



Trinity Episcopal Church

The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes, Rector

Report of 2017 for Annual Meeting 2018

To be presented at the Annual Meeting of
Trinity Episcopal Church,
November 11th after 8 am Service

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Yvonne Sanchez

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2020 Ryan Lewis

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Wayne Yearwood

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Trinity Episcopal Church Annual Meeting Agenda

November 11, 2018

between services in the church

Please sign in, there are pages coming to you.

Call to order

- Prayer
- Appoint clerk and tellers

Good News

- Share your Good News story of what God is doing at Trinity.

Decisions

- Approve 2017 minutes
- Nominating and voting
- Vestry
- Diocesan convention

Information

- Please read all of the reports in the Annual Report. This is important information for all of you.
- Rector's remarks
- Recognitions and Thank Yous
- Senior Warden Remarks
- Financial Status Report

Discussion

- Questions about annual report
- Questions about budget
- Comments
- Suggestions

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

Minutes from Annual Meeting 2017

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church
Sunday, November 12, 2017

Call to order -- the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

- The Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes gave directions given for accessing the Annual Meeting agenda and reports online
- Prayer
 - Rev. Kathy led us in prayer, asking for strength to build and continue the work of Trinity Church
- Appoint clerk and tellers
 - Monte Whitford and Ed Schultz volunteered to be tellers
 - Sharon Grover, Vestry Clerk, took minutes

Good News -- the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

- Share your Good News story of what God is doing at Trinity.
 - Rev. Kathy shared importance of telling our stories and asked us to respond to the following:
 - When have you seen God at work in the world and in our church?
 - Where are you filled with hope in this place?
 - Paula DeRubeis
 - Our parish suppers are really Spirit-filled, there is joy in everyone's faces
 - Working with the GIFTS shelter is a wonderful ministry for me as well as for the men (Paula makes breakfast for the men many days a week)
 - Mark Karrels
 - Saw a young man with very bad teeth in a restaurant and thought about how to help him; Paula called the next day and asked for dental help for a young man from GIFTS and it was the same person.
 - So good to be able to help this person.
 - Rev. Kathy -- this is a story of being ready
 - Keith Steinbeck
 - Services of Holy Week created by Rev. Kathy were wonderful
 - Gave an increased spiritual sense to Holy Week
 - Anne Wanke
 - Appreciate work of Trinity throughout city; groups are talking about what we do for others
 - Appreciate diversity with Rev. Kathy -- we are very different, but we work together well
 - Adel Smith
 - Thursday morning Mocha Moment group is supportive and prayerful and joyful
 - Cancer Support Group met at Trinity for a special service led by Rev. Kathy
 - Gave them prayer shawls made on Thursdays
 - Warren Smith
 - Adel mailed a prayer shawl to a woman in PA who was suffering

- It never got to the intended person and we discovered it had been stolen
 - Stolen shawl is helping a stranger
 - Sent another one to the woman in need
 - Rev. Kathy urged us to take the opportunity to tell these stories to friends in the community and invite them to Trinity
 - Pat Tobin
 - Taizé music a real blessing to me and others I've invited from different faith communities
 - Rev. Kathy reminded us that the annual reports continue these good news stories

Comments on GIFTS -- Rich Bostwick

- Two weeks from today starts our mission with them
- Sign up sheets in back of church
 - Some spots have already been taken by our partners at First Lutheran Church and River Hills Community Church
- Intake table
 - Easy, but very important, time frame of about 5:30-9pm
- We need to provide suppers for about 35
- Overnight 8pm-7am -- this is a critical piece
 - One must be male
- Contact Rich with any questions

Rector's Remarks -- the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

- Recognitions and Thank Yous -- Kathy and Keith Steinbeck
 - Thank you to those who are making things happen at Trinity, many in ways that no one knows
 - Especially thank Keith who has served as senior warden for two years
 - Has done fabulous work
 - Guided me during my first two years here at Trinity
 - Adel Smith and Ed Schultz
 - Going off Vestry after many years of service
 - They hold a lot of important institutional knowledge, history, and wisdom

Senior Warden's Remarks -- Keith Steinbeck

- Thank you to everyone for all of your support during my two years as senior warden
- Thanks to Mark Karrels and Dan Heerey for teaching me how to be a senior warden

Decisions -- the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

- Approve 2016 minutes
 - Ed Schultz moved and Beth Mullen seconded a motion to accept the minutes
 - Mark asked for change -- please remove "lol" from his story
 - The minutes were accepted as amended
- Nominating and voting
 - Vestry
 - Paula DeRubeis agreed to be senior warden

- Rich Bostwick agreed to be junior warden
- Ryan Lewis to fill a three year position
- Wayne Yearwood to fill a three year position
- Paula DeRubeis nominated Dylan Thomas for a two year term, Dylan accepted
- Thelma Wilcox nominated Rita Lynes for a three year position
- Ed Schultz moved and Anne Wanke seconded a motion for nominations to be closed
- Beth Mullen moved and Peter Irvin seconded a motion to accept the ballot by acclamation
- Vestry members and senior and junior wardens were accepted by acclamation
- Rev. Kathy asked Vestry to stand
- Diocesan convention
 - Rev. Kathy said this is a wonderful opportunity to meet with others from around Diocese
 - Delegates
 - Keith Steinbeck and Rick Lutes
 - Alternates
 - Warren Smith and Adel Smith
 - Approved by acclamation

