

Trinity
Lutheran
Church,
Taylorville,
Illinois
Annual
Report

2017

500 YEARS

2017 was highlighted by the celebration of the nailing of the 95 theses to the Wittenberg Chapel door. Martin Luther had no idea what would follow. He swung his hammer. And the world would be changed forever.

500 years later, the battle for the gospel and for Biblical truth still continues on. It will never cease for it is Satan's greatest weapon to blind the world to the truth. He continues to attack the truth with lies and twisting of the truth. He takes what God has created and designed and tempts the world to use them to satisfy their lusts. He plays on man's desire to be god and deceives him to think a man can save themselves by what they think and do.

There is nothing new. At the time of Luther, these same issues attacked the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is nothing new. Satan's tactics, the world's distractions and the sinful flesh's rebellion remains the same. There is nothing new in the fallen world.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ remains the same. His person, His life, His death, His resurrection and His ascension has brought life and salvation to all who believe Jesus to be the Son of God and Savior of the world. It is the message that Peter and Paul taught. It is the message the Luther taught. It is the message that is still taught here and in other confessional Lutheran congregations.

Since the fall of man into sin, this battle has raged. It will continue till the day Christ returns. God grant that the gospel be preserved among us and in the generations to come. If it is another 500 years, so be it. And may the promise of God grant us peace and comfort. "This world may pass away but My Word will remain forever."

+ OUR GOD-GIVEN MISSION +

"Go, make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always to the end of time" (Matthew 28:19-20)

+ OUR VISION STATEMENT +

By the grace of God, through the Means of Grace, God the Father lovingly empowers our members to be eager and desire the Word and Sacrament. This desire and our need to live as God's Children is exemplified by a life of repentance, attendance at worship services, nurturing children, fellowships, and Bible studies. We reach inward to our congregation and outward to the community using our time, talents, and treasures to spread the word of God's forgiveness and salvation to all. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ will unite this congregation to grow and prosper. *(Adopted December 3, 2000 - May God bless our vision so that all glory and honor and*

praise be to Him alone. Amen.) (To read the visions statements with biblical support, go to the appendix and this expanded vision statement.)

What follows is a brief summary of what took place here at Trinity this past year in service to our Lord and to our neighbor.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

January

Annual Voters' Assembly approved the budgets of the church and TLC ChildCare**PLUS**

\$100.00 was approved to support the Springfield East/West Circuits forum March 10th.
Topic: Protecting children from cyberspace predators.

LifeLight Study on the Book of 2 Kings begins

February

Springfield-area Lutherans For Life startup meeting held Sunday, February 12, 2017

The Inspirational Committee asking for your used greeting cards also volunteers:

Church Yard Clean-Up Saturday 18th at 8 a.m.

March

Lenten Services featured Pastors from the Springfield East Circuit

Attention Parents, Grandparents And All Adults

Important Circuit Forum "*Tech Safety and The Dark Side of Digital Technology*"

Eric Szatkowski, former special Agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice and Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), will present an engaging demonstration about the real-life dangers of the Internet and cell phone abuse. Friday, March 10, 2017 7:00-9:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall 515 S. MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, Ill.

The Statement of Teachings and Beliefs was accepted

TLC CHILDCARE PLUS daycare is recruiting to hire a Director for our Child Care Plus Daycare.

April

LifeLight (*Study 1 The books of Ezra & Nehemiah*)

Preschool News – This year, our preschool has a student that is spending a few months in St. Louis undergoing treatment; this sweet little four-year old loves dinosaurs. The preschool classes are putting together a basket to send to him for Easter.

Holy Week Services Maundy Thursday Divine Services, April 13th @ 7 pm, Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 14th @ 7 pm, Easter Vigil Divine Services, April 15th @ 6:15 pm. Easter Sunrise Divine Services, April 16th @ 7 am, & Easter Morning Divine Services @ 9:15 am.

Notes From The LWML Ladies – We will be hosting an Easter Breakfast between the Sunrise Service and the regular Easter Service at 7:30 a.m. until the start of the second Easter service. The menu is Sausage-egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, breads, fruit, milk, orange juice and coffee. Donations will be given to the Pre School Program.

May

Special Musical Presentation by our Choir, Organist and Guest Flutist – On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th, our choir and organist along with guest flutist, Gwen Peebles (North Central College music scholarship winner, concerto contest winner, and musician of the year award winner), will perform a special musical

A Special Voters' Meeting has been called to take place on May 14th at 10:30 am. The purpose of the voters' meeting is to prayerfully consider the day care board's selection of Rachele Stickel for the directorship of TLC ChildCare*PLUS*.

