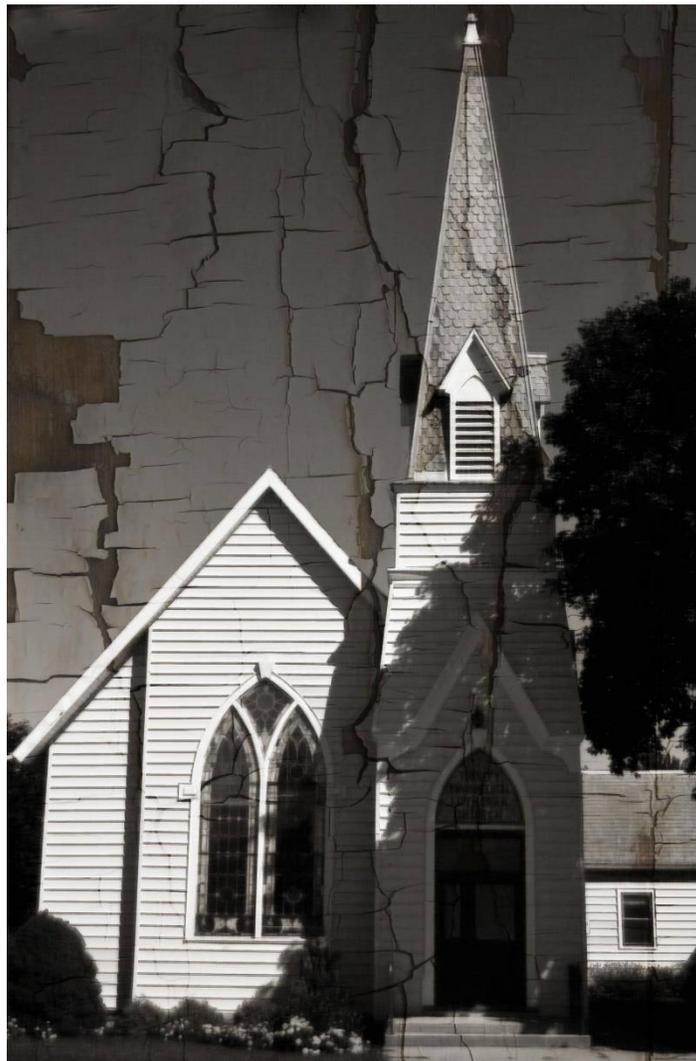


Annual Congregational Report
Trinity Lutheran Church
2021



President's Report

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As they say, another year is in the history books. Although 2021 presented some bumps for our church along the way, we fared fairly well. As with our personal "life bumps", Christ should be our first contact and place of refuge. The idea that God is open to our prayers 24/7 is a great comfort to myself as it is to many of our members.

The world's hope for 2021 was that the pandemic would run it's course and no longer be an issue. As we all know that was not the case. I ask all members to pray for those who presently have or have had the virus for a quick recovery. Trinity has been Extremely blessed that we have not lost a member to COVID. All of us know someone outside the church who has succumbed to this disease. One last note, I ask all to respect one's decision whether to vaccinate or mask up.

"Running" a church takes people, and TLC is very blessed to have members taking on the challenges we face. Our church council has been very dedicated and have a genuine love for our church. On behalf of the congregation, we want to thank Charlene and Marlene for their time on council and welcome Cindy and Dan to council. The property and planning committee works hard to keep the church building and grounds in good shape. We thank Jeff Little for mowing this past summer. Keep in mind, maintaining the church property also requires financial resources.

With Susan Sutton moving away, we were blessed to have Jennifer Miller assume the duties of putting together the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin. This is no easy task compiling all the information needed to do this. And thank you Tonia for all you do in the office. I for one pick her brain practically every day for answers about the church. Lutherans are known for their singing and our hymns. And without Julie or Andrew our service would be incomplete. Thank you both for your weekly commitment and leading us in song. If you have a hymn request, let Ramona know. Thank you, Ramona, for picking our hymns for over a decade!

This summer we came upon one of those "bumps" in the road when Pastor Amy announced she had taken a new position with the NALC. We were devastated to say the least. On the other hand, what an opportunity for our beloved Amy! Pastor Amy has served this parish longer than any previous pastor at 19 years. Pastor Amy

has taught us well, and it is up to us to remain strong in the future. She certainly deserves this position as *General Secretary* and I'm sure will always keep an eye on her first congregation!

