

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Historical Notes
Pastor 28, 1988-1996

28. PHILIP SCHROEDER (1988-1996) - Part 2

FINANCIAL REPORTS

	(general)	=	Recpts	Expen.	Pastor	Org.	CDs	Secretary	FS	Sxtn
	(benevolence)	=			Appor.	Pncr	WRE	LOMC	LSSI	Hngr
1987	General/69.87		102,061	81,694	13,417	1393	800	12,740/3724	840	8769
-	Benevolence/28.73		41,196	41,063	38,000	2000	1063			
	Cap. Exp./1.4		2,108	4,750						
	Total Receipts		149,642							
	Investments		68,181	(Les Lundgren 17,823, Dorothy Bock 500, Catherine S. Miller 1000, Jeanette Piek 1000, C.A. Wishard 18,500, Cloyd Pieper 25,048, AC 3233, Hand. Access 1078)						
1988	General/67.81		99,991	88,650	14,217	1781	908	14,143/5157	900	10,094
-	Benevolence/28.21		43,221	42,625	38,500	2000	1125	1000		1140
	Cap. Exp./3.98		5,944	7,138						
	Total Receipts		162,293							
	Investments		73,029	(Lundgren 18,935, Bock 500, Miller 1000, Piek 1000, Wishard 19,500, Pieper 26,842, Clifford Newcomer AC 3460, Hand. Access 1793)						
1989	General/70.23		110,882	112,705	29,446	-2966-		14,412/5463	1000	10,329
-	Benevolence/28.51		45,200	45,200	39,000	2500	1200	1500	1000	3,451
	Cap. Exp./1.26		2,935	3,050						
	Total Receipts		180,029							
	Investments		84,136	(Lundgren 20,320, Miller/Piek/Bock 2702, Wishard 21,455, Pieper 28,981, Newcomer AC 3740, Hand. Access 1938, Gen. Fund (10/89) 5000)						
1990	General/70.25		116,405	115,283	33,000	-3360-		11,983/3364	1000	10,316
-	Benevolence/28.38		47,250	47,250	42,000	2625	1000	1575	1050	3,669
	Cap. Exp./1.37		3,337	3,337						
	Total Receipts		172,173							
	Investments		101,783	(Lundgren 21,893, Wishard 23,212, Pieper 29,620, Newcomer AC 4165, Madgeline Eykamp 2075, General Fund 20,818)						
1991	General/69.72		119,074	121,731	35,700	-3410-		10,469/3438	1000	11,370
-	Benevolence/28.6		50,717	50,717	44,100	2750	970	1650	1100	(3747)
	Cap. Exp./1.68		4,126	4,126						
	Total Receipts		178,677							
	Investments		72,031	(Lundgren 23,462, Wishard 24,895, Newcomer AC 4695, M. Eykamp 2022, General Fund 16,956)						
1992	General/69.72		119,983	119,803	35,900	-3533-		11,254/3693	1000	11,502
-	Benevolence/28.6		50,800	50,800	44,100	2750		1650	1100	(4029)
	Cap. Exp./1.68		3,474	2,950						
	Total Receipts		186,040							
	Investments		70,812	(Lundgren 24,544, Wishard 26,100, AC 5219, Bequest Endow. 2,220, Bequest Prop. Maint. 843,						

General Fund 11,887)

1993	General/68.61	120,530	123,672	37,250	2910	810	11,405/4146	1000	13,328
	Benevolence/28.77	52,800	52,800	45,900	2900	0	1750	1150	(4516)
	Cap. Exp./2.62	4,959	3,729						
	Total Receipts	242,156							
	Investments	83,079	(Lundgren 25,311, Wishard 27,087, AC 5601, Perm. Endow. 3624, Gen. Fund 12,329, Elevator 1020, Access 1204)						
1994	General/68.61	124,636	124,403	37,250	2025	720	11,702/4244	1000	13,296
	Benevolence/28.77	52,800	52,800	45,900	2900	0	1750	1150	(4516)
	Cap. Exp./2.62	4,959	3,729						
	Total Receipts	242,156							
	Investments	83,079	(Lundgren 26,186, Wishard 28,209, AC 5784, Perm. Endow. 3756, General Fund 12,869, Cap. Exp. 1380, Access 4894)						
						765			
1995	General/70.08	133,957	123,285	38,750	2020	300\^11,625/2679	1000	13,833	
	Benevolence/28.77	54,997	54,997	45,900	2900	0	1750	1150	(3323)
	Cap. Exp./1.15	2,198	2,781	+1099					+1099
	Total Receipts	471,776	(incl. Middlekauff bequest 179,062, and Middlekauff loan-return and interest 8628)						
	Investments	176,844	(Lundgren 27,001, Wishard 14,159, AC 5902, Endow. 121,351, General Fund 7007, Cap Exp F 1424)						

PROPOSED BUDGETS

	Pastor	CAR/CDs	Secy/benef.	Sexton	FinSec	Coor.Vol
	Apport.	Pinecrst	WRE	LOMC	LSSI	Nelson Mem.
1987	\$142,730		See Swedberg report			
	(\$1,660 overpaid)					
1988	\$150,690		See Swedberg report			
	(\$5,124 underpaid)					
1989	\$158,540					
General	113,340	26,300	3,300	13,900/5000	10,000	1,000
Benev.	45,200	39,000	2,500	1,208	1,500	1,000
CapExp	(2,000)	(24.6%)	= percentage to churchwide and synod			
	(\$2,873 underpaid)					
1990	\$166,467					
General	116,947	28,500	2,600/630	13,400/3500	10,300	1000
Benev.	47,250	42,000	2,625	1,200 (Gen)	1,575	1050
CapExp	2,270	(25.2%)				
	(99.3% recd, \$2983 underrecd but \$1122 over expenditures)					
1991	\$178,685					
General	124,585	30,300	2,840/720	12,200/3600	11,200	1000 2000
Benev.	51,100	44,100	2,750	1,200 (Gen)	1,650	1100 1000
CapExpRep	3,000	(24.7%)				
	(95.5% recd, \$8053 underrecd, expend. \$5942 over receipts)					
1992	\$178,685					
General	124,585	30,800	2,900/810	12,200/3600	12,000	1000 2000

Benev. 51,100 44,100 2,750 1,200 (Gen) 1,650 1100 1000
 CapExpRep 3,000 (24.7%)
 (\$6693 underrecd but \$120 over expenditures)

1993 \$183,500
 General 125,900 31,500 3,120/810 12,200/3600 12,660 1000 2000
 Benev. 52,800 45,900 2,900 1,000 (Gen) 1,750 1150 1000
 CapExpRep 4,800 (25%)
 (\$5516 underrecd but \$117 over expenditures)

1994 \$183,500
 General 125,900 31,500 2,960/810 12,200/3600 13,000 1000 2000
 Benev. 52,800 45,900 2,900 1,000 (Gen) 1,750 1150 1000
 CapExpRep 4,800 (25%)
 (99% recd, \$1844 underrecd but \$723 over expenditures
 plus \$88,340 pledged for access-parking, plus \$5711 for restroom)