Information

- Rev. Kathy reminded us to please read all of the reports in the Annual Report. This is important information.
- Financial Status Report -- Mark Karrels, Treasurer
 - Handed out 20 copies of income/expense information, please share
 - Thanks to Linda Waters and Dan Heerey who have been very helpful in maintaining financial records
 - Paula DeRubeis found an error, GIFTS check was for \$5000
 - \$117 in free will offerings for Christian Café, substantially less than previous years
 - Pledge income is right on target
 - Non Pledge income of \$8500 more than anticipated
 - Took money out of endowments last year, hoping to take money out later in year so we can continue earnings
 - Money out of Eggleston fund -- spendable income
 - Litzler gift \$72,500
 - Diocesan assessment is based on calculations on our budget
 - \$2300/mo this year
 - Next year \$1950/mo
 - Litzler gift tithed to the following:
 - GIFTS
 - HealthNet Dental
 - Encourage everyone to pledge and increase where possible
 - Adel Smith moved and Rich Bostwick seconded to accept treasurer's report as amended
 - It was accepted with one no vote (no reason given)

Discussion -- the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes/Keith Steinbeck/Mark Karrels

- Questions about annual report -- none
- Questions about budget -- none
- Comments
 - Paula DeRubeis reminded us to sign up for the November parish dinner on Wednesday and to talk to her regarding GIFTS breakfasts
 - Anne Wanke reminded us that
 - Toy Sunday for the Jail Chaplaincy is November 27
- Suggestions
 - Mark Karrels urged the Vestry to look at the gifts policy to move money to building fund, etc.
 - Rich Bostwick talked about upcoming changes to be made in the choir area, the replacement of our deteriorating front doors, which has been approved by the city historical commission, and new flooring in classrooms in Ortmayer Hall

Ed Schultz moved and Karen Whitford seconded a motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Grover, Vestry Clerk

Rector's Report

Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

Since our last annual meeting, in January of 2018, the Vestry of Trinity Church voted to call me as the Rector (previously I was Priest in charge).

We are meant for times such as these. We are a mighty minion, a remnant of more populated church pews, but no less mighty in proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. We have shown forth God's love in this community for 175 years, and we wonder about the next 175, or even the next 50, or the next 25. What is God calling us to do? God calls us out of the church buildings into the streets, to love our neighbors.

Thank you to Linda Waters who keeps our office running. Linda is the first voice you hear on the phone, welcoming you to Trinity Church. She does so much it's hard to describe it all, bulletins, calendar, newsletter, tracking contributions, keeping the church directory and so much more. She keeps us going.

Thank you to Bill Bostwick. Bill is our first line of hospitality, inviting and welcoming all who show up here at Trinity. Bill has a handle on all of the groups that use our buildings for meetings, and organizes and checks in with all of them. Additionally, Bill works at mopping, vacuuming and cleaning, in the summer along with Jim Schultz (thank you very much) gets the mowing done, and in the winter Bill removes snow from our walks (we hire a service to remove snow from our parking lots). Bill volunteers his time on Sunday mornings to be here early and open the church, open Ortmayer, make coffee, and do all that it takes for the rest of us to come and worship on Sunday mornings.

Love God*Love People*Show It

Love God

Our Sunday morning worship times have settled in at 8 am and 10 am. This gives us the opportunity to have Faith formation between services and after the later service, along with a renewed Coffee Hour. Our worship continues to give glory to God in our peculiarly Episcopalian way. Our 8 am congregation remains steady, and our 10 am congregation has dwindled some. Music at the 10 am service has remained excellent, the choir lead by Thelma Wilcox, and the Acoustic Ensemble and the Taizé Ensemble.

Thank you to all our musicians, vocal and instrumental. Our prayer together is from our hearts and from our prayer books.

Our seasonal worship offerings continue to bless those who attend, Lessons and Carols in the Advent Season, and Holy Week leading to Easter in the spring, with some seasonal Taizé services.

I give thanks for all those who make sure Sunday morning worship happen, Elizabeth Mullen who leads the acolytes, Paula DeRubeis who leads the Altar Guild. Thank you to all of you who read scripture and the Prayers of the People. Thank you to our choir and all our musicians. Our ushers continue to be the first line of welcoming into our church. It is their hospitality that makes the difference. Thank you.

There are a few who regularly take communion and our community to those who cannot be at Trinity on Sundays, thank you to Jane-Dries Syme who leads that, and to Bill and Marlene Roessler, and those of you who accompany us on those most important visits.

Adult Formation is happening between services in Ortmyer Hall. Our conversation helps us to know God better, and to know one another better. Our topics are wide and varied. Faith formation for children is after the second service while the adults have coffee hour. We continue to have two lively groups of children. There is a Bible study on Friday mornings and a confirmation class for youth and adults to be confirmed and/or received into the Episcopal Church at the next Bishop visit on Sundays.

