



**Trinity Episcopal Church
Aurora, Il.
2017 Annual Report
February 4th, 2018**

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.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING
With 2017 Annual Reports
February 4, 2018

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order and Opening Prayer
- 2) Appointment of Clerk
- 3) Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 4) Report of the Nominating Committee
- 5) Report of the Rector
- 6) Report of the Deacon
- 7) Report of the Wardens
- 8) Report of the Treasurer
- 9) Standing Committee and Miscellaneous Reports
- 10) New Business
- 11) Courtesy Resolutions
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
Bishop Jeffery Lee
- 12) Closing Prayer & Adjournment

THE VESTRY

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

2017	2018	2019
Karen Dolan	Rob Borchert	Rose Cantu
Janet Stephens	Tom Herget	Cathie Patterson

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*, Rob Borchert, Marilou Clohessy

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

PHYSICAL OPERATIONS/PROPERTY: John Heath, *Jr. Warden*, Rob Borchert and Richard Blogg

LITURGY/WORSHIP: Fr. Luckritz, Greg Gyllsdorff

OUTREACH: Marilou Clohessy, Dick Blogg, Karen Dolan, Cathie Patterson

PERSONNEL/STAFF: Marilou Clohessy, *Sr. Warden*, and Fr. Luckritz

COMMUNICATIONS: Rob Borchert, Chair, Gale Blogg, Marilou Clohessy, John Heath, and R. Thomas Herget,

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Jubilee: Linda Barber and Rob Borchert

St. Margaret's Guild: Dolores Palmquist & Linda Barber, *Co-Chairs*, Gale Blogg, *Secretary*, Chireen DeKing, *Treasurer*.

Altar Guild: Pat Wilson, *Sacristan*, Gale Blogg, Rob Borchert, Mary Jacobsen, Lisa Luckritz, Dolores Palmquist, and Benita Scott

Flowers: Contact: Linda Barber

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

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

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

Choir: Melissa Athos,, Mary Gramley, John Heath, Cathy Patterson, Guy Stephens, Janet Stephens, Matthew Stephens

Acolyte Guild: No Contact

Hospitality: No Contact

Men's Club: No Contact



Trinity Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz, *Rector*

Annual Meeting Minutes Covering the Reports from 2016 2/5/2017

The Annual Meeting was held as a part of the Liturgy. The attendance list is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

1. Father Luckritz opened with a prayer and called the meeting to order at 9:05am
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the agenda for this year's Annual Meeting
3. A motion was made, seconded and passed appointing Rob Borchert clerk of the Annual Meeting.
4. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting
5. The results of the Nominating Committee were: Rose Cantu and Rob Borchert will serve. Postings in the previous report were revised. Dick Blogg and John Kuney are leaving the Vestry. We are grateful for their service.
6. The representatives to the Diocean Convention and Deanery are Karen Dolan, Linda Barber, Gale Blogg and Pat Wilson.
7. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the Rector's Report and the Warden's Report.
8. Tom Herget, Treasurer, presented the final 2016 budget results, the projected 2017 budget, the asset allocation report and the report of funds under the control of the Church Report. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the Treasurer's reports. Following the meeting, Tom Herget offered a less formal question and answer forum about the financial reports.
9. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes from the Standing and Ad hoc Committees: inclusive of the edits mentioned at the meeting.
10. Father mentioned the receipt of the Community Foundation Grant for a new stove and fire suppression exhaust hood.
11. Courtesy Resolutions: will be sending letters of thanks to our present and past Bishops and past Rectors.
12. Father concluded the service with a prayer of thanks for everyone's efforts and the great work we do here at Trinity, There was a motion to adjourn which was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Rob Borchert, *Clerk*

Rector's Report

Dear Friends in Christ:

