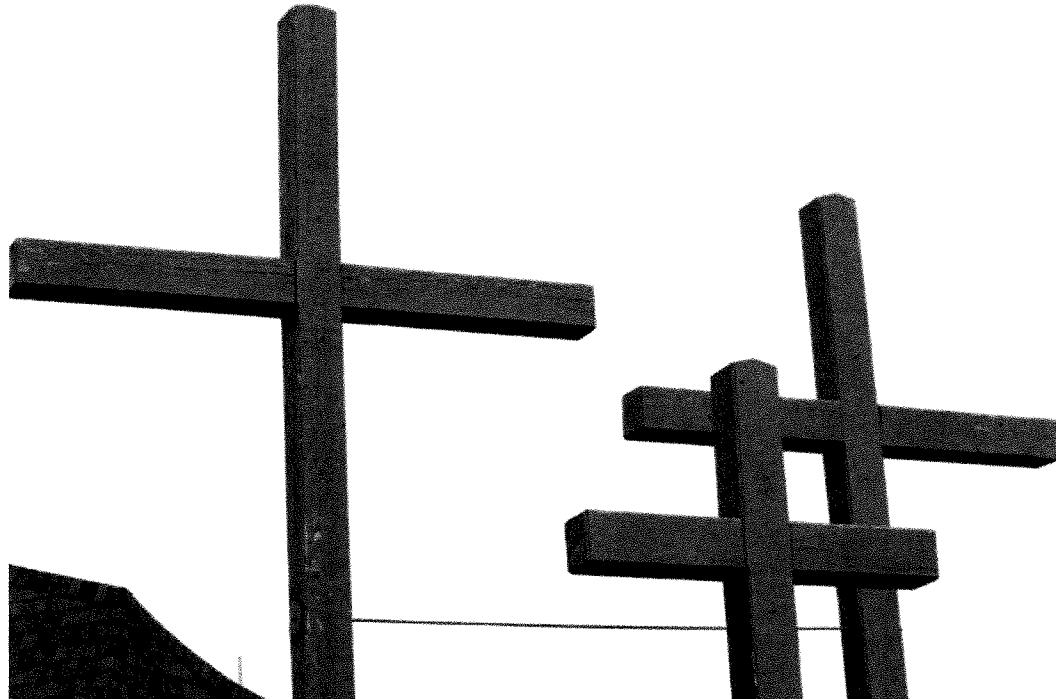


**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
100 POPLAR AVENUE  
CARRINGTON, NORTH DAKOTA



**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR  
2025**

Michael Simons, Council President  
Sheryl Roundy, Parish Secretary  
Becky Pretzer, Parish Secretary  
Nichole Garber, Custodian

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

Presented at the Annual Meeting  
January 11, 2026

## **Agenda for the Annual Meeting January 11, 2026**

- I. Call to Order – President Michael Simons
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Roll Call of Officers
- IV. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2025
- V. Election of Council Officers
- VI. Reports
  - A. President's Report
  - B. Treasurer's Report
  - C. Reports of the Boards
    - 1. Board of Deacons
    - 2. Board of Education
    - 3. Board of Trustees
  - D. Reports of Organizations
    - 1. Women Of The Word
    - 2. Parish Nurse Report
    - 3. Trinity Foundation Board
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Approval of the Budget for 2026
- X. Election Results
- XI. Closing of the Annual Meeting with the Lord's Prayer

# 2025 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

<b>Office/Board</b>	<b>Held By</b>	<b>Elected January of:</b>	<b>Term Expires January of:</b>
President	Michael Simons	2025	2027
Vice President	Claudia Park	2025	2027
Recording Secretary	Jo Pollert	2025	2027
Treasurer	Janice Gussiaas	2025	2027
Board of Deacons	Morgan Wetzel	2024 (Second Term)	2027
	Sheila Harrington	2025 (First Term)	2028
	Lori Solberg	2025 (1 Year Term)	2026
	Jodie Davis	2025 (1 Year Term)	2026
Board of Trustees	Mike Neis	2025 (First Term)	2028
	Greg Gussiaas	2025 (Filled vacancy)	2026
	Jeff Knudson	2024 (First Term)	2027
	Kerry Smith	2023 (Second Term)	2026
Board of Education	Markie Rosenau	2025 (First Term)	2028
	Kendra Beach	2024 (First Term)	2027
	Tara Rau	2023 (First Term)	2026
	Kelsey Neis	2023 (First Term)	2026

## **Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church January 19, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Nic Beach with 63 members in attendance. Pastor Ritchie Cole opened with prayer. **Officers Present:** President Nic Beach, Treasurer Janice Gussiaas, and Secretary Ruth Braaten. **Absent:** Vice President Matt VanRay.

Jeff Knudson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2024, annual meeting. Kristin Simons seconded it, and the motion carried.

Reports of the boards and the organizations, along with the President's Report, the Pastor's Report, and the Parish Nurse's Report, were all included in the annual report.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financials were included in the report. Janice highlighted her report and asked if there were any questions. There were none. The General Fund, Missions Account, Reserve Account, and Edward Jones Account have been audited and reconciled to official statements and are in balance. A motion to accept the audit was made by Sheila Harrington, seconded it by Eugene Drewlow, and passed by the congregation.