We are now fortunate to have Pastor Patti step in as our interim minister. We welcome her and Reid into our family. Get to know Patti and her family and seek her out for your spiritual and faith needs. Our call committee has their first conference call with Pastor David Wendell of the bishop's office in January. I encourage anyone with questions to contact a member of the committee.

As always pray for our church, it's members, and those in need around the world.

Yours In Christ

Jim Thill

Property and Planning Report

The property and planning team would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the upkeep and maintenance of our property and buildings over the past year.

We would like to especially thank Jeff Little for the yard and landscape maintenance, it looked great all year. Also, a huge thank you goes out to Linda Myers for the wonderful job she does in keeping the church clean.

As always, we can use volunteers during the growing season to keep up with the weeding of our landscape beds and Memorial garden. Remember, many hands make light work.

This coming spring, we would like to power wash the exterior of the buildings. Anyone who has a power washer and/or willing to help, contact someone on the Property and Planning team.

If anyone has an idea for improvement to our facilities, input is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Bret Gfell

GIFTS- Growing in Faith Together

Our theme for 2021 was '21 STRONG - the Power of Prayer.

"My Grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

The online bible study continued on Monday mornings via Facebook Live finishing the book of Exodus and then studying Galatians.

On February 22, a Monday night SOLA zoom study started. It was "Why did Jesus have to Die?" (the meaning of Atonement) by Rev. Steven E. King. It was a 6-week study.

On Ash Wednesday, February 17th, two services were offered. Wednesday night Lent services focused on "The Healing Power of Forgiveness". A candle station was set up for lighting a candle for each week's theme focus.

As a community project we had everyone help by bringing in protein bars. Labels were put on the health bars inviting people to Trinity Lutheran Church. The health bars were passed out to adults at the Memorial Day Parade.

In the fall, pins of Prayer were worn by us, to help people be aware of prayer and the power of prayer.

At council meeting in November, it was suggested that the GIFT team will also take care of worship also.

On Nov 15th a SOLA zoom study was offered. It was a 6-week study of the book "Christmas, the Real Story" by Harry Wendt, lead by Rev. Steven E. King.

Three advent services were on Thursday nights.

Our year of prayer has come to an end, but we continually pray. Prayers pins were handed out at the December congregational budget meeting as we begin our "Calling" process for a new pastor. We pray that God will guide us all in this new year, new beginnings.

~Marlen Signs & Carolyn Adelman

TLC Youth

In 2021 we planned two Mystery Trips for the kids. The first trip for Middle and High School kids focused on the Armor of God. We spent 4 days at Clay's Park and Resort. We had 2 cabins for our group of 16. Unfortunately, due to lack of signs ups and other conflicts we had to cancel the Mystery Trip for the younger kids.

The kids, and adults, really enjoy the time spent together. We hope to continue these trips in the coming year.

We started up Youth Club again in the Fall with a 4-week session. This year we kept all the kids together in the fellowship hall to allow for proper social distancing and held our activities out there as well. While we had small group of kids, it still went very well. Our next session is set to start in January 2022.

Some of our TLC youth enjoyed some pizza and passing out candy during trick or treat. We loved getting together with kids for a fun activity, and plan to make it a monthly thing with them as our schedules allow.

On February 14th we held an overnight for our Catechism kids to be able to catch them up with the material that we missed due to not having meetings because of COVID. We covered a years' worth of material in one night with fun activities, games and crafts. The kids really enjoyed it.

Christian Education

For our community projects this year we delivered Granola bars, candy, apples and water to the Monroeville Teachers.

During Easter we had our annual Easter Breakfast and egg hunt.

We continued the first half of the year by studying the New Testament with the curriculum from SOLA Publishing. Our Mystery Friends continued. We want the kids to know we are praying and supporting them. We also continued "Memory



Verse of the Week" this is posted on Facebook. Winner each week gets a \$5.00 gift certificate.

We ended the 2020-2021 Sunday school year on May 23 with a Mystery Friend Reveal Breakfast and games.

On Sunday May 20th we honored the High School Graduates.

Mystery Trip was held at Clays Park, June 21-24. The kids had an amazing time. Around 10 kids attended. The one-day trip was canceled this year.

VBS was held on Aug 8-11. The theme was Rocky Railway. We had around 45 kids attend. They all enjoyed themselves and loved the music. Our Mission for VBS was for Flat Rock. We collected basic supplies for Flat Rock residents. They were very grateful.

