



2018 Annual Report
Trinity Episcopal Church
Aurora, IL
February 10th, 2019

Opening Prayer

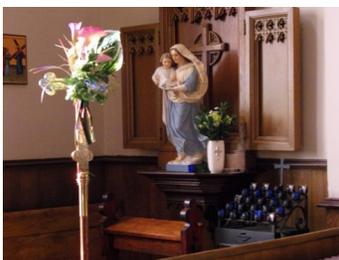
Let us pray.

Good Shepherd, you have called us each by name to follow you. We follow you here to this time, to this place known as Trinity Episcopal Church, in Aurora, Illinois. Through grace, you have called us to be part of you, the True Vine. Through union with you we are in union with our brothers and sisters, for all the branches are part of the Vine and find their life in you.

In the Eucharist you call us to remain in you, to remain in a union of love. Your love for those who are yours is like the love of the Father for you. Apart from you we can do nothing. In you, with you, and through you we can bear much fruit.

There are a variety of tasks among the members of the Body – the Body which is always in the process of being built up. Together with you, the source of our unity with one another, each of us is called to carry out his or her own particular work. You, our Cornerstone, have called us to be “living stones,” to continue building a spiritual temple for worship to the glory of the Father.

Today, humbly, we lay before you the results of our work this past year. We pray you will find them an acceptable gift. We ask for your continued guidance. **Amen.**



Membership in the Church

(A SUMMARY OF THE CANONS)

The National Canons address membership in the Church and the expectations the Church places on those members:

1. Members of the Church are those persons who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with water, and whose baptism has been duly recorded in this Church. Adult members are those persons sixteen years of age and older.
2. All adult members of the Church are expected to be confirmed in the Church, or if they have been confirmed in another Christian Church by a Bishop in Apostolic Succession, to have been received into this Church.
3. All members are considered to be communicants of this Church who have received Holy Communion at least three times during the previous year in this Church.
4. All persons in this Church are expected to celebrate and keep the Lord's Day and participate in the Church's public worship.

Communicants in good standing are those who have:

- A. Attended corporate worship on a regular basis in their Church unless they have been prevented from doing so for good cause;
- B. Have been faithful in the giving of their time, talents, and treasure for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING
With 2018 Annual Reports
February 10, 2019

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Clerk
3. Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. Report of the Nominating Committee
5. Report of the Rector
6. Report of the Wardens
7. Report of the Treasurer
8. Standing Committee and Miscellaneous Reports
9. New Business
10. Courtesy Resolutions
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
Bishop Jeffery Lee
11. Closing Prayer & Adjournment

THE VESTRY

Sr. Warden: Marilou Clohessy **Jr. Warden:** John Heath
Treasurer: R. Thomas Herget
Clerk: Robert L. Borchert, III

2019	2020	2021
Tom Herget	Rose Cantu	Ken Adam
Rob Borchert	Cathie Patterson	Guy Stephens

Mission Program and Ministry Staff

Rector: The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz
Director of Music: Gregory Gyllsdorff, FAGO, ChM
Sexton: Gary Gorney
Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Alternates to EITHER Deanery Chapter OR Convention
Linda Barber, Gale Blogg, Karen Dolan, and Pat Wilson

Parish Standing Committees

FINANCE: R. Thomas Herget, Treasurer, (Chair) Rob Borchert, Marilou Clohessy and Bella Tousignant (Members at Large)

STEWARDSHIP: R. Thomas Herget, Richard Blogg, John Heath

PHYSICAL OPERATIONS/PROPERTY: Ken Adam, John Heath, and Rob Borchert

LITURGY/WORSHIP: Fr. Luckritz, Greg Gyllsdorff

OUTREACH: Marilou Clohessy, Dick Blogg, Rob Borchert, Karen Dolan, Lisa Luckritz, and Cathie Patterson

PERSONNEL/STAFF: Marilou Clohessy (Sr. Warden/Chair), The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz (Rector)

COMMUNICATIONS: Missy Athos, Rob Borchert, Marilou Clohessy, Tom Herget, Cathie Patterson

Parish Organizations

Jubilee: Linda Barber and Rob Borchert

St. Margaret's Guild: Linda Barber (President), Karen Dolan (Vice President), Chireen DeKing (Treasurer), Gale Blogg (Secretary)

Altar Guild: Pat Wilson (Sacristan), Linda Barber, Rob Borchert, Gale Blogg, Lisa Luckritz.

