

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Middle Village, New York*

Annual Report 2021



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ANNUAL REPORT

for

2021

*And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and
I will make you fish for people."*

*Prepared for presentation to the
Annual Congregational Meeting
February 13, 2022*

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Stand

As there are many members in one body,
So we, though many, are one body in Christ.

Where two or three are gathered together in my name,
There am I in the midst of them.

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, being humble and gentle,
eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Let us pursue justice and peace, for the mutual upbuilding of the people of God.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the Light of your Holy Spirit. Grant that we, by your Spirit, may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in his Holy counsel; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Congregation sings:

(ELW 641 vs. 1 - Tune: Two Oaks)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

I declare this meeting to be in session in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

AGENDA
ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING OF
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middle Village, New York

Sunday / 13 February 2022
12:00 Noon

CALL TO ORDER

Lois Jenkins, President

DEVOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING / Part I

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONGREGATION
MEETING ~ February 2021

Doris Tegge-Sommo, Secretary

REPORTS OF PASTOR, OFFICERS,
COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS

ELECTION OF THE NEW COUNCIL

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

PRESENTATION OF SPENDING PLAN FOR 2022

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING / Part II

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION ON FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Masayo Kagita	Cindy Rooney
Lillian Hoffman	Xuming Sun
Doris Tegge	Bill Muller
Joyce Beaudoin	Nancy Keicher
Rev. Don Lemke	Sandy Boos
Henrietta Markisch	Samantha Boos
Erwin Markisch	Dorothy Barton
Rich Eichinger	Nancy Barton
Helmut Kromar	Frank Auriemma (Non-Voting)
Marge Kromar	Rein Olvet
Muriel Davis	Genesis Ilagan
Dorothy Russo	Feliz Ilagan
Elizabeth Russo	Kelly Eichinger
Emma Russo (Non-Voting)	Helen Schwab
Karin Spykerman	Carole McMullen

CALL TO ORDER:

President Lois Jenkins called the annual meeting to order at 12:00 pm and led the opening devotions.

Attendance:

Members: 28

Non-Voting: 2

A quorum of 25 voting members was established.

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the agenda.
- The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Congregation were read. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as read.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- The last worship service in the Trinity sanctuary was on March 15, 2020, almost a year ago. Since then we have continued to gather regularly virtually and at a distance. The average Zoom worship attendance is 35, not counting those who watch from Facebook streaming or the website recording. We will have to continue with social distancing for a while yet.

- Donations have been coming in the mail by check and through e-giving (tithe.ly).
- A quarterly calendar of church events was sent out to everyone.
- The follow-up procedure for members who have moved away is to first ask how they are doing. After 2 or 3 years, ask if they have found a new church. If they are not active in a church, ask how they feel about their faith.
- Various organizations have asked to use the Trinity building. As long as they can meet the CDC requirements for COVID-19 precautions, we will try to accommodate them. So far the Boy Scouts are using the facility regularly. The production company for "GHOSTS" has also asked to use the building. We received \$6,000 donation from the Board of Elections for the use of Ascension Hall for training.
- See Pastor's Report in the meeting handout for more information.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

- Last year we were still mourning the loss of Pastor Longan, but also beginning to transform under the leadership of Pastor Don Lemke. We needed to talk about our past, our present, and where we want to go. We had a lot of work to do before we would be able to call a permanent pastor. With the coming of the COVID-19 pandemic we had to close the building, but carried on Zoom worship, weekday prayer and bible study. We are grateful to Masayo and Pastor Lemke for their technical ability in being able to accomplish this. Many thanks to the people who have kept Trinity going during the pandemic by maintaining the property, keeping the office running, preparing the music for worship, and teaching Sunday School. We are blessed to come together with Grace.
- The Setting Apart ceremony for the deacons-in-waiting, Lois and Masayo, has been delayed due to the pandemic, but all the paperwork has been completed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, OUTREACH:

- Doris gave a summary of the written reports.

BUILDING REPORT:

- Helmut gave an overview of needed repairs. The railing needs to be fixed by spring. The moisture leakage by the staircase to the basement needs to be dealt with.
- Nothing was done to renovate the floor in the chapel area of the basement because it was hoped that we would get a tenant who would sponsor the work.
- The gym area needs work on the ceiling and walls, painting, and new light fixtures before the floors can be refurbished or replaced. All this would cost about \$120,000. Should the Pastor Longan Memorial money designated for the floor be re-allocated?
- We are waiting on signoffs from the Department of Buildings for phase 1 work.

