

2014 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."

2014 ANNUAL MEETING

January 25, 2015

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2014 OFFICERS AND STAFF OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Congregation President Curt Krause (15)
Congregation Vice-President.....Dale Bayerkohler (14)
Congregation SecretaryJennifer Johnson (14)
Congregation Treasurer/Financial Secretary Mary Berg

PROPERTY AND MANAGEMENT

Adryn Peterson (15)
Eric Hendrickson (15)
Brian Solberg (15)
Troy Buendorf (15)

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Jennifer Johnson (14)
Becca Solberg (15)
Christian Anderson (14)

WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM

Dale Bayerkohler (14)
Curt Krause (15)
Barb Finseth (15)

STEWARDSHIP

Scott Eads (14)
Terry Hansen (14)

Pastor.....Paul Andree
Organist..... Rhonda Andree
Sunday School Superintendents.....Jennie Johnson and Jodie Wayne
Sunday School Choir Director Laina Rajala
Junior Luther League (F.I.S.H.) Advisors ... Pastor Paul Andree and Barb Morgan
Trinity Kids AdvisorPastor Paul Andree
Church Custodian..... David Purdie
Parish Secretary Julie Routh

2014 OFFICERS OF THE TRINITY WOMEN OF THE ELCA

President..... Theresa Reese
Vice President Barb Solberg
Secretary Avis Rugroden
Treasurer Pam Goehring
Altar Guild Chairperson.....Diane Matthies
Serving Chairpersons LeAnn Buendorf and Margaret Anderson
Dining room Chairpersons..... Dawn Halgren and Marcia Berg
Clean-up Chairpersons.....Gordon and Donna Hansen

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting Trinity Lutheran Church

President Terry Hansen called the meeting to order in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at 10:20 AM on January 26, 2014.

Pastor Paul stated devotions were expressed in church earlier. He then asked if anyone would like to add anything.

Motion by Larry Goehring, second by Curt Krause, to approve the agenda with the addition of a report by the New Richland Area Food Shelf. Motion carried.

Motion by Adryn Peterson, second by Dean Buendorf, to accept the minutes from the 2012 annual meeting. Motion carried.

Terry Hansen asked all present to read and review all reports printed. Motion by Dean Buendorf, second by Larry Goehring, to accept. Motion carried.

Audit report was given. All accounts were in order. Motion by Bob Wenzel, second by Laina Rajala, to accept. Motion carried.

Food Shelf report was given. Applied for 5013C, served 4,000 people, distributed 73,000 pounds of food, and Backpack Program served 3499 students.

Treasurer's report was given. Motion by Adryn Peterson, second by Bob Wenzel, to accept. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee reported that Erick Hendrickson, Tory Buendorf, Barb Finseth, Christian Anderson, Becca Solberg, and Brian Solberg were willing to serve on council. Motion by Vince Peterson, second by Laina Rajala, to accept candidates. Motion carried.

Endowment Report was given with a request that the wording "council member" be changed to "church member." Motion by Larry Goehring, second by Barb Solberg, to accept. Motion carried.

Trinity parsonage information was given. The new parsonage was purchased for \$173,598.22. The old parsonage was sold for \$85,502.40.

There was no old business to discuss.

New business: A discussion was held to determine if the dedicated funds should be used to bring the 2013 checking account balance to zero out of the negative. Motion by Amy Ferber, second by Bob Wenzel, to allow the Church Council to determine if that needed to be done. Motion carried.

2014 proposed budget was presented and discussed. Motion by Adryn Peterson, second by Pam Goehring, to accept the budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Wenzel, second by Barb Solberg, to adjourn. Those assembled closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jennie Johnson, Council secretary

PASTOR'S REPORT 2014

“God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (I Cor. 1:9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Another year come and gone. I have been blessed to be the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church for 20 years and have seen God's love and blessing wash over our congregation. I am now presiding at the weddings of the children I baptized and who stood up in church to affirm their faith and baptizing their children. I have baptized, married, buried, confirmed, counseled, encouraged, loved, played, cried, laughed, struggled, prayed for, been prayed for, asked, received and loved a truly gifted and wonderful faith family. In all of these things I have discovered that with God there is truly a season for everything under heaven. God is with us in every season.

2014 was in many ways – most ways – a typical year for me. I continue to serve on the synod small church family ministry board. I do services on a regular basis at Ecumen (Country Neighbors), Royal Villa, and New Richland Care Center. This year, Rhonda and I became grandparents for the first time which is an exciting new chapter in our lives. Rachel and Brett had Bailey on July 3rd, which is Rhonda's birthday.

We continue to have a dedicated and active church council that oversee our life and mission. In my tenure here, we have always had dedicated and wise leadership on the church council. What a blessing. This past year was no different. This council has also developed a good chemistry. Thank you, and God's richest blessings, to Dale Bayerkohler, Terry Hansen, Jennifer Johnson, and Scott Eads who complete their service on the church council! Christian Anderson, resigned this year because he moved out of the area. Thank you! I want to say a special thank you to the women of Trinity! WELCA is one of the joys of my ministry. You do so much to live out the truth of the gospel here at TLC! Thank you. Every year you give many dollars to worthy causes. In addition the women of the church have given money to the general budget and money for various projects of TLC. The ladies had to make a hard decision this year and, will no longer be an organization here at Trinity. Thank you and God bless you for all you have done for TLC.