Flowers: Contact: Linda Barber

Licensed Worship Leaders and Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Chalice Bearers: Rob Borchert, Dolores Palmquist, Gale Blogg, Pat Wilson, Linda Barber, Mary Jacobsen.

Ushers: Richard Blogg, Marilou Clohessy, John Kuney. Gary and Inga Gorney

Counters: R. Thomas Herget, Marilou Clohessy, Rob Borchert

Choir: Melissa Athos, John Heath, Gale Blogg, Cathie Patterson, Guy Stephens, Janet Stephens, Matthew Stephens

Lectors: Milissa Athos, Linda Barber, Gale Blogg, Rob Borchert, Karen Dolan, Greg Gylsdorff, John Heath, Mary Jacobsen, Lisa Luckritz, Cathie Patterson, Guy Stephens

Hospitality: Trish Tousignant, Mary Jacobsen, Marilou Clohessy

Minutes - 2018 Annual Meeting

Attendance list is attached to the file copy of this report.

Father Denzil called the meeting to order and began with an opening prayer

Appointment of a clerk. A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Rob Borchert Clerk of the annual meeting.

Approval of the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Report of the nominating Committee. John Heath reporting. John presented the two new members put in nomination for the open Vestry positions: Guy Stephens and Ken Adam. At a later point in the meeting a motion was made seconded and passed to elect Ken and Guy to the Vestry. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Report of the Rector: Father Luckritz took this opportunity to offer thanks to all who contribute so much to Trinity.

Thanks to Karen Dolan and Janet Stephens who contributed so strongly to the Vestry. A motion was made, seconded and approved thanking them for their dedicated service. He thanked the whole Vestry for their passion for Trinity.

He expressed his admiration and thanks to Linda Barber for her stewardship of the Sandwich Board, and to Gale Blogg for her continued support.

He thanked Greg Gyllsdorff and all the members of the choir for the beautiful music throughout the year.

He thanked Janet Stephens and all the Lay Readers for their sharing of God's Word throughout the year. As more Readers step forward, Father intends to expand their role in the prayers of the people in the next year.

He thanked Pat Wilson and all the members of the Altar Guild for preparing for each and every service held in the Church and for their dedication to the beautification of the Church.

He thanked Linda Barber and Chireen DeKing for their leadership of St. Margaret's Guild and thanked the Guild for its support and dedication to Trinity. He also thanked Dolores Palmquist for her many years heading the Guild.

He thanked all of our Community Service Workers, especially Ruben, who was in attendance, for all of their work to clean and better the Church.

He thanked our Sexton, Gary Gorney, for all his work, his dedication and his willingness to go the extra mile.

He thanked Maria Ulloa for her ongoing work to make Trinity's grounds beautiful.

He thanked Trinity's Committees: Outreach, led by Marilou Clohessy; Finance, led by Tom Herget.

He thanked anyone he might have missed!

Report of the Wardens:

Marilou Clohessy, Senior Warden, referred people to her written report.

John Heath, Junior Warden said he was excited about the new grand piano and that it was actually being used!

Report of the Treasurer: Tom Herget reviewed:

The end of year financial statement.

The 2018 approved budget.

Our Endowment and Memorial Fund asset allocations. He reiterated that the Finance Committee sets the allocations and directs Morgan Stanley in following them.

The report of Parish Funds.

The Memorial Fund Subsidy of the Rector's Salary. A motion was made, seconded and approved that this investment is paying off very big dividends.

And the 2017 Finance Committee Report.

Father Luckritz reviewed the new separate Mission Funds Checking account and explained how it allows us to track dedicated donations and assure that the donor's wishes are followed.