This is my third year presiding at the Annual Parish Meeting of Trinity Church. We have journeyed a great distance together during this time. There have been many wonderful moments including the major appliance upgrading in the kitchen for the Sandwich Board, the further organization of the Stewardship, Finance and Outreach Committees (the development of specific Outreach efforts for Thanksgiving Food, Back to School Donations, and a Christmas Giving Tree); the establishment of a new Communication Committee, the welcoming of the Drummer Group's use of the building; the creation of a new governing board for the Sandwich Board, the celebration of the 33rd Anniversary of the Sandwich Board with Bishop Lee's participation; a Ukrainian Egg workshop, a Painting Workshop, and a Floral Arranging Workshop in addition to numerous fellowship activities – Mardi Gras, St. Margaret's Guild, combined services and potlucks with IDOM, and our popular Christmas Cookie Exchange. And finally, we installed a new boiler system to keep us warm. All this, in addition to our worship, Choir, Altar Guild, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes. Your Vestry held a Mutual Ministry Review Retreat this summer to evaluate our ministry and plan for the future. Our life and ministry together is rich with both opportunity and challenge.

When people outside our congregation ask me to describe Trinity, I always find myself telling them about the quality and spirit of our Sunday liturgy, our outreach ministry in the local community, our music program, Sandwich Board lunches, Immigration Program, and the other community groups that use our facility for their meetings and ministry. I describe our congregation as basically stable, economically blessed, and socially diverse with room in each of those areas for growth. We are holding our own in the growth/decline continuum despite current trends in major Protestant denominations toward decline rather than growth. While we are not growing by leaps and bounds, we are not in serious decline. Our demographic population is economically mixed, mostly retired and older, and a few younger folks. Do we have work to do? Yes.

How would you describe Trinity Church? I would sincerely be interested to know and hope you will take time to reflect upon this question and share with me your thoughts, loves, and concerns. There is always room for the Holy Spirit to open up new paths of ministry and fellowship amongst us. And I am always surprised and delighted with new ideas that turn into ministry when they come from you.

That being said, we will be challenged this year with finances. Funding our ministries will take extra effort if we are to continue our strong outreach in the local community and our parish programs. Our ministry is focusing on the spiritual growth of all members of our parish family, young and old, through worship, education, and service. There is room in these ministries for leadership and participation, using your gifts of ministry from your baptism. Our worship space is beautiful and its restoration continues with the future painting of the ceiling – our 2017 *One to Grow On* project – the completion of the disabled ramp both outside and inside the building, and the work begun on the stained glass windows

Is there a blessing in all of these challenges and triumphs? Yes! You are the blessing. You are the ones God has called by name to ministry in this particular part of God's kingdom. Scripture reminds us that God tends to choose unlikely workers to partner in the work of creation, a stutterer to prophesy, a poor couple to raise the Divine Incarnation – Jesus, tax collectors and fishermen as close companions. God regularly brings new life, physically and spiritually, through people judged too old for such surprises. All God asks is an ear to listen, a heart willing to love, and hands willing to work. Miracles break forth from small beginnings. If you and I believe the petition in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," then our marching orders, work, and ministry are clear. I invite you to join me in "re-committing" to another exciting year of ministry in this wonderful place we call Trinity Church. Your prayer, presence, financial support and ministry make a difference and for all those things I am truly grateful. Thank you and Amen!

In Christ, The Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz

Liturgy and Membership Report and Worship Status

SERVICE YEAR	2017	2016	2015
Eucharist: Sunday	52	52	52
Weekday	55	52	46
Hospital - Private	32	34	20
Baptisms	1	2	2
Marriages	0	0	1
Burials	0	4	2
Morning Prayer *	16	64	52
Evening Prayer	0	0	0
All Other	—	—	—
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	4950	3435	—
Average Sunday Attendance	30	34	35
SELECTED DAYS			
Lent I	32	35	26
Easter Vigil/Day	86	102	70
Pentecost	34	33	41
Advent I	47	29	32
Christmas	52	70	60

Membership Information 2017

Baptisms in 2017 – Theodore Candler

Marriages in 2017 - None

Confirmations and Receptions in 2017 – Maxwell and Miranda Hansen

Transfers In 2017 – Mary Jacobsen

Transfers Out 2017 - None

Burials in 2017 - None

Nominating Committee Report 2017

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 2018
John Heath, Junior Warden	Three year term to expire 2018
R. Thomas Herget, Treasurer	Three year term to expire 2018