1995 \$183,500
 General 128,600 33,000 2,050/1720 12,300/4500 13,350 1000 2000
 Benev. 52,800 45,900 2,900 0 1,750 1150 1000
 CapExpRep 2,100 (25%)
 (\$7653 overrecd, \$12,287 over expenditures, plus
 world hunger \[4422\], ABS \[503\], access-parking project,
 and record pledges for 1996 \[\$152,627/142\])

1996 \$190,535
 General 132,785 34,000 2,450/1890 12,000/3050 16,725 1000 2000
 Benev. 54,750 47,600 2,900 0 1,900 1250 1000
 CapExpRep 3,000 (24.9%)
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PLEDGES

<u>year</u>	<u>budget</u>	<u>pledges</u>	<u>units</u>
1990	\$ 166,467	134,631	154
1991	178,685	141,769	156
1992	178,685	148,714	162
1993	183,500	145,303	145
1994	183,500	147,373	143
1995	183,500	146,856	134
1996	190,535	152,627	142

STAFF

Financial Secretary -

1988-1997 Helen Borneman
 1988 = \$900 1989-1997 = \$1,000

Secretary - 32.5-hour week (9-12, 1-4:30)

1988-6/30/90 Ruth Myers
 1989 = \$7/hr., 6 holidays, 4 weeks vacation, pension & health
 1990 = \$7.35/hr.
 \[Ruth retired after serving 27 years effective 30 June 1990, was
 honored and thanked on July 1 in and after the service at
 which Pastor Richard Swedberg preached\
 6/18/90-2/2/95 Pamela Wrasse
 1990 = \$5.75/hr., \$6/hr. after 60 days, pension & health

1991 = \$6.25/hr.
1992 = \$6.60/hr.
1993 = \$6.80/hr.
1994 = \$7.00/hr.
1995 = \$7.25/hr.

\[Pam resigned after serving 4 years and 7½ months effective
2 February 1995 and was honored and thanked in and after
the service on 29 January 1995\]

1/19/95-present Jane Koesler - 32½ hours per week
1995 = \$6.50/hr., after 4 mos. \$6.75 -
plus \$1.70/hr. in lieu of pension and health
1996 = \$7.00/hr. plus \$1.80 in lieu of pension/health
1997 = \$7.25/hr. plus \$2.00 in lieu of pension/health

Assistant Secretary

1988-1997 Bonnie Voss (pre-1988 = volunteer)
1989-1997 = \$4.50/4.75/5.00/5.25/5.25/5.50/6.00/6.25/6.25 / hr.
1996- Crete LeFevre
1996-1997 = \$5.00/6.25 / hr.

Sexton - 33-hour week until 1996 when it became 40-hour week

1988-1989 Warren Long (groundskeeper)
paid according to bills submitted
1988-present Floyd Drumheller
1989 = \$5.50/hr., 2 weeks vacation
1990 = \$5.50/hr. plus \$850 health insurance
duties expanded to include maintenance of grounds (1/90)
1991 = \$6.00/hr. plus \$900
1992 = \$6.25 plus \$1,200
1993 = \$6.50 plus \$1,500
1994 = \$6.70 plus \$1,500
1995 = \$6.90 plus \$1,500 (= 14th year)
1996 = \$7.25 plus \$1,500 - increased to 40-hour week
1997 = \$7.50 plus \$1,750

Organist -

1988-7/25/93 Carol Reckmeyer
1989 = \$180/mo. including choir director
1990 = \$200/mo. 1992 = \$240/mo.
1991 = \$220/mo. 1993 = \$260/mo.
\[Carol resigned effective 7/25/93 and was celebrated on 9/26/93
at Coffee Hour and after the Sunday Afternoon Concert; there was
no formal recognition of her 25th anniversary in 1991 at her
request because she expected to retire in 2-5 years\
9/13/93-present Cheryl Christians
1993-1995 = \$30/service
1996 = \$35/service
1997 = \$40/service, \$70/two services

Substitute Organist

1990 = \$30/service, \$40/2 services
1994 = \$30/service, \$45/2 services
1995-1997 = same as organist

Choir Directors

Senior Choir

1988-5/93 Carol Reckmeyer
pay combined with organist's - see above

1994-1995 (Sept. to May) Fran Swarbrick - no pay accepted

9/95-present Donna Meyer

1995 = \$100/mo. (9 mos.)

1996 = \$110/mo. (9 mos.)

1997 = \$120/mo. (9 mos.)

accompanist (1988-1997) = Doris Kuntzelman

1989 = \$7.50/rehearsal & Sunday

1990 = \$35/mo. (9 months)

1992-1995 = \$40/mo. (9 months)

1996-1997 = \$50/mo. (9 months)

Junior/Youth Choir

1988-5/92 Jean Whipple & Deb Buser

1989 = \$30/mo. (9 mos.) - each

1990 = \$35/mo.

1991 = \$40/mo.

1992 = \$45/mo.

9/92-5/94 Dawn Hammil & Doreen Raney Armstrong Ballard

\$45/mo.

9/94-present Donna Meyer & Lois Horst

1994 = \$45/mo. (9 mos.) - each

1996 = \$50/mo. (9 mos.)

1997 = \$55/mo. (9 mos.)

Coordinator of Volunteers

1990-1997 Sharon Wallace

stipend: \$5/hour, 10 hours/week (40 weeks) = \$2,000/year

Summary of Current Staff (with starting dates):

Secretary - Jane Koesler - 1/19/95

Assistant Secretary - Bonnie Voss - 1988

Assistant Secretary - Crete LeFevre - June 1996

Sexton - Floyd Drumheller - 5/1/82

Coordinator of Volunteers - Sharon Wallace - September 1990

Organist - Cheryl Christians - September 1993

Choir Director - Donna Meyer - September 1994 (Junior)

September 1995 (Senior)

Choir Director - Lois Horst - September 1994 (Junior)

Accompanist (Senior Choir) - Doris Kuntzelman - 1970

Financial Secretary - Helen Borneman - July 1965 (also 1953-1954)

Librarian - Lucy Urish - 1956-1966, 1976-1996

SERVICES

Sunday Services were held regularly at 9:30 AM. Settings 1 and 2 of the Lutheran Book of Worship were alternated monthly. In 1993 the Service of the Word, which had been used occasionally since 1990, began to be used regularly on the fifth Sunday (or the fourth Sunday when the fifth was a special day such as Reformation/Confirmation). In March 1994 the Hymnal Supplement 1991 began to be used (see above) at 8 AM communion and third-Sunday non-communion services...and then in 1995 regularly for the new third-Sunday communion.

An 8 AM service of holy communion was held regularly on the first Sunday of the month May through October (at first May through September). Sunday School began regularly at 10:40 and lasted until 11:30 AM. Confirmation Class, held at first (1988-1989) on Sundays at 6 PM, came

early to be held at 11:45 AM on Sunday (until 1 PM at first, then until 12:45 PM); and when two classes were needed to prepare one for confirmation in October, that class was scheduled from 1-2 PM Sunday.

