, Janelle Hickey, Kathy

Millard, Kendra Witkowski-Lehman, Mary Mahurin, Gloria Kolodizieyck, Connie Everson, Eileen Martens, S. Wheeler and Tish Gancer. The Team has identified strengths for Trinity to develop in the areas of our Reconciling in Christ designation, social media presence, assuming responsibility for FED and improving coordination with the Woman's Co-op.

It became apparent early on we needed religious partnerships in the community. Two associations of particular importance are St. Peter Lutheran Church and First Congregational Church. We have shared worship with both congregations and identified similar values/ministries. As a fellow RIC congregation, First Congregational Church has been a partner in Battle Creek Pride events and social justice initiatives. As the sole additional ELCA congregation in Calhoun County, St. Peter Lutheran Church, is a logical partner with whom we share a history. St. Peter graciously accepted our request for dialogue regarding shared pastoral leadership with Pastor Ed Ruble. To this end, a joint visioning committee was established between the two congregations to define an agreement to remain as independent congregations with a shared pastor. The committee's work progresses with consideration of a possible agreement by Easter where Pastor Ruble would provide one quarter time pastoral leadership at Trinity. The work of our Trinity representatives greatly appreciated: Gloria Kolodizieyck, Doug Martens, Tish Gancer, Heidi Peterson, Connie Everson, Teresa Momenee-Young. The committee continues to explore models for congregational partnerships with the oversight of the Synod.

The stability we experienced over the past year has been the result of all of our members coming together and assisting where necessary. For that we are all thankful. Many activities have continued: Roadrunners, BC Pride Festival, Tree of Wishes, God's Work Our Hands, Lenten and Advent activities as well as our music program. As you will see, we enjoy a positive financial picture. Our church attendance has been very similar to recent years with some new faces. The Co-op remains our partner in mission.

Guidance of Trinity through turbulent times requires the leadership of a committed Council. Thanks are necessary to Gloria Kolodizieyck, Vice President, Connie Everson, Secretary, John Kolodizieyck, Tish Gancer, JoAnn Rusan and Kendra Witkowski-Lehman. Our financial team of Bob Swanson, Doug Martens and Eileen Martens are responsible for the

management of all things fiscal and deserve our thanks as well. Please express special thanks to Connie Everson who has assumed many behind the scenes duties of editing the Trumpet, assisting Ronnie in preparation of Bulletin and minutes for all meetings.

Transparency is critical in a time such as this. While we make efforts to communicate regarding our vision, please don't hesitate to share any questions or concerns with our Council members. Ultimately, a decision regarding Trinity's future rests with all our members. Thank you for your support.

The Peace of the Lord be with us.

Jeff Andert

Trinity Council President

WELCOMING & INVITING COMMITTEE

We have purchased greeter cards and they are in the entry way. Visitors are encouraged to fill out a card. We then send each visitor a card welcoming them to our church.

Our card ministry continues. We are sending cards to let people know we are thinking of them. We send them monthly. Cards are sent to shut ins as well as to members who are ill and not attending church.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Rusan

2025 MEMORIAL SECRETARY REPORT

There were no Memorial Donations received in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Everson, Memorial Secretary

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The total attendance for 2025 was 1348.

The average was 29.3.

Ash Wednesday was 78 (combined service with St. Peter's).

Maundy Thursday was 36.

Easter service was 34.

Christmas Eve was 54.

Wayne Walentowski

Property Committee 2025

Volunteers: Jeff Andert, Ellis Cutler, Dick Everson, Tish Gancer, Kathy Holder, Gloria and John Kolodzieizyck, Mary Mahurin, Doug and Eileen Martens, John Sullivan, Wayne Walentowski.

Much of the first three month of 2025, we were focused on what Trinity Lutheran Church would be in the coming future. The Trinity Council took the lead in getting barriers on E. Columbia entrance until a solution was reached.

In March the water heater had a new coupler installed by Kurt Hoyt Mechanical. Also, the East side of the building's furnace was repaired by Sim's heating and cooling.

New kitchen facets were installed by J. Sullivan in April to correct the low water pressure issue.

June Lounge lights were replaced by J. Sullivan. July, window screens were repaired in the social hall & Co-op offices.