Vestry Members:

Guy Stephens	Three year Term to Expire in 2020
TBA	Three year Term to Expire in 2020

Rose Cantu	Three Year Term to Expire 2019
Cathie Patterson	Three Year Term to Expire 2019

Tom Herget	Three year term to expire 2018
Rob Borchert	Three year term to expire 2018

**Representatives to EITHER the Diocesan Convention OR Deanery:Chapter
Linda Barber, Gale Blogg, Karen Dolan, and Pat Wilson**



Wardens Annual Report 2015

The Good Lord kept his arms tightly around Trinity this year! New faces in our pews, stable finances, new kitchen appliances installed, and, with band aids and bubble gum, we managed to keep our old boiler going till Spring so we did not have to endure any freezing days while the new one was installed. Then the Lord and Mary Ingrassia also gave us a wonderful grand piano for our parish hall!

Our vestry retreat in July looked with amazement at how much we had accomplished - so many of the goals we identified when looking for a new rector. And, we are well on our way to reaching the future goals we set.

Fellowship again played a large part this year – we had our Mardi Gras celebration with Karen Dolan’s now famous Gumbo, and again Tom Herget showed off his Emcee skills with “Trinity” trivial pursuit. Holy Week started with our IDOM joint service on Palm Sunday and yummy pot luck lunch after. Then the Agape supper and all of the humbling services during the week, culminating in breathtaking Easter services! The music, the flowers - all made our souls soar! Our friends at IDOM joined us at the parish picnic this year too, and it was a grillin’ feast! We also shared Advent 1 with them, their beautiful dancers kicking off the season, and, naturally, a wonderful pot luck after. The Christmas Eve service with the church decked out in flowers, incredible music and a harpist was glorious. Lessons and Carols on New Year’s Eve finished this special year off right.

There were so many people who helped make this a wonderful year, I can’t even begin to thank them all; the Vestry, Altar Guild, Outreach, volunteers at Sandwich Board, our friends from AID - so many gave their love and time. Trinity truly changes people’s lives. I know it did mine. God bless you all!

Respectfully submitted, Marilou Clohessy, *Sr. Warden*



Outreach Report

Love thy neighbor isn’t just a platitude at Trinity! The love our parishioners’ have and share with the less fortunate is overwhelming. Our friends at AID (The Association for Individual Development) benefitted from an abundance of items and \$237.00 cash in April. In July our back-to-school drive provided a van load of school supplies and \$432.00 in cash to Beaupre School. November’s Food Drive filled 10 huge bags of food for families, 4 turkeys for AID, and gift certificates for food and necessities for another 3 families. December’s Angel Tree saw 22 “angels” get bags of gifts on Christmas. Unbelievably, there is still over \$500 cash left in the Outreach account to help next year get started!! The tears of gratitude and heartfelt hugs we received from the recipients will always stay with us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, you are so very special - your Outreach Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Marilou Clohessy, *Chair*

Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course October 15—24, 2017—Diocese of Chicago

I recently had the opportunity to attend the LATINO/HISPANIC MINISTRIES and ETHNIC MINISTRIES, the Episcopal Church's offering in Chicago of the "Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency" course. It was truly a privilege to be a participant in this excellent program. The presentation of information and materials was outstanding.

My goal in attending this course was to build and strengthen my resources and skill as the rector of a family-sized parish that provides, in addition to regular Sunday worship and pastoral care, a weekly food program (33 years) and immigration services. The course provided lectures and discussion, exploring the existing paradigms, the landscape and history of Latino culture, including religious practices, worship, and music.

The individuals who presented the various topics provided substantive quality information in pastoral care, oversight of relevant worship and spiritual opportunities, and opportunity to dialogue in a fashion that encouraged discernment as to the potential of Latino/Hispanic Ministry development in the parish I serve. Included were issues of demographics, stewardship, and sensitivity to current issues within the Church.