Standing Committee and Miscellaneous Reports. Father Luckritz referred us to the submitted written reports, asked if there were any questions and then asked for a motion to approve all of the reports. A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve all of the submitted reports.

New Business:

Father Luckritz discussed the appointment of Marilou Clohessy, Sr. Warden; John Heath, Jr. Warden; and Tom Herget, Treasurer to an additional three year term on the Vestry when their terms expire in January 2019. Linda Barber questioned the canonical and by-law limitations. Fr. stated that he believed terms limits allowed for 2 consecutive terms being served before a break was required. Fr.'s purpose for bringing the topic up was to make certain the matter was addressed by the Vestry prior to next year's Nomination Committee bringing to the Annual Meeting names for approval.

Linda Barber felt that we should abide by the Vestry-passed motion about sustainability at coffee hour. The question will be addressed by the Vestry.

Courtesy Resolutions – The Clerk will recreate the ones we sent last year.

Closing Prayer and dismissal at 11:50

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Borchert, Clerk

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, prior to the Annual Meeting, seeks candidates to fill upcoming vacant positions on the Vestry, including Wardens, Treasurer, and Clerk positions. They additionally seek individuals who are willing to serve as Delegates or Alternates to Convention and Deanery

The following candidates will stand for election at the upcoming annual meeting:

Officers:

Marilou Clohessy, Senior Warden	Three year term to expire 2019
Ken Adam, Junior Warden	Three year term to expire 2022
R. Thomas Herget, Treasurer	Three year term to expire 2019*

Vestry Members:

Mary Jacobsen	Three year Term to Expire in 2022
Patricia Tousignant	Three year Term to Expire in 2022

Rob Borchert	Three year Term to Expire in 2021
Guy Stephens	Three year Term to Expire in 2021

R. Thomas Herget	Three Year Term to Expire 2020
Cathie Patterson	Three Year Term to Expire 2020

John Heath is resigning as Warden with the appointment of Ken Adam for a Three year Term to Expire in 2022. R. Thomas Herget has agreed to fulfil Ken Adam's Vestry Term to Expire 2020. Rob Borchert has agreed to fulfil Ken Adam's Term to Expire in 2021.

Representatives to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery:

Linda Barber, Gale Blogg, and Pat Wilson



Rector's Report

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on 2018, I feel my prayer that the parish be filled with many blessings was answered. You will see as you read the parish reports that Trinity Church is vital and working hard to live into the call to be a living witness of God's Love.

I am pleased by the increasing numbers of people attending worship and by their involvement in parish activities. Regular attendance has not only remained steady, but increased. The congregation has become quite acquainted with the many worship alternatives available to us; such as the variety of service music settings. The Choir and Greg have done a great job teaching and supporting as we have lifted our voices. It is wonderful to welcome children in our midst and to see some of the young people eager to serve at the altar.

As we look to the future, it may be time to re-vision and consider developing a Church School program for the growing number of children. Additionally, I invite suggestions about adult programs to help us in our spiritual journey.

During 2018, several members of our congregation died, and we have felt their loss greatly. Membership growth has taken place through a number of births, new people, and families joining our community. I'm delighted to see the warmth and openness given to our new members and to our visitors. Letting people know that they are welcome and important is a real sign of our parish's spiritual health and maturity.

It has been exciting to see the facility changes and the effort put forth to make them possible. Rob's list of accomplishments speaks to the maintenance and care of our treasured building and grounds. Even as I write this report, important repairs are being made on the heat system. While we have yet to paint the church ceiling, the resources to do so are ready when the Vestry is able to secure a contractor. In the meantime, the exterior roof is being inspected to be certain there are no leaks that might damage ceiling work. 2019 should be a year filled with many yet needed facility improvements. It is obvious to any who walk through the doors of Trinity that we are a parish that cares; from the Prayer Request Book, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the hospitality expressed to those within our congregation, as well as to those in our surrounding community to the care given to maintaining the building.