TRINITY ONLINE:

- When work on setting up a designated server for Trinity with our own domain name and email address, we will have information on people who accessed that will help following up on visitors.
- See report for details.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

- Frank Auriemma thanked all those who helped with Zoom music. Trinity virtual worship services have been of high quality.
- Thank you to Joyce and Henrietta for watering plants in the sanctuary.
- See report for details.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- The Sterling accounts were closed and all money is in the Chase accounts. The Thrivent Managed Account containing the proceeds of the Ascension sale has been closed since it was almost empty. The bequest is winding down. Money will be taken from the Thrivent account to pay for operating expenses.
- Donations of all kinds have dropped due to lack of in person church attendance. People need to realize that money is needed to support the church even when we cannot attend in person. The income from the endowment fund is up thanks to strong stock market performance.
- Nancy Keicher made a motion to accept all the committee reports. Muriel Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2021 SPENDING PLAN:

- The only changes from the 2020 Spending Plan are to accommodate cost of living increases in salaries.
- Dorothy Barton made a motion that salaries should be frozen until restrictions for in-person worship are lifted. The motion was not seconded.
- Joyce Beaudoin made a motion to accept the spending plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Erwin Markisch. The 2021 spending plan was accepted unanimously.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Joyce Beaudoin made a motion to extend the terms of current council members. Karin Spykerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The Trinity council for 2021 consists of the following:

	Elected to Council (FEB)	Term ends (FEB)
Rich Eichinger	2019 - second term	2022
Sandy Boos	2020 – second term	2023
Genesis Ilagan	2020 – second term	2023
Nancy Keicher	2020 – second term	2023
Masayo Kagita	2020 – second term	2023
Doris Tegge	2020 – second term	2023
Muriel Davis	2021 – second term	2024
Cyndy Rooney	2021 – second term	2024
Karin Spykerman	2021 –second term	2024
Dorothy Russo	2021 –second term	2024
Lois Jenkins	2021 –second term	2024
Bill Muller	2020 – first term	2023

SYNOD ASSEMBLY:

- Rein Olvet made a motion to select Masayo Kagita and Lois Jenkins as representatives to the Synod Assembly in August 2021. Sandy Boos seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pictorial directory: all the pictures have been sent to the office. Production of the directory has been on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. Follow up is needed with Renee. She has started to enter the pictures on a PDF file that can be posted on the Trinity website. Volunteers are needed to enter the data. Henrietta and Doris volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resumption of in person worship at Trinity: The date when we can resume worship in the sanctuary cannot yet be determined. Other congregations that have reopened too early have regretted it when their parishioners get sick. Given the general age of our congregants and the infection rate in the community, it is not safe to open at this time. If weather permits, we may be able to do an outdoor Palm Sunday service. Hopefully we can be in the sanctuary by Memorial Day. We will not require proof of vaccination when we do resume in-person church.

CLOSING:

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Election of council officers will be held at the March 4 council meeting instead of immediately after this meeting.
- The annual meeting was concluded at 2:30 pm with closing devotions and a hymn.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Tegge, Secretary

PASTOR'S REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Blessed are you oh Lord our God, you have given us yet another year to love and serve your people. Amen

With the sending of the Ordo each quarter we urge each of us engage in the life of the whole church. This year has continued to draw our attention to what it means to be the church. Covid-19 Delta Variant forced us to think about worship as both a physical event and a virtual gathering. From January until June we were the church experiencing a community that was physically distant yet as close as a phone or computer screen. Our musicians have inspired us to sing a new song while telling the old old story once again.

We bid Kathy Firneis adieu in June for now and Wilma and Georg Jagusch. We welcomed Alex to the table and united him and Stephanie in the bonds of marriage.

Our campus was used as a resting place (holding) for production companies which enabled us to do other ministries which in turn allowed AA to seek entry and a home. They have expanded their gathering times and are a safe haven for people seeking healing.

The Girl Scouts sought us out. We once had Girl Scouts here and now they are again seeking a place with us. It is what the church does.

We blessed animals on October 3. Some that were with us remarked that they weren't very sure what that meant, but they would be back. Throughout the summer and fall we were alive in worship both in the Sanctuary and virtually. Our blended service has reached those who were dealing with Covid at home. We gathered with those who couldn't get to church because it was too cold, too far away or just found us and God with us that day. The Spirit has once again asked us to learn and do a new thing.

We celebrated the setting apart of two of our own as Synodical Deacons (Lois and Masayo) on 12 December 2021 with our Bishop Paul preaching and presiding at the Rite of Setting Apart. We celebrate their achievement and give thanks for their service to our community and the world.

They have for nearly two years, supported a prayer ministry Monday through Friday, over the Noon Hour. Rather than look only at our difficult times, they have lifted our lives before God and been reminders of the discipline of God that teaches us on how to live and surprise a world in turmoil and fear with joy, love and faith.

We are, as a community, in a place where we might live with the grace of God, resume past social outreach, and explore ways to speak the love of God. When Isaiah was sent to be a prophet, he told the people they were going to have to stop thinking about themselves and hear the call to be the people of the Most High. As we move into this year, where do we want to be? Are we like the people of Israel that Isaiah was called to prophesy that refuse to hear or see what is right before their eyes? Or are we watching for this: A girl who is presently a virgin will get pregnant. She'll

bear a son and name him Immanuel (God-With-Us) *Isaiah 7:14b* and be followers of the way seeing possibilities because God isn't tired of us yet even when we really do try to exhaust his Love.

Shall we journey well in God's grace or stop our ears and see only what we have lost and blind our eyes to the wonder of the discipline, the guidance of the Christ that holds us and reveals to us wonders and sends us on our way too make the world a loving, healing, healthy and inviting place for all the people of God.