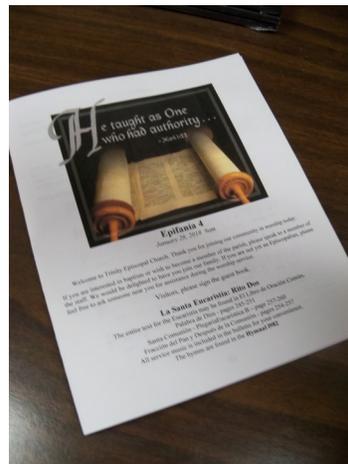
Included in the course were off-site visits in the Pilsen area of Chicago and opportunities to see a bit of Chicago. Since I had previously visited these at other times, I used the time to reflect upon the tremendous quantity and depth of the material presented in lecture and discussion. I found the amount of material covered and the discussion to be intense. Building the off-site visits and free-time into the schedule provided for others a necessary balance.

The course was comprehensive and an extraordinary experience. The challenge will now be to share the information and knowledge with the parish and discern if an outreach to the Latino/Hispanic community is appropriate and/or actually possible.

Trinity has been in discussion of the future direction of its evangelism and growth, use of facilities, and how best to grow more deeply into who God is calling them to be.

Again, it was a privilege and worth the time and effort to attend this course. I highly recommend it to others, even those who don't feel they have a call to Latino/Hispanic ministry. I look forward to the possibility of my future participation in the network that has emerged.

Peace in Christ,
Denzil J. Luckritz, *Rector*



Partial List of Accomplishments in 2017

1. Started the year with a steam pipe bursting. Repaired by R.J. O'Neil
2. Prepared a comprehensive [annual report](#) for the Annual Meeting
2. Annual Meeting on 2/5/2017
3. Celebrated Greg Gyllisdorff's second anniversary as our Organist/Choirmaster 2/7/17
4. Celebrated Mardi Gras with Seafood Gumbo, red beans and rice, corn bread, rum cake, pecan pie and a zillion other sweets. The meal was followed by a game of Trivia! A great time was had by all!
5. We ordered the stove, purchased through our grant from the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley.
6. Thanks to 3 days of concentrated work by a community service worker, the tool room in the basement has been cleaned out and is actually usable now!
7. On March 1st, we began our Sharing Sunday Program to support one of AID's Group Homes.
8. On March 16th, 2017, we celebrated the 33rd Anniversary of the Sandwich Board. Bishop Lee was here and counted at least 40 participants from other Churches, more than 10 Clergy, and over 100 guests!
9. On March 18th and 31st, Lisa Luckritz hosted a workshop on decorating Ukrainian Easter Eggs.
How beautiful!
10. On March 21st, 2017, two antique dealers picked up our ancient stove (Circa 1920s) and hauled it away.
We even made a little money off of it!
11. On March 22nd, 2017 our new stove was delivered and installed by R.J. O'Neil.
12. On April 1st, Linda Barber hosted a flower arrangement workshop. Wondrous!
13. In addition to our regular Holy Week Services of an Agape' dinner and mass on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Masses, we held our second Easter Vigil Service on Saturday Evening. The Vigil reflects on God's Covenants with us through the ages through Bible readings interspersed with song. We recommend that everyone give this a try - it is powerful and assuring!
14. On the fourth try, our new Refrigerator/Freezer was delivered and installed on 7/28/17
15. Beginning on 7/20/17 and continuing through December TDH Mechanical installed a new boiler that has gone through a series of post installation blues that continue through the end of the year
16. Our outreach program delivered back to school supplies and a check for over \$432 for supplies to Beaupre School.
17. We held our annual **One to Grow On** campaign and raised \$3,411 to fix and repaint the main nave ceiling in the Church. We are still seeking an artisan who will do the work.
18. Our annual audit was completed, the recommendations addressed and sent in to the Diocese
19. There were two meetings of the Churches involved in the Sandwich Board as we move forward toward organizing and formalizing this important Mission of The Church.
20. We held our annual picnic and invited our friends from the IDOM Church to join us for the festivities.
21. Four intrepid walkers completed the grueling 3 mile CROP WALK fund raise in 100 degree heat.
22. On October 10th we had the blessing of the pets.
23. On El Dia De La Meurta, we had a Spanish mass at Sandwich Board honoring our Mexican Guests.
We also moved the tapestry of Our Lady of Guadalupe into the Parish Hall.
23. Our All Saints/All Souls mailing provided funds for the purchase of a beautiful brass Advent Wreath.
24. November brought about our food drive and we prepared 10 huge grocery bags of food for those in need.
25. Right after Thanksgiving our Angel Tree went up with names of children in need of Christmas presents.
All the names were taken and the gifts delivered to Beaupre School on December 17th.
26. In December Mrs. Rossi had the tapestry of Jesus as Shepherd restored and framed - it is beautiful.
27. Also in December we had a beautiful Grand Piano donated by Mary Ingrassia, delivered and played.
It adorns the stage in the parish hall.
28. December always features our now famous Annual Cookie Exchange.
29. Deacon Steve Lowe and his wife, Leila, delivered 125 boxed Christmas presents for our Sandwich Board Guests.
30. We celebrated the baptism of Theo Candler.
31. We ended the year with a service of Lessons and Carols.