Sunday school with children happens after the 10 am service. Thank you to all those who continue to make that work.

Love People

Our Parish Dinners once a month continue. Thank you to all of the cooks who make it possible for the rest of us to just come and eat. Thank you to the dishwashers and cleaner uppers, you are wonderful. These dinners provide us with the opportunity to be together and to know one another better. If you haven't come yet, please come, and invite a friend or neighbor.

The first Sunday of the month Christian Café continues with love and enthusiasm. Thank you to the faithful group that makes it happen.

And thank you for offering hospitality at the most vulnerable times, funerals. Offering a meal, a place at the table, is one of the most important things we do as an incarnational community of faith.

Show It

The people of Trinity Church are active in our neighborhood and in our community. GIFTS (God is faithful temporary shelter), thank you to Frank Scott and Rich Bostwick our coordinators, and to the Breakfast Queen, Paula DeRubeis.

ECHO (Everyone cooperating to help others) is the Janesville food shelf, as well as the agency providing emergency assistance for housing and other needs. Betty Gilbert and Anne Wanke have been organizing us for the work for many years now. ECHO keeps us ever mindful of the needs of others.

Marty Scott has been organizing us for Meals on Wheels, an incredibly important meal delivery program. And so many of you have stepped up to deliver meals. Thank you. Please consider this all important ministry, it takes little of your time and is so very important.

Jail Chaplaincy reminds us of the families of those who are incarcerated. We supply many Christmas items for that purpose.

Our first fruits offering has been going to Project 16:49, serving Rock County's homeless teens and to HealthNet.

The knitting and crocheting group not only makes beautiful prayer shawls to give to any who need or want one, this group does front line evangelism. It's amazing what following Jesus looks like when you're knitting or crocheting prayer shawls and other beautiful things. Thursday mornings, Mocha Moment, 8:30 am (or later), be there. Thank you Adel Smith and Rita Lynes for continuing to call us into this ministry, mission and outreach.

Rich Bostwick, Junior Warden, has been working hard to accomplish so many immediate maintenance items, from the repair work necessary in Ortmyer Hall. Rich has developed an "immediate needs" list, a "as soon as we can" list, and a "it can wait a little longer" list. If something you see needs to get on one of those lists, please let Rich know.

Your vestry has been working hard at caring for our congregation, our buildings, and leading us into new ways to follow Jesus in the neighborhood. Thank you to Paula DeRubeis, who has been our Senior Warden, Rich Bostwick, Junior warden, terms expiring now, Yvonne Sanchez, Sharon Grover, and Anne Abram; terms expiring 2019, vestry, Ryan Lewis and Rita Lynes, and terms expiring in 2020, Gary Ertl, Dylan Thomas, and Sue Whitford.

Together we may now embark on a creative and innovative vision for the future. This will involve strategic planning and plotting our course. We want to continue with our mission statement, and find new ways to Love God*Love People*Show It*

Love God

Continued involvement and participation in faith formation and bible study, Sunday School and Confirmation, so that we may explore, grow, deepen, and center our lives with God in Jesus. How about a book study? Cooking in the kitchen together? Painting?

Love people

How do we continue to grow the events we have so that we may hear one another's stories of faith and journey, so that we may know better how we may follow Jesus. How do we involve new people and those who have not participated in these events?

Show it

What is God up to in the neighborhood and community? How do we get involved in what God is already blessing around us, and how to we increase intentional involvement and participation in serving our community?

It is a joy partnering with you as together with God we build God's kingdom.

Senior Warden's Report

Paula DeRubeis – Oral report to be given.

Junior Warden's Report

Rich Bostwick

THREE Accomplishments:

1. Replacing the front church doors.
2. Repairing roofing issues on all buildings.
3. Tile replacement in the Ortmyer Hall lower level.

THREE THINGS WE DREAM ABOUT FOR THE NEXT YEAR:

1. Replace windows in Ortmyer Hall.
2. Complete the choir loft restructuring.
3. Upgrade the lighting in the lower level of Ortmyer Hall

Statistics All Saints 2017 through All Saints 2018

Compiled by Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

Baptisms (1)

Theodore Kenneth Daane

Weddings (1)

Dan and Marlene Boyd

Confirmation and Received (0)

Burials

Burials at Trinity (5)

Ralph A Schlintz

Margaret "Polly" Finch

Dorothy Hamer Wagner

Tom Lattomus

Julie Yuhas

Deaths with services elsewhere (4)

Gretchen Klemm

Kay Bartlett

Keith Sankey

Ruth Fowler-Schwartz

New People

Janice Mazurek

People who have moved

Gene Bostian

Gladys Beauchamp

The average attendance is on the four key Sundays, 1st Sunday in Advent, 1st Sunday in Lent, Easter Sunday including the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost Sunday is 102, up 12 from last year.