Remembering The Family of Joyce Sauer, whom God called to His heavenly home on May 25th. Joyce was the wife of Rev. Robert Sauer who served Trinity Lutheran Church from 1948-1950. A \$100.00 memorial gift to The Chapel of Timothy and Titus on the St. Louis Seminary campus in honor of Joyce Sauer was approved.

June

Missions For Taylorville –Saturday, June 3

Notes From The LWML Ladies – Missionary Speaker – Alyssa Anders is a LCMS missionary who is serving as a second language (esl) teacher serving in Russia at this time. She will be home this summer and will be coming to Trinity on Sunday, June 11 at 6 p.m.

Baby Bottle Boomrang – “Change” Lives! Your church members opened their hearts and their pocketbooks and, thus far, has given \$462.35!

Springfield-area Lutherans For Life: Pastor Schuermann has graciously offered to host this meeting on: Thursday, June 15th at 7:00PM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (500 S Sherman Blvd. Sherman, IL 62684).

LifeLight (*The books of the Aprocrypha*)

July

Christian Day At The Ballpark Sunday, July 30th, 1:15 p.m. Enjoy the game then stay for the post-game program featuring current Cardinals and keynote speaker Lance Berkman, former St. Louis Cardinals All-Star and 2011 World Series Champion

Nominations for Church Officers approved for election on July 30th.

Chairman: Cecil Polley

Secretary: Sharon Carlson

Treasurer: Kitty Chance

Elders: Ron Warren, Wayne Manson

Trustees: Ed Janssen, Jeremy Stanton

DayCare Board: Lois Hesse, Brenda Seeley, Judy Deal

Stewardship: Duane Stock

Vacation Bible

August

Project Day At TLC – Saturday, August 19 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Fellowship Hall –a fun day of learning, creating and assembling; putting together layettes for LWR

Elders present to the board, the name of Nikki Books, certified substitute teacher in the school district, as the Preschool Teacher

September

LifeLight (*The Gospel of Luke Part 1*)

Preschool, Jesus Company, 7th & 8th Grade Catechism Class, 6th Grade Catechism Class & High School Bible Study resume for 2017-2018 year.

Chime Practice will begin on Wednesday, September 13th @ 6 p.m. after a year off

Missions For Taylorville Update –held Saturday, September 9.

October

Meet And Greet – Share a time 500 years ago as told my Martin Luther's wife, Katie; happening at Trinity Lutheran Church, Taylorville, on Sunday, October 1 at 2 p.m.; light refreshments will be served; Hostesses are the LWML and Thrivent

Harvey and Irma Relief

The Ingathering Boxes For Lutheran World Relief October 22nd. Boxing these items on Monday morning October 23rd at 9 am.

Springfield-Area Reformation 500 Service ~ Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The Service will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Sherman. Rev. Daniel Preus, Central Region and 5th Vice-President of the LCMS, guest preacher

Calling All Church Members – Soup and Sandwich Supper Thursday, October 26, at 6 p.m. in our church basement. Packing hygiene kits for the local food pantry. an education event from Thrivent.

Reformation Celebration 1517 - 2017
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Nokomis, IL
October 29, 2017 3:00 PM
Divine Service with Communion
Bell Choir
Voice Choir
Refreshments and Fellowship Following!

November

Trinity LWML Ladies – November 4th Used Treasurer Sale. Sales will go to the Lutheran World Relief for the hurricane victims.

You Are Invited –Open House Reception for the Taylorville Ministerial Association Food Pantry at our new location to commence our 35th year at 1429 E. Main Cross, Taylorville, on Sunday, November 19, 2017, 2 – 4 p.m..

Ring A Bell and help the TMA Food Pantry and Emergency Fund Friday from November 24-December 23rd at Walmart or Kroger.

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service

December

Decorating The Church For Christmas

Advent Services

Luther And The Book Of Romans: Sunday, Adult Bible Class a look at the struggles we have with believing in Jesus Christ as a good and gracious God. Looking at the history of Luther's struggles and how the Book of Romans addresses those struggles one will be strengthened in their faith and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Divine Services 6 & 11 pm

Christmas Day Divine Service 10 Am

New Year's Eve Divine Service 7 Pm

Reports

Board of Trustees

Members: Marvin Brune, Jim Hagemeyer, Tyler Nation, Mike Nation, Ron Perona, Jeremy Stanton, Ed Janssen

The Board of Trustees meets monthly to discuss, plan, and implement the maintenance, improvement, and protection of the physical property of the congregation. Monthly bills pertaining to the trustees job description are reviewed for accuracy. The board is also trusted with the counting and depositing of regular offerings, as well as all other gifting to the church. When appropriate, the board, together with the Chairman of the Congregation, execute deeds, mortgages, bonds, notes, contracts, etc. that are authorized by the congregation and Board of Directors.

