



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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# Our History

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### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

The newly organized Evangelical Lutheran Church in America began operation 1 Jan 1988 under the tutelage of Bishop Robert Isaksen. The new church body is a combination of the former American Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in America. 5,300,000 Lutherans in 12,000 congregations across the country came together to unite for God's mission. In January, area Lutheran Churches gathered in Andover to hear Bishop Isaksen and to celebrate our union together. TLC continued its ecumenical sharing with All Saints Episcopal Church on Ash Wednesday. St John the Evangelist Catholic Church hosted the Chelmsford Interfaith Council sponsored Thanksgiving Eve service.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Pastor Mark Christy was formally installed as the first TLC Assistant Pastor on October 16th. He was ordained at the summer Synod convention and started this new role at TLC in August. His primary focus was to be on youth ministry, young adults and social ministry.

During 1987, based on a study to determine the need for an Assistant Pastor, the Council had recommended that TLC create and fill a staff position for Assistant Pastor. In February 1988 the Council established a Call Committee to interview candidates and recommend calling of an Assistant Pastor. At a special Congregational meeting in May, members approved (by a vote of 145 to 3) a three-year call to Mark Christy as the first TLC Assistant Pastor.

### **Items of Interest**

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, Richard Olson was elected as the first Layperson Congregational President. The stage had been set at the December 1987 special congregational meeting, which approved constitutional changes in Church Council membership. Previously the Pastor had also served as congregational president. In addition the Chair of each Church Committee became an elected member of the Council.

Alice Ekstrom replaced Sally Farnsworth as Chair of the Memorials committee. Sally Farnsworth was elected an honorary member for life and honored for her service at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

In March, Council approved a proposed memorial in memory of Arthur Frank. The three, poly-metallic cross artwork, symbolic of the Trinity and the Resurrection, is located to the right of the organ. It was dedicated on All Saints Sunday (November 6th).

The Lenten Sunday and Wednesday services focused on each of the Ten Commandments. For Advent, 23 members (or member families) and both pastors contributed devotions to create a devotional booklet for us to use. The devotions were based on the Bible readings for the days of Advent. Small Bible study groups continued

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using the Search process as they embarked on a study of Genesis. A Chinese Bible Study group continued to meet at the church on Fridays.

In May the Fellowship Committee sponsored the Covenant Players, a professional religious drama ministry, for the morning services and Sunday School. Two to three Covenant Players typically present the drama. A pot-luck dinner followed the second service.

The Evangelism Committee introduced the Stephen Series to the congregation to support members who have lost a loved one, lost their job, are seriously ill, recently divorced, etc.

To make the annual stewardship campaign more personal and meaningful, congregational members were organized into thirty six teams to visit congregational families in their homes.

During the summer, Intern Tom Gable and several youth worked for a week with Habitat for Humanity constructing low-income housing in New Haven, CN.

Council recommended and put in place the process to use layperson volunteers to help Council members count the offerings after Sunday services.

Will and Freda Davis, longtime members, moved to Florida. Although expected to return for visits, their active involvement will be missed.

### **Modernization**

The congregation purchased another octave of bells for the Bell Choirs. TLC hosted the Second Annual Chelmsford Hand bell Festival in April. Wireless microphones were introduced into the regular worship services. An air conditioner was installed in the Church Secretary's office to make the summer days more bearable.

In September, Council discussions included the need for a new / modernized kitchen. A special Congregational Meeting in October approved \$30,000 for a new sanctuary heating system to be installed before winter. Some concern was expressed about the potential noise of the forced hot air fans.

### **1988 TLC Statistical Data**

- > Baptized -
- > Confirmed - 13
- > New members - 25 (including Pastor Christy) [11+5 family units in May and November]
- > Weddings -
- > Funerals -
- > Avg Sunday Attendance -
- > Avg Sunday Sch Attendance -
- > High School graduates - 13
- > Annual Budget \$218,000 (includes \$15,000 for Asst Pastor for Fall)
- > Number voting at Annual Congregational meeting - 97

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind

Assistant Pastor - The Rev Mark Christy (starting 22 August)

Congregational President - Richard Olson

Intern - Thomas Gable (completing in August)

1989

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

This is the second year of operation of the newly organized Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which began operation in January 1988 under the tutelage of Bishop Robert Isaksen. TLC continued its ecumenical sharing with All Saints Episcopal Church on Ash Wednesday.

The Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, a series of demonstrations led by students, intellectuals and labor activists took place in the People's Republic of China from April to June 1989. Demonstrations centered on Tiananmen Square in Beijing, but large scale protests also occurred in cities throughout China. Some said the government had gone too far with reforms, some said they hadn't gone far enough (adapted from Wikipedia).

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Pastor Mark Christy continued as the first TLC Assistant Pastor. His primary focus was to be on youth ministry, young adults and social ministry. Richard Olson continued as the first Layperson Congregational President.

### **Items of Interest**

The church sold three utility stocks and used proceeds to pay down the loan used for the heating system installed late last year.

In April, an Evangelism pot-luck dinner and three skits drew about 50 people, approximately half were children.

Small Bible study groups continued using the Search process. A Chinese Bible Study group continued to meet at the church on Fridays. Pastor Lind sent a letter of consolation to the Chinese Bible Church about events surrounding the Tiananmen Square protests.

The council authorized training, which was completed in July and August, for members to become Stephen Series leaders. The objective of the program is to support members who have lost a loved one, lost their job, are seriously ill, recently divorced, etc. The Bethel Series was to be restarted on Sunday mornings in the Fall.

During the summer, Pastor Christy and several youth worked for a week with Habitat for Humanity constructing low-income housing in Bridgeport, CN.

In October, Trinity members participated in an interfaith progressive supper. During the appetizer session at Trinity, Pastor Lind described the main points of Lutheranism. Participants then moved on to St Mary's Catholic Church for the main meal and wound up at Congregation Shalom for dessert. Council established a constitutional study group to start the process of aligning Trinity's constitution with the ELCA model constitution. The first step was to review the AELC and LCA model constitutions. A draft constitution was to be ready for the December Council meeting, however, the committee asked for relief until the Spring of 1990 so that a better product could be presented.

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Synod leadership was pushing congregations to increase giving to the Synod by one percent per year with a goal (stated by resolution at the annual convention) of 25 percent. In November Pastor Peterson made a presentation to Council encouraging increased giving. A series of three pot-luck luncheons after church were used to make the annual stewardship campaign more personal and meaningful.

Trinity hosted an English Hand bell concert on May 6th. Participating choirs included First United Baptist Church of Lowell, West Chelmsford Methodist Church, Tewksbury Congregational Church as well as the Trinity Lutheran Church bell choir.

In November, Council noted that artwork in the church building by Philip Howski and John Wiseman may be more valuable because they now have works represented at the Smithsonian Institution.

### **Modernization**

During the summer a classroom was converted into an office for the Assistant Pastor. In October a planning committee was established for the new / modernized kitchen. The committee included Trinity Lutheran Church Women (TLCW) members, kitchen workers and Sture Lundstedt. Also in October, the property committee selected a contractor to do the exterior brickwork repair.

### **Maintenance**

In the Spring, the church sign at the entryway was refurbished (gold leaf by Barb & Harry McBride and woodwork by Jim McAviney). In the fall, work was authorized to fix the circulation pump in the boiler room (it was spitting) and the circuit breaker which worked (broke the circuit) when the parking lights were turned on.

### **1989 TLC Statistical Data**

- > Baptized -
- > Confirmed - ?
- > New members - 24 adults and 15 children in November
- > Weddings -
- > Funerals -
- > Avg Sunday Attendance -
- > Avg Sunday Sch Attendance -
- > High School graduates - ?
- > Annual Budget \$212,000

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind  
Assistant Pastor - The Rev Mark Christy  
Congregational President - Richard Olson

Compiled by Ed Jonson

1990

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

In world events 1990 displayed hope for a more peaceful world; in the reuniting of East and West Germany, and the freeing of Nelson Mandela, after 27 ½ years of imprisonment by the South African government. However it was also during 1990 that Kuwait was invaded by Iraqi troops, initiating the Persian Gulf War, and years of conflict in this area of the mid-east.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

At Trinity, 1990 was a year of changes, both in personnel, and in the physical structure of the church.

In May, Mark Christy submitted his resignation as Assistant Pastor, due to personal reasons. After serving two years of his three-year contract he desired to move to Philadelphia to continue his education. On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, his last Sunday at Trinity, a reception was held after the second service.

The position was filled shortly after by Lynne Laval-Yeh, who had recently graduated from the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia. After some redecorating and cleaning, she and her husband, Weihua, moved into the intern apartment On November 18<sup>th</sup>. Lynne was installed at Trinity by Pastor Paul Goetting, Assistant to the Bishop of the N.E. Synod.