105 Services of Holy Communion on Sundays and principle feasts,

55 Services of Holy Communion on Wednesdays, including 1 for the Mercyhealth Cancer support group

8 Morning Prayer on Wednesdays,

1 Advent Lessons and Carols,

2 Taizè

1 Noon day prayer

1 Great Litany

In Lent, 2 Ash Wednesday, 5 Compline, 1 Service of Darkness, 1 Maundy Thursday, 1 Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

11 Services of Compline at Vestry meetings

3 Vespers at Cedar Crest

1 Anointing at the time of death.

1 Pet Blessing, with 14 animals and 15 people

Communion was brought to people in the hospital or in their homes 25 times serving 67 people.

Thank you most especially to Jane Syme for organizing Lay Eucharistic Visitors, and to Bill and Marlene Roessler and Jane Syme for taking communion and our community to those who cannot come to the church.

Worship & Music

Music – Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes

Thank you to Thelma and all the Choir members, all of the Acoustic ensemble musicians, and all the Taizé ensemble musicians for bringing beautiful and worshipful music to the whole congregation, every Sunday and occasions, Taizé Advent, Lessons and Carols, Taizé Lent, all of Holy Week and Easter, and other Taizé evenings.

Our musicians, both vocal and instrumental, include, The Rev. John Splinter, Gene Bostian (who has elected to attend elsewhere), Adel Smith, John and Linda Adams, Julie Westby, Kathy Henry, Keith Steinbeck, Ken Regez, Emily Riley, Nico Schlegal, Raanan Mogensen, Susan Hunt-Wulkowicz, Rita Lynes, Katie Cossman, Ed Schlutz, John Davis, Pat Tobin, Janet Irvine, and Peter Irvine. And, as you know, some of these people participate in more than one ensemble. We purchased a beautiful Clavinova with gift money, and it has served all our musical ensembles very well.

And with Anne Wanke on the organ, this represents a unified approach to music, a way that many people can be involved in different styles of music. As we move into our next year and years with music at Trinity, we will continue to work together to bring beautiful, worshipful music, and to offer occasional opportunities for you to come, invite your friends, and hear some great music.

Choir: Thelma Wilcox

THREE Accomplishments:

1. We added two new members.
2. We presented another highly successful service of Lessons and Carols.
3. In addition to the regular church services, we also provided choral music for several special service—Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

THREE THINGS WE DREAM ABOUT FOR THE NEXT YEAR:

1. We hope to continue to add new members.
2. We look forward to providing choral music for Evensong at our celebration of 175 years as a Trinity Choir.
3. We will continue to work on musicianship and adding new music to our repertoire.

Worship Committee – Sharon Grover & Gary Ertl

THREE Accomplishments:

1. We are thankful for the faithful ministry of those who provide beautiful music for all of our worship services, not only regular Sunday mornings, but also for special services such as Lessons & Carols, Taizé, Holy Week, and more. We especially give thanks for Thelma Wilcox and her direction of the choir as well as for her spirited piano accompaniment, Sue Blumer (for her years of lovely organ music and accompaniment of the choir -- we are so glad she remains with us for regular worship), the members of the choir for their beautiful anthems and hymns, and for Keith Steinbeck, Katie Cossman, Ed Schulz, John Davis, Pat Tobin, Janet Irvine, the Rev. Peter Irvine, Julie Westby, and the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes who give of their time for so many music ministries.
2. We are thankful for those who make our worship space beautiful and relevant. For Adel Smith, who has created new banners, and for those who brighten the altar with flowers and other gospel-related and seasonal decorations.
3. We are thankful for the Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes, who has introduced us to new styles of worship, especially the thoughtful discussions and prayers following the Lenten Soup Suppers and the meaningful services during Holy Week.

THREE THINGS WE DREAM ABOUT FOR THE NEXT YEAR:

1. We look forward to celebrating our 175th anniversary, with special services to mark the year.
2. We look forward to celebrating the confirmation of those Trinity members making a commitment to God and the church.
3. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Steven Miller into our midst to celebrate these momentous occasions with us

Acolytes/Servers – Beth Mullen

Three Accomplishments:

1. Reminders went out weekly
2. Robes were washed and ironed.
3. Robes with holes and/or rips were sorted out and given to Rev. Kathy for repairs.

Three Dreams:

1. More torchbearers and more current acolytes substituting when needed. Same few people keep stepping up.
2. Coordinate training and meetings twice a year.
3. More help with cleaning the robes. One person did them all this year.

Altar Guild – Paula DeRubeis – No response

Eucharistic Visitor – Jane Syme – No response

Report by Rev. Kathy - Thank you to Jane Dries-Syme for organizing our Eucharistic Visitors. Thank you to Bill and Marlene Roessler, and to Jane, for bringing communion and our community to those who are unable to get to church. Those we take communion to are, John Holcomb and Walter Kevern at Huntington, Iona Edwards at home, John MacDonald and John Caspar at Cedar Crest.

Lay Readers & Prayers of the People – Linda Waters

Key Accomplishments:

1. Scheduled Lay Readers and POP Readers each week (52 weeks).
2. Scheduled Readers for special services during Holy Week & Christmas.
3. Worked diligently to honor requests such as vacations, service preferences and availability.