Eugene Drewlow spoke on behalf of the Trinity Foundation Board informing members that they would like to offer their support to individuals going into seminary or missionary work.

**Budget for 2025:** A motion to accept the budget was made by Justin Cook, seconded by Kelsey Neis, and carried by the council.

### **Election of New Church Council Members:**

President: Two Year Term	Michael Simons
Vice President: Two Year Term	Claudia Park
Recording Secretary: Two Year Term	Jo Pollert
Treasurer: Two Year Term	Janice Gussiaas
Board Of Deacons: Three Year Term	Sheila Harrington
Board of Deacons: One Year Term	Lori Solberg & Jodie Davis
Board of Trustees: Three Year Term	Mike Neis
Board of Education: Three Year Term	Markie Rosenau

The above were all on the election ballot and voted in by secret ballot.

The congregation also voted by secret ballot on the ratification of the revised Constitution and By-Laws. It passed with 58 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Jon Gussiaas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Katie Gussiaas seconded it, and the motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Braaten.

## Annual Report from the Council President

**Dear Trinity,**

As we reflect on this past year, we are reminded once again that God's faithfulness never wavers. Even in times of uncertainty or change, His presence continues to guide, sustain, and shape us. With grateful hearts, we look to the future trusting fully in His plan for Trinity Lutheran Church.

### **Gratitude for Our Congregation**

Thank you, Trinity family, for your continued prayers, service, and steadfast commitment to one another. Your faithfulness has upheld our congregation during a year of transition and has strengthened our shared mission. We are blessed with members of all ages who care deeply about each other, about discipleship, and about the future of this church.

### **Church Boards**

A heartfelt thanks to our dedicated boards:

- **Board of Deacons:** For providing spiritual care, supporting worship, and offering compassionate leadership within our congregation.
- **Board of Education:** For nurturing faith, especially in our youth, and supporting Christian learning throughout the year.
- **Board of Trustees:** For your diligent stewardship of our building and grounds, ensuring the smooth operation and upkeep of our facilities.

Your work, often unseen, keeps Trinity strong and vibrant.

### **Appreciation for Trinity Staff**

To our staff, thank you for your commitment, your flexibility, and your unwavering dedication. This year has asked much of you, and you have served with grace. Your efforts are the backbone of the everyday life of this church.

### **Pastoral Transition**

This year brought changes we did not expect. Although our time with Pastor Ritchie came to an early close, we trust that God continues to work for good in all situations. We remain grateful for the ways God used that season to help us grow, reflect, and strengthen our identity as a congregation.

I believe we have experienced blessings through the ministry of our supply pastors. Their messages have been powerful, uplifting, and spirit filled. We also witnessed the gifts within our own congregation. These experiences have reminded us that God equips the church in many beautiful ways and that He continues to raise up leaders among us.

## **Looking Ahead**

As we look to the year ahead, we place our trust firmly in the Lord. We do not yet know the path before us, but we know the One who leads us. God has a plan for Trinity, and He will reveal it in His time.

There is much to look forward to as we continue growing in faith together. One event that deeply impacted many last year was the Three Days of Prayer. It was a powerful time of reflection and connection with God, and I am personally excited to experience it again and hear how others are touched through this meaningful time of prayer and renewal.

I am also excited for our upcoming Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event in January. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to live out our discipleship beyond the walls of our church, serving others in Christ's name and making a tangible difference in the world.

Let us remain steadfast in faith, supporting one another, praying together, and continuing to build the church we believe God is calling us to be. With open hearts and willing hands, we will follow wherever He leads. Together, we will grow in His grace and fulfill His mission for us.

**God Bless,**

Michael Simons  
Council President

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Statement of Financial Position For All Funds as of 12/31/2025

### Assets

#### Bank

Checking 5029	25,480.71
Mission Checking 5037	49,043.87
Edward Jones	67,012.48
Total Mission Checking 5037	116,056.35
Reserve Savings 1738	3,750.44
WOW Checking	11,005.56
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>156,293.06</b>

#### Fixed Assets

Church Building	1,505,400.00
Parsonage	258,900.00
Vacant Lot	13,500.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,777,800.00</b>

#### Total Assets

**1,934,093.06**

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### Liabilities

<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Pass Thru Organizations	
Penny Power	340.80
Total Pass Thru Organizations	340.80
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>340.80</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>340.80</b>

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### Net Assets

#### Restricted

4 12 Activities Fund	1,637.27
Beneficence Fund	250.00
Bible Camp	1,294.16
BLAST Fund	1,656.16
Building Fund	43,326.39
Choir / Music Fund	1,050.29
Confirmation Fund	9,065.77
Feed My Starving Children Fund	2,201.44
Friends in Need Fund	5,520.62
Library Fund	-103.12