September the broken Social hall window was replaced by Roger Glass. Once the curtains came down for this project, they disintegrated so new curtains were purchased by E. Martens. Also, the Sanctuary carpet was cleaned by J. Sullivan, E. Martens, and James (from Co-op).

Rose Pest control dog inspected property in November.

Even though the Congolese and the Co-op planted and maintained the garden, we were able to help with cost and land. Exterior projects were walkway lighting, timer and bulbs, mowing, weed whacking, weeding, watering, and trimming. Persons involved, Kathy H., Mary M, John S., John K, Ellis, Dick E., Doug M, and Eileen.

On Tuesday, November 18, Ellis Cutler and Eileen Martens represented Trinity Lutheran as we were presented with a Beautiful Battle Creek Award in recognition of our beautifully maintained property. Thanks to our lawn crew Ellis, John Kolodzieizyck, Doug Martens, John Sullivan and Dick Everson who work all summer to weed, mow, weed whack and keep the equipment running. Thanks to Mary M. and Eileen M. for all the flower planting, watering, and weeding.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship and Music Committee, led by our Director of Music and Choir Director Ronnie Chung, is a vital part of what keeps Trinity together from week to week,

The committee consisting of Ronnie, Tish Gancer, Laurie Swanson and Gloria Kolodzieizyck meet to plan services that change from season to season.

I would like to recognize and thank the following dedicated members who are a part of keeping every Sunday running smoothly.

Lay Assistants: Jeff Andert, Chase Lehman, Tresa Garver, Doug Martens, Laurie Swanson, Mary Conklin, Scott Schindehette, Heidi Peterson, Kendra Witkowski-Lehman, Gloria Kolodzieizyck

Tech Team: Ellis Cutler, Doug Martens, S. Wheeler, John Kolodzieizyck, Quentin Valenzuela

Choir: Jeff Andert, Diane Andert, Bob Swanson, Laurie Swanson, Doug Martens, Eileen Martens, Mary Mahurin, Kendra Witkowski-Lehman, Kathy Millard, Vicki Walentowski, Scott Schindehette, Joyce Davis and Gloria Kolodzieizyck.

Coffee Hour: Wayne Walentowski, Mary Mahurin.

Bulletins: Wayne Walentowski

Communion Setup: Wayne Walentowski, Mary Mahurin

Communion Bread Bakers: Diane Andert, Eileen Martens, Gloria Kolodzieizyck

Peace,
Gloria Kolodzieizyck

MINUTES OF FINANCIAL AUDIT

Trinity Lutheran Church

1/5/26

PRESENT: Jeff Andert, Eileen Martens, Doug Martens, Bob Swanson,
Connie Everson, Dick Everson

EXPENSES:

Bob S. was asked to verify two checks randomly selected by Dick E.

1. #4489, dated 7/27/25, made payable to Brotherhood Mutual Insurance. Verified the invoice for the quarterly payment for the liability and fire insurance in the amount of \$1543.00.
2. #4387 which was replaced by #4388 (#4387 was voided out), dated 1/26/25, made payable to Portico Benefit Services in the amount of \$1573.23. Verified in the Pastoral Ministry Spreadsheet and the invoice.

PAYROLL:

Eileen M. prepares a statement twice a month for payroll expenses and submits this form to Bob S. who issues the check sharing the check numbers with Eileen. The form contains the individual withholding amounts for each employee. A form was shared with the resulting check. Eileen prepares and submits a Form 941 monthly which includes Social Security, Medicare and Withholding expenses which Bob pays online. Bob shared Form 941 he uses to submit this information online.

Federal withholdings are submitted monthly. City and State withholdings are submitted quarterly by check.

1. A verification was held for a withholding that was submitted online in the amount of \$321.86 on 2/6/25 by examining the February 2025 bank statement.
2. The first quarter payment of \$525.55 was paid on 4/9/25 with Check #4430.
3. A verification was done with Check #4396, dated 2/8/25, in the amount of \$2155.71 paid to Kjersten Sullivan. Eileen shrinks the "stub" information to be put in the check register with the check information.
4. A further verification was done with Check #4397, dated 2/8/25, in the amount of \$466.74 paid to Ronald Cung.

