

## **2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**204 First Street Northwest, New Richland, Minnesota 56072**

*Trinity's Mission Statement: "We strive to become strong and faithful in the Gospel, so we can care for each other by sharing the Good News in our daily lives, remaining faithful to the Scriptures, and living in peace."*

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**January 17, 2010**

#### **Annual Meeting Agenda:**

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| 19. Old Business  |                |                               |
| 20. New Business  |                |                               |
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| 22. Other Business from the Floor                         |                |                               |
| 23. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer                         |                |                               |
| 23. Organizational Meeting of Church Council              |                |                               |

**2009 OFFICERS AND STAFF OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Congregation President .....Gordon Hanson (09)  
Congregation Vice-President .....Al Shultz (09)  
Congregation Secretary ..... Laurie Blowers (10)  
Congregation Treasurer/Financial Secretary..... Mary Berg

**PROPERTY AND MANAGEMENT**

Gordon Hansen (09)  
Al Shultz (09)  
Jeff Jessen (10)

**EDUCATION AND YOUTH**

Carol Battenfeld (09)  
Jennie Johnson (10)

**WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM**

Laurie Blowers (10)  
Brian Riley (10)

**STEWARDSHIP**

Connie Kaupa (10)  
Pat Widboom (09)

Pastor ..... Paul Andree  
Organist.....Rhonda Andree  
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Amy Ferber  
Youth Choir Director ..... Amy Ferber  
Children’s Choir Director ..... Laina Rajala  
Junior Luther League Advisors ..... Laina Rajala, Corrine Schuller  
Church Custodian ..... David Purdie  
Parish Secretary ..... Julie Routh

**2009 OFFICERS OF THE TRINITY WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

Co-Presidents ..... Theresa Reese and Helen Getskow  
Secretary ..... Avis Rugroden  
Treasurer ..... Joan Edwards  
Secretary of Stewardship ..... Barb Solberg  
Altar Guild Chairperson ..... Diane Matthies  
Serving Chairpersons ..... LeAnn Buendorf and Margaret Anderson  
Dining room Chairpersons.....Dawn Halgren and Karen Widboom  
Clean-up Chairpersons.....Bob and Carol Battenfeld

**MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING OF  
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

President Adryn Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM on January 18, 2009, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Pastor Paul shared readings from the Book of Philippians.

Dean Buendorf moved to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by David Warke. Motion carried.

An error was noted in the minutes that the year reflected 2007 instead of 2008. Scott Routh moved to accept the minutes of the 2008 annual meeting with noted changes. Seconded by Arlys Edwards. Motion carried.

**Pastor Paul's Report**

Adryn Peterson presented the President's report, and thanked members for all the support we've received and for graciously volunteering for projects.

It was noted that the treasurer's books were in order.

Karen Warke moved to accept the financial statement. Seconded by Carol Battenfeld. Motion carried.

Four candidates were named for the 2009 Church council. It was noted the council seeks one additional member to serve. Those named were Brian Riley, Jennie Johnson, Laurie Blowers and Connie Kaupa. Bob Wenzel moved to accept the names as presented. Seconded by Avis Rugroden. Motion carried.

Reports numbered eleven through seventeen were presented. Bonnie Ackman moved to accept reports as presented. Seconded by Chad Buendorf. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

Discussion from the floor included the completion of the first phase of the bell tower project. Phase two could take up to five years to complete. Adryn Peterson suggested a special committee be formed to monitor the project until its completion.

There was no new business discussed.

Adryn Peterson presented the proposed budget for 2009, noting that the council recommended a 5% increase across the board for salaries. This figure was comparable with the Social Security increase. Also, it was noted that the increase in the Pastor's salary would be re-appropriated to a home equity account. Carol Battenfeld moved to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Barbara Solberg. Motion carried.

Other business discussed included levels of offerings not being included in the annual reports. Members expressed they would like to have that included. There was some discussion of the future of the Lutheran churches in rural communities and possibly forming a committee to research the possibility of merging with surrounding churches and sharing resources.

Gene Dodge moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Barbara Solberg. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becca Solberg, Secretary

## **PASTOR PAUL'S REPORT - 2009**

Jeremiah 29:13 puts it best, "When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." Let us continue to use this as our guide as we expand the mission of our community, build a new building in Christ's name, and work together for Jesus.

This past year we have much to be thankful for. In this coming year we have much to do. We have been placed here for a reason. And it is our gift and our challenge that we make our faith known in this place. We do this by welcoming the stranger. By listening and responding to the unique needs that our changing community requires. By holding the hands of those we know and love here in this community of faith while reaching out with the other to those outside this community. We do this by following the instructions of St. Paul in clothing ourselves with compassion, kindness and humility

Forming the New Richland Area Food Shelf has been a great mission to the community. This shows how you take to heart our mission! Thank you for the support you give in so many ways.