Let us Journey well in the cross,

Pastor Ann +

PASTORAL ACTS

JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021

BAPTISMS: 0

WEDDINGS: 1

Stephanie Vastola & Alex
Ruthrauff (7/10/21)

MEMORIALS/FUNERALS: 5

MEMBERS (3)

NON-MEMBERS (0)

Barbara McGuinness (2/14/21)

Patricia Gambino (3/15/21)

Marie Moser (4/17/21)

Kathy Firnies (6/12/21)

Wilma and Georg Jagusch
(6/19/21)

FIRST COMMUNION: 1

Alex Ruthrauff

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

MEMBERS RECEIVED: 1

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (0)

CONFIRMANDS (1)

Samantha Muller

BAPTIZED (0)

TRANSFER (0)

MEMBERS REMOVED: 4

TRANSFER (0)

DEATH (4)

Barbara McGuinness (2/14/21)

Patricia Gambino (3/15/21)

Marie Moser (4/17/21)

Herta Priester (12/4/21)

MEMBERSHIP WITHDRAWN (0)

MEMBERSHIP DROPPED (0)

MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS:

Total BAPTIZED/CONFIRMED Membership, January 1, 2021 280

Baptized/Confirmed Members received: 1

Baptized/Confirmed Members removed: (4)

Total BAPTIZED/CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP, December 31, 2021 277

Total BAPTIZED/UNCONFIRMED Membership, January 1, 2021 106

Baptized/Unconfirmed Members received: 0

Baptized/Unconfirmed Members removed: (0)

Total BAPTIZED/UNCONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP, December 31, 2021 106

TOTAL BAPTIZED MEMBERSHIP, December 31, 2021 383

ANNUAL REPORT SYNODICAL DEACON MASAYO KAGITA

Grace, Mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



After a long delay, Lois and I were finally set apart and officially became Synodical Deacons on December 12, 2021. However, our ministries were already in full gear since our call was accepted two years ago before this Covid-19 pandemic started. I guess God knew my ministry would be needed for church activities in this Covid-19 lockdown.

My ministry is to serve our church to improve its digital presence. We had already started to livestream the Pastor's sermon before the pandemic hit. Then, Covid-19 forced us to close the campus; I suggested having Sunday Worship Services on Zoom. I am so proud most of the members came on board. Even though we are not together physically, we can gather. I am glad to say we are one of the first churches to host Zoom worship services and livestream on Facebook simultaneously. We offered these options to the members, and I am so grateful to have an encouraging Pastor, excellent music director, and Jeff, who can put music together. Our church NEVER closed.

Since March 21, 2020, we have hosted mid-day gatherings for prayers and conversations via Zoom, Monday through Friday. This forum is open to the public.

I have consulted and trained various congregations for virtual worship services.

When its infection rate decreased enough to gather in person safely, we started to have blended services, in-person/virtual worship services. I delivered live streaming and Zoom from the sanctuary with the help of Mr. Jeff Gardner, who controls the microphone and cameras.

Upcoming year, I would like to train more people for this operation. If anyone wants to volunteer, don't hesitate to contact us.

Peace and Blessing,
Synodical Deacon Masayo Kagita

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH

There are 4 children in Sunday School ages 5 through 11. Attendance is near perfect for all. The parents are very supportive and this shows in the good attitude of the children. When the sanctuary was open, classes were held in the old choir loft in person and on Zoom. For the first part of 2021, Sunday School was completely on Zoom. Zoom allowed participation from Daniel Ilagan in Connecticut and Benny and Danny from their vacation home. The Sunday School produced three videos in 2021: The Big Parade, Tongues of Fire, and Room at the Inn. Making the videos was enjoyable for the children and turned out to be an excellent method for remote learning. All videos are available on trinitymiddlevillage.org

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Tegge

OUTREACH

The 2021 Hygiene Kit Drive, organized by Jessica Muller, collected funds that were used to purchase over 100 kits for Monkworx in Ridgewood. Personal care items were also purchased and donated to Lutheran Social Services in Brooklyn. Both organizations serve the homeless and recently homeless.

Trinity has joined the Little Free Pantry movement by establishing a Hygiene Box (also called a Blessing Box or Sharing Box) on our terrace. This a community-based effort where neighbors that have more leave personal care items in the box for those neighbors that have less. P.S./I.S. 49 has joined us by keeping a collection box in their lobby which is used to refill our Hygiene Box. In addition to personal care items, neighbors have donated several large boxes of adult briefs and a knee scooter. These items were distributed to other neighbors that needed them. Trinity's Hygiene Box is listed on littlefreepantry.org

Samantha Muller initiated a project to improve the curb appeal of the Dry Harbor side of our campus. The goal is to provide an inviting area by installing several large planters on the terrace and planting flowers, herbs or vegetables. The plantings can be seen from the street and will show passers-by that Trinity is a "growing" assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Tegge

TRINITY ONLINE

Trinity's online presence has been an important way of engaging with the community. We have a website, trinitymiddlevillage.org, and a Facebook page, facebook.com/trinitymiddlevillage. Worship services are streamed live on Facebook and are also available as recordings to view later. This has expanded our reach far past our local community. People have submitted inquiries and comments through both the website and Facebook. This is a convenient way for people to reach us in addition to calling the office. The goal is to continue developing our online presence even as we resume life within the sanctuary. Trinity's Technology Project is progressing and will bring important improvements that will enable greater online outreach and fundraising.

Many thanks to Masayo Kagita for posting the worship services and helping to keep the online presence up-to-date.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Tegge

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

We are still experiencing the pandemic related to covid 19 which is more prevalent and rampant than ever.