The Year of Our Lord 2019, will undoubtedly present us with opportunities and challenges. As a collective body, God's People, we will continue to move into the future, becoming the parish God is calling us to become. I give thanks and praise to God for each of you; for the time, talents, and tremendous resources that you offer so very generously! Let us continue to celebrate our gifts and share them with a world that needs to see and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

In Christ,

Denzil J. Luckritz, *Rector*

Liturgy and Membership Report and Worship Status

SERVICE YEAR	2018	2017	2016
Eucharist: Sunday	53	52	52
Weekday	54	55	52
Hospital - Private	60	32	34
Baptisms	1	1	2
Marriages	1	0	0
Burials	5	0	4
Morning Prayer *	11	16	64
Evening Prayer	0	0	0
All Other	3**	---	---
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	4950	4950	3435
Average Sunday Attendance	38	30	34
SELECTED DAYS			
Lent I	35	32	35
Easter Vigil/Day	90	86	102
Pentecost	37	34	33
Advent I	56	47	29
Christmas	93	52	70

* This includes all St. Margaret's Noonday Prayer and Thursday MP when a priest is unavailable for the Sandwich Board Lunch Eucharist. **Committal Graveside – Mary Gramley & Judy Mall

Membership Information

Baptisms in 2018 – Alessandra Alcala

Marriages in 2018 – Downs & Halper

Confirmations and Receptions in 2018 – None

Transfers In 2018 – None

Transfers Out 2018 - None

Burials in 2018 – Mary Gramley, Josie Simons, Nicholas Ortiz, Esther Watson, Mary Ingrassia

Wardens' Report

Senior Warden

What a wonderful year this was! New friends abound - in our pews, and in the service of the Lord - even new acolytes!!! Seeing the children at the alter makes my heart swell. So many people are helping to make Trinity a place of peace and love it is hard to express enough thanks; the Vestry, Outreach committee, Alter Guild, Sandwich board volunteers, our friends from AID, and now the beginnings of a new hospitality committee! I want to thank a couple of people especially - Rob, who works so hard and is truly devoted to Trinity, he has really helped me to become a better Warden, and Father Denzil who has worked tirelessly to bring leadership, stability and growth to Trinity, it just keeps getting better! Thank you!

Hospitality and fellowship were, and are, a huge part of Trinity. Breaking bread is at the heart of it all. Starting with our Mardi Gras celebration, glorious gumbo, our Trivia game means good times were had by all! Our joint service with IDOM on Palm Sunday was uplifting and the pot luck after was incredible. You folks can cook!!! The Agape supper on Maundy Thursday, followed by a solemn service that made most of us teary eyed. And oh, the breathtaking Easter services! The music, the flowers - all made our souls rise with the Lord. Our friends at IDOM joined us at the parish picnic again this year too, and it was wonderful to see all the kids there. Young and old had a blast. The Halloween fright fest was a new addition and will most certainly become a tradition! Advent 1 was shared with IDOM, and, naturally, a wonderful pot luck after. Christmas Eve service with the church decked out in flowers, incredible music and a harpist was glorious, a wonder-filled Birthday party for Jesus.

I am so proud to be a part of this church and its service to God.
God bless you all!

Respectfully submitted, Marilou Clohessy, Sr. Warden

Junior Warden

January 14, 2019

Father Denzil and Vestry Members of Trinity Episcopal Church

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As my terms as the Junior Warden and member of the Vestry come to an end, I wanted to let you know how much I have enjoyed the last five years working with you, the past members of the Vestry and our congregation to improve the life of our church.

Through that time, I have learned so much about how a church runs and what kind of commitment we all need to have to continue our journey as a church family.

Though at times frustrated that I could not accomplish what we wanted to do in a timely manner, I am thrilled that Ken Adam has accepted the position of Junior Warden. I know with his expertise, many of our projects will be moving forward, including our 2017

One-To-Grow-On church ceiling project.

The joy of having Father Denzil with us, the growth of our Sunday attendance, the solidity of our current programs with the potential for new ones, are some of the many reasons I am proud to be a member of this church.