The teachers held our annual Christian Ed Retreat on September 12. We planned for the 2021-2022 Sunday School year. The theme for 2021-2022 was THE POWER OF PRAYER! Prayer board was put up in the hallway. A weekly prayer chalkboard was placed by the entrance to remind the kids to pray for something or someone each week. We continued the prayer partners for the Sunday School kids. We also started monthly attendance award baskets.

Rally day was held on Sept 12 with the kids by making a prayer rock, playing games and pancakes. This year we will be studying the Old Testament.

End of October Jr High and High school kids passed out candy during trick or treat.

At Christmas, instead of a program we held a surprise birthday party for Jesus with games, a craft and cupcakes,

Catechism classes started in October and Carolyn Adelman is the helper.

Confirmations last year were Sam Clinker, Nathan Anderson, Nora Long, Hayden Corbin and Andrew Clause.

The goal of Christian formation is to raise up disciples of Jesus Christ. The Church family needs to help us achieve this. In this



broken world we all need to bring it upon ourselves to help the kids have a relationship with God.

Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.

Matthew 19:14

Thanks for you continued support
Christian Ed and the Children of Trinity Lutheran
Church



Mission Team / Habitat Project

We finished Jenny Claus' house. Her house was dedicated on October 14th. Thank you to all who contributed to make this happen for her. The Malawi mission team has made around \$3,000 so far from fundraisers. Pastor Andy or his wife Joy will probably be going with us to Malawi.



Parish Life

There is not a lot to report for Parish Life this year.

We had first Wednesday night meals for a few months. These were canceled because of low attendance and time.

The picnic went well, a lot of fellowship. Pastor Amy's farewell dinner was a very nice turnout.

We celebrated graduations for 5 kids, Charlie Roeder, Beth Claus, Reece Kluding, Clay Krueger, Evan Gaston. We also had a cake for Velda's 90th birthday. Each

graduate had their own cake. Thank you going out to Cindy Schuller who bakes all the cake for all that goes on.

Advent service and soup supper went well.
Thanks to all who helped.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me as team leader of Parish Life. My team worked very hard to make sure all went well. I will miss it but I need a break.

Charlene Henney
Parish Life Team Leader



Pastor's Report

Let me begin by saying all of you are incredible, valuable people. I want to thank the council members who take their time to make sure the church is operating at its best. Thank you to the Sunday school teachers and coordinators of special projects. They are the ones who have our children under their wings and are teaching them to be able to fly in the future.

Sharon, who always makes sure the finances are taken care of. You are good at always having everything on target Sharon, thank you.

A special thank you to Tonia Smith and Jennifer Miller. Thank you so much for making sure everything goes smoothly. Amazing how every detail is covered.

Another thank you to the custodial staff and those who take care of the grounds.

Finally, for all of those who have helped me to acclimate to Trinity Lutheran in Monroeville. You are all wonderful God blessed people. Amen.

Pastor Patti Abel

Treasurer's Report

Line Item	2021 Budget Amount	2021 Actual Spending
Pastor's Salary	\$37,533	\$33,315
Social Security	\$4,065	\$3,345
Housing Allowance	\$15,600	\$10,400
Pension & Disability Ins.	\$10,096	\$6,734
Continuing Education	\$700	\$700
Mileage	\$2,000	\$1,378
Musicians	\$7,800	\$6,129
Custodian	\$3,600	\$3,631
Admin. Assistant	\$9,600	\$5,959
Utilities	\$9,000	\$11,148
Supply Pastors	\$300	\$-
Taxes	\$1,600	\$1,274
Insurance	\$3,500	\$3,786
Bulletin, Supplies, Copier	\$6,000	\$6,171
Music	\$100	\$-
Christian Ed. Team	\$750	\$467
Parish Life Team	\$1,250	\$1,270
Mission Team	\$50	\$-
Worship	\$1,200	\$1,300
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$-
Benevolence to NALC	\$7,500	\$6,545
Annual Convention	\$1,000	\$1,525
Total	\$123,344	\$105,077

2021 Giving Summary

In 2021 total giving was \$113,357 (\$9,135.31 of which came through online giving via faithlife.com).

Fidelity Investment Account Balance as of Dec 31, 2021: \$94,505.92

Capital Improvement Fund Balance: \$304.72

Memorial Fund Savings Balance: \$6,025.36

Malawi Mission Trip Fund Balance: \$4,802

American Legion Fund (Good Shepherd) Balance: \$-

Mary and Joseph Fund Balance (Christmas aid): \$659.79

Change for Charity donations: \$2,435.00