As always, I am humbled with how God has blessed this congregation with an incredibly competent and gifted staff. Words cannot express how thankful I am to work with a Julie and David, Amy and Mary who are not only dedicated and faithful witnesses but also a lot fun to be around.

In addition to the paid staff, there are countless volunteers for whom I offer thanks to God. I want to thank our congregation council for their instrumental part in helping our ministries stay focused and effective. I want to thank Gordon Hanson, who fulfilled his role in 2009 with a whole lot of grace. I want to thank our St. Olaf Cemetery Board, who though they do not get paid to keep our cemetery in order, put in lots of hours to do just that.

I want to thank you, the people of Trinity, for your continued love and support for me. 2009 was a good year for me in my role as pastor, and also in my personal life.

As we look forward to 2010 our mutual calling requires a challenge of us. How is God drawing us into greater faithfulness? How might each of us, in one way or another, contribute to the witness of this church? I cannot but help think of those who walk thorough our doors feeling the gentle push of the Holy Spirit. They are not looking to join a church especially when church can look so much like any other group or club they have belonged to. These people, like us, are looking for a genuine experience of God. They, like us, are looking for a place where they sense God's presence and God's direction and most of all, the gift of God's grace that makes them feel welcomed and valued.

Sincerely, Pastor Paul Andree

## PASTORAL ACTS 2009

### BAPTISMS

Ruby Margaret Smith	January 4, 2009
Noah Santos	January 4, 2009
Paige Rae Johnson	April 12, 2009
Elsie Neegaard	October 18, 2009
Logan Groess	November 15, 2009
Devon Groess	November 15, 2009
Dylan Groess	November 15, 2009
Korbin Johnson	November 22, 2009

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (CONFIRMATION) – April 19, 2009

Petrick Blowers	Katie Manthey
Lucas Meyer	Tori Raimann
Logan Wenzel	

### WEDDINGS

Heather Berg and Eric Hendrickson	May 2, 2009
Desarie Mills and Lucas Perry	September 19, 2009

### FUNERALS

Wendell Liane	April 25, 2009
Martin Hoffman	June 29, 2009
Eleanor Berg	October 28, 2009

### TRANSFERS IN

Larry and Pam Goehring  
Scott, Heidi and Spencer Enger

### TRANSFERS OUT

Joy Reese and Lilly Ruffin  
Sally Johnson  
Ardean Douma

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>
Baptized	511	511	519	515	515	519
Confirmed	394	389	394	397	401	400

### **PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

This Committee meets four times a year with Pastor Andree. The task of the group is to monitor the quality of the relationship between Pastor Paul and the congregation.

This committee will include 2 council members, 1 congregational member at large, and 1 person from the TWELCA. No member shall serve successive terms. Individuals may serve up to three years. Serving on this committee are Gordon Hanson, Barb Solberg, Dalen Ferber, Jenny Johnson, and Elroy Boelter.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2009**

2009 was a year of many blessings for Trinity Lutheran Church; just to name a few: the return of the choir, the bell choir, and the creation of the New Richland Area Food Shelf to serve the community.

I want to thank you for your financial support; without it we would not be able to function as a congregation.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time and talents to make things run smoothly. These people are truly a gift from God.

My two years on council went by swiftly due to help, support and prayers of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Hanson

### **PROPERTY AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Your Property and Management Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and grounds of Trinity Lutheran Church. To this end our members work to identify work items, obtain bids from contractors and oversee the completion of the work. We also schedule work parties for less complex work that does not require a contractor. It is a labor of love as well as an exciting adventure in discovery and education as we work to be good stewards of all of the items under our charge. We welcome people with an interest in maintenance of buildings and grounds to join our committee. Do you find an item that needs fixing? Please let us know about it.

Listed below are some of the things that needed attention in the past year.

- Replaced range top at parsonage
- Toilets repaired
- Elevator repair
- Furnace repair
- Outside landscaping West side of Church
- Elevator inspection completed- Passed

We also complete other small projects that get attention throughout the year. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact one of us. We appreciate any, and all, offers to help. If you can help from time to time, please do. We wish to thank all of those parish members that helped us during the year and so willingly gave of their time, energy and experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Berg, Al Schultz, Jeff Jessen  
Property and Management Committee

## **EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**

- We had a Bible Study on the book, The Shack, last year.
- Pastor Paul started a Men's Breakfast group. Men of all ages are encouraged to come, enjoy breakfast by Rhonda, and a devotion.
- Sunday School began on September 13.
- Amy Ferber does a good job with Sunday School. She has a lot of enthusiasm and dedication.
- Vacation Bible School was held, August 2-7.
- Thank you to the talented people who share their time to teach our children.
- Pastor Paul tried some things this summer to engage the youth in mission and fellowship.
- Confirmation was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. 5 youth were confirmed.
- This summer the youth held a Wacky Olympics event at the City Park.
- The youth had open church on Friday nights during the summer.
- The youth painted the pavilion at the City Park this summer.
- The youth organized a time to collect garbage along the creek that flows through our town, this summer.
- The youth and parents and others leveled the new mulch at the City Park
- 2 youth went to Camp Hiawatha, a Bible Camp of the ELCA, at Grand Rapids this summer.
- 3 youth went to Youth Blast at Good Earth Village, a Bible Camp of the ELCA, at Spring Valley, this fall.
- Helped to organize bringing socks and underwear for the students at NRHEG.
- Supported the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project.