Mid-week services were held regularly at 7:15 PM (early enough for children, late enough for day workers) on Ash Wednesday (ashes and holy communion at first, in 1995 and 1996 ashes only), Midweek Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday (Tenebrae). A Maundy Thursday communion service was held at 12:15 PM (at first 12 noon) in the chancel for those who could not attend the evening (7:15) service. The old rugged cross made by Floyd Markham and Ben Miliano in 1956 (see Mt. Morris Index, 4-4-68, p.1, "Trinity's Cross Signifies the Crucifixion of Christ") continues to stand outside the west door for the last week or two of Lent and the first week or two of Easter. It is brought into the chancel for the Good Friday Tenebrae service and leaned upon the altar with seven candles and crown affixed. The candles are gradually extinguished as part of the Tenebrae service. For Easter morning and the Easter season it is wrapped in gold foil. A new rugged cross for the front of the nave was made by Elwin Zumdahl in March 1989. It is generally in place at the same time as the older, outside cross.

Easter services were held at 6:30 AM (sunrise, no communion, as much youth participation as possible, for a year or two at 6 AM) and at 9:30 AM (festival, early came to include communion, at foot of steps to save time). Easter breakfast was served in the Fellowship Hall by Trinity Youth at 7:30 (or 7:15) to 9 AM.

Christmas services were held only on Christmas Eve (Christmas Day only when it was a Sunday) - 4:30 PM (beg. 1988 rather than 7:15) Family Service (candlelight) and 11 PM (changed in 1993 to 10:30 PM) Candlelight Communion Service (communion was omitted if Christmas Day was a Sunday, then holy communion was celebrated Christmas Day instead). Printed services (from either Creative Communications or Augsburg-Fortress) have been used for the late candlelight services. Sunday School Christmas Programs began in 1989 to be given on the Sunday morning (9:30 AM as the regular service) before Christmas Eve. An Advent Vesper Service (4:30 PM on some Advent Sunday, e.g. 12-4-88) was held for a few years but then discontinued when choir participation became difficult.

Thanksgiving services were held only with the Churches of Mt. Morris, rotating among the four churches, at 7 PM on the evening before Thanksgiving Day, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Halls. The service was held at Trinity in 1991 and 1996.

High School Baccalaureate Service was held at the Mt. Morris Churches on a rotating basis. On 1 June 1989 (Thursday) it was held at Trinity at 7 PM, Charles Hayes speaking. On 21 May 1992 it was again held at Trinity, Mrs. Pat Mullin was the speaker, and 140 people were served at the reception. (5/20/90 at DUM, 5/26/91 at CB, 5/30/93 at DUM) On 25 May 1995, at 7 PM, the Oregon and Mt. Morris Churches held baccalaureate for the newly-merged school district at the high school.

Coffee Hour continued strong through these years, in the summer months served by the committees of the church beginning 1989, the rest of the year by members volunteering. A coffee hour followed midweek Lenten services (not Ash Wednesday or Holy Week, though), too, until 1996, when Trinity Women sponsored instead a Soup-and-Bread Supper before the service (beginning at 6 PM for the sake of the choir practicing at 6:30 PM) in the Fellowship Hall (reservation and one dollar donation invited but not obligatory).

Teacher Recognition Sunday was usually held on a late-May Sunday, and Rally Day on the Sunday after Labor Day (once in August). Church Music Sunday was held in May, both choirs participating and replacing the sermon with music. Graduate Recognition Sunday came in 1993 (May 30) to be held

on the Sunday of High School commencement; high school grads were specially honored and given the gift of a book, but junior high promotions and college graduations also were recognized (Vern Welp gave strong lay leadership to this). In September Rally Day was regularly (since 1989) followed by Bible Sunday (Good News Bibles \[ABS\] given to third grade class) and by Bring-A-Friend Sunday (children and adults encouraged to bring friends to church and Sunday School). Women's Sunday was sometimes held in the Fall with a woman as preacher/speaker (e.g. 10/16/94, Judy Engebretson). Bible Sunday came to be regularly observed in December (e.g. Advent 2, 12/10/89, 12/10/95) or November (11/20/94) as a way of promoting regular Bible reading and the work of the American Bible Society. Occasionally a Gideon speaker was permitted.

During the Pastor's absence for vacation, instead of inviting a guest preacher, the congregation has sometimes held a lay-led hymn-sing, as for example on 19 February 1995 and 30 July 1995. Vice President Vern Welp led the services (carefully laid out by the Pastor), and Bill Horst, Donna Meyer, and Mary Jo Borneman-Dilbeck have taken roles in the hymn-sing. A few lay-led hymn-sings were held in earlier years, too.

Some special preachers during these years included:

- 3-18-90 Pastor Missy Vance-Welch, Chicago - observing 20th anniversary of women in ministry
- 4-22-90 Pastor Jack Swanson (member) - Earth Day 1990
- 8-11-90 Dr. Walter Bouman, Columbus, OH
- 1-6-91 Bishop Ronald Hasley, Epiphany/World Community, followed by carry-in dinner
- July 1995 (vacation) Pastor Donna Hacker Smith, Freeport
Pastor Terri Driver-Bishop, DeKalb (asst. to bishop)
- 9-10-95 The Rev. Anita Stauffer, Geneva, Switzerland
- 11-19-89 Choir of Bethel Lutheran Church, Chicago-Englewood, directed by Pat Schnulle Nelson

CHURCH PICNICS

An annual church picnic is held in June. The Education Committee makes the arrangements. Prior to this pastorate, these included services of worship at the picnic site (usually LOMC) following an earlier service at the church for those not attending the picnic. But in recent years, the picnic has begun at 12 noon or 12:30 PM, and no additional service has been offered at the picnic site. Attendance ranges around 60-65, though in 1996 it was nearly 100 (volunteer appreciation Sunday observed). The meal is pot-luck. Someone (Salley Wessels, Crete LeFevre, Steve Pearson) is assigned the planning of games and sports. At LOMC swimming is also available. Dates of recent picnics have been 6/25/89, 6/24/90, 6/23/91, 6/14/92, 6/13/93, 6/12/94, 6/25/95, 6/23/95. Only in 1989, 1992, and 1993 was the picnic at Dillehay Park; the other years it was at LOMC.

BENEFIT SUPPERS

Benefit Suppers were held regularly, sponsored by Trinity Men and assisted (beginning 1990) by Trinity Youth. A second annual benefit supper was added in 1990. Until 1995 these were always Pancake Suppers; in February 1995 and 1996 Spaghetti Suppers replaced the Pancake Suppers. The Bethel Benefit Supper has been held since 1972. The leader of these events has been Robert Stouffer, assisted by Don Cornelius and beginning 1995 Bill Horst.