New Life Activities Fund	12,574.57
Paraments Fund	1,019.80
Parish Nurse Project Fund	1,136.30
Prayer Garden Fund	877.90
Sabbatical Fund	1,595.00
Seminary Fund	1,330.00
Slovakia Mission Trip Fund	1,925.87
Sound System Fund	753.08
Sunday School	3,717.11
Sunshine Committee	688.40
Technology Fund	1,500.00
Undesignated	2,392.54
WOW Fund	11,005.56
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>106,415.11</b>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	
General Fund	1,803,280.71
Reserve Fund	24,056.44
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>1,827,337.15</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,933,752.26</b>
<b>Total Liabilities + Net Assets</b>	<b>1,934,093.06</b>

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Change in Net Assets for Period: 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

Fund	Starting Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
4 12 Activities Fund (R)	1,595.41	400.00	358.14	0.00	1,637.27
Benevolence Fund (R)	0.00	4,433.00	1,477.67	-2,705.33	250.00
Bible Camp (R)	1,294.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,294.16
BLAST Fund (R)	1,965.55	1,770.10	2,079.49	0.00	1,656.16
Building Fund (R)	29,808.83	13,517.56	0.00	0.00	43,326.39
Choir / Music Fund (R)	1,300.29	0.00	250.00	0.00	1,050.29
Confirmation Fund (R)	6,629.72	15,672.25	13,236.20	0.00	9,065.77
Feed My Starving Children Fund (R)	487.23	16,048.83	15,812.28	1,477.66	2,201.44
Friends in Need Fund (R)	4,515.57	2,410.00	1,404.95	0.00	5,520.62
General Fund (U)	1,797,797.76	222,478.27	240,472.99	23,477.67	1,803,280.71
Library Fund (R)	159.72	435.00	697.84	0.00	-103.12
New Life Activities Fund (R)	12,157.53	436.54	19.50	0.00	12,574.57
Paraments Fund (R)	1,019.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,019.80
Parish Nurse Project Fund (R)	938.86	860.00	662.56	0.00	1,136.30
Prayer Garden Fund (R)	926.37	150.00	198.47	0.00	877.90
Reserve Fund (U)	41,351.49	4.95	0.00	-17,300.00	24,056.44
Sabbatical Fund (R)	1,595.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,595.00
Seminary Fund (R)	1,330.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,330.00
Slovakia Mission Trip Fund (R)	1,925.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,925.87
Sound System Fund (R)	3.08	750.00	0.00	0.00	753.08
Sunday School (R)	3,717.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,717.11
Sunshine Committee (R)	583.23	500.00	394.83	0.00	688.40
Technology Fund (R)	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Trinity Foundation (U)	0.00	240.00	240.00	0.00	0.00
Undesignated (R)	9,440.16	3,833.38	5,931.00	-4,950.00	2,392.54
WOW Fund (R)	-1,500.00	42,121.44	29,615.88	0.00	11,005.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,920,542.74</b>	<b>326,061.32</b>	<b>312,851.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,933,752.26</b>
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Total Receipts	326,061.32				
Total Disbursements	312,851.80				
Net Increase(Decrease)	13,209.52				
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**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**General Fund: Statement of Activities**

**January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2023**

**01/01/23-12/31/23**

Revenues	
General Offering Revenue	\$308,130.97

**January 01, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

**01/01/24-12/31/24**

Revenues	
General Offering Revenue	\$239,714.28

**January 01, 2025 to December 31, 2025**

**01/01/25-12/31/25**

Revenues	
General Offering Revenue	\$222,470.61



to: Board of Trustees  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Fiscal Year 2025

The following accounts were audited: General Checking #5029, Missions Checking #5037, Reserve Savings #1738, and Edward Jones and WOW Checking. This is the first year that WOW checking has been listed in Icon and reconciled. The Trinity Foundation financials are not listed in Icon so this account was

All of the accounts audited have been reconciled to official statements by the Sheryl and are in balance. Checking account #5029 has an outstanding check #9112 from 2024 that has not been cashed or reconciled. I would recommend voiding this check in the system. The check was written on Sept 18, 2024 in the amount of \$50.00. The remaining unreconciled checks are within the allowable three-month timeframe for banks to process.

Checking account #5037 also has an outstanding check #1685 from 2024 that has not been cashed or reconciled. I would recommend voiding this check in the system. The check was written on April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$50.00. There is also one check that is approaching the end of the bank's allowable cashing period. This check #1768 is dated 9/9/20225 in the amount of 25.00. The remaining unreconciled checks are within the allowable three-month timeframe for banks to process.

Respectfully,  
Connie Martz  
1/6/2026



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carrington, North Dakota 58421

**Board of Deacons**

**Annual Report for 2025**

As a board, we try to meet once per month as well as some additional meetings throughout the year, to deal with various issues.

This past year, Deacons have been Morgan Wetzel, Lori Solberg, Jodi Davis and Shelia Harrington.

We have been working to find volunteers that are willing to run the sound system and computer screens during Sunday services, fill in for children's sermons, altar guilds and many other areas of service. We have held Senior Sunday, helped with Muffins for Madagascar and many other happenings in the church that we are called by God to serve.

In October, Pastor Ritchie Cole ended his position with the church. We have been filling in this position with other pastors and volunteers to lead worship. We are looking into interim/intentional interim pastors to lead us in our season of searching.