January:

- On the 3rd, the first Sunday of the month, we are still worshipping virtually.
- On the 6th, the day of Epiphany -Blessing of Holy water 10:30am and of the church 7:30pm.
- 10th Baptism of and naming Jesus our Lord.
- 17th Lessons and Carols for Epiphany also the first Sunday with the Virtual Choir consisting of Masayo, Jeff, Frank, Doris and Nancy Keicher's Granddaughter.
- Gladys Appel, a member of our Congregation, died.
- 21st was the first Council Meeting of the year.

February:

- Barbara McGuiness (the daughter of the late Wilma Jagusch who was a of our congregation) passed away after a long illness.
- 14th Daniel Illagan had his first Communion a very inspirational service and a joyous occasion.
- 17th Ash Wednesday, Lent begins with imposition of Ashes. We had Services every Wednesday in Lent (virtually) between Trinity Middle Village and Grace Lutheran Forest Hills, with Scripture reading, and Testimonials.
- 21st was our yearly Congregational Meeting, our Council remained the same. No new members were elected and none retired.
- 22nd Pastor Lemke is on Pastoral Leave.
- 28th in Pastor Lemke's absence Sunday Service was combined between Trinity Middle Village and Grace Lutheran Forest Hills.

March:

- 23rd was the first year Anniversary of our faith-based prayer meeting at around 12:15 - 12:45 started by Masayo and Lois, Deacons-in-waiting. We are 10 members and have grown stronger in our faith. We receive from outsiders to pray for their families, Community, Church and Themselves. At the end of December, we were at our 94th week. To God Be the glory.
- 26th the Sunday School Children of Trinity Middle Village and Holy Trinity Church of Flatbush, under the direction of Doris Tegge performed the Big Parade for Palm Sunday. They did an excellent job. Doris Tegge is to be commended.
- 28th Palm Sunday, Passion of Christ with distribution of Palms. We are Still worshipping virtually. Members of the congregation performed The Passion of Christ which was very well done. It was a Joyous Service.

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April:

- 1st Maundy Thursday the beginning of Holy week also the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.
- 2nd Good Friday a Solemn Service done in the Sanctuary and via zoom it was a combined service with the congregation of Trinity LIC and Pastor Paul Millholland officiating.
- 3rd Easter Vigil at Trinity Middle Village with the congregation of the Eastern Conference. It was a very different Service with reading of Scripture, Psalms and Hymns of the 3 days. The virtual Choir did an excellent job. Pastor Montavani of St Jacobus Lutheran Church was in attendance. It was a glorious Service.
- 4th Easter Sunday Service was performed in the Sanctuary and via zoom. It was a very special joyous service for it was also the first Holy Communion of Benjamin Brodsky with his Mother reading the Scripture.
- Marie Moser, a member of our Congregation, passed away.

May:

- The 8th was the blessing of the Illagan's new home in Connecticut, Pastor Lemke and Deacon-in-waiting Lois attended and officiated.
- On the 9th was Mother's Day we are still worshipping virtually.
- On the 13th Ascension Day- the usual worship Service. There was no Annual Luncheon.
- On the 22nd Tongues of Fire, a video of Pentecost was performed by the Sunday School children of Trinity Middle Village and Holy Trinity Church of Flatbush and under the direction of Doris Tegge was live streamed on the web and Facebook. It was an excellent performance by the Children.
- Pentecost Vigil was a glorious Service with members of the Congregation reading Scripture in different language. The service was performed outside the Sanctuary and via zoom.
- On the 23rd Day of Pentecost it was a Regular Sunday worship Service. Pastor Lemke reinstalled members of the Congregational Council both in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. It was a very significant part of the service.
- On the 29th Masayo, Deacon-in-waiting left for Japan to see her ailing Father Susumu. She will be away for a month and will be surely missed. She is part of the technical operations of the Church both the Sanctuary and via zoom, along with Jeff Gardner,

Minister of Microphone and Music production and Frank Auriemma, Jr Minister of Music, they do an excellent job.

- 30th Trinity Sunday- Pastor Warfield of Grace Lutheran, Forest Hills announced that she along with her husband Sheldon will be retiring.

June:

- On the 12th the memorial service for Kathy Firneis was held at Trinity.
- On the 19th the funeral service for Wilma and Georg Jagusch was held at Trinity. Both Services were beautiful and well attended.
- On the 27th there was a combined worship Service Trinity Lutheran Middle Village and Grace Lutheran Forest Hills.
- Sadly, on the 29th Susumu (the Father of Masayo Deacon in waiting,) passed away in Japan.

July:

- On the 16th Congratulations to Pastor Lemke on the commemoration of the 43rd Anniversary of his ordination.

August:

- The 17th- 18th was the Annual Synod Assembly. This year it was held virtually because of the Pandemic, Pastor Lemke, Deacon-in-waiting Lois and Deacon-in-waiting Masayo were in attendance.
- The 28th was the 2nd Anniversary of Pastor Longan, our beloved pastor for 25 years transitioned into Heaven, and we have been shepherd and Led by Pastor Lemke.

September:

- Sunday School is held via zoom led by Doris Tegge, there was no Sunday School promotion this year.