Paul Carlson resigned as organist, effective on July 15<sup>th</sup>, at which time a reception was held. The position was filled by interim organists until October when William Berquest was hired. Music continued to be an uplifting part of the service due to the leadership of Diane Destrempe as Choir Director, and Tom Smith as leader of the Bell Choir. On May 5<sup>th</sup> Trinity hosted the Fourth Annual Chelmsford Hand Bell Festival, which included hand bells from four churches and was open to the public.

### **Items of Interest**

The spiritual growth of the congregation continued through the Sunday school and Confirmation programs, Adult Education classes, Bible studies and the continuation of the Bethel Series. In February, 125 members signed up for a day long seminar, "Walk Through The Bible", lead by Rev. Denis Frediani of Immanuel Baptist Church in Chelmsford. The seminar, devoted to the Old Testament, used humor and drama in its presentation. In October many members attended a Walk Through The Bible seminar addressing the New Testament, which was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Woburn.

The Social Ministry Committee continued its work in the community. Meals were prepared and served two days a month at the House of Hope in Lowell. The Open Pantry in Lowell, the Alternative House, Habitat for Humanity, the Pastoral Counseling Center were some of the programs. Aided Camperships were given to local Boy Scouts and to youths from the Roxbury Lutheran Church. Church members supported the Good Friday

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Walk for Hunger by sponsoring the walkers and/or volunteering at various positions. Some even walked the thirteen miles. Clothing and household items were collected for thirteen Cambodian refugees who the church had sponsored and who had arrived the preceding December.

The ELCW carried on with its project of making quilts and layettes for LWR along with gathering soap scraps and clothing. Every month a meal was cooked and served at the Lowell Middlesex Shelter for approximately 170 people. Throughout the year, crafts were made for Calumet's craft fair, Easter decorations for patients at Tewksbury Hospital, and at Christmas mittens were collected for the Salvation Army and sox for the Middlesex Shelter. Funeral luncheons were prepared for those families requesting it after a funeral at the church. In October, the third Annual Convention of the New England Women of the ELCA was held at the Lowell Hilton.

Among the successful activities planned by the Fellowship Committee were a trip to the Omni Theater in the Museum of Science in April, an historical tour of the Lowell Mills and Canals in May. The church picnic held in the orchard followed by a cake auction in June, a softball game in July and a shopping trip to the Kittery, Maine outlets in November.

The seniors held monthly gatherings or luncheons from spring through fall, while the Hi League and Jr. League kept busy with their activities. They were responsible for the cooking and serving of the Easter morning breakfast. In September they traveled to Connecticut for the Hammonasset youth gathering and in November a retreat was held at Camp Calumet.

On June 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor and Donna Lind led a fifteen-day trip to Switzerland, Germany and Austria with 29 people, most of who were from Trinity. The highlight of the trip was viewing the Passion play at Oberammergau, which is presented every ten years.

Many worked hard this past year to make it a successful one. They include of course, Pastor Lind, the Assistant Pastors, Mark Christy and Lynne Laval-Yeh, the Committee chairpersons, and their members.

### **Modernization**

Changes to the church property began in January when the Annual Meeting authorized the formation of a kitchen committee, with Donna Lind as chairperson, to hire an architect to enlarge the present kitchen or design a new kitchen and storage areas for tables and chairs. A building fund appeal was established and work progressed, cost of which was \$85,000. On December 9<sup>th</sup> the new kitchen was dedicated.

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### **Maintenance**

Other repairs done during the year were the resurfacing of the roof on the educational building because of serious leaking, and the repairing of the heating system of the educational wing and purchase of a new boiler. The cost of the kitchen and these repairs were met by pledges raised for a Building Fund. The re-staining of the north and east sides of the educational wing of the church was done by church members and finished by October. This work, as well as many other projects about the property, was done under the diligent supervision of Regina Simms, property chairperson.

### **1990 TLC Statistical Data**

Baptisms – 27

Confirmation – 10

Funerals – 10 (4 non-members)

Weddings – 10

Membership -- 968 baptized; 716 confirmed

New members received – 27 (21 adults, 6 children)

Members removed –64 (39 adults, 25 children) by transfer, moved away or inactive

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind

Assistant Pastor - The Rev Lynne Laval-Yeh

Congregational President - Richard Olson

Compiled by Jeanette Lees

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**Secular and Ecumenical Context**

The 1991 Gulf War, which started in January 1991, filled the news early in the year when the U.S. and 25 other countries provided forces to fight the Iraqi forces who had invaded Kuwait.