Thank you to the funeral committee. Your response when a funeral lunch is need is outstanding.

Thank you to the quilters. Your quilts are your faith spread out! God bless you!

Thank you to Barb Finseth, Jennifer Johnson and Barb Solberg for their leadership of the pictorial directory.

I want to thank Julie for her level of dedication. I appreciate her insights and wisdom! I am grateful for Dave Purdie. I continue to be inspired by his loving dedication that shines through all he does. Thank you Dave for all you do!

I want to thank all who volunteer their time by serving on committees or doing the many things that need to be done in the life of our congregation. Thanks to those who help teach the faith through Vacation Bible School and Sunday School! Thank you to all those who do participate in Sunday worship: readers and acolytes and ushers and communion assistants, pianist and organist.

Thank you to the church council for their work on finding good candidates for the council that needed to be filled!

Thank you to so many volunteers in so many areas of ministry at TLC. You serve well and tirelessly. I am grateful. Thank you for your faithful stewardship of the gifts God has entrusted to you. Your sharing of your time, talents and abilities in and thru this ministry allows God's work to go on thru TLC.

This June begins my 21st year in your midst. I pray God will continue to challenge us and mark us with the cross as well as make us alive in the Spirit and image of our Lord and Savior Jesus. I want to say thank you to you all for the many ways your stories of faith have inspired me. I give thanks and praise to the Lord Jesus for working wonders in my life. I consider it a privilege to be your pastor.

To God Be The Glory, Pastor Paul Andree

PASTORAL ACTS 2014

BAPTISMS

Jaxson Darol Bayerkohler	June 29, 2014
Evelyn Schlaak	August 3, 2014
Griffin Pederson	August 3, 2014
Kelsey Jade Warke	August 17, 2014
Kensie Leonardo	August 24, 2014
Bailey Sterling	October 5, 2014
Korie Lynn Barto	November 25, 2014

CONFIRMATIONS

Evan Dobberstein	April 27, 2014
Spencer Enger	April 27, 2014
Rob Jewett	April 27, 2014
Kaleb Johnson	April 27, 2014
Maurya Johnson	April 27, 2014
Michelle Katzung	April 27, 2014
Isaac Morgan	April 27, 2014
Tyler Raimann	April 27, 2014
Braden Routh	April 27, 2014
Andrew Stennes	April 27, 2014
Sophie Thompson	April 27, 2014
Braeden Thompson	April 27, 2014

MARRIAGES

Larry Sass III and Nan Otting	May 17, 2014
Laura Manthey and Kyle Wenzel	June 7, 2014
Tyler Hansen and Tara Larson	July 25, 2014
Lynn Borchard and Keith Goepfert	August 9, 2014
Lance Perkins and Kelsey Christensen	September 20, 2014
Calli Jo Halgren and Ryan Miller	September 27, 2014
Kelsey Berg and Tyler Pederson	November 29, 2014

FUNERALS

Joell K. Quiram	January 11, 2014
Nona Ann Bottke	January 31, 2014
Orrin Ribbe	March 7, 2014
Joyce Dombroske	March 10, 2014
George Anderson	May 18, 2014
Vida Tukua	August 29, 2014
Don Bartness	October 16, 2014
Karen Widboom	November 2, 2014

NEW MEMBERS

Don and Elaine Alexander
Dean and Barb Morgan, Isaac, Sam, and Gracie
David and Jennifer Bunn, Parker, Payton, and Sofie

MEMBERSHIP	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Baptized	523	507	510	509	504	518
Confirmed	406	389	392	386	386	395

CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014

On behalf of the Church Council, I thank each member of Trinity Lutheran Church for their time, talents and financial contributions this past year. Church/Community building occurs when more become involved.

A deep appreciation goes to Pastor Paul for his easy accessibility, kindness to others, boundless energy to get things done and willingness to adapt to each situation. It is a pleasure to know and work with him; he truly has the best interests of Trinity in his focus all the time.

The Church Council has been great to work with; supportive and always willing to work through each situation that arises. Thank you.

Much has been accomplished ---let's continue to work together with a positive "can do" attitude to make Trinity a home for all who enter.

Curt Krause, Council President

WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

The Worship and Evangelism Committee would like to express our gratitude to all those who participate in fulfilling the responsibilities of providing the quality of each and every service as we worship the Lord our Savior.

Worship

We are making an effort to get more people involved in the services, sharing their talents of song and music. To make it easier to follow and read the liturgy, inserts have been placed in all hymnals with the confession and creed. For the kids in the congregation, activity bags at the back of the church have been re-stocked with new books for quiet reading during the service.

With the help of others from the congregation, a written usher responsibility list was published and is being used to provide consistency in how the ushers perform their duties. A thanks to all that have given their time and also to those that have stepped in when extra help was needed.