Dreams for next year:

1. Get additional readers for each service.
2. Be notified when a change is made in the schedule.
3. More volunteers to read.

Ushers – Linda Waters

Key Accomplishments:

1. Scheduled Ushers each week (52 weeks) for both services.
2. Scheduled Ushers for special services, including holidays.
3. Worked diligently to honor requests such as vacations, service preferences and availability.

Dreams for next year:

1. Get additional Ushers.
2. More volunteers to Usher.
3. Be notified when a change is made in the schedule.

Faith Formation

Sunday School for Children – Thank you to Marlene Roessler, Julie Westby, Kim Davis, Jenna Elliott, Yvonne Sanchez and Wendi Mogensen for always being ready to teach our children.

Confirmation – Each Sunday after the 10 am service a group of youth and adults meets for Confirm not Conform, an Episcopal confirmation program. We are asking a lot of questions and having great conversation about God, ourselves, and faith.

Adult – There are many opportunities for Adult Faith Formation, particularly Bible Study on Fridays and Faith Formation between services on Sundays. The Bible Study is robust and vibrant, and meets at 9 am on Fridays. Currently the study is of the book of Acts. If you would like to have a Bible Study that is not on Friday mornings, please make that known, there can always be another one!

Sunday morning Faith Formation sometimes is about the readings on Sunday mornings, sometimes a particular learning like “how to tell our faith story” or Episcopal 101, sometimes it is conversation inspired by those who are gathered. We begin about 9:05, after gathering our coffee and donuts, and finish at 9:45, in time to get ready for the 10 am service. Come and join us.

Children – Julie Westby

THREE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Sunday School students and staff put on Trinity’s annual Pancake Supper. Approximately 100 people attended and \$400 was collected through the freewill donation. Thanks to the Sunday School students for setting up for the Pancake Supper and for serving and cleaning up during the event. Many thanks to Trinity members who donated money or supplies or helped out at the Pancake Supper.

Sunday School students made flower decorations for the residents of St. Elizabeth Home. Students and staff delivered the decorations on the last day of Sunday School and hung them up by the dining room. Thanks to the Sunday School students for their creativity and hard work in making the flowers and their kindness when delivering them to St. Elizabeth’s.

The Sunday School students did a number of other wonderful things during the past school year including: being dedicated to Sunday School and attending regularly; participating in the All Saints’ Day procession; making bird feeders for the Winter Warm-Up; presenting the Christmas program at the Christmas Eve service; participating in the Epiphany procession; and collecting peanut butter and jelly for ECHO. Many thanks to the Sunday School students and families for their participation and dedication.

THREE THINGS WE DREAM ABOUT FOR THE NEXT YEAR:

The support and acknowledgement of Sunday School by parish members. Trinity members are welcome to visit Sunday School classes to see the students’ projects and accomplishments.

Adults to help with Sunday School by offering to help fill in for Sunday School staff members or provide snacks for the students. If you would like to help, please talk to one of the Sunday School teachers.

Adults to help with the Pancake Supper. We especially need help with cooking and clean-up.

Demisemisepentennial - 175th Anniversary Celebration

Keith Steinbeck

2019 is Trinity’s 175th Anniversary. We begin the celebrating year on Sunday January 27th with a liturgical nod. We will have a summer event with historic games on Saturday June 8th, and culminate with a weekend of activities. Saturday September 21st will be Evensong and Dinner, and on Sunday September 22nd the 10 am service will include the First Brigade Band, and be followed by a community picnic.

A Committee was formed to begin planning on Trinity’s 175th Anniversary Celebration in 2017.

The committee has had periodic meetings to firm up plans for the 175th Anniversary Celebration. The Celebration weekend is set for September 21 & 22.

Saturday, September 21 is an Evensong scheduled with dinner to follow.

Sunday, September 22 is our 10am Communion Service with the Brigade Band performing.

After Sunday Morning service and a lunch, the Brigade Band will perform a concert for that afternoon.

More info to be announced as we move forward.

The Committee members are: Sharon Grover, Suanne Whitford, Anne Wanke, Jackie Wood, Thelma Wilcox, Paula DeRubeis, Sharon Williams, Keith Steinbeck

Fellowship

Christian Café – Mark Karrels – No response

Contemplative Prayer – Betty Gilbert – No response

Knitting & Crocheting – Rita Lynes

Key Accomplishments:

1. Group meets on Thursday mornings at Mocha Moment. We have been meeting for over 11 years and our members come from multiple generations, faiths, and genders. A few members also meet on Monday mornings at G.R.'s and occasionally we have a knit day on a Saturday in Ortmyer Hall.
2. Group members work on personal projects as well as church related items and teach each other and new members knitting, crocheting; and occasionally other crafts.
3. We also go on field trips to local yarn shops as well as festivals and other yarn related activities in the southern Wisconsin area.

Future Goals:

1. Always room for new members.
2. New skill development and, of course, plenty of shop hops.
3. It would be nice to get more Trinity parishioners knitting and crocheting.

Prayer Chain and Order of St. Luke – Warren & Adel Smith – No response

Misson

ECHO – Anne Wanke

The representatives from Trinity attended most of the monthly board meetings, and volunteered at events such as School Supply distribution, Christmas toy give away, empty bowls and eat out for Hunger this past year.