1988 - February - \$867 to Bethel
 1989 - February - \$1,248 to Bethel
 1990 - February - \$1,458 to Bethel
 November - \$507.50 each to ELCA World Hunger and Lifeline
 1991 - February 18 - \$1,287 to Bethel
 November - \$450 each to H.O.P.E. and Pinecrest
 Good Samaritan Fund
 1992 - February - \$1,457 to Bethel (incl. \$600 AAL funds - the first)
 November 23 - \$726 each to ELCA Disaster Fund and Habitat for
 Humanity (incl. \$450 from Lutheran
 Brotherhood - not the first)
 1993 - February - \$1,356 to Bethel (LB matching funds)
 November - \$943 each to Flood Relief (Red Cross) and Faith
 Lutheran Church, LeRoy, IL (AAL matching funds)
 1994 - February 21 - \$1,185 to Bethel (LB matching funds)
 November - \$799 each to Heifer Project and ELCA Hunger
 Fund (incl. AAL matching funds)
 1995 - Feb. 20 (Spag.) - \$638 each to Bethel and ELCA Domestic
 Disaster Response (incl. LB funds)
 November 21 - \$895 each to Lifeline and H.O.P.E. (incl. AAL)
 1996 - Feb. 19 (Spag.) - \$703 each to Bethel (25th year) and the
 Heifer Project (including LB matching funds)

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Trinity continued as a strong member of the Council of Churches. In 1995, with Tracy Singleton as pastor, the Evangelical Free Church began seriously considering joining with the Council. It had regularly joined in Thanksgiving and Good Friday services only. In addition, the Council sponsored Weekday Religious Education (until its termination in 1994), Baccalaureate (through 1994), Vacation Bible School, a Boy Scout troop, international youth exchange (when possible), some observances of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (EFC participating, too), CROP Walk, Parents as Teachers Program (later called Time Out and Another Step), and Good Friday and Thanksgiving Eve services on a rotating basis. The Council has regularly met quarterly and is composed of the pastor and two representatives of each member church. Leadership has rotated among the three churches, the pastor serving as president and the church secretary as secretary-treasurer. In 1995 and 1996 the Council began to re-think its bases, and less-than-quarterly meetings were held.

CROP Walk: 9/18/88 at Church of Brethren, 5/6/90 at Church of Brethren (89 people, \$3,591, Chris Hopp representing Trinity \[from 1989-1993\]), 9/27/92 at Trinity, 10/10/93 at Church of Brethren (55 walkers, \$3,400), 10/16/94 at Trinity, 10/15/95 at Church of Brethren. In 1993 Cindy Nicholson worked with Chris Hopp on the Walk, and since 1994 Cindy and Bill Nicholson have offered leadership.

In 1990-1991, during Desert Storm (war in Kuwait and Iraq), the Council of Churches sponsored weekly services of prayer for peace at the Township Hall, Thursdays at 12:15 PM. At Trinity, Pastor Schroeder preached a sermon on "God of War, God of Peace" on 20 January 1991. The names of servicemen of the congregation and related to our members were attached to a cross-anchor displayed in the nave.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has sometimes been observed. In 1989 about thirty members of the various churches gathered in a circle for Bible Study at the Church of the Brethren. In 1990 (1/23/90, 7 PM) an ecumenical conversation was again held at the Church of the Brethren. Twelve from Trinity attended, but there were only three others, two of

them pastors. On 1/20/91 (afternoon) a Hymn-Sing was held at the Evangelical Free Church. On 3/15/92 an ecumenical Hymn-Sing was held at Disciples United Methodist Church. On 2/28/93 (and again in 1994?) the Hymn-Sing was at Pinecrest.

A Sing-Along Messiah has sometimes been scheduled by the Performing Arts Guild of Mt. Morris. On 12/11/88 it was held at Trinity, and on 12/9/90 at the Church of the Brethren.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- 1988 - June 27-July 1 (9-11) at Disciples, 140 attend - Robin Obendorf and Ann Guist
- 1989 - July 10-24 (9-11:30) at Trinity - Robin Obendorf & Carol Ubben - Celebrate God's Love, 157 children
- 1990 - July 16-20 at Ch. of Brethren - 165 attend (4-yr.-old thru grade 6) 19 TLC volunteers - Brenda Higley & Marlys Carpenter - Island in the Sun
- 1991 - July 15-19, at Disciples, Brenda Higley, approx. 155 children
- 1992 - June 15-19, at Trinity, Son Mountain, ca. 145, 50 volunteers, Robin Obendorf, Brenda Higley, Transis Manheim
- 1993 - July 12-16 at Ch. of Brethren, 115 children, 50 staff - Brenda Higley & Transis Manheim - Living in God's Creation
- 1994 - July 18-22, at Disciples, Come Along With Jesus, 123 children, 61 staff, 100th anniv. of VBS - Transis Manheim & Barb Diehl
- 1995 - June 19-23, 9:00-11:30 at Trinity, Sontown Family Celebration - 130 children, 64 staff, \$121 per church - Barb Diehl, Transis Manheim, and Amy Smith
- 1996 - June 17-21, 9:00-11:30 at Church of Brethren, Kingdom of the Son - A Prayer Safari, 100 children, 50 staff, \$135.48 per church - Audrey Kelly, Cindy Nicholson, and Kim Bryant

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

- 1988 a Sterling business will air condition nave for \$16,750/not pursued
parsonage renovation: new basement lights and handrail, new bathroom lights and paper, new furnace and a.c. (\$4,287), bedroom paneling, hutch refinished, painting, new dryer (\$603)
church: painting, carillon repair (\$113), one stained glass window repaired (\$310), new handrail by Fellowship Hall (FH) stage
Wes Witt makes rack for banners
- 1989 basement kitchen remodeled - Reckmeyers donate (see 4/89 Tidings for article)
stained glass window repairs (\$390)
walnut tree near rear of church removed (\$385) and sold (\$200)
Chapel door (outside) repaired
nave south wall plaster repaired (\$125)
hundreds of tulips planted
oak trees treated (\$160)
parsonage: front porch awning
water heater (\$410)
Chapel renovated (1989-1990): repainted, chairs upholstered and refinished, tables repainted, marble-top table repaired (\$160)
experimenting with cordless microphone (fall)
- 1990 Conway Universal Studios (503 Center St., P.O. Box 4, Winona, WI 55987, 507/452-9209 - cf. Larry Conway) chosen to repair stained glass windows @ \$7,800 from buckling and cracking - 15-year

- guarantee
- wireless microphone system purchased
- plaster repair above altar
- enclosure for garbage cans constructed next to metal storage shed
- 1991 stained glass windows repaired by Conway (\$7,800)
- Simplicity Lawn Mower (\$4,592) and Toro Lawn Mower (\$250)
- Boiler repair (\$900) and furnace motor (\$448) - boiler backwashed and cleaned, welding repairs
- north office furnishings (\$643)
- parsonage (new) refrigerator (\$730)
- parsonage (new) exterior repainted
- church rain gutters repaired by T. Castle & Wayne Bearman
- leak in belltower roof repaired
- organ pipes revoiced - Reckmeyer gift
- pencil holders installed in pews by Warren Reckmeyer
- two microwave ovens purchased by TW (Effie Davis memorial gifts)
- 1992 handicapped-accessible door handles installed on some often-used doors
- new parsonage: bathroom floor repaired, shower installed, vent fans installed (Jan. & Feb.)
- cloak room doors removed
- furnace boilers cleaned, furnace inspected and approved for 2 yrs.
- permanent Christmas wreaths and decorations (Mary Zickuhr memorial)
- new TV-VCR upstairs (Erma Ubben memorial)
- new electric meter installed at church to reduce cost
- hole on east drive filled by Stan Ballard (\$1,095)
- nursery painted
- gutters cleaned
- 1993 windows installed in front doors of church (Trinity Men gift)
- front door painted green, Brunswick Green (spring)
- front pew rail removed (permission granted 3/93)
- walk and front step of parsonage replaced
- kitchen vent fan and louver replaced (Trinity Men gift)
- highway signs refurbished
- new nave lighting approved 12/13/93
- 1994 sound system enhancement (memorials) by Don Griffin
- unisex restroom completed on main floor (Feb.)
- permanent fluorescent lights in nave and chancel (\$1,902)
- new water heater in parsonage (\$405)
- new lexon put over stained glass windows at west entrance (south entrance done in 1995)
- new vacuum cleaner (\$188)
- 1995 parsonage chimney repair (\$685)
- dehumidifier (\$180)
- sound system enhancement bill paid (\$1,677) - see 1994
- Knodel landscape project at belltower (\$1,527)
- ceiling fan installed in nursery
- access-parking project completed (\$114,469) - including elevette
- front circle drive and all church sidewalks (\$29,956)
- inspection door installed in boiler
- basement kitchen entry enclosure (\$6,883)
- Chapel entrance steps replaced (\$1,627) - Craig Suttman donated some materials and all labor
- Chapel kitchen cabinet doors re-hung and repaired by W. Reckmeyer
- much painting, inside and outside