Our purpose and mission is always to welcome guests, new members and families to worship with us. We thank the Lord as we pride ourselves in the beauty and comfort of our sanctuary, along with the inspiration that the message, music and visual can and does provide for a spiritually uplifting experience to everyone who attends our services. *Our vision continues to be this; "a community of loving disciples, growing in spiritual maturity, following Jesus by actively sharing in God's mission to transform the world" Learn, Serve and Share.*

Evangelism

As our mission states: *"We seek to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit by sharing God's love and grace, guiding people to God, and developing fully devoted followers of Jesus."*

In order to follow our mission, Pastor Paul is using his business cards as he reaches out to others outside of our congregation.

Trinity again participated in a multi-church pictorial directory. We also used this time to update our member list with addresses, phone numbers, cell numbers and email addresses.

We look to create a new web site for the church along with capabilities for on-line giving. We have a couple of volunteers that have stepped forward to administer this new web site. A Facebook page also contains pictures of our church activities, updated information, etc., for anyone to view and be kept up-to-date with what we do and offer here at Trinity.

Through all of these tools we hope to continue to accomplish our vision and mission and to be the quality community of disciples that we are. *Welcome, Equip and Serve.*

Respectfully submitted, Dale Bayerkohler, Barb Finseth, and Curt Krause

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

On behalf of the church council, I wanted to express our appreciation for your generous and faithful support over the past year and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. Trinity Lutheran is a great church because of you! Thank you for your confidence you place in us and your generosity!

It is the giving of people like you that we are reminded of the amazing privilege of being involved in this ministry.

The Bible says in: James 1:17 – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

As we come to the beginning of a New Year, and take a moment to glance back at all the events and happenings of 2014, it is so reassuring to know that we serve a God who is unchanging who will be our guide in 2015.

Here at Trinity Lutheran Church, the needs continue to exist and even expand, as we reach our community with the Gospel, while creating an atmosphere for ministry to the family of God. We have been blessed greatly in 2014, yet know that great challenges and opportunities lie ahead.

Thank you to Terry Hansen, who is also on the stewardship committee, and to the people who count and deposit the offering each Sunday.

Please contact the church secretary, Julie Light, or Pastor Paul when you need more envelopes. If you have any questions about your contributions, please feel free to call Mary Berg, Financial Secretary. May God continue to bless you in this New Year!

In Christ, Scott Eads

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

Sunday School is being held each Sunday except the first Sunday of the month, so that the youth may attend communion with their families. This is working out great. We have a group of people willing to help with the teaching. If you or anybody you know are interested in teaching, please contact Jodi Wayne. The Christmas program was held on the evening of Sunday, December 14th. There was a soup and sandwich meal served after . Vacation Bible school was held the beginning of August.

Respectfully submitted, Jennie Johnson

PROPERTY AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2014

First of all, thanks to everyone who works behind the scenes for our church. A building of this size and age takes a lot of attention and care. We as a church have made lots of good improvements over the years to have a well maintained building. One of the projects completed in 2014 was removal of the old curtain walls in the sewing room to free up some much needed space for the ladies. We did some smaller general maintenance around the parsonage. We also reinforced the fencing in the bell tower to secure us from unwanted visitors. A lot of closets and storage areas have been cleaned and organized by volunteers. Thanks again for taking care of our church.

Respectfully submitted, Troy Buendorf



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



2014 MINISTRY REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD, ELCA

We join together in giving thanks for the multitude of ways the Holy Spirit is at work through the people and congregations of our Southeastern Minnesota Synod!

Giving...

- \$202,000 to the ELCA World Hunger Program
- \$63,000 to our companion synods (\$55,000 to Tanzania and \$8,000 to Colombia)
- \$85,000 to support missionaries around the world
- \$27,000 for theological education at Luther Seminary
- \$47,000 for the campus ministries of our synod
- \$10,000 toward sabbatical gifts to pastors and their congregations
- \$13,500 for blind and deaf students through Christ Through Hands Ministry in Faribault
- \$245,700 toward the ELCA Malaria Campaign since October 2010 with \$16,775 contributed in the past year
- \$790,000 for the ministries of the churchwide ELCA

Supporting...

- 29 candidates across 5 of our seminaries, including 7 students entering the process in 2015
- Over 190 congregational leaders who experienced the Councils as Leaders event in spring 2014
- 5 South Sudanese ministries in our synod
- Many congregations in the synod as they explore and discover what God is up to in faith formation, families and leadership in the 21st century
- 51 Mission Interpreters in congregations throughout our synod
- 63 congregations in call process transition
- 24 congregations who participated in Safeguarding God's Children trainings
- 2 Young Adults in Global Mission from our synod serving in United Kingdom and Argentina and 3 additional young adults participating in the program with connections to colleges in our synod
- 4 newly ordained pastors
- 166 rostered & lay leaders at the Fall Theological Conference
- 500 voting members at the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly
- 51 congregations partnering with congregations, schools, rural clinics and a hospital in Tanzania and Colombia
- 3 visits to Companions in Tanzania and Colombia by partner congregations
- 2 representatives from the Central Diocese hosted in our synod
- 2 synod representatives to Colombia for 2014 Lutheran Church in Colombia Consultation
- 2 synod representatives to Central Diocese Tanzania for 2014 Companion Synod Consultation