**Significant Person in the Congregation**

Pastor Lynne Laval-Yeh served as the second TLC Assistant Pastor. Her primary focus was on youth ministry, young adults and social ministry.

Alan Teubner served as the second Layperson Congregational President.

**Items of Interest**

The Community of Christ Lutheran Church in Billerica, MA had a closing service on 23 June 1991. They transferred their liquid assets to Trinity Lutheran Church. Many of their members also joined Trinity.

New constitution and by-laws were approved at a Special Congregational Meeting in April. A fire alarm system upgrade and connection to the Chelmsford Fire Department was also approved at the special meeting.

After the alarm system was upgraded and connected to the Fire Department, a fire alarm drill was held during Sunday School in November to ensure we could respond appropriately. David Hadley (one of our members) was a Fire Department representative present for the drill.

In May, Church Council established a policy for Use of Facilities other than Church Initiated Functions to govern the types of use permitted and the areas that could be used.

Church Council passed a special resolution to ensure the Farnsworth Memorial would be administered properly. The value is estimated at about \$10-15 thousand annually to be used for senior activities.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kurt Wagner cleaned the apple orchard (debris and poison oak) and built six picnic tables for congregational use. The work was completed during the summer and admired at the September corn roast.

The New England Synod was again encouraging increased giving to the Synod for 1992.

**1991 TLC Statistical Data**

- > Baptized - 20
- > Confirmed - 11
- > New members - ( $\geq 10$ ) adults in November
- > Weddings - 11
- > Funerals - 10
- > Avg Sunday Attendance - 257 Spring and Fall, 157 during Summer
- > Avg Sunday School Attendance - 98
- > High School graduates - 11
- > Annual Budget \$260,000
- > Number voting at Annual Congregational Meeting - 67

**Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind

Assistant Pastor - The Rev Lynne Laval-Yeh

Congregational President - Alan Teubner

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### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

In 1992 parts of Florida were devastated by Hurricane Andrew, which resulted in 250,000 people being left homeless. It was also the year of racial riots in Los Angeles. They were the result of a police review board finding the police officers not guilty in the severe beating of Rodney King, a black man, who was resisting arrest. The incident was caught on tape and broadcast on TV to the nation.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

The highlight of the year at Trinity was the celebration of our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bishop Isaksen of the New England Synod preached at both services that Sunday. After the second service, a catered buffet luncheon was served which 217 people attended. The parish hall held 150, and the remainder was seated in the lounge and confirmation room.

An Anniversary Committee, lead by Richard and Eleanor Olson, had been formed to plan the days events. A pictorial directory, which had been started the previous year, was distributed to the congregation, along with copies of the church history. Displays were set up of pictures and history memorabilia. Cookbooks compiled by the women of the church went on sale for \$6. Donna Lind coordinated a fashion show of years gone by with many church members as models. Festivities continued throughout the afternoon. Anita Adams was honored for her 30 plus years of service to the church as Financial Secretary, and was presented a check from the congregation. Pastor Lind presented a plant to Eleanor Olson for all her work in making the day a success.

### **Items of Interest**

Two Sunday worship services continued throughout the year, as it was decided to retain the second service during the summer months to see if attendance would improve. The average Sunday worship from Sept. – May was 268, and from June – Aug. was 167. Pastors Lind and Laval-Yeh alternated preaching at the services. Communion was celebrated every other Sunday and on major Church festivals. A policy was established by the Worship and Music Committee to have four folk services a year with church members providing the music. Sunday School attendance continued to increase, especially in the younger grades, the average attendance being 90. Offerings taken in Sunday school were given to help support an orphanage in India.

In April the Chinese Bible Church of Greater Lowell, which had met at Trinity for 10 years, left as they had purchased a building to hold their services. Pastor Lind attended their dedication on May 17<sup>th</sup> at which time Trinity was given a plaque and a check for \$500.

In August when William Bergquest resigned as organist, Ellen Van Corbach agreed to serve as interim organist. Diane Destrempe continued to serve as Choir Director and Tom Smith as Senior Hand Bell Choir director. In September, two Junior Hand Bell

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Choirs were initiated under the direction of Ellen Van Corbach. In November, after 16 years of service to the church, Eleanor Olson resigned as church secretary. Donna Fraser, also a member assumed this position in December.