October:

- On the 3rd was the regular Sunday worship service at 10:30 am via Zoom and outside of the Sanctuary. At 12 noon was the Blessing of The Animals both services were joyous.
- There were no candidates for Confirmation this year.
- On the 31st was Reformation Sunday.

November:

- The 7th was All Saints Sunday where all the dearly departed of the Church and their loved one's names were called after the ringing of the bell.
- 21st Christ The King Sunday.
- 28th first Sunday of Advent with members of the Congregation lighting the Advent Candle weekly.

December:

- On the 5th was the Second Sunday of Advent.
- 12th the third Sunday of Advent and the Rite for Setting Apart of Lois and Masayo Deacons-in-Waiting. It was a very special, joyous and inspirational Service. They were

prepared and approved by the Metropolitan New York Synod and called by Trinity Lutheran Church, Middle Village. The Sermon and Charge was given by Bishop Paul Egensteiner with his Assistant and Pastor Don Lemke officiating. When the Service was over Lois and Masayo were Synodical Deacons. Let us continue to support them in their Spiritual Journey. A Reception was held after which was enjoyed by all.

- On the 19th the 4th Sunday of Advent it was a combined Service with Grace Lutheran of Forest Hills.
- The 20th was the Christmas Pageant Video, Room in The Inn performed by the Sunday School Children of Trinity Middle Village and Holy Trinity Church of Flatbush. It was another excellent performance under the direction of Doris Tegge who is to be commended.
- 24th The Nativity of Our Lord and Christmas Eve Candle Light Service was held in the Sanctuary and via zoom because of the pandemic. It was an enjoyable Service with beautiful Carols played prelude and also, when we sang Silent Night.
- 25th The Nativity of our Lord Christmas Day. A Service of Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary and via zoom. We were joined by Pastor Mantovani of St. Jacobus Lutheran Church. It was a most enjoyable Service.
- 26th The First Sunday of Christmas.
- Congratulations to Helen Schwab who celebrate her 102nd Birthday on the 30th. Many blessings and love from the Trinity Congregation.

We continue through our Caregiving Ministry to lift up those who are sick, homebound and those who are experiencing life struggles also those who are not able to join us virtually, with prayers, cards and phone calls.

Many thanks to all who volunteered and helped through the year. The ladies who do the counting of our offerings, Dorothy Barton, Joyce Beaudoin, Henrietta Markisch and Kay Neuendorf. To others who helped, Sandra Boos, Dorothy Kummer, Lillian Hoffmann, Doris Tegge, Bob Firneis, Helmut Kromar, Richard Eichinger, the Ilagan Family and Xuming Sun. Special thanks to Renee Robertazzi, our Parish Administrator, who also does an excellent job and is also willing to help. We would and also like to thank Vincent Mele, our Sexton, who also helps willingly and does an excellent job. Also, Dcn Masayo, Frank Auriemma Jr, and Jeff Gardner who do excellent jobs virtually with music which is joyous, enjoyable and sometimes soulful. Masayo is to be commended for the great job she does Streaming on our website and Facebook. To Dcn Lois, our Council President for her Leadership who keeps us together spiritually and personally during the pandemic. Thanks to Pastor Lemke our interim Pastor and Spiritual Leader who encourages us to be always faithful and hopeful with open hands, as Children of God doing his work.

We thank God for his many Blessings this Year, and pray that through his infinite mercy and love 2022 will be a Year of peace, hope, unity, love and Justice for all

Respectfully submitted,
Dcn Masayo Kagita and Muriel Davis

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 2021 – DECEMBER 2021

January					
2021	V30	V32	V38	V38	
2020	51	68	46	48	
2019	54	42	36	53	
2018	35	53	66	51	
2017	31	17	60	52	47
2016	X	37	77	**	48
2015	70	56	34	44	

February				
2021	V30	V29/10	V43	V43
2020	48	60	40	40
2019	55	47	41	48
2018	56	42	45	38
2017	60	38	63	59
2016	81	54	81	64
2015	60	60	30	40

March					
2021	V35	V35	V45	Palm	Ester
2020	54	38	26	V	V
2019	60	29	52	43	50
2018	61	60	61	61	Palm
2017	65	60	50	60	
2016	73	55	Palm	Easter	40
2015	77	73	63	81	Palm

April				
2021	Easter	V30	V	V
2020	V	V	V	V
2019	60	Palm	Easter	50
2018	Easter	58	51	44 43
2017	62	Palm	Easter	52 65
2016	47	58	65	56
2015	Easter	58	58	69

May					
2021	V	V30	V	Pent.	V25+7
2020	V	V	V43	V	Pent.
2019	49	49	47	45	
2018	40	58	Pent.	35	
2017	58	69	55	45	
2016	46	56	Pent.	58	52
2015	77	80	53	Pent.	67

June				
2021	V22+15	V21+9	V22+15	V20+20
2020	V36	V36	V40	V45
2019	50	Pent.	46	47 45
2018	53	44	45	48
2017	Pent.	70	55	52
2016	47	70	65	54
2015	53	69	55	44

July					
2021	V15+10	V23+19	V11+9	V14+18	
2020	V27	V40	V40	V30	
2019	28	32	29	40	
2018	35	39	X	X	43
2017	41	40	40	50	51
2016	48	60	39	52	45
2015	35	55	39	47	