As Deacons we would like to thank all the volunteers that keep the church going. The ushers, acolytes, blast teachers, confirmation guides, communion servers, those that help with snow removal and keep the grounds up, those that serve on boards, and anyone who participates in any way.

God Bless

Morgan Wetzel, Lori Solberg, Jodi Davis and Shelia Harrington

## **2025 TLC Board of Education Annual Report**

Members of the Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) Board of Education (BOE) this year include Kelsey Neis, Kendra Beach, Markie Rosenau, and Tara Rau with Jane VanRay serving as superintendent. On November 5, a new Youth Director position was filled by Kelsey Neis. The role replaces the previous superintendent responsibilities related to youth programming. Kelsey will initially oversee the BLAST ministry and will assume leadership of the Confirmation program following the new year.

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Education include: First Communion for fifth grade students, assisting with both BLAST and Confirmation, Vacation Bible School, distribution of Bibles for students, and the Christmas program. The Board also supports youth groups, adult education, and the church library (led by its own subcommittee).

### **BLAST**

Building Lives Around Spiritual Truth (BLAST) has continued Wednesday evenings. Children are taught stories, and the seeds of faith are planted. Sessions are held weekly for sixty minutes, with an average attendance of seventy-four students, many of whom participate consistently. Students engage in small-group activities each week in their designated classrooms. BLAST students are encouraged to memorize selected verses, the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, and the Books of the Bible. To boost greater engagement in worship, BLAST students sing monthly during services and write the prayers of the church for designated Sundays. Due to a limited number of available teachers, the parent floater system has continued this year. Each week, the BOE requests one male and one female volunteer to assist with various responsibilities throughout the evening. Floater helpers manage behaviors, assist with memory work, take attendance and help kids navigate outside of the classroom. In addition to the floaters, a total of twenty-five volunteers assist with BLAST. The BLAST program would not be possible without the involvement of parents and their commitment to making faith formation a priority.

Fifteen fifth grade students were able to receive First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Students and parents completed an educational class conducted by the pastor prior to the event.

September 7, ten first grade students received the Action Bible. The Action Bible is composed of Biblical stories illustrated in comic like fashion. In September during BLAST, twelve sixth grade students received a Student Study Bible English Standard Version (ESV) which is the bible the students will use for confirmation classes. Students received the Bible at this time to prepare for confirmation.

The BLAST Christmas Program will be held during the church service on December 14. A report for this will be added onto next year's annual report.

### **VBS**

Community Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held at Bethel Assembly of God. The roles were divided among TLC, Bethel, Calvary Baptist, Federated Church, and Sacred Heart. Trinity's responsibility was snacks. Sessions were set for four evenings during the week of August 4. Around 115 kids attended as well as many teachers and volunteers gathered in a fun setting, learning about Jesus.

## **Confirmation**

Seven students completed the Confirmation program in the spring and were confirmed on May 4. Throughout the program, students are instructed in the Lutheran faith through worship, fellowship, education, and service. Confirmation classes resumed in September. Pastor Ritchie Cole taught all classes through the end of October, after which Superintendent Jane VanRay continued instruction for the remainder of the lessons. This year, a total of thirty-six Confirmation students and ten guides participated.

Students meet as a whole group for lesson as well as meet for small group guide time.

The annual “Fall Festival” was held on October 8. The confirmation students and guides planned the games and activities for BLAST students and families. The attendance was great, and the event was another huge success.

## **Adult Bible Study**

Dorothy Fenske leads a monthly women’s bible study. In addition, Pastor Ritchie Cole held a seven-week bible study open to all parishioners which began on September 15.

## **Youth Group**

### **Youth 412 (grades 7-8)**

Youth 412 continues under the leadership of Kelsey Neis and Tara Rau. Monthly gatherings are planned throughout the year, featuring a variety of activities both within the church and in the community.

### **New Life Youth Group (LYO) (grades 9-12)**

Micheal and Kristen Simons are the advisors. The group meets monthly for fellowship, service, and faith-building activities.

## **TLC Library Year End Report**

### **The Ministry of Our Church Library**

Martin Luther, the founder of the Lutheran tradition, was a passionate supporter of books and libraries. He believed they were essential for preserving knowledge, nurturing faith, and educating God's people. Luther once wrote, *"No effort or expense should be spared to provide good libraries or book repositories... For if the Gospel and all the arts are to be preserved, they must be set down and held fast in books and writings."* His words remind us that libraries are not simply collections of books—they are guardians of the Gospel, the arts, and the life of the mind.

Our own church library embodies this calling. A quality library is a gift to the congregation, equipping each of us to grow in faith and become better ministers of the Word in our daily lives. Within our walls, approximately 1,150 books line the shelves. This year, 60 new titles and a few donations were added, including graphic novels and picture books for children, books on prayer and standing strong in faith, reflections on the awe of God in creation, devotionals, and Christian fiction by award-winning authors.

We invite you to explore the library for yourself. On these shelves, you will find the great themes of Scripture, the wisdom of believers across the ages, and the inspiring truth of how a life rooted in Christ can shape and strengthen your own.