The youth groups, under the guidance of Assistant Pastor Lynne Laval-Yeh, continued their activities, both social and project oriented. An auction of donated household items, held by the youth before the annual picnic in June, enabled six of them to attend an ELCA Youth Festival in Bloomship, PA. In recognition of the role of the youth in the church, the Church Constitution was amended December to include one youth on the Church Council, to commence in 1993.

The various committees remained active in their service both within the church and in community outreach. Funeral Luncheons were served and casseroles were prepared and distributed to shut-ins by the Trinity Lutheran Church Women (WELCA). The Social Ministry Committee continued to work with agencies in the Greater Lowell area such as House of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, and Alternative House. In November Trinity was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and Gratitude for five years of volunteer services in the area of food presentation given by the House of Hope, a shelter for the homeless.

Fellowship within the church encompassed many forms, from the coffee hour after second service, the annual picnic in June and the corn roast in September, to attending a Red Sox game, a Harbor cruise, and a play at the Merrimack Theatre. Seniors, through the generosity of the Sally Farnsworth Fund, had monthly social events including a two-day stay at Camp Calumet.

### **Maintenance**

There were many jobs completed by the property committee under the leadership of Regina Simms as chairperson. Among them was the staining of the Educational Wing by volunteers. Due to its height, professionals did the staining work on the Church Sanctuary. A new security system was installed in the church offices, and funds were allotted to enhance the computer and printing systems. A special Congregational Meeting was held in September at which the congregation voted to pay for these expenses from monies given the church by the estates of Gladys Wahlgren, Astrid Guild, and Sally Farnsworth

### **1992 TLC Statistical Data**

Baptisms – 26

Confirmation – 8

Funerals – 13

Weddings – 11

Membership -- 985 baptized; 706 confirmed

New members received –)

Members removed –

Unfortunately 1992 witnessed the deaths of some long and faithful members of Trinity. In all 13 funeral services were held. Deceased members were Helen Palmgren, Richard Andrews, Gladys Sandy, Nicholas Madsen, Gladys Wahlgren, Forrest Badmington, and Rudy Simpson. Non-members were William Basner Jr., Stephen McCanless, Helen Knutson, Thure Bloomgren, Milton Hadley, and Frank Sandy.

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind

Assistant Pastor - The Rev Lynne Laval-Yeh

Congregational President – Alan Teubner

## 1993

After a festive holiday season it was back to business at Trinity. A notable step was taken at the January Annual Meeting. It was voted to have our members contribute toward a three year financial drive. The goal was to raise \$96,000 during this period. The money would be used for the following items.

1. To pay off the bonds for our educational unit.
2. To begin paying for Pastor Yeh's housing allowance.
3. Planned maintenance and repair.
4. To cover the deficit that we ended up with in 1992.

The pledging for this special campaign would begin in May.

It was a particularly difficult winter for New Englanders. The Property Committee had more than their share of concerns and headaches in regards to weather. One particular weekend in March, a blizzard crippled the Town of Chelmsford and surrounding areas making it impossible for anyone to attend Sunday worship services.

All the money allocated for snow removal for '93 was exhausted before April. The sanctuary skylights took a beating as a result of the weather. It was realized that the entire center row of skylights needed replacing, but the remaining six could be addressed in 1994.

Refinishing the pews became top priority. It was hoped that water from any leaks would land on well polyurethaned wood preventing further damage to the pews.

Melting snow and spring rain filled the septic system and created more concerns for the committee.

The congregation took a major step in ministry enrolling in the "Stephen Ministries ~ Small Group Ministry Systems".

In February, Assistant Pastor Lynne Laval-Yeh gave birth to a baby girl – Emily Susan. She was on maternity leave until April.

Also in April, our secretary, Donna Fraser was delighted to receive an office computer. It was donated by David & Kristin Lucius.

Trinity hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hand bell Choir Festival in May with four local churches participating as well as seven choirs.

The council accepted the resignation of Diane Destrempe. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, we honored Diane for her thirteen faithful years as our Music Director.

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In August, Pastor Lind and Donna, accompanied by several church members, departed on a 16 day tour of England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

The fall was a time of transition. After three years of service, Pastor Yeh resigned as intern on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

September 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church building and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the educational building.

Also in September we welcomed Lance Reidy from Brunswick, Maine as our new intern.

Christine Conley became the new Music Director. Her time with us was very short. She resigned in November due to an overload of musical commitments. A plea to the membership was made to help fill the void until we could find her replacement.