Peace in Christ,

Steven Delzer, Bishop

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Income/Expense**

January through December 2014

	<u>Jan - Dec 14</u>
Beginning balance 12-31-2013	-10,228.64
General Fund Income	
Endowment Fund	3,000.00
Envelope Income	90,332.82
Loose Plate Income	59,749.37
Memorials to General Fund	180.00
Mission Calendar Income	340.00
Mission Investment Interest	669.67
Pierce CD Interest	2.92
Rent Income	800.00
Trinity Circle 2	800.00
Total General Fund Income	<u>155,074.78</u>
Total Income	144,846.14

General Fund Expense	
Endowment Fund Expense	3,000.00
Total General Fund Expense	<u>3,000.00</u>

Education Ministry	
Adult Education	0.00
Bible School	95.88
Confirmation	199.50
Delegate Expense	543.06
Sunday School	619.93
Youth Camperships	0.00
Total Education Ministry	<u>1,458.37</u>

Ministry of Church Building	
Building, Grounds & Equipment	1,767.68
Custodial Salary	6,900.00
Custodial Supplies/Maintenance	443.56
Electricity	3,630.43
Elevator Contract	1,114.24
FICA/Medicare	1,105.69
Garbage	53.84
Gas	10,174.61
Insurance	8,986.00
Organ Contract	485.00
Telephones	1,641.54
Water & Sewer	829.82
Work Comp Insurance	508.00
Total Ministry of Church Building	<u>37,640.41</u>

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Income/Expense

January through December 2014

Parsonage Ministry	
Parsonage Repair/Upkeep	608.60
Total Parsonage Ministry	<u>608.60</u>
Pastoral Ministry	
Auto Allowance	4,073.44
Continuing Ed/Job Related	500.00
Housing Equity Allowance	9,197.00
Parsonage Utilities	4,050.58
Pastor's Salary	35,000.00
Pension & Insurance	20,465.79
Social Security Allowance	3,350.00
Total Pastoral Ministry	<u>76,636.81</u>
World Mission	
ELCA	625.00
Hunger Fund	2,105.00
Lutheran Social Service	1,050.00
Mission Sponsorship	2,790.00
MN River Conference	0.00
SE MN Synod	565.00
Total World Mission	<u>7,135.00</u>
Worship & Service	
Financial Secretary-Treasurer	1,150.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Offering Envelopes	0.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	3,334.11
Organist Salary	3,114.40
Secretary Salary	3,335.00
Visiting Pastor	785.00
Worship & Music Supplies	764.00
Total Worship & Service	<u>12,482.51</u>
Total Expense	<u>135,961.70</u>
Ending balance 12-31-14	<u><u>8,884.44</u></u>

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Checking/Savings

As of December 31, 2014

State Bank of New Richland	
General Fund	8,884.44
Dedicated Account Fund	
Air Conditioner	2,334.20
Banners	395.18
Bell Choir	751.24
Bell Tower	520.00
Chimes	195.00
Christmas Tree/Decoration	650.00
Dining Hall Upkeep	9,462.29
Elevator	900.30
Endowment Interest	1,718.00
Hearing Aid	391.37
Library & Media	3,886.13
Lutheran World Relief Kits	28.19
Mission Starts	176.00
Music	150.00
Organ/Piano Fund	217.89
Pastor Discretionary Fund	1,402.00
Quilting	2,148.53
Sunday School	576.48
Thrivent Choice	6,033.00
Windows	2,272.64
Youth Activities	159.46
Total Dedicated Account Fund	<u>34,367.90</u>
Total State Bank of New Richland	<u>43,252.34</u>
Endowment Fund	
Money Market	5,956.52
Thrivent for Lutherans	294,938.46
Total Endowment Fund	<u>300,894.98</u>
Gifts/Memorials	
Ameriprise Financial	118,140.85
CD 21302 - Lorraine Pierce	5,854.45
Total Gifts/Memorials	<u>123,995.30</u>
Mission Investment Funds	
CD 30000222239	15,116.73
Total Mission Investment Funds	<u>15,116.73</u>

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Dedicated Accounts
As of December 31, 2014

		Balance
Dedicated Account Fund		
Air Conditioner		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	2,334.20	
Expenditures	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		2,334.20
Altar Guild		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	0.00	
Donations	94.00	
Expenditures	-94.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		0.00
Banners		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	395.18	
Ending balance 12-31-14		395.18
Bell Choir		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	731.24	
Donations	20.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		751.24
Bell Tower		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	520.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		520.00
Care Package		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	0.00	
Expenditures	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		0.00
Chimes		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	120.00	
Donations	75.00	
Ending balance 12-31-13		195.00
Choir		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		0.00
Christmas Tree/Decorations		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	650.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		650.00
Dining Hall Upkeep		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	9,432.29	
Donations	150.00	
Expenditures	-120.00	
Ending balance 12-31-4		9,462.29

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Dedicated Accounts
As of December 31, 2014