MISCELLANEOUS

2/88 Electronic scanner bought

3/6/88 Dr. Robt. Reeves (NIU prof. of music) organ recital at Trinity for Lenten community service

3/30/88 Three Prayer Chains reported in Tidings; one meeting of the Prayer Chains has been held in these years, on 4/29/91, and few attended; regular meetings were once held on fifth Monday evenings; a recent meeting was convened by Mary Louise Stengel on 29 July 1996

4/28/88 Tidings describes Witts' visit to Harry Allen in Kansas City

8/15/88 Council passed Basic Resolution for Required Contributions to ELCA Regular Pension Plan, Resolution for Additional Contributions (non-elective, no cash in lieu of this), and Resolution Related to Housing Equity

10/8/88 Tammy Page Benefit (rummage sale) - \$4,165 including gifts and \$450 in Lutheran Brotherhood matching funds; 11/1/88 Tidings = letter of thanks from Tammy

11/88 Council moved to continue Stephen Ministries Program (Diehls, I. LeFevre, E. Lundin, R. Park, Darlene Raney, C. Tuttle, Teresa Ubben, Robt. A. Urish, W. Witt) - not accomplished (By 3/91 it was determined there was no interest in participating further in Stephen Ministry)

12/88 Trinity began gathering food for Lifeline on 3rd Sun. each month

12/88 Everett & Wilda Lundin appointed Hunger Appeal Coordinators (never replaced, not active in recent years)

12/4/88 Advent Choir Vesper held

12/12/88 Council decided not to remove pew cushions for Christmas Eve

1/89 New constitution and by-laws adopted

Third-Sunday food collection for Lifeline begins to be brought forward into the chancel during the offering

2/89 Bob & Lucy Urish appointed Global Mission Advocates (continuing)

1989 assisting ministers began to serve, chanting

Staff Support Committee appointed

new information card, church brochure, letterhead, and calling card by Publicity Committee (Carol Ubben, Pat Snodgrass, Sandra Stengel, Helen Hollinger)

church doors to be locked at 4:30 unless later meetings (May 8)

Lundgren Scholarship Fund revised (June)

\$750 donated to J.A. Benjamin, Indian student at Trinity Sem.

four new highway road signs, with other churches (\$254) - fall

\$10,000 bond covering fin. secy and treas. approved

5-14-89 Tim and Donna Ritchey Martin installed as co-pastors of Church of Brethren

11/19/89 Bethel Choir here, followed by pot-luck

12/10/89 Unicorn Theater, Dixon, presents "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at 3:30 PM at Church of Brethren, sponsored by Council of Churches

1/90 Council approves exploring computer system possibilities

4/90 Proposal for equipment adopted, not to exceed \$4,500

2/12/90 Statement on "Marriage at Trinity" adopted (later developed into "Preparing for A Wedding" booklet)

3/90 FISH discontinued due to lack of drivers, needs to be picked up by Senior Center (FISH = Friends In Service Helping)

5/90 Alice Crowell to head archives committee to gather 150-year history; July - attends Cong. Heritage Workshop at Luther Coll.

7/1/90 Pastor Phil Burke leaves Disciples United Methodist to go to Freeport, Dan Swinson comes from Chadwick to replace him

1990 Wellness Committee purchases stretcher and blood pressure kit

"Seeds for the Parish" subscribed to for Council members

1/90 Sexton's duties expanded to include maintenance of grounds

6/90 Confirmation Guidelines adopted

8/90 Sherwood Nelson Memorial Gift established for Bethel Church, Chicago/Englewood - April 1991 initiated

Council joined Mt. Morris Chamber of Commerce

9/90 Augsburg Pictorial Directory Service - 181 appointments kept

1991 Tidings goes to larger size - from 5½x8½ to 7x8½

4/91 Lundgren Memorial Fund capped at \$30,000: "interest beyond that amount may be used, at the discretion and decision of the Council, to assist one of the ELCA seminaries (preferably LSTC) or to assist particular students studying at a seminary of the ELCA"

4/91 Pictorial Directory arrived

6/91 Bishop Ronald Hasley re-elected bishop, again in 1995, earlier in 1987

7/91 Council urged village to consider recycling program, was supported in this by the Council of Churches

8/91 Minnie Burke bequest (\$1,000) - 10% to American Mission Fund, as approved by congregation in January 1992

8/11/91 Pastor Schroeder's 30th anniversary of ordination was celebrated; his brother, Pastor Roy Schroeder (LCMS), East Lansing, preached; all his brothers and sisters were present; his wife and her quilting friends made a quilted wall hanging with signatures of significant persons from his ministry

9/91 Friendship Club (ecumenical) terminated

11/91 Undesignated Bequest Policy changed to permit two-thirds of voting members to remove funds from endowment to pay for capital expenses or other special projects; approved by congregation in January 1992

Bereavement Leave policy established - three days with compensation at death of spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent

Fall `91 Terry Witt videotaped church interior for insurance purposes

Parents As Teachers program, sponsored by Kiwanis, initiated with volunteer help from (4) local churches - to begin in 1992; later called "Time Out" and "Another Step"

12/91 Council approved allowing traditional processional and recessional wedding music even though discouraging its use

Rose policy changed to exclude grandchildren

12/8/91 Sing-Along Messiah at Church of Brethren, 7 PM

1/92 Congregation approved Council's appointing a non-voting youth to a one-year term annually; initial failure to secure a youth to attend, thereafter forgotten

1992 Parents As Teachers Program begins in Mt. Morris, later called Time Out; local churches provide child care for parents attending; see Tidings (1/92, 2/94, 2/95) for more information

1992 Jan & Linda Horne (St. James, Forrester pastor) and children welcomed...but do not join; moved away 1-2 years later

Summer`92 Harold Brown comes to Forrester and West Grove

Bonnie Voss fell in office and injured heel, unemploy. comp. pd.