INCOME:

Doug detailed the procedures for accepting contributions. In 2025, money was received weekly by checks, cash and PayPal. Members also have the option of making a contribution via a minimum withdrawal distribution from their retirement account and a check is sent directly to Trinity from their financial advisors.

Two offering envelopes were randomly selected by Dick E.

1. Envelope #6 in the amount of \$30 was received on 4/6/25. The amount matched the data entry in the offering report, deposit slip, bank statement & year end statement for envelope #6.
2. Envelope #35 in the amount of \$125 was received on 9/14/25. The amount matched the data entry in the offering report, deposit slip, bank statement & year end statement for envelope #35.

Our PayPal account has been designated as a nonprofit organization which allows donors to pay the fees associated with their donation instead of these fees being paid by Trinity.

Doug reviewed the amounts in Kellanova (Kellogg) Stock (11 shares, value \$262 when sold), WK Kellogg Stock (44 shares, current value \$3674.00), Community Cornerstone (\$5167.26), Mission Investment Fund (\$130.92) and the CD purchased from the Synod Grant (\$12,590.27). Doug noted that Kellanova was purchased by Mars and that stock was sold in 2025. The CD comes due 1/22/26 and will be rolled over. Connie confirmed that there were no Memorial Donations for 2025.

A report of grant money and savings account funds transferred from Savings to Checking was detailed and verified. The current savings amount at Huntington Bank is \$59,638.80 before the \$.42 is added for December checking interest which makes the amount \$59,639.22. Total reported income for 2025 was \$89,324.49.

We looked at a monthly deposit report and inspected vouchers for transferring money from checking to savings and vice versa. Verified a donation of \$500 to purchase gift cards to be donated to Santa's Helper transferring funds from Tree of Wishes and Neighborhood Outreach.

We at Trinity are blessed to have such an amazing financial team that works hard every month to make sure our contributions are recorded and deposited and that our bills are paid in a timely manner. THANK YOU Bob, Doug and Eileen for all the work you do for Trinity!!

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Everson
Council Secretary

REPORT OF INCOME
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
YEAR 2025

DATE	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q	TOTAL
BENEVOLENCE					
Weekly env.		\$200.00			\$200.00
Coins for Coats			\$85.25		\$85.25
Franklin school				\$40.00	\$40.00
World Hunger		\$250.00	\$100.00		\$350.00
Souper Bowl	\$135.00				\$135.00
Benevolence Total	\$135.00	\$450.00	\$185.25	\$40.00	\$810.25
CURRENT					
Weekly Envelopes	\$24,600.46	\$10,802.43	\$8,331.43	\$14,790.59	\$58,524.91
Loose Offering	\$2,415.65	\$3,066.59	\$1,525.12	\$767.00	\$7,774.36
Pay Pal Expense	\$(44.15)	\$(15.03)	\$(17.56)	\$(76.43)	\$(153.17)
Coffee Hour	\$22.00	\$50.00	\$38.07	\$54.00	\$164.07
Flowers	\$49.00	\$77.00		\$154.00	\$280.00
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					\$-
Staff Gifts				\$440.00	\$440.00
Spec env.	\$155.00	\$25.00			\$180.00
Worship Subsidies					\$-
Outreach Subsidies					\$-
Thrivent Auto Dep	\$51.00	\$52.00		\$35.00	\$138.00
Property Subsidy	\$200.00	\$250.00			\$450.00
Synod Outreach	\$1,416.70	\$708.33			\$2,125.03
Mission Partner	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$1,300.00	\$600.00	\$2,700.00
ELCA Outreach	\$521.00				\$521.00
Co-Op Donation		\$100.00			\$100.00
					\$-
Co-Op Utilities	\$3,500.00		\$6,250.00		\$9,750.00
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Current total	\$33,086.66	\$15,716.32	\$17,427.06	\$16,764.16	\$82,994.20
SUBTOTAL	\$33,221.66	\$16,166.32	\$17,612.31	\$16,804.16	\$83,804.45