As we move forward in our ideas and decisions, may 2019 continue to improve the quality of our church life here at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Sincerely, John Heath

2018 Financial Report Income

	Actual	Budget	%of Budget
From Members			
Giver of Record	3,972	12,790	31.06%
Pledge	57,897	43,592	132.82%
Plate	1,957	3,000	65.23%
Investment Income			
Endowment Fund	42,051	42,500	98.94%
Special Offerings	7,216	4,648	155.25%
Miscellaneous Income	11,149	8564	130.18%
Memorial Fund Subsidy	43,750	50,000	65.90%
TOTAL INCOME	167,992	165,094	101.76%

Expense

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Building and Grounds			
Apartment Electric	597	540	110.56%
Church Utilities	10,183	9,360	108.79%
Repairs	8,828	4,500	196.18%
Other B&G	12,019	10,389	115.69%
Total Building and Grounds	31,627	24,789	127.59%
Employee Expense	123,621	121,197	102.00%
Diocesan Assessment	1,0591	1,0591	100.00%
Other Operational			
Expenses	9,977	8,078	123.52%
TOTAL EXPENSES	17.5817	16,4655	106.78%

Checkbook Balance at the Beginning of January 1, 2018 = 12,821
 Checkbook Balance as of December 31, 2018 = 9,675

Trinity Operating Account 2018			
Revenues	2018 Expected	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Pledgers, Givers	59	64	63
Investment Income	43	42	41
IDOM	7	7	7
Memorial Fund	50	44	50
Other	6	8	8
Total	165	165	169
Expenses			
Buildings & Grounds	25	32	31
Clergy	96	98	98
Diocese	11	11	11
Other Salary	25	25	25
Other	8	10	5
Total	165	176	170
Net Income	0	-11	-1

Note: All figures in Chart are Expressed in Thousands



Trinity's 2019 Budget Projection

Income Projections

	Budget
Pledge and Plate	
Giver of Record	29,780
Plate	1,708
Pledges	31,820
Total Pledge and Plate	63,715
Special Offerings	4,894
Investment Income	41,000
Memorial Fund Subsidy	50,000
Miscellaneous Income	9,051
Total Projected Income	168,660

Expense Projections

Building and Grounds	
Insurance	6,920
Repairs	4,500
Utilities	10,357
Other	6,557
Total Building and Grounds	28,334
Diocesan Assessment	10,591
Employee Expenses	123,003
Office and Administration	5,148
Parish Programs	1,326
Worship and Liturgy	393
Miscellaneous	1,080
Total Projected Expense	169,875

Asset Allocation Review
 Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial and Endowment Funds
 December 31, 2018

Type of Investment	Maximum % allowable	Actual %
Common stocks – individual	50%	47%
Non-government Bonds	45%	35%
Government Bonds	20%	6%
Real asset funds	25%	10%
Cash and short-term securities	5%	2%



Sandwich Board—Gifts



Picnic with IDOM



Food Baskets



St, Margaret's Guild



Prayer Shawls



Father at Sandwich Board

Report on Funds Under the Control of the Church; FY 2018

Type Of Fund	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Interest/Earnings	Change in Market Value	Withdrawals/ Distributions	Ending Balance
Bracelet Fund	\$ 1,349	\$	\$ 1	\$	\$	\$ 1350
Endowment	\$ 673,579	\$ 240	\$ 42,407	\$ (83,852)	\$ 45,047	\$ 587,327
St. Margaret's	\$ 1,023	\$	\$	\$	\$ 790	\$ 1,604
Memorial Fund	\$ 288,970	\$ 565	\$ 14,914	\$ (25,590)	\$ 58,966	\$ 219,893
Amnesty	\$ 970	\$ 280	\$	\$	\$ 91	\$ 1,159
Sandwich	\$ 6,551	\$ 4,894	\$	\$	\$ 4,830	\$ 6,615
	\$ 972,442	\$ 7,350	\$ 57,322	\$ (109,442)	\$ 109,724	\$ 817,984

Mission Funds Report

The Mission Account was established at the beginning of 2017 to track income and expense for Trinity's various missions. The report below reflects a) the initial monies that were transferred to the account to set it up