Fall `92 Chancel & Altar placed new bookmarks in all worship books

11/92 Parish Nurse discussions - see Tidings (11/92)

1/14/93 Volunteer Appreciation Sunday was held - service in morning, pig roast for all at 5 hosted by Council in evening as gift to congregation, 98 served - intended to take place every other year - see cover of 11/93 Tidings

1993 oil-burning candles replace wax candles on altar and

in candleabra (Ballard & Garkey memorials)

6/12/93 Pinecrest celebrates its centennial (began January 1893)

9/13/93 Council discussed and approved Pastor's use and non-use of pulpit for preaching

1/94 "Preparing for A Wedding" and "Preparing for Death and Funeral" booklets approved

3/14/94 Council authorizes the Corporate Depository Authority with Amcore Bank, Mt. Morris - financial secretary, treasurer, and pastor authorized to sign checks

7/29/94 LOMC Swing Choir sang at Trinity (Friday evening)

10/94 Tracy Singleton installed as pastor of the Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris, replacing Larry Jameson

4/10/95 To qualify for bond of \$100,000, Council agreed to two signatures on checks (if over \$1,000) and to have checking account balanced monthly by an outside person - signatures may be financial secretary's, vice president's, or pastor's

1995 Silent auction of miscellaneous items brings \$528

5/95 new procedure for nominating and electing Council members:

- a) Congregation nominates 4 on/around 2nd Sunday of Nov.
- b) Council nominates 4 at December meeting
- c) position description and Council guidelines and cover letter sent to nominees, who are later called by VP for decision

9/17/95 1811 Bible of John & Eliz. Swingley given to Trinity by James and Ruth Baker, Mt. Morris

10/9/95 "Remembering The Church When You Die - Special Giving Opportunities" booklet approved for distribution

10/95 Olan Mills here for Pictorial Directory pictures - 165 sittings Oct. 11-14, 24, hosted by Outreach Committee; Directory Committee = Amy Smith, Transis Manheim, Kelly Kirk (Handschuh), and Pastor

11/95 H. George Anderson becomes presiding bishop of ELCA, succeeding Herbert Chilstrom

COMMITTEES & AUXILIARIES

Property (Ch. Property `88) -

1988 much work in church and parsonage

1989 very high electric bills - cf. Com Ed

1993 three work days

1994 two work days

1995 busy and expensive year: access-parking project, drive and sidewalks, new steps at Chapel entrance

post-construction church cleaning

Note: The present roof on the church was installed in 1979 by Marv Miller at a cost of \$16,847.47.

Education (Learning `88) -

1988 WRE continues for 3rd and 4th grades

- teachers = Carol Reckmeyer, Deb Buser, Crete LeFevre
- Adult Forum started on Sept. 18, 10:45 AM, led by Pastor
- most editions of "Mosaic" (ELCA videomagazine) shown each year;
- also guest speakers and discussion of ELCA social statements

1989 WRE teachers: Carol Reckmeyer (quit Fall `89), Deb Buser

1990 WRE teachers: Deb Buser (3rd gr.), Madolyn Griffin (4th gr.)

1991 WRE - 3rd & 4th gr., each Monday, Council of Chs. & School District

- Bible & Newspaper - Mon. morning & Tues. evening
- Conf. Class - Sun., 11:45 AM

1992 Bible Study & Prayer (since `88) - every other Tuesday, 9:30 AM
 self-led
 Prayer & Praise - Wed., 6:30 AM, self-led
 Adult Forum = Forum on the Family in February

1993 WRE - 3rd & 4th gr., on Monday and Tuesday
 B & N goes to Monday morning only

1994 WRE terminated after 37 years on 5/9/94 with Open House -
 see 6/94 Tidings
 Bible Study & Prayer discontinued
 Norm Nelson & Nancy Lenhart taught "God & Country" course for
 5 scouts: Adam Bryant, Geoff Guist, James Higley, Eric Manheim,
 Josh Smith

1995 met once

Social Ministry (Service `88) -

1988 staffed nursery: Marge Diehl, Joyce Howlett, Ruth Stauffer
 Birthday greetings sent by Eleanor Stouffer
 Get well and sympathy cards sent by Eleanor Schelling, then C. Tuttle
 Harold Thomas videotapes some services

1989 same nursery staff
 H.O.P.E. and SHARE studied

1990 staffed nursery: Joyce Howlett, Ruth Stauffer, Cindy Link
 Get well and sympathy cards sent by Darlene Raney
 Lifeline & H.O.P.E.
 weekly distribution of audiotapes of Sunday services

1991 staffed nursery: Joyce Howlett, Wilda Lundin, Cindy Link
 Raney & Stouffer send cards
 Lifeline - monthly collection
 LSSI - \$10,189 goal for 125th Anniversary Campaign

1992 staffed nursery: Howlett, Link, Lundin, Emma Sundvall
 Lifeline, HOPE, audiotapes, LSSI

1993 staffed nursery: Howlett, Link, Nancy Nelson
 campaign to raise funds for flood victims led by Robt. Stouffer

1994 Ferris Family relief, nursery, audiotapes

1995 met 8 times, Tues. at 7, avg att = 4
 audiotapes, nursery, cards, info on agencies
 working on community profile of social needs

Outreach (Witness `88) -

1988 substantial increase in attendance compared to earlier part of year

1989 mailing to inactives with response form
 attendance has increased with many old and new faces appearing

1990 Every-Member Prayer Calendar planned for 1991-1992
 much in-service training

1991 every-member Prayer Calendar (1991-2)
 visitor follow-up plan - within 48 hours

1992 every-member Prayer Calendar completed
 Oct. Bring-A-Friend-To-Church Sunday

1993 Diehls attend 1-day workshop on inactive-member ministry
 program = Stephen Ministry - tape available

1994/5 meetings every other month

Stewardship (Support `88) -

1988 temple talks by Bob Stouffer, Nancy Lenhart, Curt Diehl
 stewardship sermon preceding, series of mailings

1989 sermon (11/12) and mailings
 as in past except Pastor writes letters, not Hensley
 \$10,000 bond, required by Constitution., on F.S. & Treas. for 3 yrs.

- Aug. - decided to transfer \$5,000 qtrly to ELCA Loan Fund
- 1990 10% of Eykamp Bequest to ABS, \$200, 12/90
Hanke will - Trinity gets 2½% upon death or remarriage of Marie
- 1991 Lundgren Memorial Fund capped at \$30,000
new brochure/booklet for 1992 stewardship campaign = the first
Minnie Burke will, \$1,000
10/20 Ken Olson preaches and meets with Council & Stew. Comm.
- 1992 \$6,693 short of budget but \$120 above expenditures
booklet like last year's
Tithing As A Way of Life dessert meetings (7) in Fellowship Hall
third Monday, 6:30-8:00 PM, beg. May
video, Bible study, handouts, commitment card,
dessert by Helen Borneman
\$750 gift for adult education from Dan & Shauna Reckmeyer
- 1993 temple talks by H. Guist and Bill Horst (Oct. 10 and 17)
kickoff Oct. 24 - packet mailed and phone follow-up
pledges up 6%
- 1994 \$1,844 short of budget but \$723 over expenditures
\$4,381 hunger appeal
restroom project paid in full
82% received in gifts and pledges for access-parking project
temple talks by Robt. A. Urish and Carole Wyatt
- 1995 met four times
published "Remembering The Church When You Die"
temple talks by Mary Louise Stengel and Marge Diehl