REPORT OF INCOME
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
YEAR 2025

DATE	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q	TOTAL
INCOME OFFERING REPORTS					
Memorials					\$-
cking int.	\$0.99	\$0.96	\$1.41	\$1.38	\$4.74
KLG Div.	\$1.82	\$1.82	\$1.82		\$5.46
Bldg Repair		\$200.00			\$200.00
K-Dividend	\$25.08	\$25.08	\$25.52	\$25.52	\$101.20
KLG Stock sale				\$253.00	\$253.00
FNBO cash back				\$150.00	\$150.00
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Offering Report Total	\$27.89	\$227.86	\$28.75	\$429.90	\$714.40
TOTAL OFFERING	\$33,249.55	\$16,394.18	\$17,641.06	\$17,234.06	\$84,518.85
INCOME - OTHER					
Interest	\$1.42	\$1.40	\$1.38	\$1.44	\$5.64
KCC utilities				\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
subtotal Other Income	\$1.42	\$1.40	\$1.38	\$4,801.44	\$4,805.64
TOTAL OFFERING	\$33,250.97	\$16,395.58	\$17,642.44	\$22,035.50	\$89,324.49
DISBURSEMENTS					
KCC utilities	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00			\$2,800.00
Tree Wishes				\$486.12	\$486.12
Neighborhood outreach				\$13.88	\$13.88
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TOTAL Disbursements	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$-	\$500.00	\$3,300.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT SUMMARY					
BALANCE BEGINNING	\$57,419.18	\$56,248.49	\$54,877.75	\$54,907.88	\$57,419.18
INCOME	\$29.31	\$229.26	\$30.13	\$5,231.34	\$5,520.04
DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,300.00
BALANCE ENDING	\$56,248.49	\$54,877.75	\$54,907.88	\$59,639.22	\$59,639.22

Trinity Lutheran Church Passbook Monthly Savings 2025

Account Name	Balance January 1, 2025	Income Total	DisbursementsTotal	Balance Totals December 31, 2025
Passbook Savings Int.	\$2,268.77	\$520.04	\$0.00	\$2,788.81
Youth Activity	\$6,754.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,754.16
Tree of Wishes (TOW)	\$486.12	\$0.00	\$486.12	\$0.00
Organ/Choir	\$1,135.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,135.96
Property maintain/repairi	\$2,040.97	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,240.97
Neighborhood outreach	\$667.00	\$0.00	\$13.88	\$653.12
Next Year's Contribution	\$1,181.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,181.21
Garden (POH)	\$531.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$531.09
Synod Grant GED	\$1,913.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,913.10
Community Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Byrne Grant	\$2,625.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.95
ELCA Disability Grant	\$1,632.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,632.75
KCC Utilities	\$2,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$4,800.00
Synod Support	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
50 Savings	\$36,037.08	\$5,520.04	\$3,300.00	\$38,257.12
51 Savings Memorials	\$21,382.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,382.10
SAVINGS TOTAL	\$57,419.18	\$5,520.04	\$3,300.00	\$59,639.22
	Beginning Balance	Interest	Disbursement	Ending Balance
44 Shares of Kellanova stock (83.50sh)	\$3,562.68			\$3,674.00
11 Shares of WK Kellogg (17.99sh)	\$197.89	\$253.00	Sold	\$0.00
Mission Investment Fund	\$125.62	\$5.30		\$130.92
Community Cornerstone	\$5,146.69	\$20.57		\$5,167.26
CD Purchase	\$12,202.21	388.06		\$12,590.27

	2025 Budget	2025 DISBURSEMENTS
100 BENEVOLENCE		
111 N/W LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD, ELCA	\$6,200.00	\$6,186.00
other Souper Bowl of Giving		\$135.00
N/West Lower I synod, ELCA		\$250.00
Coins for Coats Charitable Union		\$85.25
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	\$6,200.00	\$6,656.25
1200 WORSHIP		
1212 Director of Music Salary	\$12,852.00	\$12,852.00
1213 Substitute Organist	\$250.00	\$100.00
1215 FICA Taxes	\$983.00	\$983.29
1220 Choir Music & Instruments		
Pipe Organ Maintenance	\$1,200.00	
Piano Maintenance		
Copyright Licenses	\$200.00	\$198.00
1230 Worship Supplies	\$700.00	\$632.06
1233 Candles	\$450.00	\$435.83
TOTAL WORSHIP	\$16,635.00	\$15,201.18
1300 EDUCATION		
1316 Family Camp	\$150.00	
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$150.00	\$0.00
1400 WELCOMING & INVITING		
1410 Evangelism		
1412 Advertising	\$260.00	\$222.60
1415 Fellowship	\$200.00	
1450 Stewardship Speaker/meal		\$72.38
1460 Offering Envelopes		
TOTAL WELCOMING & INVITING	460.00	294.98
	2025 Budget	2025 DISBURSEMENTS
1500 SOCIAL JUSTICE		
1510 <u>Reconciling Works</u>	\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL SOCIAL JUSTICE/YOUTH	\$100.00	\$100.00