	Total Income	Total Expense	Balance
All Saints/All Souls	2,722.43	1,492.16	1,230.27
Altar Guild - flowers inc	4,894.99	3,992.15	902.84250
Altar Guild - Linens, Hosts, et	821.00	635.67	185.33
Altar Guild - Sanctuary Candles	165.00	159.44	5.56
Basnk Fees	208.52	213.02	-4.50
Contingency Fund	20,175.00	20,839.91	-664.91
Fundraisers	200.00	141.77	58.23
Jubilee Center			0.00
Amnesty	25.00		25.00
Sandwich Board	1,965.50	1,861.50	104.00
Mary Gramley Mem	200.00		200.00
Michael Apt sales			0.00
Josie Simons Mem	100.00		100.00
Esther Watson Mem	95.00		95.00
Music - Choir/Licenses	1,230.00	1,466.32	-236.32
Bell Choir		398.21	-398.21
Musician Stipends	725.00	850.00	-125.00
One to Grow On	11,175.00	3,796.54	7,378.46
Organ Maintenance Incom	1,352.00	250.00	1,102.00
Outreach			0.00
AID	462.00	492.00	-30.00
Bask to School	1,132.00	972.00	160.00
Christmas Gift	900.00	208.20	691.80
Food Baskets	867.00	751.42	115.58
Gift Cards		0.00	0.00
Other Out reach	90.00	90.00	0.00
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1,615.00	713.94	901.06
United Thank Offering	93.00	93.00	0.00
Sepport from Trinity	149.98		149.98
Account Adjustment			Total
	51,363.42	39,417.25	11,946.17

Finance Committee Report

Recruited personnel for 2017 audits performed in spring 2018. Expanded the Committee to include Bella Tousignant. Continued to review and refine the Mission Fund policies and procedures. Created a comprehensive count procedure. Reviewed the Financial Handbook. Held monthly meetings and submitted required reports to the Vestry and the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

The Finance Committee

Outreach Report

Once again, the enormous hearts at Trinity overflowed with love for their neighbors! Our friends at AID (The Association for Individual Development) benefitted from an abundance of items and \$255.00 in April. In July our back-to-school drive provided loads of school supplies and a check for \$515.00 to cover future supply needs at BeauPre School. November's Food Drive filled 11 huge bags with food for impoverished families, and gift certificates for food and necessities to another 3 families, with \$185.58 left to kick-start next year's drive. December's Angel Tree saw a record-breaking 28 "angels" get bags of gifts on Christmas, and donations of \$622.11 are still left in the account to help even more angels next year!! We were brought to tears by the gratitude and outpouring of love we received from the recipients. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! We are deeply moved and humbled by your generosity.

Your Outreach Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Marilou Clohessy, Chair

Communication Committee Report

The communication team met five times during 2018. Significant progress has been made including but not limited to:

Review of our web page. It has been streamlined and consolidated. The Home Page has been improved to provide information on our location, a link to a map for Trinity and a link to our Facebook Page.

Development of four Church Brochures. They have been reviewed and are ready to publish. They are: "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You", "Baptisms and Weddings". A Call To Worship" and "In the Life of the Church". Once printed, two of them will be distributed to local motels and hotels.

We have increased our efforts to be more visible on the street. We purchased two Episcopal Flags and have erected a flag pole by the Marquee to hang seasonal signs from. The repair of the Stucco and the two new exterior doors have also helped beautify our building.

We have begun digitalizing Trinity's Registers. Baptisms have been recorded through 1935 and we are well into Marriages. Still to go are Confirmations and Deaths. This is a huge project and we could use some help!.

We developed an annual event calendar and updated our Press Release Information.

We continue to address the ongoing issue of clutter around the Church and in the Guild Room and the updating of the Church and Parish Hall appearance.

Membership on this committee is open to anyone interested, Our next meeting is at 10:15 am on Monday, February 11th in the Guild Room. Join us!