The following is a list of projects or other concerns, either ongoing or completed in fiscal year 2017:

1. completed elevator upgrades to satisfy Illinois safety code requirements
2. received notification of elevator and boiler inspections
3. continued ongoing considerations of repair to the church tower (water leak)
4. acted on requests for use of the church basement and the borrowing of chairs and/or tables
5. added an additional money counter
6. reviewed monthly bills pertaining to the trustee's job description
7. secured mowing and snow removal services for the year
8. continued ongoing considerations for bathroom upgrades
9. routinely made light bulb replacements while upgrading lighting in parts of the basement and the narthex
10. arranged for maintenance and upgrades of parking lot lights and sign lights.
11. arranged for a lockbox at First National Bank; cleaned and lubricated the church safe

TLC Child Care Plus Year End Report 2017

2017 was the end of the 15th year for daycare and the beginning of the 16th. Rachelle Stickel directed the daycare during the last seven months of the year.

Enrollment remained fairly full, with only a few spots throughout the year. We continued to add to our wait-lists for the infant and red rooms. We got new storage cabinets in the school age and infant rooms.

Significant events (blessings) during the year included: church programs, successful summer school age program, staff bonuses and pay increases, positive staff and parent survey results, maintained regulatory compliance with DCFS, health & fire departments, sever staff trainings, Spring Bazaar, recipient of Thrivent Choice Dollars, and numerous others.

Listed below is roster of employees who worked at the daycare at some time during 2017.

Current

Bitschenaaur, Carlie
Brown, Carole
DeWerff, Megan
Durbin, Kaylee
Fallin, Tina
Fortner, Erika
Harris, Katelyn
Hefley, Michele
Held, Ellie
Hendricks, Kim
Ladage, Ali
Magness, Lindsey
McLaughlin, Mikayla
Oltmann, Kathleen
Parks, Lindsey
Rhodes, Kassandra
Rogers, Regina
Stickel, Rachelle
Summers, Marilyn
Turner, Kaylee
Vickers, Aubrey
Wendling, Amanda
Williams, Jeannie

Past

Blohm, Tiffany
Barker, Jesse
Crain, Kellie
Daniels, Amber
Harrison, Kristen
Hefley, Michelle
Jacobs, Katie
Schmedeke, Amy
Shaw, Ashley
Terry, Lori
Wareham, Ashley

Trinity Lutheran Foster Parents

Hello, it is that time of year again where I ask you for money to support our Foster Children. Let me tell you a little about each.

1. Mumo Mueke, a 9 year old boy who is from Kenya. He is “position (1) in a class of (2)”, his grandmother writes. She includes “he lacks some textbooks” but “I ensure you that he has all for better result”. His birthday is May 27, 2006. With his birthday gift he purchased himself a sweater for school and a birthday treat.
2. Priyanka A is a young lady from India. She married and therefore we cannot foster her (Childfund rule) so she was replaced with Suvithra from India. She is in 6th grade. She wrote she attended a medical camp where she learned she needs more “pear fruit and drumstick leaves” to improve her bloodcount. She also writes her sister and her share one toy.
3. Luana De Jesus Pereira is from Brasil. Her birthday is January 7, 2007. Luana is involved in “Butterfly effect” “a world where children live without violence”.
4. Fidel Modix Otieno and he too is from Nairobi, Kenya. His birthday is October 18, 2007. Fidel’s Grandmother writes for him stating he is in class one “and performing wek”. He is preparing for end tern and “hope he will do better than last terms examinations.”

It is pretty easy to be an elite member of Trinity Lutheran Foster Parents Group. All you do is make an annual donation. I collect the money and send quarterly payments to these children. I include a birthday gift and Christmas gift of \$25.00 each. The checks are made out to “Trinity Lutheran Fosters Parents Group”. You can put in offertory, mail to me, or hand to me. We currently have 30 members, I encourage and ask for help getting new members. Our church has been supporting children since March 17, 1969!!! Help us to continue supporting the children. Feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely, Kandy Andruch 825-9716

Inspirational Booklets Given Out/Delivered

- 18 – Taylorville Care
- 18 – Taylorville Estates
- 18 – Hickory Estates
- 18 – Meadow Manor
- 10 – Sister Rose @ Taylorville Memorial Hospital
- 17 – Senior Center For VA
- 13 – Yolanda gave out
- 34 – Basket of Hope

146 Total

Trinity Ladies Aid

Trinity Ladies Aid is a women's organization of the congregation. It is a part of LWML, Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Central Illinois District. Ladies Aid not only serves the LWML, but also helps with community and congregational needs. Besides the fellowship we share with one another, we also participate in social gatherings with other Lutheran ladies groups in our area. At present, there are 14 members and 4 honorary members.