There were many activities throughout the year in the various groups, such as the ELCW, Mary Martha, seniors, men, youth, fellowship groups, etc. A host of volunteer hours spent both at Trinity and in neighboring communities. There was a Trinity Cookbook on sale, Calumet events, conferences, several social gatherings, Lenten Suppers, as well as the annual Easter Breakfast and Corn Roast.

### **1993 TLC Statistical Data**

Baptisms – 17

Confirmation – 14

Funerals – 6

Weddings – 4

Membership --

New members received –

Members removed –

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind

Assistant Pastor - The Rev Lynne Laval-Yeh

Intern – Lance Reidy

Congregational President – Alan Teubner

Compiled by Sue O'Brien

**Personnel:** [Staff changes, appointments, retirements etc.]  
those in BOLD are new this year

Pastor	Pastor Orville Lind	Chair Evangelism	Bill Amerson
Parish Secretary	Donna Fraser	Chair, Property	Jo Ann Amerson
Custodian	Regina Simms	Chair, Christian Ed	Kathy Bates
<b>Minister of Music</b>	<b>Ellen Van Corbach</b>	Chair, Worship/Music	Joann Curtis
<b>Intern</b>	<b>Gordon Illausky</b>	Chair, Social Ministry	Connie Frank
Financial Secretary	Anita Adams	Chair, Stewardship and Finance	Jim Fraser
Treasurer	Dean Kolba	Chair, Fellowship	Ann Lee
Council Members		Chair, Youth Ministry	Alan Lind
Council President	Al Teubner	Vice President	Steve Terani, Jr.
		Secretary	Ken Maurer
Members at Large	Matthew Amerson	Forrest Badmington	Jim Canning
Paul Gross	Richard Grove	Henry Luhrs	Gary Wells

Under the leadership of the new minister of Music the Junior Choir started up again, as did the hand bell choir. A new group – the Brass Choir under the direction of Carl Haas - played for the Christmas Eve Service. Nursery service is now available during both services thanks to Penny Lacroix.

**Property:**

The main part of our building is now thirty years old and some things need to be repaired. Major expense this year was the roof repair, especially the skylights. The breezeway roof was also repaired. During their school vacation, Chris Gross and his crew painted the new wing as a part of his Eagle Scout Project. Tom Peale’s Eagle Scout project focused on fixing up the orchard area, and building a planter and several tables.

**Education:**

Our Christ Care Small Group Ministry began this year with the training of 13 leaders. Seven groups were started with additional groups planned for next year. This provides a way for people to search for meaning in their lives and to have a place to talk about their faith in a non-threatening way.

Sunday School Leadership – Walter Alterisio, Connie Wall-Haas, and Gail Langner. Vacation church School held in August. The Adult Forum tackled a controversial issue - the ELCA statement on “Human Sexuality” with a series that ran for five weeks.

The Library Committee reported that the church now has 1400 books, 100 videos, and books on tape in our collection.

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**Social Ministry:**

As we focus outward we continue to provide our shut-ins with tapes of the Sunday Service. We participate with hunger programs in Lowell (Open Pantry, Middlesex Shelter, House of Hope and Walk for Hunger). We assist the greater Lowell Pastoral Counseling Center with help as well as LSS (Lutheran Social Services), project Fresh Start and Camp Calumet and Camp Weetamoo camperships. Because of our continuous participation and contributions we have been designated a Covenant Church with Habitat for Humanity.

Evangelism Committee continued with the sponsoring and orientation of new members this year.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Sally Farnsworth the program for our Seniors continues to be a blessing reminding those who can no longer come to church that they are not forgotten. The more mobile elders have gotten together for lunch or parties as well as traveling to the Cape and to the Mohawk Trail for educational outings.

Evangelical Lutheran Church Women’s (ELCW) service projects included quilts for Lutheran World Relief, socks for the shelter in Lowell, mittens for the Salvation Army at Christmas, casserole ministry for Trinity’s people and serving at Trinity’s funeral luncheons

**Events of note:**

The Fellowship Committee planned a few events to help members get acquainted with each other. Outings, Fellowship Dinner, Annual Church Picnic, and Christmas Tree Decorating.

Our Youth went to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Atlanta  
The University of Minnesota, Morris Concert Choir came in March for a wonderful concert.

Council is taking classes to learn about growing the church.

Trinity was honored by the Greater Lowell Pastoral Counseling Center for leadership and contributions through the 25 years of their existence (Connie Frank, Ron Warren, and Pastor Lind have been on the board)

**People of Note:**

We celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Pastor Lind’s ministry at Trinity.