Elevator		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	748.30	
Donations	270.00	
Expenditures	-118.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		900.30
Endowment Interest		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	1,718.00	
Expenditures	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		1,718.00
God's Global Barnyard		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	0.00	
Donations	34.82	
Expenditures	-34.82	
Ending balance 12-31-14		0.00
Hearing Aid		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	391.37	
Ending balance 12-31-14		391.37
Library		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	3,886.13	
Donations	0.00	
Expenditures	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		3,886.13
Lutheran World Relief Kits		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	28.19	
Donations	0.00	
Expenditures	0	
Ending balance 12-31-14		28.19
Malaria Campaign		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	0.00	
Donations	85.18	
Expenditures	-85.18	
Ending balance 12-31-14		0.00
Mission Starts		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	176.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		176.00
Music		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	150.00	
Donations	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		150.00

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dedicated Accounts

As of December 31, 2014

Organ/Piano Fund		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	1038.89	
Expenditures	-821.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		217.89
Pastor Discretionary Fund		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	606.00	
Donations	1000.00	
Expenditures	-204.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		1,402.00
Quilting		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	3,438.43	
Donations	300.00	
Expenditures	-1589.90	
Ending balance 12-31-14		2,148.53
Sunday School		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	634.56	
Expenditures	-58.08	
Ending balance 12-31-14		576.48
Sunday School Offerings		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	0.00	
Donations	64.90	
Expenditures	(64.90)	
Ending balance 12-31-14		0.00
Thrivent Choice		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	5359.00	
Donations	2674.00	
Expenditures	-2000.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		6,033.00
Windows		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	2,272.64	
Ending balance 12-31-14		2,272.64
Youth Activities		
Beginning balance 1-1-14	159.46	
Donations	0.00	
Expenditures	0.00	
Ending balance 12-31-14		159.46
Total dedicated funds		34,367.90

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT 2014

The Endowment Fund Money Market account opening balance was \$10,053.02. There were two withdrawals totaling \$7,100.00 for landscaping and a new furnace at the parsonage. There were also contributions totaling \$3,000.00. With interest deposits, we have a total of \$5,956.52 in the Money Market account.

The Thrivent Endowment Investment Fund had a very good 2014. The beginning balance was \$267,630.00. The market fluctuations enabled the Fund to grow by \$27,308.46 which resulted in a year ending balance of \$294,938.46.

The current Endowment Fund total is \$300,894.98.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Halgren

Money Market Endowment

<u>Year</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>To Thrivent</u>	<u>To Church</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2005	95,512	90000	0	176	5688
2006	0	0	0	79	5767
2007	0	5000	0	47	814
2008	3000	0	0	60	3874
2009	15237	0	0	88	19199
2010	5000	20000	0	145	4344
2011	4000	0	1803	22	6563
2012	4000	0	3011	13	7565
2013	2250	0	2900	638	7553
2014	5000	0	6600	4	5957
Totals	133999	115000	14314	1272	5957

Deposits	133,999
Sent to Thrivent	<u>115,000</u>
Net Money Mkt. Deposits	18,999
Total used by	
Church 2005-2014	14314
Total Interest	<u>1,272</u>
Balance	\$5,957.00

Thrivent Endowment Fund

<u>Year</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Growth</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2005	100,048	0	9456	109504
2006	0	0	12549	122053
2007	35000	11200	1875	147728
2008	0	0	-22160	125568
2009	0	0	39810	165378
2010	20000	0	22315	207693
2011	0	16000	-15317	176376
2012	0	0	27244	203620
2013	0	0	58103	270978
2014	0	0	23960	294938
Totals	155048	27200	167090	294938

Thrivent Deposits	155048.00
Money Mkt. Deposits	<u>18999.00</u>
Total Investment	174047.00

Thrivent Balance	294938.00
Money Mkt. Balance	<u>5957.00</u>
Endowment Balance	300895.00
Minus Investment	<u>-174047.00</u>
Funds Available	126848.00

Funds Used 2005-2014	<u>-41514.00</u>
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Funds Available for Projects	\$85,334.00
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Adyln Nelson Ameriprise Account

<u>Month</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Beginning Balance		\$76,671.00
Jan.	0	\$75,443.00
Feb.	0	\$77,186.00
March	0	\$77,702.00
April	0	\$77,857.00
May	0	
June	0	
July	0	\$79,393.00
Aug.	0	\$80,543.00
Sept.	0	\$80,027.00
Oct.	0	\$79,909.00
Nov.	0	\$75,794.67
Dec.	0	\$80,114.00

2014 Growth

\$3,443.00

St. Olaf Cemetery Board 2014

Projects that were completed in 2014 included overlay of road way and spraying for weeds.

Plans for updating the cemetery in 2015 will be the efforts to eliminate weeds and fill in at least five areas where the ground has sunk. A bid has been accepted for assisting in this effort at a cost of \$1,076.75 and will be completed in the spring.

Efforts to keep lawn mowing at a low cost includes an ongoing effort to keep decorations off the ground. Thanks to everyone who has read and followed the rules of the cemetery.

During the year, there were 3 burials and 5 plots were purchased.