At this time (Oct, 2018), E.C.H.O.'s total in checking, savings, United Way, Education and Farmers Mkt. is \$12,433. With the grant money allocated, the total is \$49,770.

The summer fundraiser brought in only \$1,257 as of August 27, 2018.

Eat out for Hunger brought in \$3,975. Both numbers are lower than past years.

An urgent need is for available housing. Housing was up only 7%. Rent assistance is down 2% because of lack of apartments in Janesville.

Service to households is up 5%. The need never ends, but availability is making it difficult to help those who most need safe housing.

Upcoming events include: Thanksgiving basket giveaway, November 17 at the Rock county Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed from 8am to 1pm or at the Echo office on Friday, Nov. 16 9am until Noon.

November 22 is the Festival Foods Turkey Trot at Craig high School--volunteers are needed.

Christmas giveaway is Wednesday, Dec.19. Snow day is Dec. 20 at St. John Lutheran church on Parker Drive.

Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday, Dec. 12 through Tuesday, Dec. 18 starting at 10 am.

Volunteers are also needed to be ECHO Elves on Dec 19.

The Treasurers' report shows Trinity giving financial aid in the amount of \$45.00 January through August 2018. If you send a check, be sure to write Trinity on the memo line.

It is a joy to serve God through this ministry. Thank you for all your support.

In Christ, Anne Wanke and Betty Gilbert

CROP Walk – Rev. Kathy

The CROP walk takes place every spring, usually the Sunday after Easter. Thank you to Wendi Mogensen, Ranae and Emilie Mogensen, Janell Parrish and Karen Parrish for walking in the CROP walk in 2018. We look forward to greater participation in 2019. Rev. Kathy serves the CROP walk committee as the Spiritual director.

First Fruits – Project 16:49 and HealthNet We were pleased to donate \$720 to Project 16:49, and will be donating to HealthNet at the end of 2018.

GIFTS – Frank Scott

THREE Accomplishments:

Trinity provides homeless men shelter and food four weeks each year. In 2018, those weeks were/will be June 3 through June 17, 2018 and November 25 through December 9, 2018. Hosting the men in the GIFTS building at 1027 North Washington Street has been more convenient for the men because they do not have to move from church to church. Trinity volunteers furnish meals, overnight supervision and morning & evening facilitation. The GIFTS capital campaign was successful and raised the funds needed to get the new building up and running.

Trinity's participation in GIFTS allows all of our congregation members to actually live out the command we hear at the end of mass every Sunday: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord".

The GIFTS ministry has helped innumerable men address their basic needs, addictions and mental health issues. Many men have moved on to jobs and apartments of their own and have become productive members of society.

THREE THINGS WE DREAM ABOUT FOR THE NEXT YEAR:

We dream that the Members of Trinity will continue the strong support of the GIFTS ministry by continuing to support the overnight, breakfasts and suppers responsibilities that are required for GIFTS to reach their objectives.

We dream that GIFTS will continue to be financially supported by the Janesville community and that GIFTS can serve the needs of all homeless men in Janesville and the immediate surrounding area.

We dream that the space in Ortmayer Hall used by GIFTS in past years can be repurposed for another worthwhile ministry.

Report by Rev. Kathy - Trinity continues participate in the God is Faithful Temporary Shelter in its permanent site on Washington Ave, four weeks each year. Thank you to Frank Scott and Rich Bostwick who coordinate us, and Paula DeRubeis who coordinates food. Thank you to all of you who participate by over-nighting, making and bringing food, and all that you do.

Jail Chaplaincy Toy Drive – Anne Wanke

Last year, the Rock County Jail Chaplaincy provided 590 toy orders, which were filled and delivered in Rock county or shipped to other areas of the country. Trinity Episcopal Church provided toys, wrapping paper, and tape and volunteers for the toy shop and delivery.

Gifts of cash for mailing and candy were also donated by church members.

Trinity Episcopal church has been involved in this program since 1972.

This year, the same number of orders need to be filled.

Any volunteering is appreciated.

Lazarus House – Dick Lynes

The Lazarus Foundation is an outreach opportunity partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee and supported in part locally by Trinity Episcopal Church - Janesville. Our primary mission for the last fifteen years – safe, affordable housing for homeless individuals in recovery - is ongoing, for which we thank you for your continued prayers and support. Since October 1st of 2017, the Lazarus Foundation providing over 1,440 “shelter nights” for the community (a ‘shelter night’ is where one person is actually in residence for a 24-hour period) and over 750 hours of professional Case Management for our residents and former residents. Two former residents have left for their own apartments (we’re still working ‘aftercare’ with them). Two prospective residents failed to qualify and two new residents qualified. We have, as of this date, two residents. There are two prospects in current “interview processes” at this time.

At the present time, the Lazarus Foundation has approximately \$3,140.00 cash assets and \$74,195.00 capital assets. We anticipate an income from rent receipts of \$1,380.00 in 4th Quarter 2018 with expenditures estimated at \$6,130.00 (includes quarterly insurance premium). Financial help during this time of year is essential.