August					
2021	V12+22	V11+8	V10+20	V 18+9	V30+11
2020	V	V	V40	V23	V35
2019	34	38	37	27	
2018	47	49	44	38	
2017	44	53	50	48	
2016	50	50	49	37	
2015	44	49	44	53	50

September					
2021	V24+17	V25+12	V21+7	V24+17	
2020	V30	V30	V	V30	
2019	81	55	47	45	39
2018	40	58	45	44	40
2017	45	72	64	79	
2016	40	70	50	61	
2015	53	70	75	70	

October					
2021	V30+13	V14+18	V21+18	V24+22	V17+16
2020	V	V30	V	V33	
2019	41	40	44	48	
2018	41	44	48	80	
2017	69	57	61	68	119
2016	58	53	66	60	68
2015	63	55	52	60	

November					
2021	V16+16	V23+13	V23+20	V14+15	
2020	V30	V	V40	V45	V26
2019	50	60	59	36	
2018	49	39	56	46	
2017	54	58	59	45	
2016	61	68	57	59	
2015	76	68	81	78	62

December					
2021	V14+11	V100+61	X	V25+5	
2020	V35	V35	V28	V45	
2019	42	52	59	63	46
2018	60	51	65	45	43
2017	61	41	67	47	18
2016	60	68	56	Christ.	
2015	70	70	72	73	

	Epiphany	Ash Wednesday	Lenten Breakfast Svc.	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday
2021				V35	V
2020	X	37 (15/22)	12	V	V
2019		40 (19/21)		70	39 (9/30)
2018		42 (21/21)		80	35 (18/17)
2017		53 (23/30)		81	49 (25/24)
2016		61 (27/34)		94	52 (25/27)
2015		44 (15/29)		101	42 (15/27)

	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday	Ascension
2021	V	V	V30	
2020	V	V	V	V15
2019	33 (15/18)	X**	79	19
2018	45 (23/22)	20	90	41
2017	56 (25/31)	50	103	51
2016	60 (22/38)	40	94	64
2015	53 (27/26)	40	106	50

	Pentecost	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Misc. Events
2021	V15-Vigil / V + 30		V30+16	V25+9
2020	V35-Vigil / V35	V102		13 (Blessing of Animals)
2019	48	89	48	
2018	40	86	30	
2017	62	79	30	
2016	55	83	56	
2015	46	125	X	

** Easter Vigil was held at Trinity Astoria in 2019.

V = Virtual Services held via Zoom due to CoVid-19.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Financial Position December 31, 2021

General Operating Accounts

JP Morgan Chase - Operating Account	\$22,932.54	
Chase - Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$2,127.67	
* Hospitality Account	\$75.72	
Petty Cash	\$41.00	
Sunday School Account	\$559.00	
Total General Accounts		\$25,735.93

Savings Account JP Morgan Chase **\$25,097.98**

Investments

Thrivent Income Fund A	\$14,452.59	
Thrivent High Yield Fund A	\$21,516.85	
Thrivent Advisor	\$181,501.99	
Total Investments		\$217,471.43

**** Endowment 9/30/2021 **\$627,212.38**

Total Cash Assets December 31, 2021 **\$895,517.72**

* 400.00 donated towards down payment for tree removal

** Includes funds for Pastor Longan's Memorial, Trinity Women, Memorial/Organ Acct

**** December 31, 2021 balance not yet available --- Balance is as of September 30, 2021

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
PROOF OF BALANCE -- OPERATING ACCOUNT
December 31, 2021
OPERATING ACCOUNT CASH FLOW 2021

Opening Checkbook Balance	\$10,485.41
Total deposits and transfers	\$121,211.75
Less checks, direct debits & EFTs & transfers	(\$122,737.16)
Fraud Check	(\$9,000.00)
Closing Checkbook Balance	(\$40.00)

Uncleared checks	\$0.00
Bank Statement Balance	\$0.00

Opening Checkbook Balance	\$0.00
Total deposits and transfers	\$129,247.38
Less checks, direct debits & EFTs & transfers	(\$116,794.60)
Fraud Check recovered	\$9,000.00
Closing Checkbook Balance	\$21,452.78

Uncleared checks	(\$1,479.76)
Bank Statement Balance	\$22,932.54

Trinity Lutheran Church
Savings and Investment Accounts
December 31, 2021

JP Morgan Chase

Savings Account	
Opening Balance	\$36,371.90
transfer to operating accpunt	(\$14,777.50)
Transfer from operating account	\$3,500.00
Interest	\$2.68
Closing Balance	\$25,097.08

Thrivent for Lutherans

Thrivent Income Fund A	
Opening Balance	\$16,613.90
Net Change	(\$161.31)
Withdrawals for Day to Day Expenses	(\$2,000.00)
Closing Balance	\$14,452.59
Thrivent High Yield Fund A	
Opening Balance	\$22,619.37
Net Change	\$897.48
Withdrawals for Day to Day Expenses	(\$2,000.00)
Closing Balance	\$21,516.85
Thrivent Advisor	
Opening Balance	\$180,171.00
Withdrawals	(\$5,597.87)
Net Change	\$6,928.86
Closing Balance	\$181,501.99
Total Thrivent	\$217,471.43

ENDOWMENT

Trinity Endowment Fund / ELCA Foundation Initial Investment
\$481,530.00 12/20/06