Thank you to the members of Trinity for your financial support, your time, and your prayers for our education program and our youth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Battenfeld, Jennie Johnson

## **WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

The Worship and Evangelism Committee is grateful for the congregation's continuing support toward fulfilling our communal responsibilities during the worship service. Your volunteer participation has been good and we thank you! Below, we outline a few of our responsibilities and labors of love over this past year:

### **SERVICES OF WORSHIP**

- Celebrations of the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sunday of each month offered with accommodation for all.
- Singing favorite hymns during some worship services.
- Thank you to Pam Goehring for forming a choir.
- Review of the worship experience occurs regularly at our board meetings when we evaluate whether the elements of the services are meaningful or whether creating new approaches would enrich the service.
- Pulpit coverage is arranged during Pastor Paul's vacation times with guest preachers.
- Recruitment of Ushers, Greeters, Liturgists, Readers, and Communion Servers is an ongoing task which requires the support of the congregation. We are truly grateful for the willingness of so many members of our congregation to fill these needs during the year.

Pastor Paul attended a Living Liturgy Event at Trinity Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, November 19-21. It included sessions on worship planning.

As we approach a new year of our work, we promise to prayerfully explore the worship life at

Trinity Church in an effort to provide a spiritually uplifting worship experience for the congregation and guests every Sunday; and to use the funds that we are allotted wisely and fruitfully.

For their willing and able assistance, our thanks to Trinity members who have helped.

- Evaluation and upgrading of Trinity's website continues by Connie Kaupa.
- Trinity families with children/youth have responded enthusiastically to the Friday Family Summer Nights.

While actively welcoming visitors who make their way to Trinity Church for worship and other programs, the committee reminds all Trinity members that evangelism and church growth are responsibilities and opportunities shared by the entire congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Riley, Laurie Blowers

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This has been a hard year for many people in our church. We are encouraged by the dedication and generosity of many of you. You remind us of the church in Macedonia that Paul describes: 'For during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part' (2 Corinthians 8:2, NRSV). We believe in giving in proportion to what we have. As Paul says, 'I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need' (2 Corinthians 8:13-14, NRSV). Giving is an investment in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through all our giving, we are sharing the love of Christ here and all around the world.

Trinity Church's operations and activities are funded by the generous and kind financial support of the congregation. There are ongoing costs as well as the cost of the usual things used in the services and Sunday School classes. Because of your generous support, Trinity is able to function and continue to be the spiritual force for good that it is. The church council thanks you for your generous offerings.

Sincerely,  
Connie Kaupa, Pat Widboom



**Southeastern Minnesota Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



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2009 MINISTRY REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD, ELCA

God's work. Our hands. ... in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. It is God whom we serve in our various ministries. What a privilege! Together as a synod in 2009 we:

- Supported 34 candidates studying at our seminaries and welcomed 7 new candidates into seminary training
- Sent mission gifts of over \$110,000 to Tanzania
- Ordained 6 new pastors
- Raised over \$117,000 from synod congregations for ELCA missionaries around the world
- Welcomed Craig Van Guilder, Luther Seminary, for an afternoon of dialogue with nearly 300 church council leaders from our congregations on the theme of missional leadership
- Gathered 175 synod pastors and associates in ministry for a theological conference.
- Supported 43 congregations in the midst of pastoral staff change.
- Gifted Luther Seminary \$56,000
- Provided over \$85,000 for Lutheran Campus Ministry in Minnesota
- Provided ongoing support and training for clergy coaching in the synod
- Provided support for cooperative ministry such as the Lanesboro area ministry and the Wanamingo area ministry
- Welcomed three Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities for Nuer, Dinka and Anyuak ethnic communities in Faribault, Rochester and Austin/Minneapolis.
- Sent 1 teacher to Sogamoso, Colombia and continued to deepen and strengthen our relationship in the Central Diocese through a variety of projects and visits by Global Mission Companion Synod Committee members and partner congregations.
- Offered sabbatical funding for 4 synod pastors and their congregations
- Awarded 2 scholarships of \$5,000 apiece for seminary education; and awarded 5 from the synod endowment fund of \$1,200 apiece toward education debt retirement for new pastors
- 27 members of the synod attended the 2009 Churchwide Assembly as voting members
- Supported 50 congregational communicators through meetings, workshops, and a retreat
- Made mission visits with pastors and leaders from 75% of congregations
- Offered gifts of over \$1,045,000 to the ministries of the churchwide ELCA

Thank you for your support and partnership in 2009. God is at work in our midst, and that mission is enhanced as we work together.