Our 2018 Major Financial Needs somewhat covered by Rent Income:

1. House Payments - \$9,600.00 (Diocese of Milwaukee)
2. General Utilities (Power, Gas, Water) - \$6,200.00

Our 2018 Major Financial Needs NOT covered by Rent Income:

1. Professional Case Manager & Life Skills Coordinator- \$7,250.00 (roughly 700/hrs per year at 35% normal rate)
2. Miscellaneous Utilities (House Telephone, Cable TV) - \$984.00
3. Appliances (new & replacement) and General Maintenance - \$2,560.00
4. Insurance (Property & Liability) - \$4,400.00

Lazarus House Data - September 2016 thru September 2018 (*24 months*):

- 5 - Residents housed during period
- 2 - "Successful Completions" (moved out and are still working, sober, etc.)
- 1 - "Unsuccessful Completions" (Relapse)
- 2 - "Current" Residents (1 employed full-time, 1 on disability' with occasional work income)

The 'addictions recidivism rate' for Lazarus residents during this period was 20%. Relapse Average for area 'on their own' programs (no supervision) is 89%. "Not Following the Rules" area average rate is 40%. National relapse average for 'supervised' programs is 62-73% (based on whose data you look at). "Not following program rules (non-relapse)" is generally not recorded nationally. Locally, we're seeing 25-60% "Non-Relapse" Rules Violations within the various agencies that help the homeless.

We have been operating on a reduced budget of less than \$26,000 a year due to a slowly improving economy; our collected rents (when residents are actually able to pay rent) have been barely enough to make the house payments and maybe some of the utilities. We rely on individual and corporate donations, religious organization donations and grants for the case management, insurance, minor repairs and other basic resident needs. Our income over the last few years has not been enough to improve our facility or add any additional support services for the community.

Rising facility operations costs are the 'budget killers' as utility and fuel prices begin to rise again, plus insurance coverage continues to become more costly although we have had no claims.

One of the 'Real World Issues' that we learn, while we continue to research our options for funding, is that there were no other long-term facilities in the area like ours, unless the individual has a GOOD insurance plan or ample financial resources (there are costly private for-profit facilities available). The 'government' facilities we reviewed (all 'short term' 3-30 days) seem to be more like 'holding areas', without really understanding the mental-health issues or fully addressing all the aspects of addictions (plus, they're full). We did find that Chicago and some other major metropolitan areas have faith-based facilities that do great work with persons having 'dual-diagnoses' of addictions and mental health issues, but they're also severely 'stretched' financially in addition to being too far away. In short, it appears that we're the only non-profit ministry of our kind in Wisconsin and, sadly, one of the very few in the country.

We cherish the ongoing support from the congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church. Without your prayers and continued moral and financial support, our mission would be immensely difficult. With your help, this important and very necessary outreach to the community can continue and even grow.

"That where there is despair, I may bring hope" - St. Francis of Assisi

Lazarus Foundation, Inc., has been granted exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c) 3, and contributions to such an entity are tax deductible.

Marketing – Keith Steinbeck

Accomplishments:

Posters were created by JAX Custom Printing for the following events: Lessons & Carols 2017, Lenten Soup Suppers 2018, Holy Week 2018, Trinity Website is constantly being updated thanks to the talents of Dick Lynes. (Thank you, Dick!)

Social Media such as Facebook continues to be utilized for posting Trinity's events.

Rev. Kathy's sermons are posted for the community to read them at their leisure.

Sharon Grover has been posting talking points from Rev. Kathy's sermons on social media. (Thank You Sharon!)

Press Releases have been emailed to newspapers and TV Stations announcing: Lessons & Carols 2017, Lenten Soup Suppers, Holy Week 2017, Taizé Evensong Services, Pet Blessing 2017, Pet Blessing 2018, Lessons & Carols 2017 and Holy Week 2018. Services were advertised in the Gazette.

Stationary and Envelopes have been designed proclaiming Trinity's 175th Anniversary. They will be available for use November 2018.

Future Projects:

St. Nicholas weekend 2018

Winter Warmup during Jolly Jingle Dec. 2018 weekend

Lessons & Carols 2018

Lenten Soup Suppers 2019

Holy Week 2019

175th Anniversary Celebration set for September 2019.

Meals-On-Wheels – Marty Scott – No response

Report by Rev. Kathy - Thank you to Marty Scott who has lead our renewed effort to continue to participate in Meals-on-wheels, an incredibly important ministry delivering meals to people who do not get out of their homes. Thank you to all of our drivers, Marty, Bill Bostwick, etc.?

St. Elizabeth's Nursing Home – Marlene Roessler

THREE Accomplishments:

1. Being able to brighten a resident's day – just seeing the smile on their face when I bring them their gift brightens my day.
2. Recognizing residents' birthday.
3. Having them know that someone cares about them and that they have a friend.