The following is the statement of funds we utilized for operating St. Olaf Cemetery in 2013

Balance forward (State Bank of New Richland) \$12,849.78

Income

Sale of Plots	\$ 1,200.00
Income from grave opening fee	\$ 700.00
Memorials	\$ 100.00
Other Income/Gifts	\$ 335.00
Donations for Operation	\$ 150.00
Grand Total Income 2014	\$ 2,485.00
	\$15,334.78

Expenses

Lawn Mowing.....	\$ 3,208.95
Lawn Care.....	\$ 4,355.91
Grass/Flowers	\$ 10.00
Road Repair	\$ 5,091.75
Grand Total of Expenses 2014.....	\$12,666.61

Funds forwarded for operation in 2015..... \$ 2,668.17

Investment for reserve:	Mission Investment Fund Account #20000003726	\$ 5,497.90
	Mission Investment Fund Account #20000005068	\$ 1,367.26
	Mission Investment Fund Account #20000005069	\$ 1,465.68
	Ameriprise Investment	\$38,299.14
	Total Investments Balance	\$46,629.98

This report gives you the view of having money to operate as well as expenses for the future for keeping our cemetery attractive. Without going to reserves, thought needs to be addressed for future funding. The Cemetery Board members would greatly like to have input from church members regarding acquisition of additional funds for operation. Some suggestions would be having a fundraiser, personal donations, or bequests.

Submitted by Larry Goehring

AVENUE OF FLAGS REPORT 2014

Balance on hand January 1, 2014.....\$1,186.24

Receipts:

Interest at bank..... .58
Memorials..... 10.00

Total receipts..... 10.58

Expenses:

30 Flags-Fleet Farm and Menards 139.70
New checks-State Bank of New Richland 19.35

Total expenses.....159.05

Balance on hand December 31, 2014.....\$1,037.77

Respectfully submitted, LeAnn Buendorf and Troy Buendorf

**F.I.S.H. 2014
Fun In Serving Him**

F.I.S.H. for grades 3-6 meets after school on Wednesdays during the school year.

Balance on hand January 1, 2014 \$ 588.68

Expenses Food for snacks \$ 173.40

Receipts..... \$ 447.60

Balance on hand December 31, 2014 \$ 862.88

Trinity Kids 2014

Balance on hand January 1, 2014 \$ 865.89

Expenses \$116.86

Balance on hand December 31, 2014.....\$ 749.03

TRINITY WELCA REPORT 2014

The Trinity Church Women of the ELCA held 12 regular business meetings in 2013. 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 July, we participated in the 5 area church WELCA gathering at LeSueur River Lutheran Church. Our Christmas lunch was at The Red Leaf Cafe, followed by Bible study.

Arlys Edwards was the pianist for the year.

We delivered Meals on Wheels in March, July, and November. The circles also delivered bulletins to Royal Villa and the Care Center each week.

In **2014**, we sent the following to the Lutheran World Relief Ingatherings at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea:

- 192 quilts to LWR quilts
- 128 Personal Comfort Kits
- 24 School Kits
- 170 bars of soap

We donated 63 quilts locally to the Waseca Area Service Center, and 3 to our high school graduates from Trinity.

We had the meatball dinner in September, and the Christmas bazaar in December.

Due to lack of attendance, this organization will no longer be necessary. We enjoyed our time together, and are sad not to have “Ladies Aid” anymore at Trinity. This organization has been meeting for over 100 years, and this ends a long tradition. Thank you to all the faithful members who supported and contributed to this and made it so worthwhile.

Each lady of the congregation will still automatically be a member of a circle. The circles will still furnish cakes for funerals. Serving at funerals will be done by the Funeral Committee.

Thank you for years of service to the church.

Respectfully submitted, Avis Rugroden, TWELCA secretary

2015 Leaders

Treasurer—Pam Goehring

Altar Guild—Diane Matthies

Serving Chairpersons—LeAnn Buendorf and Margaret Anderson

Dining Room Chairpersons—Dawn Halgren

Clean-up Chairpersons—Gordon and Donna Hanson

WELCA Treasurer's Report for 2014

Balance brought forward January 1, 2014..... \$3,910.83

Receipts:

Synod offerings Circle 1 & 2..... \$ 171.50
 Thank Offering..... \$ 334.00
 Meatball Dinner.....\$3,760.09
 Christmas Bazaar.....\$1,921.45

Total Receipts:..... \$6,232.04

Disbursements:

Synod offerings Circle 1 & 2.....	\$171.50	
Thank Offering.....	\$334.00	
Gamble's.....	\$ 19.99	coffee pot for kitchen
LWR.....	\$100.00	quilt shipping donation
Wagner Foods.....	\$102.88	meatball dinner
LeAnn Buendorf.....	\$297.48	curtains for Fellowship Hall
LeSueur River Lutheran Church WELCA.....	\$ 20.00	5-church gathering
LeAnn Buendorf.....	\$403.88	meatball dinner
NR Care Center birthday party.....	\$ 75.00	concertina band
NRHEG Star Eagle.....	\$ 39.90	Christmas bazaar ad
Peace & Power.....	\$200.00	
CADA House.....	\$200.00	
LWR.....	\$200.00	
LCM Crossroads.....	\$200.00	
NRAFS.....	\$100.00	
LeAnn Buendorf.....	\$146.63	bazaar expenses
TLC Quilters.....	\$500.00	

Total Disbursements..... \$3,106.26

Balance on hand 12-31-14..... \$7,036.09

Pam Goehring, WELCA Treasurer

Altar Guild 2014

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who shared flowers, plants, and gifts of money in memory or in honor of loved ones.