**1994 Statistics**

<b>Church Membership</b>	<b>New Members Confirmation</b>	<b>New Members Adult</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Weddings</b>	<b>Funerals (Deaths)</b>	<b>Budget</b>
708	8	24	32	11	3 (6)	balanced

Compiled by Nancy Grove

## 1995

**Opening:** A strong wind storm loosened a number of shingles on our steeple. A special offering was taken up for those impacted by the explosion in Oklahoma City.

**Personnel:** [Staff changes, appointments, retirements etc.]  
Those in **BOLD** are new this year

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### **Property:**

Problems addressed this year are the steeple, the septic system, and the boiler. A special appeal called “Lift Us Lord” is to go into our “planned maintenance and repair” account. This is for emergencies that arise for needed repairs on our building. One project coming up will be the required hooking up to the Chelmsford town sewers.

### **Education:**

A Preschool program known as the Children’s House Nursery School will share some of our space. The Senior group continues to enjoy the benefits of the Farnsworth Fund to help with expenses so they can get together for some meals and a few trips. Council is actively involved in long range planning. The Altar Guild decided to make their own baptismal napkins rather than buy them.

### **Events of note:**

The Hi-League had a booth in the center of Chelmsford celebrating the Fourth of July to sell cotton candy, candied apples, soda and snow cones.

The LCW has changed its name to the Dorcas Service Group and will be a service/Bible Study group with occasional programs. They will still do the funeral meals, quilting, mitten tree, sox box, and collect special items. They are sponsoring the Saint Lucia Festival in December.

1995 –

Both the adult and children's bell choirs participated in the Merrimack Valley Hand bell Festival in April. Sixty people were recognized for their participation in the music program of the church this year. A new group this year was the String Ensemble that played at Christmas. Committee recommended using With One Voice as a supplemental hymnal.

The Evangelism Committee is coordinating a pictorial directory of the congregation. The Christmas pageant was written and produced by Connie Wall-Haas, Penny LaCroix and Denise Kea. Our Missionary, Eileen Murray, was with us for Missionary Sunday and spoke about her work teaching in a seminary in India. After her furlough she will be stationed in Namibia.

**People of Note:**

With a gift from the estate of Oscar and Helen Palmgren, the Trinity Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund was established this year. The first scholarships will be awarded next year. Helen was our church Treasurer for more than 25 years and a life long member of Trinity. With Sue Much as a paid nursery coordinator coming to the nursery every week there is now an air of stability for the children. Her work is supplemented with volunteers but having one regular person is the key.

Ruth Anderson was recognized for her over 30 years of service to the Memorials Committee and for being instrumental in establishing our library many years ago.

**1995 Statistics**

<b>Church Membership</b>	<b>New Members Confirmation</b>	<b>New Members Adult</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Weddings</b>	<b>Funerals</b>	<b>Budget</b>
701	13	11	19	8	13	

1996

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

In 1996 a horrific plane crash upset the nation as TWA Flight 800 exploded off the coast of Long Island, shortly after taking off from JFK airport in New York, bound for Paris. Initially, foul play was suspected, but eventually it was determined that the crash was most likely due to mechanical problems. The Election of 1996 marked the first time since Franklin Roosevelt that a democrat was elected for a second full term in office. Despite lingering doubts about his ethics and character, Americans voting in favor of President Clinton as the lesser of two evils. He skillfully reclaimed the center of political discourse, and successfully labeled the Republicans as the party of extremists. Clinton was aided by the fact that his opponent, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, never seemed to connect with the voter. If elected he would have been the oldest of any to assume the Presidency.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Rev. Orville Lind was the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in 1996. Our new intern Carl Evans and his wife Kerri, joined us for the year. They lived in the church apartment.

The past intern Gordon Illausky accepted a call to Zion Lutheran church in Connecticut. He was ordained and accepted the new position. In September, Trinity hosted a past intern Lance Reidy's ordination. He was assigned to Immanuel Lutheran in Connecticut.

In April, Anita Adams ended her term of many years as Financial Secretary with much appreciation. Member Andy Birr spoke in the service about his experience with the Christian English Teachers Program in China. Various members had sponsored Andy's trip.

We installed new intern Tim Stein on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Items of Interest**

The church Council approved every Sunday communion beginning in Advent. Congregational members were invited to be communion assistants, in addition to Council members. During Advent, the Drama group presented three short dramatic readings.