Trinity's December Financial Report

Income

YTD Actual Vs Budget December 2017

	2017	Budget	%of Budget
From Members			
Giver of Record	7,839	1,000	783.90%
Pledge	46,024	49,775	92.46%
Plate	2,106	2,500	84.24%
Investment Income			
Endowment Fund	46,944	39,000	120.36%
Special Offerings	4,877	5,800	84.08%
Miscellaneous Income	10,066	8,742	115.14%
Memorial Fund Subsidy	32,954	50,000	65.90%
TOTAL INCOME	151,406	157,047	96.40%

Expense

YTD Actual vs. Budget December 2017

	2017	Budget	% of Budget
Insurance	9,590	9,502	100.10%
Organ Tuning	3,289	980	335.61%

Expense (con't)
YTD Actual vs Budget December 2017

	2017	Budget	% of Budget
Building and Grounds			
Apartment Electric	383	638	60.03%
Church Utilities	9,108	8,484	107.35%
Repairs	5,215	6,500	80.23%
Other B&G	10,468	12,071	86.72%
Total Building and Grounds	25,174	27,693	90.90%
Employee Expense	115,573	118,869	97.22%
Diocesan Assessment	10,591	10,591	100%
Other Operational Expenses	8,468	7,469	113.32%
TOTAL EXPENSES	159,806	163,021	98.02%

Trinity's 2018 Budget Projection

Income Projections

	Budget
Pledge and Plate	
Giver of Record	12,790
Plate	3,000
Pledges	43,592
Total Pledge and Plate	59,382
Special Offerings	4,648
Investment Income	42,846

Trinity's 2018 Budget Projection
Income Projections (con't)

	Budget
Memorial Fund Subsidy	50,000
Miscellaneous Income	8,218
Total Projected Income	165,094

Expense Projections

Building and Grounds	
Insurance	8,240
Repairs	4,500
Utilities	9,900
Other	2,391
Total Building and Grounds	25,031
Diocesan Assessment	10,591
Employee Expenses	121,197
Office and Administration	6,212
Parish Programs	880
Worship and Liturgy	135
Miscellaneous	851
Total Projected Expense	164,897

Checkbook Balance at the Beginning of January, 2017=	19,117
Checkbook Balance at the End of December, 2017	12,824

Asset Allocation Review
 Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial and Endowment Funds
 30 November 2017

Type of Investment	Maximum % allowable	Actual %
Common stocks – individual	5%	2%
Common stock mutual funds	50%	46%***
Non-government fixed income individual securities	30%	26%
Non-government fixed income mutual funds	45%	35%***
Government fixed income individual securities	5%	0%
Government fixed income mutual Funds	20%	5%***
Real asset funds	25%	10%
Cash and short-term securities	5%	4%
		*** includes the individual element in preceding line