Ushering -

- 1989 began carrying Lifeline food to front with offering
- 1990 more women involved
team increased from 4 to 6, adding head usher
holy communion uses center aisle both ways
two church ushers assigned to funeral services
- 1993 usher added at belltower entrance and one at front entrance
- 1994 purchased two large umbrellas (Sandstrom memorial)
- 1995 met quarterly, Wed. at 7, avg att = 4
62 ushers and 50 greeters - 6 ushers per service

Worship (Worship & Music `88) -

- 1988 Dec. 4 Advent Choir Vespers
(Since Schroeders have come), I have seen a larger, more friendly
and enthusiastic congregation at Trinity
committee is studying LBW
- 1989 reinstituted children's sermons
Bethel Choir came
developed role of lay assisting minister in services
completed 8 new banners and a storage rack by Wes Witt
Donna Meyer began to assist directing choir
- 1990 monthly alternation between Settings 1 and 2 (not new)
introduced Service of Word on occasion
- 1991
- 1992 May 10 - gift and corsage for Whipple & Buser and Coffee Hour
Hammil and Armstrong lead Youth Choir, 30 children
- 1993 considered adding worship service on Sat. evening
- 1994 new Christmas banner by 8 members
- 1995 six meetings, 4 PM weekdays, 9 avg att
Jan. - holy communion twice monthly, first & third Sundays
Sunday Afternoon Concerts - Feb. 12, Sept. 24

Youth -

- 1988 Neil & Robin Minnis = leaders
annual Easter breakfast - 90 attend, \$83 net
Milwaukee baseball game
9/24 trail ride and picnic at White Pines
Nov. - hayride at Ubbens
- 1989 30 went to Great America
16 go to Galena for ski outing
Halloween Party at Minnises
officers = Laura Pearson, pres.; Amy Buser, VP; Christy Violet, secy
\$182 from Easter breakfast
- 1990 youth elected officers in Sept.
Columbus Day - second annual trip to Great America
(30 youth, 5 adults)
Oct. Halloween Party
Nov. assist at Hunger Benefit Pancake Supper
March 30-31 - lock-in at Byron H.S....with Methodists and Brethren
62 students and chaperones
Easter breakfast and sunrise service - 125 people, \$232 profit
- 1991 Minneses = leaders (1988-1992); transferred to Oregon 12/92
difficult - conflicts with school and family activities
March - ski trip to Cascade Mtn., overnight at Wisconsin Dells
Mt. Carroll Raven's Grin trip and cookout
Easter breakfast and service
- 1992 Stan Asp - pizza planning party
Easter breakfast served 110, earned \$122
12/92 Minneses transferred to St. Paul, Oregon
- 1993 Graduate Recognition Sunday
canoe/camping trip to Waupaca, WI - 20 youth
helped serve Benefit Pancake Supper
Easter breakfast served 105, \$51 profit
- 1994 Feb. Chestnut Mtn. Resort, near Galena
June 8 Chicago, "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
Oct. Haunted Hayride, Sinnissippi Forest
assisted at Benefit Suppers
served Easter breakfast to over 100, \$120 profit
- 1995 Brenda Higley attended Youth Leadership Lab in July in Rock Island
assisted at Benefit Suppers
March ski trip to Chestnut Mtn.
Easter breakfast served to 125, also ushering, lectoring, singing
May hot dog roast at Diehls
June sack lunch at Dillehay and frisbee golf
Noah's Ark - 45 people
Haunted hayride, videotapes, roller skating

Staff Support -

- 1989 meet quarterly
church attendance seems to indicate most people are happy
with what they see and hear
desire to further develop lay leadership
- 1990 6 meetings
planned Ruth Myers' retirement celebration
found new church secy: 6/11 Pam Wrasse announced to Council
interview committee = Pat Snodgrass, Mary Jane Warkins,
Robt. Urish, Pastor
clarified role of committees in decision-making process: 100+
members on committees, which are source of most of our changes,
for better or for worse (see Tidings, 11/90)

set up job description for coordinator of volunteers,
 chose Sharon Wallace
 1991 4 meetings
 reviewed coordinator of volunteers
 6-month follow-up with church secretary
 1995 supervised hiring of new secretary - interview committee =
 Shirley Hoffmeister, Ron Lenhart, Robt. Urish, Pastor

Wellness Committee -
 3/89 put Health and Wellness Survey in Tidings
 blood pressure checks by 6/89 on last Sunday, moved to first Sunday □
 in 12/89
 1991 monthly blood pressure checks
 forums = Dr. Robt. Johnson, Lynn Etnyre
 Tidings articles
 1990 two programs started in 1989 continued:
 wellness walking - Tuesday & Thursday, 1-2 miles
 blood pressure readings - first Sunday after service
 stretcher and First Aid kits purchased
 Dr. Robt. Johnson twice spoke to adult forum
 April - cancer November - children
 1992 7 trained prof. volunteers for blood pressure readings
 Parish Nurse meeting with Dr. Johnson - also a forum
 1993 Parish Nurse meeting with Disciples and Church of Brethren
 with parish nurse from Lena
 1995 review of history, started 1989
 walking program, blood pressure readings, First Aid kits, stretcher,
 emergency instructions, parish nurse discussions

Publicity Committee -
 1990 Pictorial Directory - Augsburg-Fortress Church Directory Service
 Sept. photographer October selections December proofs
 Carol Ubben = chief coordinator

Mission90 Committee -
 1991 New Venture in Bible Reading - nearly 50 participants
 What Does It Mean To Be A Christian? video series
 used for Lenten services, new member classes
 Witnesses to the Word (20-week Bible study) - B & N

Trinity Men (Men's Club) -
 1988 Father-Son Banquet
 1989 Father-Son Banquet, 1/23/89, Mark Thoma (TV) speaker
 Robt. Stouffer & Don Cornelius = delegates to Men of NIS Constituting
 Assembly (17-18 June 1989); also went 1990 and 4/6/91
 1990 Father-Son Banquet (Jan 29)
 1991 began (Sept. 14) monthly breakfast meetings - meal and speaker
 1992 monthly breakfast meetings, second Saturday, 7:00-8:15 AM
 1993 Father-Son Banquet on March 29: Art & Mary Jane Shoemaker
 monthly breakfast meetings
 1994 monthly breakfast meetings
 Father-Son Banquet in March - "Indian Lore" by Doug Miller
 1995 historical review
 original name = Brotherhood
 1946 = Men's Club
 Father-Son Banquets since 1971
 1983 - swiss steak, served by Prayer and Praise Group
 breakfast meetings since 1991

3/20/95 Bill Hare on Heifer Project at Father-Son Banquet

Trinity Women -

1988 April 15 Mother-Daughter Banquet, featuring Sharon Nesbit Davis

Sept. 17 first annual Synod Convention, Mendota

Ruth Park and Lucy Urish attend

Church Women United

wedding plaques to newlyweds

Christian Action

Sunday morning coffee hour supplies

Lenten service refreshments

reception for bereaved, meals to new mothers

Sunday School cookies

Friendship Club refreshments

Nachusa goodies

Pinecrest

leper bandages

Blanket Sunday

LWR fall appeal

Bethel clothing

health kits

work times - first Monday & third Thursday mornings

worked with LA and C&A on Pastor's reception, 9/11/88

Naomi = 4th Monday, 7:30 PM

Dorcas = 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Esther = 4th Wednesday, 1 PM