Shalom,

Bishop Harold Usgaard

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Checking/Savings as of 12/31/2009**

	Dec 31, 09
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>CD - State Bank of New Richland</b>	
CD 21302 - Lorraine Pierce	11,706.37
<b>Total CD - State Bank of New Richland</b>	11,706.37
<b>Endowment Fund</b>	
CD 21589	2,607.88
Money Market	19,198.54
Thrivent for Lutherans	165,377.97
<b>Total Endowment Fund</b>	187,184.39
<b>Mission Investment Funds</b>	
CD 00400020027	14,843.89
CD 00400020028	249.83
<b>Total Mission Investment Funds</b>	15,093.72
<b>State Bank of New Richland</b>	
General Fund	-2,630.22
<b>Dedicated Account Fund</b>	
Air Conditioner	604.00
Banners	395.18
Bell Choir	1,530.89
Bell Tower	520.00
Care Package	85.64
Chimes	80.00
Choir	1,371.11
Christmas Tree/Decoration	650.00
Computer Fund	423.00
Dining Hall Upkeep	5,406.52
Dining Room Table	3,845.00
DVD Projector	10.00
Elevator	34.30
Endowment Interest	10,000.00
Food Shelf	50.00
Hearing Aid	391.37
Landscape Fund	137.45
Library	4,354.13
Mission Starts	176.00
Mosaic Repair	-580.00
Organ/Piano Fund	933.89
Quilting	2,948.25
Social Hall Carpet	924.62
Sunday School	2,749.32
Windows	2,272.64
Youth Activities	892.66
<b>Total Dedicated Account Fund</b>	40,205.97
State Bank of New Richland - Other	113.90
<b>Total State Bank of New Richland</b>	37,689.65
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	251,674.13

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Income-Expense**

<b>Beginning Balance 12-31-08</b>			5,080.87
	<b>General Fund Income</b>		
	Adult Coffee Transfer		419.00
	Endowment Fund Income		4,095.00
	Envelope Income		90,384.11
	Interest Income		113.90
	Loose Plate Income		19,885.40
	Mission Calendar Income		240.00
	Pierce CD Interest		157.61
	Rent Income		125.00
	Scholarship Match Income		1,000.00
	TELCW to General		200.00
	<b>Total General Fund Income</b>		120,500.89
<b>Total Income</b>			125,581.76
	<b>General Fund Expense</b>		
	Endowment Fund Expense		4,095.00
	Scholarship Match Expense		1,000.00
	<b>Total General Fund Expense</b>		4,095.00
	<b>Education Ministry</b>		
	Adult Education		68.82
	Bible School		276.64
	Confirmation		178.68
	Delegate Expense		290.00
	SS Superintendant		567.00
	Sunday School		551.07
	Youth Camperships		160.00
	<b>Total Education Ministry</b>		2,092.21
	<b>Ministry of Church Building</b>		
	Building, Grounds & Equipment		3,823.95
	Custodial Salary		5,972.40
	Custodial Supplies/Maintenance		442.73
	Electricity		3,065.96
	Elevator Contract		1,025.65
	FICA/Medicare		973.51
	Garbage		156.00
	Gas		8,994.99
	Insurance		5,569.00
	Organ Contract		663.75
	Telephones		1,147.78
	Water & Sewer		809.12
	Work Comp Insurance		639.00
	<b>Total Ministry of Church Building</b>		33,283.84

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Income-Expense**  
**January through December 2009**

**Parsonage Ministry**

Parsonage Repair/Upkeep	866.90
<b>Total Parsonage Ministry</b>	866.90
<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>	
Auto Allowance	4,000.00
Continuing Ed/Job Related	500.00
Housing Equity Allowance	8,584.92
Parsonage Utilities	2,763.79
Pastor's Salary	32,739.30
Pension & Insurance	16,804.49
Social Security Allowance	3,025.20
<b>Total Pastoral Ministry</b>	68,417.70
<b>World Mission</b>	
ELCA	1,255.00
Hunger Fund	1,705.00
Lutheran Social Service	650.00
Mission Sponsorship	2,390.00
MN River Conference	51.10
SE MN Synod	1,135.00
<b>Total World Mission</b>	7,186.10
<b>Worship &amp; Service</b>	
Financial Secretary-Treasurer	866.00
Offering Envelopes	-1.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	2,983.09
Organist Salary	3,063.44
Secretary Salary	3,939.84
Visiting Pastor	332.55
Worship & Music Supplies	1,086.31
<b>Total Worship &amp; Service</b>	12,270.23
<b>Total Expense</b>	128,211.98
<b>Net Income</b>	-2,630.22