Twelve stoles were made for the members of the 2014 confirmation class. There were 7 baptisms; a towel and candle were given for each.

Special thanks to all who helped this last year while I was unable to do any of it.

Balance on hand January 1, 2014 \$1,041.21

Receipts:

Trinity Women..... \$ 615.00

Total receipts..... \$ 615.00

Memorials:

George Anderson \$ 89.00

Karen Widboom..... \$ 25.00

Total memorials \$114.00

Disbursements:

Hy-Vee Liquor \$ 46.08

Hy-Vee Floral \$144.00

Cup of Faith \$ 92.14

CM Almy \$107.00

Checks..... \$ 15.82

Total disbursements \$405.04

Balance on hand January 1, 2015 \$1,365.17

Respectfully submitted, Diane Matthies, chairperson

Circle 1 2014

Circle 1 met after Bible study led by Pastor Andree.

We delivered church bulletins and Contacts to Trinity members residing at Royal Villa and the New Richland Care Center.

We received donations for 3 funerals: Orrin Ribbe, George Anderson, and Don Bartness. The Funeral Committee served the luncheon.

We provided supplies for school kits sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Effective January 1, 2015, Circle 1 will no longer have a bank account. Donations will go to WELCA.

Balance on hand January 1, 2014 \$ 849.06

Receipts:

Worship offerings \$ 165.00

Funerals served \$ 300.00

Total receipts..... \$ 465.00

Disbursements:

1/2 offering to Trinity Women of the ELCA \$ 82.50

Barb Finseth (supplies for school kits) \$ 34.76

Trinity Quilters..... \$1,196.80

Total disbursements \$1,314.06

Balance on hand December 31, 2014 \$ 0.00

Respectfully submitted, Pam Goehring, Secretary-Treasurer

Circle 2 Report 2014

Circle 2 met the second Wednesday in each month. Pastor Paul led the Bible studies. Our last meeting was a luncheon at the Red Leaf Café.

We donated several boxes of soap for Personal Comfort kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our circle delivered church bulletins and Contacts to Trinity members at Royal Villa and the New Richland Care Center for 6 months. Several of our members donated desserts for the Christmas bazaar. Some of our members helped with quilting and some delivered Meals-on-Wheels.

We furnished cakes for the funerals of Joell Quiram, Joyce Dombroske, Vida Tukua, and Karen Widboom.

We are all sad that we will not meet again, but thankful for the good memories and good friends who did come to our meetings.

Balance on hand January 1, 2014\$245.96

Receipts:

Worship offering.....	\$192.00
Funerals (furnished cakes).....	\$535.00
Birthday and other donations.....	\$ 57.79
Orrin Ribbe memorial.....	\$ 30.00
Total receipts	\$814.79

Disbursements:

1/2 worship offering	\$ 96.00
Funeral expenses.....	\$ 63.38
MN River Conference.....	\$ 25.00
Centerpieces.....	\$ 25.00
WalMart-soap for LWR Personal Comfort Kits.....	\$51.37
Trinity Church budget.....	\$800.00
Total disbursements	\$1,060.75

Balance on hand December 31, 2014\$0.00

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Shurson, Secretary/Treasurer

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Profit Loss Budget

January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14	Budget	Over/Under	Budget 15
Education Ministry				
Adult Education	0.00	250.00	-250.00	250.00
Bible School	95.88	300.00	-204.12	300.00
Confirmation	199.50	250.00	-50.50	250.00
Delegate Expense	543.06	500.00	43.06	500.00
Sunday School	619.93	900.00	-280.07	900.00
Youth Camperships	0.00	300.00	-300.00	300.00
Total Education Ministry	1,458.37	2,500.00	-1,041.63	2,500.00
Ministry of Church Building				
Building, Grounds & Equipment	1,767.68	3,000.00	-1,232.32	3,000.00
Custodial Salary	6,900.00	7,512.00	-612.00	7,512.00
Custodial Supplies/Maintenance	443.56	800.00	-356.44	800.00
Electricity	3,630.43	4,500.00	-869.57	4,500.00
Elevator Contract	1,114.24	1,114.00	0.24	1,114.00
FICA/Medicare	1,105.69	1,300.00	-194.31	1,300.00
Garbage	53.84	400.00	-346.16	400.00
Gas	10,174.61	7,000.00	3,174.61	10,000.00
Insurance	8,986.00	7,000.00	1,986.00	9,000.00
Organ Contract	485.00	735.00	-250.00	735.00
Telephones	1,641.54	2,000.00	-358.46	2,000.00
Water & Sewer	829.82	1,000.00	-170.18	1,000.00
Work Comp Insurance	508.00	1,100.00	-592.00	1,100.00
Total Ministry of Church Building	37,640.41	37,461.00	179.41	42,461.00
Parsonage Ministry				
Parsonage Repair/Upkeep	608.60	1,000.00	-391.40	1,000.00
Total Parsonage Ministry	608.60	1,000.00	-391.40	1,000.00
Pastoral Ministry				
Housing Equity Allowance	9,197.00	9,197.00	0.00	11,000.00
Parsonage Utilities	4,050.58	3,200.00	850.58	3,200.00
Pastor's Salary	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
Pension & Insurance	20,465.79	17,860.00	2,605.79	24,000.00
Social Security Allowance	3,350.00	3,350.00	0.00	3,350.00
Total Pastoral Ministry	72,063.37	68,607.00	3,456.37	76,550.00
World Mission				
ELCA	625.00	625.00	0.00	625.00
Hunger Fund	2,105.00	2,105.00	0.00	2,105.00
Lutheran Social Service	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00
Mission Sponsorship	2,790.00	2,790.00	0.00	2,790.00
MN River Conference	0.00	55.00	-55.00	55.00
SE MN Synod	565.00	565.00	0.00	565.00
Total World Mission	7,135.00	7,190.00	-55.00	7,190.00
Worship & Service				
Auto Allowance	4,073.44	4,500.00	-426.56	4,500.00
Continuing Ed/Job Related	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Financial Secretary-Treasurer	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	1,150.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	200.00	-200.00	200.00
Offering Envelopes	0.00	200.00	-200.00	200.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	3,334.11	3,500.00	-165.89	3,500.00
Organist Salary	3,114.40	3,300.00	-185.60	3,300.00
Secretary Salary	3,335.00	5,142.00	-1,807.00	5,142.00
Visiting Pastor	785.00	1,000.00	-215.00	1,000.00
Worship & Music Supplies	764.00	1,500.00	-736.00	1,500.00
Total Worship & Service	17,055.95	20,992.00	-3,936.05	20,992.00
	135,961.70	137,750.00	-1,788.30	150,693.00