Ladies Aid collects monies, which are call "mites." This money may consist of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters or dollars, whatever the member is able to save during the month. She then turns in her mites at the next meeting. This we do each month. The mites are sent to district. The district keeps three fourths of the mites for projects voted on in convention for the work of the Lord in the district and then sends the other fourth to national for the national project that were voted for in convention. The mites from Trinity Ladies Aid for 2017 that were sent to LWML Central Illinois District were \$455.97.

This year was a busy year. We took on a number of projects which we hoped would be interesting, spiritually encouraging and enjoyable fellowship for our church members. We had an Easter Breakfast this year, serving egg casseroles and sweet breads or rolls and juice and coffee. A free-will offering was taken and \$200 was given to Trinity Pre School to help with their needs.

Ladies Aid sponsored a congregational catered dinner and asked missionary to Russia, Alyssa Anders to speak to us about her work. A free-will offering was taken to help her with her work for the Lord and she received \$1,230.00.

On LWML Sunday, October 1st in the afternoon, we had Barbara Kay from St. Louis, Mo. Come and put on a program for us. She is an impersonator and did Katie Luther. We also invited other LWML groups within our zone and advertised in the local newspaper, inviting the public. We served a luncheon afterwards.

In November, we had our annual "Used Treasure Sale." The congregation helps and donates lots of wonderful treasures. This year we sold food-to-go; soup, sandwiches and dessert. The money from the sale of the food went to Lutheran World Relief to help with recovery from hurricanes in Texas and Florida. The monies from the treasure sales went towards other projects that we help with throughout the year.

Also, with the help of donations of food from the congregation, the Ladies Aid served three funeral dinners in 2017. They purchased the confirmand's flower. They sent monies to the following: THL Rose Bowl Committee for the Lutheran float, Lutherbrook Child and Adolescent Center, Bethesda Communities, and Christian County Food Bank. Also, they helped sponsor a student at Concordia Seminary. We made donations to the Christian County Historical Society and to VFW Post 4495. We asked them to speak at our group at different times to learn more about their organizations. Both were interesting and very informative. We decided to give donation to both organizations

Trinity Ladies Aid was asked to furnish a banner to take to the LWML National Convention in Albuquerque to represent Central Illinois District. We asked Beverly Wells and she graciously used her talents to help us with this project. We were then able to send a beautiful banner from Central Illinois to the convention.

Our Ladies Aid has been in existence since 1926. We meet the first Thursday of each month, except in January and February. We each answer roll call with a favorite (something) as listed in our booklet that we publish ourselves, listing each month's agenda. Our meetings are not only about fellowship and fun, but hearing the word of God. We have devotions and Bible studies. Sometimes we have speakers. All the confirmed ladies in the congregation are welcome to join.

Officers

President – Judy Jacobs
Vice-President – Cindy Stock
Co-Secretaries – Pat McArdle and Zelma Hinkel
Treasurer – Judy Deal

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Mornings – “Equipping the Saints” using Luther’s Small Catechism
“Luther and the Book of Romans”

LifeLight

Continuing through the Historical Books of the Bible
The Books of Kings
Ezra & Nehemiah
The Apocrypha
The Gospel of Luke

Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study
“Outline on Christian Doctrine”

CATECHIZING MIDWEEK CLASSES

21 children participated this past fall. A breakdown of the classes is available in the statistic report.

Jesus Company covered the accounts of Christ’s life, death and resurrection plus began studying the historical accounts recorded in the Old Testament. They memorized the Apostles’ Creed and meaning and started on memorizing the Lord’s Prayer and meanings.

Sixth Grade Class continued to complete units on:

Using the Bible
History of Martin Luther & Trinity Lutheran Church
Worship – a Divine Service

Seven & Eighth Grade Class continued to study Luther's Small Catechism

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School teachers this past year were Sharon Janssen & Barb Beck

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

We had about 65 children throughout the week; they were a fantastic group this year. We had a new idea and put the tables in a horseshoe with all the children sitting around them. We gathered in the middle to sing and dance; that was a favorite part of our morning. Thanks to Pastor and Nikki Books; the Daycare staff, as always, thank you Landyn Molina for volunteering this week; he was a great help with the children.