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Dedicated Accounts  
As of December 31, 2009**

		Balance
<b>Dedicated Account Fund</b>		
<b>Adult Coffee Fellowship</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	0.00	
Donations	419.00	
Expenditures	-419.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		0.00
<b>Air Conditioner</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	575.00	
Donations	29.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		604.00
<b>Altar Guild</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	0.00	
Donations	70.00	
Expenditures	-70.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		0.00
<b>Banners</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	370.18	
Donations	25.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		395.18
<b>Bell Choir</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	1,530.89	
Ending balance 12-31-09		1,530.89
<b>Bell Tower</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	200.00	
Donations	320.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		520.00
<b>Care Package</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	85.64	
Donations	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		85.64
<b>Chimes</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	80.00	
Donations	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		80.00
<b>Choir</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	1,371.11	
Ending balance 12-31-09		1,371.11
<b>Christmas Tree/Decorations</b>		
Beginning balance 1-1-09	650.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		650.00

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Dedicated Accounts  
As of December 31, 2009**

**Computer Fund**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	423.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		423.00

**Dining Hall Upkeep**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	4,966.52	
Donations	440.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		5,406.52

**Dining Room Table**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	3,135.00	
Donations	710.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		3,845.00

**DVD Projector**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	0.00	
Donations	10.00	
Expenditures	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		10.00

**Elevator**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	685.00	
Donations	100.00	
Expenditures	-750.70	
Ending balance 12-31-09		34.30

**Endowment Interest**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	10000.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		10,000.00

**Food Shelf**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	300.00	
Donations	796.00	
Expenditures	-1046.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		50.00

**Hearing Aid**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	391.37	
Ending balance 12-31-09		391.37

**Landscape Fund**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	87.45	
Donations	50.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		137.45

**Library**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	4601.41	
Expenditures	-247.28	
Ending balance 12-31-09		4354.13

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Dedicated Accounts  
As of December 31, 2009**

**Mission Starts**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	76.00	
Donations	100.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		176.00

**Mosaic Repair**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	-1010.00	
Donations	430.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		-580.00

**Organ/Piano Fund**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	933.89	
Donations	0.00	
Expenditures	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		933.89

**Quilting**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	3630.47	
Expenditures	-682.22	
Ending balance 12-31-09		2,948.25

**Social Hall Carpet**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	924.62	
Donations	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		924.62

**Sunday School**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	2749.32	
Donations	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		2,749.32

**Sunday School Offerings**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	0.00	
Donations	70.00	
Expenditures	-70.00	
Ending balance 12-31-09		0.00

**Windows**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	2272.64	
Ending balance 12-31-09		2272.64

**Youth Activities**

Beginning balance 1-1-09	886.35	
Donations	20.00	
Expenditures	-13.69	
Ending balance 12-31-09		892.66

**Total dedicated funds** **40205.97**

## ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

The Endowment Fund CD had a beginning balance of \$2,506.37. It earned \$101.51 interest for an ending balance of \$2,607.88.

The Endowment Fund Money Market account had a beginning balance of \$3,874.04. Contributions and interest added up to an ending balance of \$19,185.50.

The Thrivent Endowment investment had a beginning balance of \$125,567.94. Contributions and interest of \$39,810.03 brought the ending balance to \$165,377.97.

Our current Endowment Fund total is \$187,171.35.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Halgren

## ST. OLAF CEMETERY REPORT

2009 was a year of changes for many facets of life and that has been the case with the St. Olaf Cemetery Board. Changes started early in the year when Ervin Himmerich made it known he would like to relinquish his duties by the time he turned 80. At end of October those duties were turned over to Larry Goehring. Thanks Ervin for all those many years managing the cemetery and all the lessons that were passed on to educate those taking over those responsibilities. Another change on the board is the retirement of Karen Warke as Treasurer and again thank you for all your time and effort in keeping the books. As of January 1, 2010 and with the approval of the Church Council, the responsibilities for the treasurer will be turned over to Pat Jessen. Pat has graciously accepted those responsibilities.

Besides the changes with the Board the other big project was rewriting of the Cemetery By-Laws. They have been rewritten and approved by the Church Council and will be presented for approval by the congregation during the annual meeting.

During the year there were 6 burials and 2 plot purchases.

Plans for updating the cemetery in 2010 will be a posting of rules for the cemetery at each entry point and to begin an ongoing program of filling large holes and areas that have sunk around various grave sites. This will be conducted several times during the Spring, Summer and Fall by Larry Goehring and any volunteers. Finally, we hope we will be able to welcome others to join us on the Cemetery Board.

The following is the statement of funds we utilized for operating the Cemetery for 2009.