Your Communications Committee

Respectfully submitted, Rob Borchert , Chair

Community Service Report

In reviewing the records we had at least 253.5 hours of work this year down from 298.5 hours of community service support in 2017. Referrals come often but are seldom followed up on. The workers clean, empty garbage, vacuum floors, support the Sandwich Board and assist on Sunday Coffee Hour. Certain workers have helped in the office, taking inventory and some other clerical tasks. This is an important program that needs to be expanded in 2019.

Usher Report

Ushers for 2018 were: Dick Blogg, Marilou Clohessy, John Kuney, Gary and Inga Gorney
The usher teams handled duties at the 9 a.m. and holiday services.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Blogg

Property Report

- Major Building and Grounds activities.

Our grounds continued to be beautified by Maria Ulloa with help from our Sexton, Gary Gorney.

Gary also continued to touch up our external paint over the summer. This seems to be an ongoing project.

A new parking lot door was purchased and installed by Jason Gutierrez

The Stucco on the North and West sides of the Parish Hall was repaired by Heitkotter, Inc. and painted by Gary Gorney

A painter for the Church ceiling has been found and a contract signed. We are currently waiting for clearance on the condition of the Church roof to proceed with this project.

A repair was made to the printing on one of the stained glass windows in the Church. It now clearly says, "In Memory of John and Joseph Shears."

After a winter from heck with the boiler last winter, we have had little or no problem with it so far this year.

The Archangels from the old reredos were installed at the Altar on shelves made by Mary Jacobsen.

The Gutierrez Family spent a day scraping, sanding, caulking and painting the weather worn sills in the Parish Hall. Our thanks!

Midwest Door installed a new door in the Narthex of the Church which Gary and Mary stained and finished.

A new flagpole was brought up from the depths of the Basement and installed at the corner of Lincoln and Benton Streets.

Thanks to a donation from the Sandwich Board, the plumbing for the Parish Hall bathroom and the kitchen was replaced

Respectfully Submitted - Rob Borchert



Other Accomplishments

Please check the Communication, Outreach and Property Reports for additional information.

Preparation of Annual Report for the February 4, 2018 Annual Meeting.

Purchased and installed humidifiers for the Grand Piano and the Choir Room Pianos. Purchased and installed a cover for the Grand Piano..

The Bell Choir was formed and performed twice in the fall.

We had guest musicians at Easter (Four Brass Players) and Christmas (a Harpist).

Our Annual Picnic was held at Montgomery Park with the members of I.D.O.M. Church.

We had another painting party.

An Organ Maintenance and Repair Fund was established.

There were new servers at the Altar and new oblation bearers.

After many years the Finance Committee added a new member! Welcome, Bella!

Once again in early December the Altar Guild polished all of our brass and silver.

Trinity Cooked for the Sandwich Board 8 times, twice more than usually.

Father added Spanish Language weekly Bulletins.

Mrs. Rossi researched the history of the painting "Day Dreams" by Erwin S. Barrie.

Music Program Report

Highlights of 2018 for the music program included the following:

The Choir sings an anthem each week, during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Choir rehearsals are at 8.15 am on Sunday mornings.

The Choir has rehearsals after church to learn music for future events.

Continued St. James Music Press subscription for more music selections.

The Choir room acquired and air conditioner.

Many problems with an aging organ, [especially the console] are being addressed. [More work on parts that have not been repaired are still required.]

The Choir welcomes new members.

The Choir is singing better than ever. Most music is sung in four-part harmony, and the level of music has been raised. Many new vocal skills and choral skills are being learned.

Solo literature has become a part of our worship through the skills of Guy Stephens, Matthew Stephens, Melissa Athos, Cathie Patterson and others.

We began a new choir, the Trinity Ringers. The Malmark handbells were a gift from a church in Batavia. They are happy that we are making good use of the bells. Many thanks to the members of the Trinity Ringers for their diligence and hard work in learning to play the handbells. Their music really enriches our worship.

Special music provided by members and friends was part of our Summer Music program.

Christmas Eve special music for the Prelude, including harp, oboe, organ music, carols and solos.