REPORT ON THE CRADLE ROLL 2017

This ministry serves parents of children from the ages of newborn to three years of age. The ministry includes a number of mailings. In these mailings there are newsletters which deal on a topic on child development, devotional materials and other

Adermann , June Caroline	Blomquist , Liam Matthew	Blomquist , Ona Sophia
Cervi , Anna Elizabeth	Copeland , Emercyn Leigh	Crites , Eliza Nicole
Crites , Fraya Rochelle	Dowdy , Liam James	Nichols , Jax Christopher
Nicholson , Marshal Bronc	Noblet , Rhenner Shawn Harvey	Rincker , Benjamin David
Tucker , Hadley Jo	Tucker , Preston Jordan	Wendling , Heidi Lynn

Graduating from the cradle roll:

Davis , Ambrie	Rincker , Chance Matthew	Paine , Kylie Ann
Jones , Savanah Blaine Illiano	Barton , Kohl Thomas	

PRISON MINISTRY

4-8 men attend the Thursday afternoon Bible Study
5-7 men attend the monthly communion service
8-10 men attend the monthly Sunday Chapel Service
45-48 men participate in the Story Book ministry. Nearly 70 children heard their fathers' voices and received the books their fathers read. Below is a report of the number of offenders that participate in the Story Book Ministry throughout central Illinois.

October
Lincoln - 53
Pontiac - 41
Decatur - 62

November
Logan - 65
Pontiac - 56
Decatur - 65

Taylorville - 47

Total - 203

Total - 186

Grand total - 389

CHIME CHOIR

The fall of 2016, the chime choir took a one year sabbatical. God willing the chime choir was back in the fall of 2017

STEWARDSHIP

This year 19 quilts, 9 school kits and 20 baby care kits were delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

Support was given for the work of Loving Arms and the Shadow House here in Taylorville.

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH

- a. Loving Arms,
- b. Shadow House,
- c. TMA-Taylorville Ministerial Assoc. Emergency Fund,
- d. Trinity Needs Fund,
- e. TEFB-Taylorville Emergency Food Bank,
- f. Camp CILCA/scholarships,
- g. LSSI-Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (Story books),
- h. Braille Ministry large print,
- i. National KFUE,
- j. Lutheran World Relief -LCMS
- k. Heritage Foundation,
- l. CID Professional Scholarship Fund.

Budgets

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
	Actual	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROPOSAL
INCOME				
Envelopes	157,864.02	158,806.97	161,625.12	158,000
Loose Plate	13,071.26	9,002.20	6,684.54	6,500
Preschool Tuition	16,164.00	12,358.00	13,028.00	13,000
Preschool- Gifts/fund raisers	1,337.75	1,824.00	200.00	500
Misc Income	153.18	63.54	68.98	75
Total Income	188,590.21	182,054.71	181,606.64	178,075
EXPENSES				
Personnel				
Pastor's Salary	36,319.98	36,319.92	36,319.32	36,320
Pastor's Housing	15,244.06	15,244.06	15,244.06	15,244
Pastor's Auto Allow.	4,325.10	4,325.10	4,325.10	4,325
Pastor's Business Exp.	312.02	643.37	572.37	650
Pastor's Health Plan	2,160.08	2,160.08	2,160.08	2,400
Pastor's Disability	687.40	638.30	589.20	590
Pastor's Dental	586.00	544.70	502.80	545
Pastor's Life Ins	560.00	560.00	1,622.00	1,625
Pastor's Retirement	2,380.00	3,332.00	2,856.00	2,800
Guest Minister	765.11	240.90	722.72	1,000
Sat. Night Organist	2,516.86	2,009.52	2,628.70	2,700
Guest Organist	6,223.30	6,417.90	5,529.14	6,000
Secretary's Salary	13,439.30	13,447.20	13,447.20	14,005
Janitor's Salary	9,232.85	9,234.94	9,234.94	9,235
FICA & Medicare taxes	1,734.43	1,827.70	1,735.19	1,780
Subtotal	96,457.08	96,945.69	97,488.82	99,219
Programs				
District	14,754.15	14,547.69	14,500.52	14,225
Charity/Mission	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,100.00	1,200
Choir/Chime	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Worship Committee	932.28	916.57	1,323.31	1,600
Evangelism	998.00	1,214.44	1,188.81	1,000
Stewardship	0.00	88.69	80.30	250
Sunday School	891.09	1,190.72	641.70	800
Adult Bible Study	736.36	1,472.46	1,035.96	1,300
VBS/Confirmatio n/Jesus Co	1,357.30	2,453.01	1,866.28	2,500
Preschool Staff	18,627.50	18,569.04	17,600.89	20,910
Supplies	570.21	961.35	736.24	900
FICA/Medi	1,425.00	1,416.65	1,346.48	1,600
Subtotal	41,491.89	44,030.62	41,420.49	46,285
Operations				