Thank you for your support of our church library and for the many ways you make use of this resource. We are truly blessed to have such a treasure in our congregation.

### **The Library Committee**

Katie Gussiaas · Dorothy Fenske · Claudia Park

Respectfully Submitted,

**2025 Board of Education**

## Annual Report from Board of Trustees 2025

The following is a list of significant projects led by the Board of Trustees:

1. **New doors** – New prefinished wood door with glass were installed in main office and pastor office. Trim around the doors was also updated.
2. **Parking Lot** - Preliminary work to gather cost estimates and discuss fundraising options to concrete the East parking lot.
3. **Parsonage** - Completed numerous updates on the parsonage including upgraded electrical service for the garage, and a new door for the shed.
4. **Maintenance** - Performed numerous yearly maintenance activities both inside and outside the church (lawn care, lighting, electrical, roofing, gutters, etc.)
5. **Washer/Dryer** – Completed necessary plumbing and electrical work to install a washer/dryer unit in utility room.
6. **Siding** - Warranty work on the Faith Center siding was completed. This involved refinishing the entire South side of the structure.
7. **AC/Heat Units** – Had all units in Sanctuary cleaned and serviced. We started using them for heat for the first time this fall.
8. **Lighting** – Continued updating light fixtures to new LED fixtures throughout the church. This effort will continue into 2026. Some exterior light fixtures were also replaced/upgraded in 2025.
9. **Folding Chairs** – Started the process to raise funds and purchase heavy duty folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall. Fundraising began in 2025, and is going very well!

A special thanks to all involved in donating their time, talents, and resources to keep our beautiful church in top shape.

Greg Gussiaas  
Jeff Knudson  
Mike Neis  
Kerry Smith

*TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH*

*Carrington, North Dakota 58421*

**Annual Report from WOW  
2025**

**2025 WOW Executive Board Members**

Co-Presidents:	Sheila Harrington, Nikole Hoggarth
Co-Vice Presidents:	Julee Erdmann, Brenda Stokes
Secretary:	Mary Struxness
Treasurer:	Michelle Kliem
Fellowship Co-Chairs:	Karen Buskness, April Hoggarth
Stewardship Co-Chairs:	Kristen Reinke, Amanda Bickett

**Purpose:** 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.

During the year of 2025, WOW was involved in the following projects:

Angel Tree Christmas gifts for local children in need  
Christmas gifts for patients at the State Hospital  
Thank Offering to assist Carrington's Backpack program  
Served for funerals  
Nalbinding, knitting of prayer shawls, and quilting

Provided for and served Sunday morning coffee  
Decorated the church for Christmas  
Bible Study  
Prepared and served Blast suppers  
Donated to many local and state causes

Revised Work Book Booklet  
Paid for church entry mats cleaning (ongoing)  
Purchased needed kitchen items  
Donated to the Sunshine Committee

Planned and served Trinity fair booth  
Planned and served Trinity fall supper  
Donated to local Thanksgiving dinner

**Executive Board Members for WOW in 2026**

Co-Presidents:	Sheila Harrington, Nikole Hoggarth
Co-Vice Presidents:	Julee Erdmann, Brenda Stokes
Secretary:	Mary Struxness
Treasurer:	Michelle Kliem
Fellowship Co-Chairs:	Karen Buskness, April Hoggarth
Stewardship Co-Chairs:	Kristen Reinke, Amanda Bickett

## 2025 WOW TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

**Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2025** **\$10,477.87**

**Revenues** **\$30,143.57**

**Expenditures** **\$29,615.88**

**Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2025**

**\$11,005.56**

<b>Revenues 2025 By Category</b>	
Coffee Hour	\$837.06
Funerals	\$6,150.00
Quilters donation	\$45.00
Soup Supper	\$314.00
School supply donation	\$20.00
<i>Fundraisers</i>	
Fair Proceeds	\$14,696.51
Fall Supper Proceeds	\$6,843.00
Thank offering	\$1,238.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES 2025</b>	<b>\$30,143.57</b>

	<b>2025 BUDGET</b>	<b>2025 ACTUAL</b>
Stewardship	\$2,050.00	\$2,025.73
Charities		
Annie Carlson Center, Jamestown	\$100.00	\$100.00

<b>2025 Budget</b>		<b>2025 Actual</b>	
Daily Bread, Carrington	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Golden Acres Manor	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Kid Experience	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Safe Shelter & Mary's Place, Jamestown	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Church Library</b>	\$300.00	\$300.00	
<b>Fellowship</b>	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$640.84
<b>Local Expenses</b>	\$6,500.00	\$7,376.65	
ladies events, coffee hour			
fair expenses			
kitchen, quilters			
fall supper expenses			
funerals			
blast suppers			
Rugs			
\$800.00	\$2,129.88		
\$1,000.00	\$1,208.73		
\$2,600.00	\$1,945.47		
\$3,000.00	\$1,189.50		
\$500.00	\$500.00		
\$3,000.00	\$117.93		
<b>Parsonage Fund</b>			
<b>Sunshine Committee</b>			
<b>Trinity Missions Account</b>			
<b>Trinity Support</b>			
Blast	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
church updates	\$7,000.00	\$3,457.94	
Radio Broadcast	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Friends in Need	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
<b>TOTAL Expenditures 2025</b>	<b>\$38,100.00</b>	<b>\$29,615.88</b>	