1600 PASTORAL MINISTRY
 1600 A Sub Minister Cheri Johnson
 1600 B Sub Minister : Erick Johnson
 1600 C Ricky Perry
 1600 D Candy m-Boughton
 1600 E Edward Ruble
 1610 Salary
 1611 Housing Allowance
 1612 FICA Allowance
 1613 Pension & Insurance
 1615 A. Transportation Reimbursement Pastor Cheri
 1615 B Transportation Reimbursement Pastor Erick
 1616 Cont. Education
 403 B Contribution
 FSA Child Care

TOTAL PASTORAL MINISTRY

		\$5,000.00
		\$750.00
		\$750.00
		\$250.00
		\$225.00
\$50,891.00		\$10,602.30
\$12,000.00		\$2,500.00
\$4,811.00		\$1,002.30
\$7,800.00		\$3,318.45
\$500.00		\$1,323.00
		\$172.20
\$700.00		
		-\$1,128.36
		-833.32
\$76,702.00		\$23,931.57

1700 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

 1720 Office Supplies/Ink/ computer
 Paper
 Filing fees/safe deposit box/checks
 1730 Postage
 1733 Web service Domain
 1740 Telephone/ Internet Service
 Yellow Pages Advertising
 1750 Convention Expense
 1770 Trans. Reimbursement -(Sec'y)
TOTAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

\$400.00		\$1,151.76
\$500.00		\$55.00
\$250.00		\$224.00
\$200.00		
\$1,550.00		\$2,116.91
\$2,900.00		\$3,547.67

1800 CHURCH PROPERTY
 1811 Church Gas
 1812 Church Electric
 1813 Church Water
 1820 Cleaning Services (Carpet)
 1830 Insurance
 Ins. Workers Comp
 1840 Maintenance & Supplies
 Church Repairs
 1842 Parking Lot
 1850 Snow Removal

 1862 Roof MIF Payments
TOTAL CHURCH PROPERTY

\$3,000.00		\$3,614.58
\$3,500.00		\$4,165.52
\$900.00		\$1,211.66
\$6,150.00		\$6,172.00
\$400.00		\$370.00
\$1,000.00		\$2,091.66
\$600.00		\$275.00
\$0.00		\$0.00
\$15,550.00		\$17,900.42

TOTAL BUDGET

\$118,697.00		\$67,632.07
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<u>NON BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
Other	\$2,735.63
TOTAL NON BUDGET NOVEMBER 2025	\$2,735.63
TOTAL NOVEMBER 2025 DISBURSEMENTS	\$70,367.70

Non Budgeted Expenses for 2025

Jan		
Feb:		\$250.00 pass Thru to Coop from St. Peter Lutheran church
March	\$57.95	\$200.00 Pastor Kjersten gift & Party \$124.20 Easter Lilies
	\$346.87	New Checks
April	-\$346.87	CORRECTION CKS.
	\$237.68	New Checks
May		
June		
July		
July		
August	\$300.00	FCC DONATION
Sept		
October		
November	\$1,200.00	Coop for housing emergency \$159.60 Poinsettias
December	\$500.00	Xmas gift cards- Santa's Helper
	\$440.00	Staff gift. R. C.
TOTAL	\$2,735.63	

YTD REVENUE AS of December 2025 **\$84,518.85**

YTD DISBURSMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 2025 **\$70,367.70**
\$14,151.15