Opening Balance	\$595,543.23
Change in Market Value	\$31,669.15
* Closing Balance 9/30/2021	\$627,212.38

Summary Savings and Investments

JP Morgan Chase	\$25,097.08
Thrivent for Lutherans	\$217,471.43
* Endowment 9/30/2021	\$627,212.38
Total Investments and Savings	\$869,780.89

* Year end statement not yet available

OPERATING ACCOUNT INCOME

CURRENT ENVELOPES	31,243.82	
INITIAL ENVELOPES	135.00	
2020/2022 ENVELOPES	715.00	
SPECIAL ENVELOPES	4,654.35	
LENTEN FOLDERS	25.00	
LOOSE COLLECTION	670.00	
E-GIVING	24,265.25	
PROPERTY	6,245.00	
RENOVATION	10,915.09	
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP		78,871.51
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME & DONATIONS		
T-MOBILE	29,152.00	
THRIVENT CHOICE	3,788.00	
THRIVENT INVESTMENT INCOME	6,596.97	
THRIVENT GRANT	912.00	
DONATIONS	2,650.00	
WOODHAVEN CONDO RENTAL	550.00	
BOARD OF ELECTIONS RENTAL	17,836.50	
AA	1,332.00	
OTHER RENTAL GROUPS	36,645.00	
CLOTHING BIN	1,500.00	
SALE OF CHURCH BUS	13,500.00	
MISC. INCOME	166.88	
TOTAL MISC. INCOME & DONATIONS		114,625.35
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		
TRINITY ENDOWMENT FUND	21,255.80	
TOTAL INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		21,255.80

REBATES, EXCHANGES & OTHER INCOME DEPOSITS

TRINITY TIMES ADS & BOOSTERS	20.00
SODA MACHINE INCOME	98.00
BULLETIN MEMORIALS	0.00
FLORAL MEMORIALS	0.00
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	400.00

SPECIAL APPEALS

UNITED LUTHERAN APPEAL	59.00
LUTHERAN SPECIAL SERVICES	78.00
SOUP KITCHEN	0.00
TREE REMOVAL	2090.00
TECH APPEAL	100.00

REBATES

PAYROLL REFUND	195.94
CON ED REFUND	303.28
N. Y. STATE REFUND	109.00

TOTAL REBATES, EXCHANGES & OTHER INCOME DEPOSITS	3,453.22
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TOTAL INCOME	\$218,205.88
TOTAL DEPOSITS	218,205.88

		2021 plan vs actual			
			Plan	Actual	Under / Over
I Offerings					
A.Synod			\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
B.Quilts Group			\$200.00	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
II Congregation Programs					
A. Worship Materials					
1.Communion Supplies			\$450.00	\$1,077.92	\$627.92
2. Choir Music			\$200.00		(\$200.00)
3. Devotional Materials			\$300.00		(\$300.00)
4. Candles / Oil			\$400.00		(\$400.00)
5. Other			\$0.00		\$0.00
B. Christian Education					\$0.00
1. Sunday School			\$100.00		(\$100.00)
2.Pastor's Classes			\$200.00		(\$200.00)
3. Youth & Family			\$400.00		(\$400.00)
C. 4					
1.Advertising			\$300.00		(\$300.00)
2. Stewardship and Envelopes			\$400.00	\$291.16	(\$108.84)
D. Social Ministry and Com					
1. Social Ministry			\$200.00	\$203.25	\$3.25
E. Church Office					\$0.00
1. Office Supplies			\$2,100.00	\$379.80	(\$1,720.20)
2. Postage			\$2,500.00	\$558.89	(\$1,941.11)
3. Copier Lease / Meters			\$8,048.00	\$6,481.05	(\$1,566.95)
F. Synod Assembly					
1. Registration			\$1,200.00		(\$1,200.00)
2. Hotel Accommodations			\$1,600.00		(\$1,600.00)
III Staff Support					\$0.00
A. 1.Pastor Base Salary			\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
2. Pastor Benefits Package			\$20,798.00	\$0.00	(\$20,798.00)
3. Pastor Housing Allowance			\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00
4.Pastor Car Allowance			\$2,800.00	\$2,799.96	(\$0.04)
5.Pastor Conference			\$200.00		(\$200.00)
6.Pastor Continuing Education			\$500.00		(\$500.00)
7. Pastor Books and Periodicals			\$250.00		(\$250.00)
8. Pastor FICA Allowance			\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00
B. Parish Administrator			\$11,182.69	\$10,822.88	(\$359.81)
C. Minister of Music			\$16,887.01	\$16,868.94	(\$18.07)
D. Transportation Coordinator			\$3,732.96	\$63.96	(\$3,669.00)
E. Custodian			\$10,586.22	\$7,670.70	(\$2,915.52)
F. Supply Pastors			\$1,200.00	\$175.00	(\$1,025.00)
Supply Organists			\$900.00		(\$900.00)
G 1, Taxes FICA Payroll			\$3,000.00	\$3,327.16	\$327.16
2. WC DB UI3.			\$2,700.00	\$0.00	(\$2,700.00)