Educ. & Conferences	150.00	801.50	100.00	500
Church & Office Supplies	6,723.03	6,238.50	6,291.66	6,500
Postage	968.72	707.94	1,175.77	1,250
Telephone	2,096.54	2,502.12	2,097.25	2,300
Janitor's Supplies	480.17	468.71	863.59	600
Gas & Electric	7,657.51	8,337.78	7,463.53	8,500
Water & Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Waste Disposal	450.00	538.65	540.00	600
Insurance	7,636.50	7,986.00	7,612.50	10,000
Bldg. Maint. & Repairs	6,967.72	5,244.16	2,005.27	15,000
Lawn Maint/Snow Removal	3,884.50	2,550.00	3,559.34	4,000
Office Equip & Repairs	0.00	3,083.68	117.00	3,500
Service Contracts/Leases	5,746.90	4,610.19	2,603.47	4,000
Subtotal	42,761.59	43,069.23	34,429.38	56,750
Total Budget Expenses	180,740.57	184,045.54	173,338.69	202,254
Budget balance	7,849.64	-1,990.83	8,267.95	-24,179
Non-Budget Receipts:				
Charity & Mission of Month	779.00	1,134.00	792.00	
Memorials (other than Daycare.)	18,098.00	36,385.26	2,835.00	
Repay	203.00	415.32	178.57	
Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	31.96	
Misc	1,933.34	7,446.95	1,409.33	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	1,080.00	1,654.00	1,037.00	
Transfer from Investments	12,147.69	11,258.90	601.96	
Total Nonbudget Receipts	34,241.03	58,294.43	6,885.82	
Non-Budget Expense:				
Charity & Mission of Month	1,045.79	1,644.00	788.00	
Projects	1,414.80	11,543.00	125.00	
Needy Fund		601.96		
Repay	0.00	565.92	24.00	
Miscellaneous	700.69	594.79	1,576.07	
Adjustments	253.66	32.72	-0.01	
Transfer to Investments	37,674.24	43,977.97	4,307.33	
Total Nonbudget Expenditures	41,089.18	58,358.40	7,422.35	
Net for Church Operations	1,001.49	-2,054.80	7,731.42	-24,179

TLC CHILD CARE PLUS				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROPOSAL
Tuition	530,270	532,660	520,035	540,000
Food Program	20,172	25,022	26,234	24,000
Fund Raisers	893	818	711	750
Pledges	6,963	3,330	2,837	3,500
Gifts/donations	2,890	779	1,796	2,000
Thrivent	3,480	4,447	3500	
Grants	3,603	0	0	0
Misc	1,514	3,346	718	600
TOTAL RECEIPTS	566,305	569,435	556,777	574,350
EXPENSES				
Personnel	351,390	404,505	390,143	391,750
Supplies	56,137	58,976	43,311	43,000
Insurance	12,761	15,989	14,122	18,550
Utilities	11,294	13,359	12,956	14,840
Operations	31,878	26,970	18,445	23,050
Interest	12,652	11,047	9,883	8,900
Loans Paid	34,296	28,901	32,565	37,100
FICA taxes	26,855	29,864	28,788	27,000
Capital items purchased	3,099	7,063	0	5,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	540,361	596,674	550,213	569,190.00
Operating Increase/Decrease	25,944	-27,239	6,565	5,160

Investments

Checking	\$34,236.19
Money Market Accounts	
Undesignated Memorials	\$71,542.30
Thrivent Funds	\$11,474.69
Scholarships	\$974.11
Needy Fund	\$2,522.62
Organist Training	\$0.00
Choir & Chimes	\$938.00
Youth Group	\$432.35
Total MMA	\$87,884.08
Total Investments	\$122,120.27

Daycare Building Mortgage \$219,135.28

Memorials, Gifts & Bequest Received for & from

Wayne Johnson, Gert Speakman, Dennis Cox, Glenda Sikes, Irene Vidmar, Bob Melzer,
Francis Abel & Terry Ostermeier
Designation of memorials, gifts and bequests
Undesignated Memorial Funds, DayCare, Needy Fund
Total Amount received from memorials, gifts and bequests: \$5,180.00