**Report of Parish funds which are under control of this church
 Funds under management - 12 months ending December 30, 2017**

Type of fund	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Interest/earnings	Change in Market Value	Withdrawals/ Distributions	Ending Balance
Endowment	\$ 590,031	\$ 200	\$ 40,356	\$ 82,151	\$ 39,159	\$673,579
St. Margaret's	\$ 1,367	\$ 1,161	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,505	\$ 1,023
Memorial	\$313,004	\$17,900	\$ 16,468	\$ 8,550	\$ 66,952	\$288,970
Amnesty	\$ 1,093	\$ 816	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 1,009
Sandwich	\$ 2,136	\$ 7,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,785	\$ 6,551
Bracelet	\$ 1,349	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,349
Total	\$908,980	\$ 27,277	\$ 56,824	\$ 90,701	\$111,301	\$972,481

Mission Fund Initiative

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; b) the additional money that was deposited into the line item; the expenses paid out of each line item and finally, d) the balance as of December 31, 2017

Mission Fund - 2017 Report

	Inception 1/1/2017	Additions 2017	Total Income	Expense 2017	Yr. End 2017
All Saints/All Souls	365	925	1290	1492	-202
Altar Guild - flowers/candle	300	1716	2016	1217	799
Altar Guild - Linens, Hosts, etc	636	0	636	592	44
Fundraisers		161	161	43	118
Grants		5454	5454	5454	0
Jubilee Center			0		0
Amnesty			0		0
Sandwich Board		676	676	575	101
Memorial Fund for Capital Expenses		20175	20175	17944	2231
Music - Choir		100	100	211	-111
Musician Stipends		400	400	400	0
One to Grow On		3505	3505	94	3411
Outreach			0		0
AID	150	87	237	237	0
Back to School	150	432	582	432	150
Christmas Gifts		500	500	130	370
Food Baskets	150	370	520	310	210
Other Outreach Income		90	90	90	0
Support from Trinity	209		209		209
Rector's Discretionary Fund	250	8	258	214	44
United Thank Offering	48	0	48		48
Misc. Adjustment				-195	195
Totals	2258	34600	36857	29240	7617

Memorial Fund Subsidy of the Rector's Salary

In 2015, after a fruitless search for a half time Rector, the Vestry passed a resolution to set aside \$150,000 of funds for three years from the Memorial Fund to allow us to find a full time Rector.

	Budgeted	Actually Spent
2015	0	0
2016	\$50,000	\$28,000
2017	\$50,000	\$33,000
2018	\$50,000	

Spent through 2017 \$61,000. Budgeted through 2017 \$100,000.
Unspent through \$2017, \$39,000

Finance Committee Report 2016—Finance Committee

*The Finance Committee met 11 times.

Opened Mission Accounts Fund. This houses non-operating money for Altar Guild, Outreach, Music, United Thank Offering, Rector's Fund, etc. Contributions are placed here; funds are disbursed from here. Each account's balance is kept track of via spreadsheet.

Twelve operating reports, both monthly and year to date, were prepared.

The Financial Handbook was updated.

The local audit was performed and submitted to the Diocese.

A new version of QuickBooks was installed.

The Treasurer attended a Servant Keeper training class.

Draft operating instructions for counting were developed and tested.

Current checking account balances were monitored to assure timely transfers from Memorial Fund.

The allocation of assets in the Memorial Fund and the Endowment Fund were ascertained twice. The composition was reviewed and discussed.

Insurer provider was changed, saving significant dollars.

Treasurer discussed audit options with Diocese and met with Batavia's Calvary Episcopal Church to see if an exchange of audit services could be introduced for 2018.

A budget for 2018 income and expense was developed.

Tom Herget, Treasurer

Stewardship Report

Members of the Stewardship Committee were: Tom Herget, Dick Blogg, and John Heath.

Fr. Denzil penned the Stewardship letter and results were promising. A year ago we were able to expect \$51,000 from pledgers and givers of record. This year, as of December 2017, we are expecting \$56,000 from the same sources.