Balance forward (State Bank of New Richland) January 1, 2009 .....	\$ 3,734.15
Income	
Interest from CD's	\$ 23.04
Sale of Plots, Marking of Graves	1,325.00
Memorials	<u>355.00</u>
Total Income	\$1,703.04
Expenses	
Lawn Mowing	<u>\$2,431.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,431.00
Balance forward 12/31/2009.....	\$ 3,006.19

Submitted by Larry Goehring

**AVENUE OF FLAGS PROJECT-ST. OLAF CEMETERY**

Balance on hand January 1, 2009.....	\$1431.12
Receipts:	
Interest at bank.....	.72
Memorials:	
Wendell Liane.....	55.00
	Total Receipts.....
	55.72
Expenses:	
Gambles-Do It Best..(WD-40 for poles)....	15.58
	Total Expenses.....
	15.58
Balance on hand December 31, 2009.....	\$1471.26

Respectfully submitted, Stanley Herbst

**TRINITY KIDS TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance on hand – January 1, 2009 .....	\$ 1,415.58
Deposits:	
Care packages .....	\$22.50
Wacky Olympics .....	\$20.00
Sunday School Christmas Program noon meal .....	\$401.00
Expenses:	
Care Packages.....	\$218.97
Upper Room Devotions .....	\$70.50
Trinity Kids for Sunday night events.....	\$92.84
Operation Christmas Child .....	\$91.00
Feed My Starving Children .....	\$25.00
Sunday School Christmas Program noon meal .....	\$94.09
Balance on hand December 31, 2009 .....	\$1,266.68

This summer we held a Wacky Olympics event at the City Park. We had open church on Friday nights during the summer. We painted the pavilion at the City Park this summer. We picked up garbage along the creek, that flows through our town, this summer.

Three youth went to Camp Hiawatha, a Bible Camp of the ELCA, at Grand Rapids, this summer. Three youth went to Youth Blast at Good Earth Village, a Bible Camp of the ELCA, at Spring Valley, this fall.

Thank you for supporting our projects:

- Bringing socks and underwear for the students at NRHEG.
- Supporting the Operation Christmas Child shoebox project.

On behalf of the Trinity Kids, I again say thank you for your support. Your commitment is an important witness for us.

Sincerely, Dalen Ferber, Treasurer

## 2009 NEW RICHLAND AREA FOOD SHELF REPORT

Beginning balance 10/6/2009 .....	\$0.00
Income	
Donations .....	<u>\$6,186.92</u>
TOTAL INCOME .....	\$6,186.92
Expenses	
Food Purchased .....	\$1,242.33
Office Supplies .....	353.82
Reimbursed Expenses .....	<u>371.98</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES .....	\$1,968.13
Balance on hand 12/31/2009 .....	\$4,218.79

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Goehring, Treasurer

## 2009 REPORT OF THE TRINITY WELCA

The Trinity Church Women of the ELCA held 12 regular business meetings in 2009.

President Theresa Reese opened the meetings with prayer. After the business meetings, we had the Bible study group. The circles met after lunch was served. In March, the Carol Reese dancers performed for us.

Arlys Edwards was the pianist for the year.

We delivered Meals-on-Wheels in March and September. The circles also delivered bulletins to Royal Villa, Country Neighbors, and the Care Center each week.

We sent the following to the van at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea:

- 127 quilts
- 15 blankets
- 16 school kits
- 20 health kits
- 144 bars of soap

We had the Mother-Daughter Banquet in May, Meatball Dinner in September and the Christmas Bazaar in December.

### Officers for 2010

President—Pam Goehring Vice President—Julie Routh

Secretary—Avis Rugroden Treasurer—Theresa Reese

Secretary of Stewardship—Barb Solberg

Altar Guild—Diane Matthies

Serving Chairpersons—LeAnn Buendorf and Margaret Anderson

Dining Room Chairpersons—Dawn Halgren and Karen Widboom

Clean-up Chairpersons—Bob and Carol Battenfeld

Pianist—Arlys Edwards

Avis Rugroden, Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRINITY WOMEN OF THE ELCA – 2009**

Balance brought forward January 1, 2009 ..... \$6,171.71

**Receipts:**

Circles – Offering .....	270.00	
Cards .....	22.00	
Mother – Daughter Banquet .....	656.00	
Meatball Dinner .....	2,500.00	
Meatball Dinner: food sold .....	174.00	
Thrivent – Meatball Dinner .....	1,008.00	
WELCA Thankoffering .....	425.00	
Christmas Bazaar .....	1,392.30	
Thrivent – Bazaar.....	250.00	
Circle # 1.....	200.00	
Circle # 2.....	400.00	7,297.30
Total receipts.....		<u>\$13,469.01</u>