	3. NYS Disability	\$220.00	\$316.00	\$96.00	
	4. Workers Comp	\$2,000.00	\$1,795.61	(\$204.39)	
IV	Property				
A.	Utilities				
	1. Gas	\$10,092.00	\$10,961.74	\$869.74	
	2. Electric	\$14,664.00	\$12,227.00	(\$2,437.00)	
	3. Telephone	\$2,721.84	\$2,344.51	(\$377.33)	
	4. Water	\$500.00	\$470.10	(\$29.90)	
B.	Maintenance				
	1. Regular Maintenance / Supplies	\$7,500.00	\$19,161.80	\$11,661.80	
	2. Public Safety Maintenance	\$1,845.00	\$3,996.25	\$2,151.25	
	3. Organ / Piano	\$750.00	\$888.75	\$138.75	
C	Insurance				
	1. Property	\$24,078.00	\$24,283.40	\$205.40	
	2. Van	\$1,907.04	\$2,182.00	\$274.96	
	3. Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	
D.	Church Van				
	1. Gas	\$396.99		(\$396.99)	
	2. Maintenance / Registration	\$1,000.00	\$14.68	(\$985.32)	
IV	General Miscellaneous				
	A Soda Machine	\$0.00		\$0.00	
	B. Bank Charges	\$250.00	\$95.00	(\$155.00)	
	C. Miscellaneous	\$200.00			
	D. Flowers	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	
V	Administration				
	1. Staff Appreciation	\$800.00	\$600.00	(\$200.00)	
	2. Payroll Services	\$1,100.00	\$1,151.77	\$51.77	
Total		\$259,559.75	\$227,649.28	\$31,910.47	
	Non Planned Expenses				
	Renovation		\$4,477.50		
	Transfer back to Svgs (Fraud cover)		\$3,500.00		
	Net Fraud Transactions		(\$50.00)		
	Petty Cash Not broken down		\$142.25		
	Holding Company owed to Custodian		\$1,700.00		
	Donations owes MNYS Agencies		\$149.00		
			\$0.00		
	Total Expenses		\$237,568.03		
			\$7.79		

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Spending Plan 2021

2022 Spending Plan

Change

I Offerings			
A. Synod	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
B. Quilts	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
II Congregation Programs			
A. Worship Materials			
1. Communion Supplies	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
2. Choir Music	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
3. Devotional Materials	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
4. Candle Oil	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
5. Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
B. Christian Education			
1. Sunday School	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2. Pastor's Class	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
3. Youth & Family	\$400.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
1. Advertising	\$300.00	\$100.00	(\$200.00)
2. Stewardship & Evangel	\$400.00	\$350.00	(\$50.00)
D. Social Ministry & Com			
1. Social Ministry	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
E, Church Office			
1. Office Supplies	\$2,100.00	\$1,500.00	(\$600.00)
2. Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
4. Copier Lease	\$8,048.00	\$7,460.00	(\$588.00)
F. Synod Assembly			
1. Registration	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
2. Hotel	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	(\$1,600.00)
III Staff Support			
A. Pastor			
1. Base Salary	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
2. Benefits Package	\$20,798.00	\$20,798.00	\$0.00
4. Housing Allowance	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00
5. Car Allowance	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00
6. Conferences	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
7. Continuing Education	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
8. Books & Periodicals	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
9. FICA Allowance	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00
B. Parish Secretary	\$11,182.69	\$11,518.17	\$335.48
C. Minister of Music	\$16,887.01	\$17,393.62	\$506.61
D. Transportation Coordinator	\$3,732.96	\$0.00	(\$3,732.96)
E. Custodian	\$10,586.22	\$7,856.80	(\$2,729.42)
F. Supply Personnel			
1. Supply Pastors	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
2. Supply Organists	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
G. Taxes			
1. FICA Payroll	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
2. WC DB UI	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$0.00
2.c NYSDisability	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
IV Property			
1. Gas	\$10,092.00	\$11,208.00	\$1,116.00

	Spending Plan 2021	2022 Spending Plan	Change
2. Electric	\$14,664.00	\$13,044.00	(1,620.00)
3. Telephone	\$2,721.84	\$2,328.00	(\$393.84)
4. Water	\$500.00	\$1,740.00	\$1,240.00
B Maintenance			
1. Regular Maintenance / supplies	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
2. Public Safety Maintenance	\$1,845.00	\$4,845.00	\$3,000.00
3. Organ Piano	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
C. Insurance			
* 1. Property	\$24,078.00	\$24,084.00	\$6.00
2. Van	\$1,907.04	\$0.00	(\$1,907.04)
3. Other	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
D. Church Van			
1. Gas	\$396.99	\$0.00	(\$396.99)
2. Maintenance / Registration	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)
V General Miscellaneous			
1. Soda Machine	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Bank Charges	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
3. MISCELLANEOUS	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
4. Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
VI Administration			
1. Staff Appreciation	\$800.00	\$600.00	(\$200.00)
2. Payroll Services	\$1,100.00	\$2,080.00	\$980.00
Total Spending Plan	259,559.75	251,825.59	(7,734.16)

CLOSING DEVOTIONS

The Congregation Stands

You will be my witnesses
To the ends of the earth.

I chose you and appoint you
To bear fruit which abides.

Lo, I will be with you always,
To the end of time.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Direct us, O lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

The Congregation Sings:

(ELW 641 vs. 5 - Tune: Two Oaks)

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Build of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

I now declare this meeting closed in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.