**WOW 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Charities</b>		
Anne Carlson Center, Jamestown	\$100.00	
Daily Bread, Carrington	\$2,000.00	
Luth Home of the Good Shepherd-birthdays	\$500.00	
Golden Acres Manor- birthday celebrations	\$500.00	
The Kid Experience(Healthy Communities)	\$200.00	
Safe Shelter, Mary's Place	\$200.00	
<b>Church Library</b>		
<b>Fellowship Committee-ladies events, coffee hours</b>		
<b>Local Expenses</b>		
Fair expenses	\$6,500.00	
Kitchen upkeep, quilters	\$1,200.00	
Fall supper expenses	\$4,000.00	
Funerals	\$800.00	
Blast suppers	\$1,000.00	
Rug maintenance	\$2,600.00	
<b>Personage Fund</b>		
<b>Stewardship Committee -feed by starving child, grad blankets, study books, thankoffering</b>		
<b>Sunshine Committee</b>		
<b>Trinity Missions-Madagascar, etc</b>		
<b>Trinity Support</b>		
Blast	\$1,000.00	
Church updates	\$7,000.00	
Friends in Need	\$1,000.00	
Radio broadcast	\$50.00	
<b>TOTAL 2026 Adopted Budget</b>		<b>\$38,100.00</b>

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*Carrington, North Dakota 58421*

**Trinity's Parish Nurse Ministry**  
**Annual Report 2025**

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not evil, to give you a future and Hope." Jeremiah 29:11*

As we begin our pastoral search in this new year, we can assured God has a good plan for Trinity and hope for our future.

Some of the projects and ministries I continue to assist with coordinating have been:

Prayer Chain Ministry  
Sunshine Ministry  
Prayer Chain  
Angel Tree  
State Hospital Friend's Gifts  
Back to school supplies  
Friends In Need  
Operation Roundup and Special Needs Program  
Hospital, Nursing Home, & Home Visits  
Equipment Loan-Out Program  
Pray Shawl Ministry  
Serving Home Communion  
Assisting with securing services for homebound folks  
Equipment Donations to HERO  
Young at Heart Gatherings  
Ronald McDonald House pop-top donations  
Card ministry

Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who are truly appreciated.

Our Young at Heart gatherings continue. Everyone is invited to attend. We have entertainment, lunch, and enjoy fellowship. Meeting dates are in the Sunday bulletins.

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions for Parish Nursing, please contact me.  
I remain grateful to be your Parish Nurse.

I pray 2026 brings hope, peace, and promise for Trinity Lutheran Church and the world.

Gods' Blessings to you in 2026.  
Parish Nurse Holly Zieman

## Friends of the Trinity Foundation

I present the 2025 annual report for the Trinity Foundation.

**It is easier to take than to give. It is nobler to give than to take. The thrill of taking lasts a day. The Thrill of giving last a lifetime. Joan Marques**

Your Trinity Foundation supported many projects in 2025, The friends of Madagascar, feed my starving children and missionary projects. If you have a cause that you would like supported, Please contact any foundation member.

The Trinity Foundation is a 501c3 fund for tax purposes and operates with gifts that may be designated for specific purpose(s) or by the Foundation guide lines.

Some guide line examples

Trinity: Needs of the church not covered under the regular budget.

Community: School, civic or park programs, Daily Bread.

Missions: Missionary projects and support, seminary support.

Thank you for your gifts.

Shalom

Eugene Drewlow

**Trinity Foundation**  
**Financial Statement 200**  
**As of December 31, 2025**

Michael Rau, Treasurer

**Checking Account and CD's at Bank Forward**

12/31/2024	Checking Account Balance	\$14,949.46
12/31/2024	Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
12/31/2024	CD Balances	\$15,881.19
1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025	Interest Income	\$7.74
1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025	Gifts Received	\$4,644.00
1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025	Disbursements:	(\$5,339.00)
	Feed My Starving Children	(\$500.00)
	Scott Tanata	(\$250.00)
	Lexus Page Mission Trip	(\$250.00)
	New Life Youth Group	(\$139.00)
	Friends of Madagascar (Ellingson)	(\$200.00)
	Griffin Family Benefit	(\$250.00)
	Friends of Madagascar (Leon R)	(\$800.00)
	Friends of Madagascar (H2O)	(\$200.00)
	TLC - Chair Project	(\$2,750.00)
	Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
12/31/2025	Checking Balance	\$14,262.82
7/9/2025	7m CD from Bank Forward	\$16,278.75
	note: Interest of \$397.56	

**Thrivent Mutual Fund**

12/31/2024	Beginning Balance	\$39,431.88
1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025	Gain/Decline	\$2,419.47
	Gifts Received/Contributions	\$0.00
	Disbursements:	\$0.00
		\$0.00
	Thrivent Balance	\$41,851.35
12/31/2025	<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b><u>\$72,392.92</u></b>