1989 Constitution accepted by Council on 8/14/89

brochure printed and distributed to all ladies - with C&A and LA

April 7 Mother-Daughter Banquet - A Night of Magic, by Jeff Stultz

190 present

June 1 reception following Baccalaureate Service - ca. 100 served

Dec. 23 Curt Diehl/Kim Bender wedding reception

1990 April 20 Mother-Daughter Banquet (M.L. Stengel wrote program)

Good Old Days

served four American Cancer Society luncheons or suppers

Blanket Sunday - \$241

hosted Ruth Myers' retirement reception July 1 following service

with C&A and LA

1991 Mother-Daughter Salad Supper hosted by Naomi

with St. James' Singing Mothers (4/25/91)

Pastor William Swarbrick - Tanzania trip

ACS luncheons/suppers

Nov. 23 Breakfast at Pines

note paper sold as service project, not fund-raiser

open house at Center St. parsonage, May 19 - ca. 50

open house at Lincoln St. parsonage, Sept. 15

Nov. 17 Women's Sunday - Esther Prabhakar, Rochelle

1992 Nov. 15 Women's Sunday - Linda Gerlach, Stockton

Dorcas now at 9 AM in Jan-April

May 21 Baccalaureate reception served to 140

Aug. 15 - Urish 50th anniv.

1993 March Mother-Daughter brunch

Dorcas - 4th Tuesday morning

1994 Church Women United disbanded - only World Day of Prayer remains

Dorcas meeting in homes

1995 3/24 - Salad Supper, with Diane Walters-Butler

Chancel & Altar Society -

1988 2nd Monday, 1:30 PM, 22 members, 15 avg att
 flower calendar committee
 liners purchased for offering plates (refinished in 1987)
 Chapel cross and candlesticks refinished, also candlelighters

1989 23 members, 18 avg att

1990 22 members, 15 avg att

1991 14 avg att
 made two dossal curtains - white, green

1992 made new bookmarks for hymnals

1994 silk (instead of fresh) roses for new babies
 to end as Society, begin as Altar Guild Jan. 1995

1995 organized 1940, continued 55 years
 Jan. 9 Council terminated C&A Constitution at their request,
 agreed to formation of Altar Guild - great appreciation,
 placed under Worship Committee
 April 10 Council approved Altar Guild Constitution
 Nov. 12 38 members inducted in Sunday service

Ladies' Aid Society -

1988 18 active, 1 honorary, 14 avg att
 1st Thursday, 1:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
 pot-lucks three times a year

1989 1st Thursday except January, February, March
 pot-lucks = April, August, December
 17 active, 2 honorary, 12 avg att

1990 15 active

1991 Oct. 17 Annual lunch out at Oregon Riverside Cafe

1992 1st Thursday except Dec-Feb
 13 members, 1 honorary
 annual dinner at Red Apple Rest., Oregon
 org. 10/8/18

1993 1st Thurs. except Jan. and Feb.
 11 active, 1 honorary, 3 who can't attend
 quarterly pot-lucks discontinued

1994 no meetings in Jan. or Feb.

1995 8 active, 5 honorary, 6 avg att.
 1st Thursday except January through March

Young Adult Group - 18+ years old

1989 Feb. = first meeting at Parsonage, 25+
 meet almost every other month - food, fellowship, fun
 discussions, picnic, tulip-planting, Halloween Party,
 pizza-and-bowling party
 also softball and volleyball (Prophets, Saints) leagues

1990 high school grads through baby boomers
 Nicholson farm (Elizabeth, IL), parsonage pot-luck,
 carolling, NY Eve Party

1991 six meetings
 New Year's Eve Party, progressive dinner, sport night, picnic,
 baseball outing to Rockford, caroling

1992 Jan. pot-luck & planning at parsonage
 Feb. bowling & dessert
 Mar. pizza and folk music (Mercantile)
 April video
 May annual progressive dinner
 Aug. cookout
 Sept. Autumn on Prairie
 Dec. Caroling

Co-Ed Church League Sports - by Crete LeFevre
1995 Co-Ed Church Softball League - began 1980
Co-Ed Church Volleyball League - began 1981
Softball reports in Tidings - 9/90, 9/94, 9/95

Prayer & Praise Group -
1995 began in 1983
small group of caring and sharing people
Wednesday, 6:30 AM, Chapel
coffee and coffee cake, discussion, prayer

Sunday School -
1988 Steve Pearson, supt; Phil Wessels, asst.
Harold Rodeffer, attendance secretary
Carol Ubben, literature secretary
Lucy Urish, librarian
Emma Sundvall, cradle roll
staff honored in Sept.
Dec. 4 Advent Program, planned by L. Melvin, D. Buser, R. Obendorf
Dec. 18 SCS Program, 7:15 PM - planned by Melvin, Buser, and Obendorf
no SS in June, July, August
1989 Steve Pearson, supt.
June Family Sunday School/3 groups - God's World (water, earth, sky)
Sept. gifts to staff, balloon launch
Dec. 24 Christmas Program as part of worship service
Mary Lee Condit & Robin Obendorf
1990 Steve Pearson, supt.
May Staff honored
Dec. 23 That Special Night (program)
95/66
1991 Steve Pearson, supt.
SCS at 10:40-11:30 AM September through May
most Sundays = Adult Forum, 10:50-11:30 AM
Dec. 22 His Name Is Jesus, dir. by Robin Obendorf & Mary Jo Borneman
1992 Steve Pearson, supt.
\$610 for world hunger
Christmas Program = The Bright Star
avg att = 60 plus 17 on cradle roll
1993 Steve Pearson, supt. (resigning 6/1/94)
May 30 Peli-Can Stewardship Program introduced by Cindy Nicholson
Christmas Program: Signs - dir. by Transis Manheim, Robin Obendorf,
Bill Horst
SS ended May 30
1994 Steve Pearson retires as supt. after 11 years on 6/1/94
Brenda Higley appt. superintendent 5/9/94
Transis Manheim = assistant
avg att = 38
SS ends May 29 with Peli Program
1995 ended 5/21, resumed 9/10
curriculum = Good News Explorer
Dec. 17 Join Our Happy Throng, dir. by Audrey Kelly
followed by Advent Crafts
87 possible, 49 attended once or more, 37 avg att.

Library - Lucy Urish throughout
1988 1251 books, 75 checked out
Pastor Schroeder donated 45+ books

display case from Wessels
1989 1244 books, 95 checked out
1990 1267/78
1991 1278/74
1992 1295/126
1993 1218/31
1994 1205/49
1995 1157/59
started 1956 - 40th anniv. of Library in 1996
Lucy Urish, Thelma Unger, Harriet Fletcher, Mary Louise Stengel
1972 moved to present room
Lucy Urish - since 1976, also 1956-1966/67

Roster of Members -
1990 began to be included at end of annual report

NOTE: These historical notes, covering the first 150 years of Trinity's history, were made in 1995-1996 by Pastor Phil Schroeder from the church's records and minutes and earlier historical accounts. Other potential sources that have not been thoroughly studied are the monthly newsletters and the weekly service folders. These, of course, are not available for the early years, and for the latter years primarily the minutes and the annual reports were studied carefully. It is requested that no extensive printed use be made of these notes or their information without the courtesy of a review by their author.