Easter brass music made our Easter celebration very special. The Choir sang two anthems again.

Many thanks to John Heath for coordinating and conducting.

The church's Kawai 7' Concert grand piano was used for the *Ghoultime 'Scarols* program and other events.

Many monetary gifts have been given for sheet music, music books, choir robes, and instrumentalists.

Fr. Denzil and Greg continue to plan meaningful and celebratory worship experiences for our congregation. Communication is on a high level, with many happy exchanges to improve our worship life.

Gregory Gyllsdorff - Organist, Choir Master, Bell Choir Leader



Stewardship Report

2018 saw a very positive response to the Stewardship Campaign.

Many people stepped up. We recorded a record high in the number and amount committed by parishioners.

Response was positive for the donation of time and talents as well.

Jubilee Ministries -

Sandwich Board

Beginning Balance 01/01/2018 **\$6,551.01**

RECEIPTS:

Donations	\$2,168.57
Grants	2,575.00
Reimbursements	147.00
Interest	<u>4.06</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$4,894.63**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Business Expense	\$2,366.69
Polo Shirts	488.00
TEC-plumbing	1,955.50
Conference NIFB	<u>20.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$4,830.19**

Ending Balance 12/31/2018 **\$6,615.45**

The Sandwich Board continues to feed those in need. We served 5,442 plates this year. The plumbing in the bathroom (off the kitchen) and in the kitchen has been upgraded. We now have very good water pressure. Thanks to an article in *Episcopal New Service*, we received a wonderful grant from the National Church. Attended meetings at the Diocese and am now a member of the Hunger Commission.

Special thanks go to: Paul and Brian, helpers; Gale for her timeless work and picking up food items from The Red Lobster; Guy Stephens, for picking up bread items from Panera; Marcia for her continuing help, and Casey Food Market for their meat donations. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Bless you all!

TRINITY AMNESTY CENTER

Beginning Balance 01/01/2018 **\$ 969.63**

RECEIPTS:

Donations	<u>\$280.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$280.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Laminator for TEC	\$52.00
Business Expense	<u>38.90</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$90.90

Ending Balance 12/31/2018 **\$1,158.73**

Immigration work was very slow this past year. We processed the following: 2 finger prints, 2 in need of help and 2 citizenship applications. I attended meetings in Chicago with the Immigration Service. Sadly our Immigration Service is desperately in need of updating. Keep the faith!

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Barber

St. Margaret's Guild 2018

Beginning Balance, 01/01/2018 \$1,022.68

RECEIPTS:

Income \$1,371.47*

*The income includes dues, bake sales and the painting party. We updated our checking account and now we will be in compliance with the guidelines of Trinity, including the required two signatures on checks. This should bring all of our records up to date.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Trinity (includes pledge, Easter and Christmas) \$ 600.00

Painting Party 180.00

Gift 10.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 790.00

Ending Balance 12/31/2018

\$1,604.15

St. Margaret's continues to exist through the donations of the congregation to the bake sales. We held a painting party for the 2nd time and a good time was had by all. I encourage the women of Trinity to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. This past year we had two of our meetings at local restaurants, a good time was had.

The quilt is done! Thanks to the work of Karen Dolan and Kathy Clark. We are looking at auction sites to sell and donate the proceeds to a local charity.

Linda Barber, President
Karen Dolan, Vice-President
Gale Blogg, Secretary
Chireen DeKing, Treasurer



Altar Guild Report

Your Altar Guild strives to assure that all is properly prepared for our services in praise of God. This includes assuring that the books are marked for the readings, setting up the Bread and Wine, preparing the Altar, replacing the Sanctus Candle, polishing the rail, washing and ironing the linens, changing the frontal, preparing the Priest's garments, maintaining the polish on all our brass and silver and then cleaning up after every service.

Pat Wilson, Altar Guild Head

Members: Linda Barber, Gale Blogg, Rob Borchert, Lisa Luckritz

New members are always welcome! See Pat for details

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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Tom Herget, Rose Cantu, Rob Borchert