**AREA FOOD SHELF OF NEW RICHLAND
ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

The Board of Directors would like to say THANK YOU to all our donors, contributors, volunteers and supporters. Without your enthusiasm and graciousness our shelf would not be able to sustain the work it has set out to perform.

During 2014 the Area Food Shelf of New Richland continued to meet our Mission Statement – TO SERVE THOSE WHO NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE – and much more. The Board members and volunteers work diligently to make sure the shelves are well stocked and that the finances are stable to be able to serve our neighbors and friends in need. We believe that no one in the community should have to go hungry.

2014 Statistics (vs. 2013)

People served 4257 decrease of 510 or down 8.9%

Pounds given 80273 increase of 6401 or up 9.2%

NRHEG Back Pack Program for calendar year 2014 : 3157 students

This was a decrease of 342 students or 9.02% decrease.

Food distributed in the back packs totaled 6072 pounds or a decrease of 2872 pounds or down 9.02%

The Santa Anonymous program provided gifts for 114 children covering 49 families.

NRAFS is striving to assist individuals who have run out of options for maintaining utilities or housing. The Benevolence Fund was established for assisting in these needs when other sources are not available. The Benevolence Fund, funded by donations, (including the New Richland Area Foundation Fund, the Legacy of Angels Fund, Waseca Community Foundation E.F. Johnson Fund and By the Grace of God Fund) – assisted many families this past year keeping them in housing, having water, staying warm, gas for transportation, and other emergencies that caused families great hardships.

There was a minor change to the Board of Directors, we said hello to Jean Groskreutz of First Lutheran in Waldorf. Thank you for bringing your enthusiasm and representation from First Lutheran.

Thank you to all the churches, businesses and contributors for the generous support . NRAFS is in good financial health thanks to you. By working together we can help our friends and neighbors have enough to eat.

This was the first year that we held the annual spaghetti dinner in one of the sponsor churches. This will be our program going forth to have the dinner at different churches. St. Peter was the first venue and the Board of Directors greatly appreciate your welcoming us to utilize the space, THANK YOU. It was convenient and well received by all participants. Trinity Lutheran in New Richland will be the host church for 2015, so make plans in November to attend and help us finance our Santa program.

Again – thank you for making NRAFS a reality for our communities. We appreciate everything you do for us. And look for an exciting announcement in the weeks to come!

Larry Goehring

NRAFS President

on behalf of the NRAFS Board of Directors.

Listed below are the big grant and fund-raising events for 2014.

Grants and Fundraisers for 2014

MN FoodShare March Campaign	\$22109.22
March FoodShare Grant	\$ 1102.15
Alan Feinstein Foundation Grant	\$ 304.66
Vista Covenant Party in the Park	\$ 1464.76
Harvest Run for Hunger	\$ 1825.00
Hunger Solutions Grant	\$ 3046.91
Ladies Day Out and Santa Anonymous by NR Liquor	\$ 700.00
Spaghetti Dinner	\$ 2346.00
Zoe's Rainbow Dash	\$ 6000.00
Walmart "Volunteerism Goes Viral"	\$ 1000.00
Walmart Waseca Store	\$ 500.00
EF Johnson Foundation	\$ 1000.00
Legacy of Angels Foundation	\$ 4000.00
New Richland United Fund	\$ 500.00
FFA Corn Drive	\$ 1162.00
Thrivent – Freeborn County	\$ 675.00
WFS	\$ 1764.00
By the Grace of God II	\$16000.00
New Richland Sportsman Club	\$ 250.00
Terra-Therm, Inc.	\$ 500.00
New Richland Area Foundation	\$ 2500.00

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Goehring – President, Board of Directors