THREE THINGS WE DREAM ABOUT FOR THE NEXT YEAR:

1. We hope to continue this outreach program for the coming year.
2. At this time, I am purchasing a gift which I put in a gift bag with a balloon attached to it. If anyone has any other suggestions, I would like to hear them. (Note: The state put limitations on what I can do.)
3. Others are encouraged to start this program at another Nursing Home facility as an "Outreach" project, providing we have enough funds to do so. We could also send a birthday gift to our "Shut Ins" or "LEM" people.

Report by Rev. Kathy - The birthday party for the residents happens on the third Wednesday of each month. Your birthday thanksgiving money goes to purchasing something small for each of the residents celebrating birthdays that month. Thank you to Marlene Roessler for purchasing gifts and bringing them each month to St. Elizabeth's, and to Thelma for playing the piano.

Website – Dick Lynes

Key Accomplishments:

1. Continuing Trinity Web Pages format and content overhaul
2. Ongoing revisions of "Spam Mail" filters (Currently our email system 'traps' upwards of 80-100 pieces of potential "spam" each day and review for trapped 'legitimate' mail is done on a daily basis).

Goals Met:

1. Web Page format upgrades and continuing content delivery overhaul.
2. Keeping "Volunteer Schedules" information updated.
3. Keeping "Spam Mail" at a minimum

Future Challenges:

1. Keeping website content in coordination with Trinity Marketing Committee
2. Keeping web pages current as timely information is not always transferred to the webmaster.
3. 'RSS' feed implementation

Other:

1. Since November of 2017, our main website has averaged about 387 visits per day from over 100 countries. This is lower than last year, but more folks appear to be utilizing our Facebook 'Group' pages.
2. Our Online Photo Album has averaged about 196 visits per day.

Webmaster – Dick Lynes

Facebook Page Co-Administrators – Dick Lynes, Keith Steinbeck and Rev. Kathy

Generosity

Finance Committee – Dan Heerey

Key Duties and accomplishments As Charged By Vestry:

- Assist in review of Insurance policies, coverage's, and obtain insurance renewal bids;
- Review Lucile Wells Trust Investment Fund investment performance; and
- Recommend Annual Parish Operating Budget to Vestry in January.
- Review periodic parish financial statements and report to Vestry.
- Review and assist in preparation of annual internal control questionnaire for submission to Diocese in connection with its annual financial review of parish records and processes.
- Administer Trinity Gift Acceptance Policy (GAP).
- Resource to Vestry on Endowment Fund Investment and Spending Policies.
- Calculate annually "Spendable Income" available for Operating Budget from Endowment Funds, in accordance with the Endowment Fund Spending Policy
- Review investment performance of Trinity and Egelston Memorial Endowment Funds.
- Obtain investment consultant recommendations and assure Endowment Fund compliance with the Trinity Endowment Fund Investment Policy, and report to Vestry thereon.
- Evaluate Trinity's Investment Advisor's service and ongoing investment advice.
- Assist with parish year round Stewardship programs, as assigned by Vestry.
- Resource to Parish, Vestry, and Treasurer in financial and planned giving related matters.

Upcoming FC meetings:

November/December 2018: Meet with Trinity Endowment Funds Investment advisor; and

January 2019: Determine endowment fund "spendable income"; propose 2019 annual operating budget.

CHALLENGE:

YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED AS A MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Parish Finance Committee is open to all interested Parish members. If you have an interest in learning more about the Finance Committee, would like to participate in the finances of the parish or become involved in any way, please contact Rev. Kathy, Dan Heerey or any member of the Finance Committee.

Trinity Finance Committee members who served since the last annual meeting of Nov. 13, 2017:

Rev. Kathy Monson Lutes	Frank Scott	Dick Lynes
Keith Steinbeck	David Daane	Adel Smith
Mark Karrels	Paula DeRubeis	Dan Heerey (Chair)
Ryan Lewis		

Stewardship and Fundraising – No response

Janesville's Jolly Jingle & Winter Warm Up – Rev. Kathy

We experimented with participation in Janesville's Jolly Jingle, with an event in Ortmyer Hall. We provided warm soup and bread for all those Jolly Jingers, and put out a container for donations. We also had tables for Christmas ornaments and decorations, which people could donate what they wanted, and a table with fine fiber goods, which were marked for sale. We advertised with posters and word of mouth, and we were quite pleased with the attendance.

For Jolly Jingle 2018, Trinity committed to being a partner, and therefore is listed in the Jolly Jingle line up and calendar, and a stop on the trolley. We expect much greater participation. Additionally, we are including St. Nicholas, a float in the parade, and an altogether extravaganza. Again, soup and bread by donation, photos with St. Nicholas by donation. Our goal is increased presence in the community.

Lucile Wells Scholarship – Rev. Kathy

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and planning of Lucile Wells, many years ago now, college students and post college students have the opportunity to receive a scholarship to pay some of the soaring costs of higher education. The interviews and disbursement of the Lucile Wells Scholarship is done by the Lucile Wells Committee, twice each year.

This has turned into a wonderful opportunity to support our college students as well. With notes and phone calls, all of Trinity's college students receive encouragement and thoughts from their Trinity family.

Treasurer's Report, Financial Notes

Will be included when finished.