## Trinity Lutheran Church 2026 Budget

Category	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
<b>Staff Compensation</b>				
Senior Pastor	\$72,106.86	\$95,000.00	\$88,443.80	\$72,000.00
Administrative Staff	\$42,770.01	\$47,100.00	\$45,413.06	\$48,000.00
Parish Nurse	\$12,636.16	\$13,900.00	\$12,132.54	\$13,000.00
Pianist	\$6,811.42	\$7,500.00	\$5,300.00	\$5,000.00
Custodial	\$6,981.97	\$7,700.00	\$4,822.39	\$6,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$141,306.42</b>	<b>\$171,200.00</b>	<b>\$156,111.80</b>	<b>\$144,000.00</b>
<b>Operational Costs</b>				
Church Utilities	\$19,648.64	\$21,700.00	\$16,667.81	\$18,000.00
Church Improvements & Maintenance	\$6,488.54	\$7,200.00	\$18,281.35	\$12,000.00
Parsonage Utilities	\$4,490.56	\$5,000.00	\$4,742.54	\$5,000.00
Parsonage Improvements & Maintenance	\$3,761.23	\$4,200.00	\$5,044.40	\$500.00
Insurance	\$10,974.20	\$12,100.00	\$12,643.80	\$14,799.00
Office Supplies	\$11,346.46	\$12,500.00	\$7,058.14	\$7,500.00
Professional development	\$2,444.45	\$2,700.00	\$1,593.36	\$500.00
Organizational and District Affiliation	\$1,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,250.00
Pastoral Call Expense				\$15,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,404.08</b>	<b>\$67,650.00</b>	<b>\$68,231.40</b>	<b>\$75,549.00</b>
<b>Ministry</b>				
Youth Ministry	\$2,141.68	\$2,400.00	\$621.05	\$2,400.00
Adult Ministry	\$2,697.04	\$3,000.00	\$1,438.17	\$1,500.00
Senior Ministry	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$90.00	\$500.00
Traveling Ministry		\$2,000.00	\$2,616.10	\$500.00
Worship	\$5,143.96	\$7,700.00	\$4,124.86	\$4,500.00
Worship - Pulpit Supply	\$33,033.04	\$0.00	\$4,298.81	\$4,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,015.72</b>	<b>\$15,600.00</b>	<b>\$13,188.99</b>	<b>\$14,200.00</b>
<b>Missions</b>				
Local Missions	\$2,340.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,145.00	\$2,250.00
International Missions	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,340.00</b>	<b>\$4,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,145.00</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>
WOW		\$38,100.00	\$29,615.88	\$38,100.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$247,066.22</b>	<b>\$297,150.00</b>	<b>\$269,293.07</b>	<b>\$276,099.00</b>
<b>Total Budget w/o WOW</b>		<b>\$259,050.00</b>		<b>\$237,999.00</b>

## TRINITY LUTHERAN MEMBERSHIP 2025

	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
Membership as of December 31, 2025	818	631
Members received during 2025		
A) By Baptism	8	N/A
B) By Transfer	17	10
C) Baptized members confirmed in 2025	<u>N/A</u>	7
Total Members Received in 2025	25	17
Members removed during 2025		
A) By Death	17	17
B) By Transfer	11	9
Total Members Removed in 2025	28	26
<b>Membership as of December 31, 2025</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>622</b>

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

(comparison with 2024)

Average Number Attending Worship Each Week: 143.68 (up from 140.08)

During School Year	150.57	(up from 143.09)
During the Summer	102.54	(down from 119.50)
Lenten Worship	114.71	(up from 82.60)
Special Services	198.25	(up from 183.75)

(Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday,  
& Christmas Eve)

## PASTOR'S STATISTICAL REPORT 2025

January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

### BAPTISMS (8)

Ty Tweed  
Riplee Aljets  
Max LaBelle  
Miles LaBelle

Dani Botha  
Brooklyn Griffin  
Memphis Griffin  
Hallie Curtiss

### CONFIRMED (7)

Mya Cook  
Katie Fiebiger  
Macy Fiebiger  
Addyson Gussiaas

Eric Hallwachs  
Kenleigh Hinrichs  
Justin Hone

### MARRIAGES (0)

### FUNERALS (17)

Wes Kahl  
Michael VandeHoven  
Warren Dalbec  
Brenda Loken  
Merle Bickett  
Eugene Edwardson  
Dawn Tufte  
Wes Miller  
Larry Quesenberry

Mary Topp  
Eric Griffin  
Josh Cabler  
Ross Genre  
Iola Rask  
Gerald (Snook) Paulson  
Arlene Brandt  
Arlene Schroeder

## REPORT OF TRANSFERS

### **Transferred Into Trinity in 2024**

Christopher Bittman  
Courtney Bittman  
Rylan Bittman  
April Hoggarth  
Steve Neumiller  
Colleen Rask  
Nicholas Smith  
Katlyn Smith  
Braxx Smith  
Lenni Smith  
Kate Thurlow  
Laine Thurlow  
Miles Thurlow  
Quinn Thurlow  
Jason Wolsky  
Brina Wolsky  
Tate Wolsky

### **Transferred Out of Trinity in 2025 (11 Baptized Members of which 9 are Confirmed)**

## **Memorials and Gifts Given in 2025**

Thank you to all who have given and shared gifts for our ministries this past year. Your gifts are a blessing!