**Disbursements:**

Trinity Food Shelf.....	\$ 100.00	
Women of the ELCA offering .....	270.00	
First Lutheran Church: Lutheran World Relief .....	50.00	
MN River Conference offering.....	25.00	
Mother-Daughter banquet: Praise Him.....	200.00	
Mother-Daughter banquet: New Richland Floral .....	32.28	
LeAnn Buendorf: Mother-Daughter banquet expenses .....	339.21	
Margaret Anderson: Mother-Daughter banquet expenses .....	29.91	
LeAnn Buendorf: Meatball Dinner expenses .....	176.31	
Meatball Dinner: newspaper ad .....	42.00	
Joint meeting at LeSueur: offering .....	20.00	
Lutheran Women Today: Pastor Andree .....	12.00	
Women of the ELCA: Katie's Fund .....	100.00	
Women of the ELCA Thankoffering.....	425.00	
LeAnn Buendorf: Christmas bazaar expenses .....	32.50	
Altar Guild - Circle 1 .....	50.00	
St. Olaf Cemetery-Circle 1 .....	50.00	
Trinity Food Shelf-WELCA .....	300.00	
Trinity Food Shelf-Circle 2.....	200.00	
Lutheran Campus Ministries-WELCA .....	100.00	
Good Earth Village-WELCA.....	100.00	
Peace and Power-WELCA.....	100.00	
Peace and Power-Circle 1 .....	100.00	
Global Health Ministries-WELCA .....	100.00	
Lutheran Social Service-WELCA .....	100.00	
Trinity Church Budget-Circle 2 .....	200.00	<u>3,254.03</u>

Balance on hand December 31, 2009 ..... \$10,214.98

Joan Edwards  
TWELCA Treasurer

## ALTAR GUILD REPORT – 2009

The Altar Guild would like to thank all those who shared flowers or plants this year, especially at Easter and Christmas. Gifts of money in memory of or in honor of loved ones are much appreciated.

A special thank you to: LeAnn Buendorf for the ironing board and iron; Rodney Arnold, Bob Battenfeld and Diane Matthies for repair and painting of the two Altar Guild rooms; Chris Schue for the netting and drape at Easter.

The Altar Guild provided 8 baptism candles and towels this year. The towels were made by Bernice Himmerich and Barb Solberg.

A boutonniere and stole was given to each confirmand. The stoles were made by Diane Matthies.

Diane Matthies, Chairperson  
Marie Querna, Secretary Treasurer.

Balance on hand January 1, 2009 \$ 997.49

### Receipts:

Circle # 1 donation.....	50.00
Circle # 2 in honor of Pearl Anderson and Joyce Dombroske.....	<u>10.00</u>
Total receipts.....	60.00

### Memorials

Wendell Liane.....	25.00
Amy Anderson.....	35.00
Martin Hoffman.....	10.00
Eleanor Berg.....	25.00
Angus Lageson.....	<u>10.00</u>
Total memorials.....	105.00

### Disbursements

Cup of Faith.....	204.26
NR Floral.....	57.50
Diane Matthies (banners).....	<u>327.50</u>
Total disbursements.....	589.26

Balance on hand January 1, 2010 \$ 573.23

## CIRCLE # 1 Annual Report for 2009

Circle # 1 met 12 times for Bible study with Pastor Andree. We served lunch after Bible study 6 times.

We delivered church bulletins and Contacts to Trinity members living at Country Neighbors, Royal Villa, and the New Richland Care Center each week for six months.

We served lunch at Martin Hoffman's funeral.

Members put together 16 school kits and 20 health kits to send to Lutheran World Relief.

Members of our circle furnished 25 pies for the meatball dinner and 4 desserts for the bazaar.

Some members helped deliver Meals on Wheels when needed.

Our five shut-ins were given carnations in a bud vase for Christmas.

Balance forward on January 1, 2009 ..... \$125.26

### **Receipts:**

Offerings .....	216.00
Funerals and birthdays .....	185.00
Total receipts .....	\$ 401.00

### **Disbursements:**

1/2 of Worship Offerings .....	113.00
Peace and Power .....	100.00
Altar Guild .....	50.00
St. Olaf Cemetery .....	50.00
Total disbursements .....	\$313.00

Balance on hand December 31, 2009 ..... \$213.26

Bernice Himmerich  
Secretary-Treasurer

## CIRCLE # 2 Annual Report for 2009

The Arlys Circle met 12 times in 2009 with an average attendance of 5 members per meeting.

Our December meeting was a noon luncheon at The Willows with Circle # 1. We returned to the church for Bible study , business meeting and dessert.

We served funerals for Wendell Liane and Eleanor Berg.

We donated several boxes of soap for Lutheran World Relief.

Our members donated pies for the meatball dinner and desserts for the bazaar.

We donated \$10.00 to the Altar Guild at Christmas in honor of our 2 shut-ins

We delivered church bulletins and Contacts to Country Neighbors, Royal Villa and the New Richland Care Center each week for six months. Some of our members also assisted delivering Meals-On-Wheels and several were involved in quilting every week.