CHURCH OFFICERS

Chairman: Cecil Polley

Vice- Chairman:

Secretary: Sharon Carlson

Treasurer: Katherine “Kitty” Chance

(Board of Directors met the third Monday of the Month)

Elders: Wayne Manson (2019), Jim Stanton Rob Davis (2018), Jack Dey[ch.] (2018), Ron Warren (2017) *(Elders met the first Monday of the month)*

Trustees: Jim Hagemeyer (2018), Tyler Nation (2018), Marvin Brune [ch.] (2018), Mike Nation (2019), Ron Perona (2019), Jeremy Stanton (2020), Ed Janssen (2020)
(Trustees met the second Tuesday of the month)

ChildCarePLUS: Larry Peterson [ch.] (2018), Duane Stock [Treasurer (2018)], Lora Polley (2018), Mary Drnjevic (2018), Nancy Hagemeyer (2018), Lois Hesse (2019), Bredna Seeley (2019), Judy Deal (2019).

(Day Care board met the second Tuesday of the month.)

Board of Education: Vacant

Board of Stewardship: Duane Stock

Board of Evangelism: Vacant

Financial Secretary: Norvella Arkebauer

Sunday School Superintendent: Barb Beck

VBS Director: Barb Beck

Thrivent: Karen Willer, Lois Hesse, Pat McArdle

Ladies Aide & LWML

Judy Jacob – President

Pat McArdle & Zelma Hinkel – Co-secretaries

Judy Deal – Treasurer

Cindy Stock – Vice President

Men’s Bible and Breakfast Group: Jim Stanton & Cecil Polley

Inspirational Booklets: Gloria Masters

Concordia Village: Lois Hesse & Judy Jacobs

Loving Arms Inc. Liaison: Yolanda Marucco

Taylorville Ministerial Association Food Pantry Volunteers: Lois Hesse, Lyle & Lillian Reller

Red Cross: Yolanda Marucco, Lois Hesse, Karen Willer

Lutheran Emergency Response Team (L.E.R.T.): Kandy Andruch, Cecil Polley, Lois Hesse, Brenda Seeley, Judy Deal, Judy Jacobs, Karen Willer

Foster Parents Representative: Kandy Andruch

Archivist: Cindy Stock

Altar Guild: April Hannant

Church Sign: Mark Podeschi

Church Staff

Secretary: Yolanda Marucco

Preschool Teacher: Nikki Books

Preschool Aid: Barb Beck

Custodians: Bev & Russ Wells

Chime & Voice Choirs Director: Cindy Stock

Organists & Pianists: John Hollman & Debi Prehn

Nursing Home Pianist: Debi Prehn

Day Care Staff: *(See Day Care Report)*

APPENDIX
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Taylorville, Illinois
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES FOR USE OF THE CHURCH
JANUARY 2000

1. NO SMOKING ANYWHERE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.
2. All tables and chairs used must be put back in their proper place. There is a diagram of that placement attached to the custodian's closet door located in the basement which will show you how to put the chairs and tables back in their proper order.
3. All extra chairs that are not placed at the tables must be folded and put back on the moveable chair rack which is located under the basement stairs located next to the church secretary's office.
4. All decorations used for a function must be removed.
5. All tables must be washed and wiped clean, and debris removed from underneath.
6. The floors should be swept, or mopped in case of spilled items. Brooms and mops can be found in the custodian's closet.
7. All trash should be placed into large trash containers located in the church kitchen. Extra trash liners are located in the custodian's closet.
8. All bathrooms should be checked before you leave the church. Stools should be flushed and all water faucets in lavatories turned off.
9. The church should be checked to make sure all lights are turned off and all windows and doors closed.
10. No Food or Drink Items should be taken anywhere upstairs in the church, but should remain in the basement Fellowship Hall or kitchen area.
11. Bicycles should not be parked or ridden upon the entranceway carpet.
12. All organizations, groups, individuals, etc., should check the Master Church Calendar located in the church secretary's office for the availability of the date that you wish for your activity – something may already be scheduled on the Master Calendar. This also applies when canceling a date on the calendar – please contact the church office and have your activity date removed.
13. People who have private dinners or receptions and use the church facilities, the above request for usage applies. There is a \$100 fee for using the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for wedding receptions; as well as a \$100 fee for the sanctuary for a wedding; payable in advance. This is payable to the custodian,

because of the extra cleanup involved. *[NO fee for members wishing to use basement for birthday, anniversary and baby showers]*

14. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, for any function within the church. Also, no children are to be in the balcony area without adult supervision.