Property Report 2017

This year marked major headway on our kitchen appliance update as we purchased a new Vulcan Industrial Stove through a grant from the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley and a new Industrial Refrigerator/Freezer through the generosity of our Sandwich Board Friends at Downers Grove. Yet to do includes the exhaust system and dishwasher.

This year also marked the replacement of our Boiler. TDH Mechanical did the work and has been very supportive as we chase down an intermittent boiler shut down problem.

The stucco on the Parish Hall is in desperate need of repair, but we haven't been able to find a contractor to even give us a bid on it.

We are having the same problem with the ceiling in the Church. After raising more than \$3,000 for its repair in our *One to Grow On* campaign, we haven't been able to find anyone to do the work. We continue searching for contractors.

Between our Sexton, Gary Gorney, and our neighbor, Maria Ulloa, our grounds are always groomed and beautiful.

Repair work also began on the Stained Glass windows in the Church and Cloister. The Vestry has authorized the repair of three of them.

Gary has also repainted the peeling paint on the South side of the Cloister.

Plans are in discussion and design for a better solution to disability access to the building.

We experienced a break-in during 2017 and the theft of some office equipment, including computer stuff and cameras. This resulted in the establishment of new Security Protocols and the rekeying of all doors.

The Vestry also has approved the replacement of the rear Parish Hall entrance door.

Trinity has been a member of the Energy Star Portfolio Management Program since 2010. In 2010 our score was 26. In 2017 it was 70, a 44-point improvement. In 2010 our energy costs were \$12,909. In 2017 they were \$7,160, a savings of \$5,739 or 44.5%. The Green Team is not dead!

Challenges that need to be prioritized addressed in the upcoming years:

Ceiling in the Church
Church Accessibility
Painting in the Kitchen

Upgrade Electrical
Stucco repair on Parish Hall
Doors to the Parish Hall

Plumbing concerns
Ansul Hood for Stove
Repair of the Stained Glass

St. Margaret's Guild 2017

St. Margaret's is for all the women of the Church, Our meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at noon. We meet for fellowship but, our main purpose is to support the Church. This is done with our yearly pledge and special offerings at Easter and at Christmas. The money we earn comes from our bake sales, Christmas cookie sale and Valentine's Day basket. We are very grateful to those who buy our goodies!

There is not a separate E.C.W. (Episcopal Church Women) group at Trinity but we incorporate their mission within St. Margaret's. We also support the E.C.W. with a fair share offering which entitles us to vote at the E.C.W. Convention. Look for the materials to be available soon.

We invite all women of the Church to join with us and get to know your fellow parishioners a little better. Dues are only \$2.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Palmquist and Linda Barber

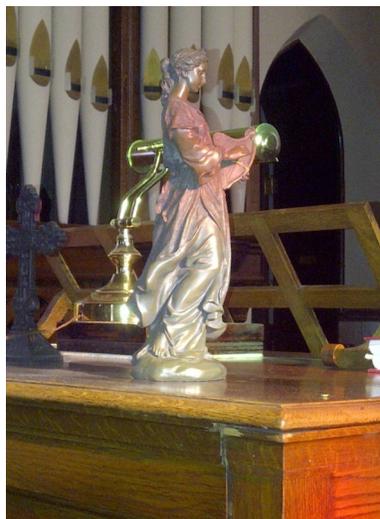


Ushers Report 2017

Ushers were: Dick Blogg, Rose Cantu, Marilou Clohessy, Gary and Inga Gorney, and John Kuney.

The usher teams handled duties at the 9 a.m. and holiday services,.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Blogg



Music Program Report 2017

Highlights of 2017 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 monthly rehearsals after church to learn music for future events.
- Continued St. James Music Press subscription for more music selections.
- Choir Master's office acquired a new desk, lamp, table and chairs.
- 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 can always use more 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.
- Special music provided by members and friends was part of our Summer Music program.
- Christmas Eve special music for the Prelude, including harp, organ music, carols and solos.
- Easter brass music made our Easter celebration very special. The Choir sang two anthems again.
- The church was gifted with a Kawai 7' Concert grand piano.
- 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.