Balance on hand January 1, 2009 ..... \$ 75.98

### **Receipts:**

Funerals and donations.....	245.00	
Worship offering .....	314.00	
Total receipts .....		\$634.98

### **Disbursements:**

1/2 worship offerings .....	\$ 157.00	
Altar Guild .....	10.00	
Food shelf.....	200.00	
Church budget .....	200.00	
Total disbursements.....		\$567.00

Balance on hand December 31, 2009 ..... \$67.98

Phyllis Shurson  
Secretary - Treasurer

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Profit and Loss Budget Performance**  
**January through December 2009**

	<u>Jan - Dec 09</u>	<u>Budget 09</u>	<u>+ or - Budget</u>	<u>Budget 10</u>
<b>Education Ministry</b>				
Adult Education	68.82	100.00	-31.18	100.00
Bible School	276.64	300.00	-23.36	300.00
Confirmation	178.68	500.00	-321.32	500.00
Delegate Expense	290.00	400.00	-110.00	400.00
SS Superintendent	567.00	567.00	0.00	567.00
Sunday School	551.07	1,000.00	-448.93	1,000.00
Youth Camperships	160.00	750.00	-590.00	750.00
<b>Total Education Ministry</b>	<b>2,092.21</b>	<b>3,617.00</b>	<b>-1,524.79</b>	<b>3,617.00</b>
<b>Ministry of Church Building</b>				
Building, Grounds & Equipment	3,823.95	3,200.00	623.95	5,000.00
Custodial Salary	5,972.40	7,154.00	-1,181.60	7,154.00
Custodial Supplies/Maintenance	442.73	500.00	-57.27	800.00
Electricity	3,065.96	3,000.00	65.96	4,000.00
Elevator Contract	1,025.65	1,000.00	25.65	1,100.00
FICA/Medicare	973.51	1,100.00	-126.49	1,100.00
Garbage	156.00	300.00	-144.00	400.00
Gas	8,994.99	11,000.00	-2,005.01	11,000.00
Insurance	5,569.00	6,500.00	-931.00	6,000.00
Organ Contract	663.75	664.00	-0.25	750.00
Telephones	1,147.78	1,200.00	-52.22	1,200.00
Water & Sewer	809.12	800.00	9.12	1,000.00
Work Comp Insurance	639.00	1,000.00	-361.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Ministry of Church Building</b>	<b>33,283.84</b>	<b>37,418.00</b>	<b>-4,134.16</b>	<b>40,504.00</b>
<b>Parsonage Ministry</b>				
Parsonage Repair/Upkeep	866.90	3,000.00	-2,133.10	3,000.00
<b>Total Parsonage Ministry</b>	<b>866.90</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>-2,133.10</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>				
Auto Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Continuing Ed/Job Related	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Housing Equity Allowance	8,584.92	9,014.00	-429.08	8,585.00
Parsonage Utilities	2,763.79	3,200.00	-436.21	3,200.00
Pastor's Salary	32,739.30	34,305.00	-1,565.70	32,671.00
Pension & Insurance	16,804.49	17,669.00	-864.51	17,390.00
Social Security Allowance	3,025.20	3,137.00	-111.80	2,988.00
<b>Total Pastoral Ministry</b>	<b>68,417.70</b>	<b>71,825.00</b>	<b>-3,407.30</b>	<b>69,334.00</b>
<b>World Mission</b>				
ELCA	1,255.00	1,255.00	0.00	1,255.00
Hunger Fund	1,705.00	1,705.00	0.00	1,705.00
Lutheran Social Service	650.00	650.00	0.00	650.00
Mission Sponsorship	2,390.00	2,390.00	0.00	2,390.00
MN River Conference	51.10	55.00	-3.90	55.00
SE MN Synod	1,135.00	1,135.00	0.00	1,135.00
<b>Total World Mission</b>	<b>7,186.10</b>	<b>7,190.00</b>	<b>-3.90</b>	<b>7,190.00</b>
<b>Worship &amp; Service</b>				
Financial Secretary-Treasurer	866.00	866.00	0.00	866.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	200.00	-200.00	200.00
Offering Envelopes	-1.00	200.00	-201.00	200.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	2,983.09	3,000.00	-16.91	3,000.00
Organist Salary	3,063.44	3,143.00	-79.56	3,143.00
Secretary Salary	3,939.84	5,142.00	-1,202.16	5,142.00
Visiting Pastor	332.55	1,000.00	-667.45	1,000.00
Worship & Music Supplies	1,086.31	1,100.00	-13.69	1,100.00
<b>Total Worship &amp; Service</b>	<b>12,270.23</b>	<b>14,651.00</b>	<b>-2,380.77</b>	<b>14,651.00</b>
	<b>124,116.98</b>	<b>137,701.00</b>	<b>-13,584.02</b>	<b>138,296.00</b>