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
100 BENEVOLENCE		
111 N/W LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD, ELCA	\$6,200.00	\$5,000.00
other Souper Bowl of Giving		
N/West Lower I synod, ELCA		
Franklin School Back Pack program		\$600.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE	\$6,200.00	\$5,600.00
1200 WORSHIP		
1212 Director of Music Salary	\$12,852.00	\$13,495.00
1213 Substitute Organist	\$250.00	
1215 FICA Taxes	\$983.00	\$1,032.00
1220 Choir Music & Instruments		
Pipe Organ Maintenance	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Piano Maintenance		
Copyright Licenses	\$200.00	\$200.00
1230 Worship Supplies	\$700.00	\$700.00
1233 Candles	\$450.00	\$400.00
TOTAL WORSHIP	\$16,635.00	\$17,027.00
1300 EDUCATION		
1316 Family Camp	\$150.00	\$150.00
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$150.00	\$150.00
1400 WELCOMING & INVITING		
1410 Evangelism		
1412 Advertising	\$260.00	\$225.00
1415 Fellowship	\$200.00	\$200.00
1450 Stewardship Speaker/meal		
1460 Offering Envelopes		
TOTAL WELCOMING & INVITING	460.00	\$425.00

\$23,202.00

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	
1500 SOCIAL JUSTICE			
1510 Reconciling Works	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Pride table fee		\$100.00	
TOTAL SOCIAL JUSTICE/YOUTH	\$100.00	\$200.00	
1600 PASTORAL MINISTRY		\$30,000.00	
1600 A Sub Minister Cheri Johnson			
1600 B Sub Minister : Erick Johnson			
1610 Salary	\$50,891.00		
1611 Housing Allowance	\$12,000.00		
1612 FICA Allowance	\$4,811.00		
1613 Pension & Insurance	\$7,800.00		
1615 A. Transportation Reimbursement Pastor Cheri	\$500.00		
1615 B Transportation Reimbursement Pastor Erick			
1616 Cont. Education	\$700.00		
403 B Contribution			
FSA Child Care			
TOTAL PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$76,702.00	\$30,000.00	
1700 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION			
1720 Office Supplies/lnk/ computer	\$400.00	\$600.00	
Acct. fees		\$1,000.00	
Filing fees/safe deposit box/checks	\$500.00	\$400.00	
1730 Postage	\$250.00	\$250.00	
1733 Web service Domain	\$200.00	\$200.00	
1740 Telephone/ Internet Service	\$1,550.00	\$1,700.00	
1750 Convention Expense			
TOTAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	\$2,900.00	\$4,150.00	
1800 CHURCH PROPERTY			
1811 Church Gas	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	
1812 Church Electric	\$3,500.00	\$4,400.00	
1813 Church Water	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	
1820 Cleaning Services (Carpet)		\$400.00	
1830 Insurance	\$6,150.00	\$6,150.00	
Ins. Workers Comp	\$400.00	\$400.00	
1840 Maintenance & Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Church Repairs			
1842 Parking Lot			
1850 Snow Removal	\$600.00	\$600.00	
1862 Pest Control (3) Inspections per Year	\$0.00	\$930.00	
TOTAL CHURCH PROPERTY	\$15,550.00	\$19,080.00	\$53,430.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$118,697.00	\$76,632.00	

INCOME AND ASSETS FOR 2026 BUDGET

Pledged to Date for 2026

13 Estimates of Giving	\$61,802.00	
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	\$61,802.00	\$61,802.00

ADDITIONAL INCOME

Loose Offering	\$2,000.00	
Special Envelopes	\$2,000.00	
Co-Op Utilities	\$15,000.00	
Mission Partner	\$2,500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$1,500.00	
Total	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00

Total		\$84,802.00
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CONGREGATIONAL PATTERN OF ANTICIPATED WEEKLY GIVING