15. Finally, all doors must be locked before you leave.

16. If any problems arise while you are in the church, please contact any of the following Trustees

17. If you have any questions pertaining to the above information, you may contact the church custodian, Mrs. Beverly Wells, at 824-3010.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR CHURCH “LOOKING GOOD!”

THE ORGANIST SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

1. A member of the congregation
2. The congregation pays the teacher after the student submits a voucher for payment.
3. The student will write a short essay explaining their life goals and their intentions in taking lessons. Essay to be submitted to the Board of Elders.
4. The congregation will also pay our seminaries an appropriate fee to them for any of our student organists to take lessons at either seminary in order that they gain a Lutheran understanding of liturgy.
5. Where the student fails to attend the lesson. The student will pay for that lesson.
6. Funding for the student shall be on a funds available status
7. The entire matter shall be renewed or not on annual basis.
8. The congregation shall retain the right to alter this matter as needed.

TRINITY LUTHERAN MEMORIAL FUNDS

(Updated 2016)

1. Church Improvement Projects

Funds from this account are used for church improvement projects, equipment, or major repairs in the church.

2. Books

Funds from this account are used to purchase new hymnals and bibles for the church.

3. Undesignated Fund

Funds in the general memorial fund are used for projects approved by the church board of directors.

4. Scholarship Fund

Funds in this account are for anyone attending a church sponsored school.

5. Organist Scholarship Fund

Funds in this account are for members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod who desire to become a church organist in our church body.

6. Building Fund

Funds in this account are to be used for building addition(s) and for retirement of any mortgage(s).

7. Needy Fund *(Good Samaritan Fund)*

Funds in this account are for Pastor's use in assisting needy people in an emergency situation. It can also be used by members of the congregation to gather funds to help a family member or a neighbor in need. With Elder's approval, this should be done for a short amount of time, for example: a month or 6 weeks. The funds should go to meet a need such as rent or medical expense.

Memorial Funds should be designated before the church can receive the funds.

If the family would like the memorial funds used for a "special project" that is not mentioned above, please notify the Pastor. At that time, the Pastor will inform the Treasurer and the Trustees of the pending project. These "special projects" must be fully funded by the memorial received. In this instance, the memorial funds should not be forwarded to the church until the project is identified by the family and agreed to by the Trustees and/or Board of Directors.

We hope that this information will be of help to you in making a decision regarding your tribute to your loved one's memory.

+ Our Vision Statement with Biblical Support +

[Study and memorize these passages as you ponder your place in God's kingdom and in this congregation. Notes and additions made by Pastor]

By the grace of God (The Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit),

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 3:23 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Through the Means of Grace (Word & the Sacraments of Baptism & Lord's Supper)

Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 26:28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

God the Father lovingly

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

Matthew 7:9-11 “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”

Empowers our members

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

To be eager and desire (by the working of the Holy Spirit)

Psalms 119:72 72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

Psalms 84:10 10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Psalms 119:16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Psalms 26:8 I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells. **Psalms 119:103** How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

The Word and Sacraments. (The Means of Grace)

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (*The Word of God*)

Romans 6:3-6 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. (*Baptism*)

1 Corinthians 10:16 Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? (*The Lord's Supper*)

This desire and our need to live (Produced by the Holy Spirit working in our lives through the Word)

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" and you forgave the guilt of my sin

Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

2 Corinthians 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Psalms 119:104,112 104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. 112 My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

As God's Children

Galatians 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Is exemplified by a life of repentance (This is the life of the Christian)

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By attendance at worship services (Fruit of repentance)

Psalms 122:1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalms 26:8 I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells.

Luke 11:28 He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Nurturing Children (Fruit of repentance)

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Fellowship with other believers in Christ (Fruit of repentance)

Acts 2:42,46 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

Ephesians 2:19-20 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Romans 12:5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

And participating in Bible Studies (Fruit of repentance)

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Joshua 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true

We reach inward to our congregation (Christian love for fellow members of the Body of Christ - Fruit of repentance)

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. **25** Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

And outward to the community (The Great Commission - Fruit of repentance)

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Using our time, talents, and treasures (Stewardship - Fruit of repentance)

Ephesians 4:11,16 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1 Corinthians 12:7,11 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

Romans 12:4,8 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, **8** if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

By the power of the Holy Spirit: (See the Third Article from Luther's Small Catechism)

Ephesians 4:3-6 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Romans 12:5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God will unite this congregation to grow and prosper. (Christ the Head of the Church, His Body, unites the body together to do the work He places before Her.)

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Ephesians 2:19-22 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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