### **4:12**

In memory of . . .  
Josh Cabler  
Michael Hollatz

### **B.L.A.S.T.**

In memory of . . .  
Michael Hollatz

### **Building Fund**

In memory of . . .  
Arlene Brandt  
Warren Dalbec  
Gerald Paulson  
Mary Topp  
Michael VandeHoven  
Dave Vold  
Carmel Zink

### **Confirmation**

In memory of . . .  
Michael Hollatz

### **Prayer Garden Fund**

In memory of . . .  
Josh Cabler  
Lorene Lee  
Larry Quesenberry

### **Friends In Need**

In memory of . . .  
Arlene Brandt  
Gerald Paulson  
Michael VandeHoven

### **Medagascar**

In memory of . . .  
Warren Dalbec

### **Parish Nurse**

In memory of . . .  
Brenda Loken

### **Trinity Foundation**

In memory of . . .  
Arlene Brandt  
Eugene Edwardson  
Gus Lange  
Gerald Paulson  
Iola Rask  
Mary Topp

### **Undesignated Gifts**

In memory of . . .  
Merle Bickett  
Arlene Brandt  
Warren Dalbec  
Eugene Edwardson  
Gladys Hoyt  
Iola Rask  
Arlene Schroeder  
Dawn Tufte  
Michael VandeHoven

# Thank You to Everyone Who Gave Memorials and Designated Gifts To the Many Projects at Trinity Throughout the Year.

## 4:12

Drewlow, Gene & Becky  
Erickson, Lori  
Walen, Curt & Nyla

## Building Fund

Anderson, Vern & Jan  
Beach, Ben & Kendra  
Beach, Nic & Mandi  
Berg, Paul & Bonnie  
Braaten, Andy & Ruth  
Family of Arlene Brandt  
Christianson, Richard  
Cole, Ritchie & Lorna  
Cook, Justin & Kim  
Copenhaver, Dave & Joan  
Davis, Doug & Jodie  
Drewlow, Gene & Becky  
Edland, Greg & Teresa  
Ellinson, Lester & Val  
Erdmann, Tom & Julee  
Fenske, Dorothy  
Fiebiger, David & Brittany  
Fredrickson, Jane  
Garber, Dustin & Nichole  
Gussiaas, Don & Janice  
Gussiaas, Jon & Katie  
Harrington, Sheila  
Ingebretson, Todd  
Johnson, Ethan & Heidi  
Kliem, Daune & Michelle  
Leapaldt, Tyre & Deb  
Moravec, Tom & Brittney  
Morlock, Vernon & Deloris  
Munkeby, Randy & Pam  
Pollert, Chet & Jo  
Pretzer, Becky  
Radke, Merle & Shirley  
Rindy, William & Lanette  
Roundy, Troy & Sheryl  
Sauby, Fred & Kristy  
Scheen, Wallace & Andrea  
Solberg, Darwin & Lori  
Marvin & Evie Skyland  
Smith Doug & Jenean  
Smith, Kerry & Kari  
Stokes, Brenda  
Family of Mary Topp

Zieman, Holly  
Zink, Randal & Amanda

**B.L.A.S.T.**  
Erickson, Lori

**Confirmation**  
Erickson, Lori

**FMSC**  
Beach, Ben & Kendra  
Beach, Nicholas & Mandi  
Erdmann, Tom & Julee  
Wetzel, Hunter & Morgan

**Friends in Need**  
Veen, Greg & Donna  
Zieman, Holly

**Library**  
Zieman, Holly

**Madagascar**  
Sauby, Fred & Kristy

**New Life Youth Group**  
Wetzel, Hunter & Morgan  
Zieman, Holly

**Parish Nurse**  
Zieman, Holly

**Prayer Garden**  
Berg, Paul & Bonnie  
Munkeby, Randy & Pam  
Zieman, Holly

**Quilters**  
Zieman, Holly

## Sound System

Erdmann, Tom & Julee

**Trinity Foundation**  
Anderson, Vern & Jan  
Braaten, Andy & Ruth  
Dalbec, Jolene  
Drewlow, Gene & Becky  
Ellingson, Lester & Val  
Erdmann, Tom & Julee  
Gussiaas, Don & Janice  
Gussiaas, Joel & Marvae  
Gussiaas, Jon & Katie  
Park, Claudia  
Radke, Merle & Shirley  
Rau, Michael & Tara  
Skyland, Marvin & Evie  
Vold, Bruce & Anne  
Walen, Curt & Nyla  
Zieman, Holly

## Undesignated Gifts

Dalbec, James & Kaye  
Gussiaas, Don & Janice  
Indergaard, Mervin  
Klein, Kevin & Renee  
Magill, Vicki  
Moritz, Jon & Val  
Munkeby, Randy & Pam  
Sauby, Fred & Kristy  
Skadberg, Jeanette  
Skyland, Marvin & Evie  
Zieman, Holly