WEEKLY Amounts Pledged	2023	2024	2025	2026
180.00-189.99			1	
170.00-179.99	1	1	2	1
160.00-169.99	1	2		
150.00 - 159.99	2	1	1	2
145.00 - 149.99			1	
140.00 - 145.00		1	1	
135.00 - 140.00	1			1
130.00 - 135.00		1		1
125.00 -129.00	1	1	1	1
120.00 -124.99				
115.00 - 119.99				1
110.00-114.99				
105.00-109.99				
100.00 -104.99	1			
95.00 - 99.00				
90.00 - 94.99				
85.00 - 89.99				
80.00-84.99				
75.00 - 79.99				
70.00 - 74.99				
65.00 - 69.99				
60.00 - 64.99			1	
55.00 - 59.99		1		1
50.00 - 54.99	1	2		
45.00 - 49.99	1			2
40.00 - 44.99				
35.00 - 39.99				
30.00 - 34.99			1	
25.00 - 29.99			1	
20.00 - 24.99		2	2	
15.00 - 19.99	1	1	1	2
10.00 - 14.99	3	1		
5.00 - 9.99	1	2		1
0.00 - 4.99	4	2	1	
Pledges	18	18	14	13

2019

Byrne Grant


12/25/2025

\$14,000.00	Date	Amt. Spent	Transfer Amt.	Sub Total	Balance
Initial neighborhood Canvassing	2019	\$40.91			
	2020	\$12.34	\$53.25	\$53.25	\$13,946.75
Staff Time	2019	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$9,946.75
Nave Doors					
	2020	\$3,440.44	\$3,440.44	\$3,440.44	\$6,506.31
Social Hall Lights	2020	\$672.00	\$672.00		
Entryway Lights	2020	\$273.37	\$273.37	\$945.37	\$5,560.94
Program Cost					
				\$8,439.06	\$5,560.94
Thermostat covers 9-16-22	2022	\$56.91	\$56.91	\$8,495.97	\$5,504.03
KITCHEN & WEST DOORS	2023	\$2,878.08	\$2,878.08	\$11,374.05	\$2,625.95

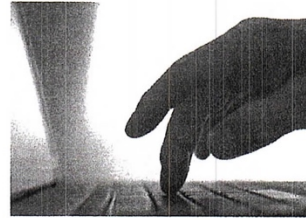
	INITIAL GRANT	SPENT	GRANT BALANCE
Retrofitting existing bathroom: Family bathroom	\$5,000.00	\$2,719.00	\$2,281.00
Restripping the parking lot for ADA parking	\$2,000.00		
Driveway patch		\$17.47	
Driveway patch		\$34.94	
Parking lot paint		\$24.98	\$1,922.61
AV for Worship	\$1,000.00		
Microphones		\$418.00	\$582.00
Live feed equipment	\$3,000.00	\$2,450.75	\$549.25
Front drive parking signs 11-22		\$100.20	-\$100.20
Subtotal	\$4,000.00	\$2,968.95	\$1,031.05
Special Building Fund reconciliation 4-29-2023		\$3,601.91	-\$3,601.91
Total	\$11,000.00	\$3,214.39	\$1,632.75

MISSION INVESTMENT FUND
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Statement Start	December 01, 2023
Statement End	December 29, 2023
Account Number	54750500012566
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02 01 **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

 Trinity Lutheran Church
 Community Cornerstone
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Summary	
DEMAND No Check Writing - 2566	\$5,775.00
Total Investment Balance	\$5,775.00

DEMAND No Check Writing

Owner(s): Trinity Lutheran Church Community Cornerstone	Account# 54750500012566	Previous Balance	\$5,773.04
	Interest Earned This Period	Current Balance	\$5,775.00
	Interest Earned YTD	Deposits	\$.00
	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	Withdrawals	\$.00
			0.40%

All Credit Activity

Transaction Date	Deposit	Transaction Description
12/31	1.96	Interest Deposit

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Time Deposit Statement
 From October to December, 2023

Account number 54740000010874 Transactions Totals

Interest Rate	4.436000%	Deposits	.00
		Withdrawals	.00
		Interest	1.23
		Withholding	.00
Maturity Date	10/22/28	Forfeitures	.00
Certificate Term	84 MONTHS		
Type of Account	DO NOT USE- Adj 7YR		

Annual Percentage Yield Earned 4.55%

Date	Additions	Subtractions	Interest	Balance
Balance Last Statement				119.28
10/20/23			1.23	120.51
11/01/23		Rate Change	4.658000%	120.51
12/01/23		Rate Change	4.436000%	120.51

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