Altar Guild Report 2017

Again I am struggling with what to say about the Altar Guild. Perhaps because not much changes. Duties and preparations stay the same from year to year, as do the Holy Days, Weddings and funerals. Changes come in the form of members; gain some, lose some. Our current, faithful dedicated members are: Rob Borchert, Gale Blogg, Mary Jacobsen, Lisa Luckritz, and the Palmquists. Linda Barber fills in often. In addition, Linda singlehandedly is the Flower Guild.

We can always use new members. If interested, please speak to Father Luckritz or any of the above mentioned members.

Thank you to all the volunteers, also!

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wilson, *Sacristan*



Jubilee Ministries

Trinity is a Jubilee Center, one of only two in the whole Diocese of Chicago. The National Church describes Jubilee Centers in the following way, “One of the ways the Episcopal Church addresses domestic poverty is through its Jubilee network, which consists of over 600 Jubilee Ministry Centers. These centers empower the poor and oppressed in their communities by providing direct services, such as food, shelter, and healthcare, and also by advocating for human rights.” Our Plaque designating us as a Jubilee Center quotes Luke 5:18-19. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor: He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord”.

Linda Barber is Trinity’s Jubilee Minister. The following reports reflect some but not all of our Jubilee efforts

Community Service

In reviewing the records we had at least 298.5 hours of work this year up from 213.5 hours of community service support in 2016. Referrals often come but are seldom followed up on by candidates. 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. Community Service workers were critical in cleaning up the apartment and the tool room. This is an important program that would be beneficial to expand in 2018.

Trinity Amnesty Center - 1st quarter, 2017

Beginning Balance 01/01/2017	\$1,093.30
Receipts:	
Donations	\$776.00
Disbursements	
none	
Ending Balance 03/31/2017	\$ 969.63

We continue to help our immigrants. Provided many sets of fingerprints. Helped with petitions, and citizenship applications. As always had the help of our attorney, Patrick Kinnally. Attended Community Based Organization meetings at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Office in Chicago.

Sandwich Board for, 2017

Beginning Balance 01/01/2017	\$2,135.66
RECEIPTS:	
Donations	\$6,538.00
CROP Walk	109.30
Grants	550.00
Interest	2.92
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,200.22
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Business Expense	\$2,289.01
Conference	30.00
Pest Control	366.44
Payroll	99.42
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,784.87
Ending Balance 12/31/2017	\$6,551.01

We celebrated 33 years of serving those less fortunate, AND not missing a single Thursday. Bishop Lee joined us to celebrate the Eucharist. All of our partner churches were here! •Attended the agency conference at the Northern Illinois Food Bank and workshop.

- Thanks to Panera Bread for their donations and Guy Stephens who picks up for us.
- Thanks to Red Lobster for their donations and Gale Blogg who picks us for us. Gale is wonderful and always a Great Help!
- Thanks to Marcia, Paul and Brian for their continued help.
- Thanks to the Lowes who provide all of the Christmas gifts.
- And to our partner churches of: St. John, Naperville; St. Mark, Geneva; Grace, Hinsdale; St. Andrew, Downers Grove; St. Charles, St Charles; St. David, Aurora.
- We served 5,577 lunches
- Received donations and grants!
- Updated the kitchen with new stove and oven, refrigerator/freezer. New griddle and trays!

Thompson Center:

Thanks to Dick Blogg we have our friends from A.I.D., the Thompson Center, back to help on Thursdays. Each Thursday we have 3 or 4 people from Thompson to help with the Sandwich Board. Have a bad day? Come in on Thursday and see their faces as they are full of joy to be able to help with the setup and the Eucharist! Thanks to the support of Trinity, we are able to help in these outreach ministries.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Barber, Jubilee





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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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Rob Borchert; Rose Cantu; Karen Dolan;

Janet Stephens; Cathie Patterson; Tom Herget, *Treasurer*