The office was given their first Fax machine, gift of Jim and Ann Lee. New hymnals, "With One Voice" were added to the pew racks and the congregation became familiar with them. It was voted to change glass communion glasses to disposable plastic ones. Altar Guild purchased Celebration candle holders to be used by worshippers on Christmas Eve as well as candle holders for the pew torches. On-going baptismal napkin embroidering project was continued by the Altar Guild. A pictorial church directory was completed and printed. Marc Cajolet was the Chairman of a new committee that was in charge of putting a home page on the internet. Lordsway@ultranet.com became our new website name.

1996 –

A new project was started called “Christ Care Small Groups”. Several groups were started and continued during the year. This was a means of drawing members closer together. Vacation Bible School parents were invited to participate along with their children for the bible school week. Hi-League held several bake sales as fund raisers and one recipient of these profits was Roxbury church. Hi-League also sold Entertainment books. In July, the Youth attended the National Youth Convention in New Orleans.

Christmas in February Smorgasbord (potluck) was held with traditional holiday foods. A Women’s Retreat was held in Stratton, VT at the chalet of Alice Ekstrom. It was well attended, a spiritual growth time and enjoyed by all. A Church Music Festival was held followed with a potluck supper, with the funds going to refurbish the hand bells. The St. Olaf Girls Choir of Norrkoping, Sweden put on a concert at Trinity in June. Members housed some of the people as they also traveled to other churches nearby. There was a service of “Blessing the animals” held in June. The Boston Recorder Society performed at Trinity during December with English Renaissance music.

A new Social Ministry project, coordinated by Ulla Teubner, was started as “Julie House and Outreach Center” helping/housing those with AIDS.

The Lutheran church women did not meet as a unit but continued service projects, such as Belonging Bundles which were gathered and made for the Antrim Girls Shelter in New Hampshire. There were 55 quilts made and sent to Lutheran World Relief. They also sent 31 kits (sewing, school and health); collected old eye glasses, soap scraps, cancelled stamps. Socks were collected for the Lowell shelter and mittens for the Salvation Army. The Mary Martha Circle took down the Christmas decorations including the tree and put them in the storage area.

Pastoral Counseling Center was using the intern apartment as the intern was not living there.

### **1996 TLC Statistical Data**

Church membership for 1996 was 933 baptized and 664 confirmed members. Average attendance was 213 with the summer months being 140.

Baptisms – 29

Confirmation – 11

Funerals –

Weddings – 6

Membership -- 933 baptized; 664 confirmed

New members received – 25

Members removed –

The deaths during the year were Howard Magnuson, Edgar Lane, David Byam II, Marion Salowsky and J. Raymond Brown.

Compiled by Donna Fraser and Jeanette Wilkie

1997

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

We enter 1997 in God's grace.....Here's how things are. The Middle East peace negotiations are threatened with the Hebron Agreement in which Israel gives up a large part of the west bank and the government approved a Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem. Hong Kong was returned to Chinese rule. The U.S. shuttle joined the Russian space station. Timothy McVeigh was sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing. We mourned the loss of Princess Diana, Mother Theresa and James Michener. The Patriots are defeated by the Green Bay Packers and the "Harry Potter" books hit the streets of the U. S.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

The apartment, which had housed the Pastoral Counseling Center for a short time, was cleaned by Regina Simms, our faithful sexton who resigned and Robert Donnelly capably took over the duties. We are blessed!

### **Items of Interest**

The spiritual and service growth of Trinity continues to be done through Worship, Sunday School, Adult Education, Confirmation and the many committees .Trinity's Library offers material for educational, spiritual and pleasure experiences.

The Sunday School has seen a growth spurt, Hallelujah, under retiring Walter Alterisio and new co-directors, Connie Wall-Haas and Andrea Ting. First Communion is offered to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Seniors meet monthly for various activities supported by the Farnsworth Fund. The Hi League helped with the Seafarer's Mission and the Easter Breakfast.

The music program was led by Ellen Van Corbach, TLC organist, with two voice choirs, three hand bell groups and a brass choir. "With One Voice" hymn supplement is purchased with cash donations.

Highlights of the Fellowship events are a talent show and smorgasbord, progressive dinner arts and crafts show and a picnic.

Eighty Quilts for LWR are lovingly made by the women of Trinity and provisions were made for the Antrim Girls Shelter in NH.

Donna Fraser diligently manned the office and some interesting things are happening there. The TLC web site is born and e-mail is up and running.

The big item this year is the TLC pre-school. Lauren Callery helped lay the ground work and Judy Converse is board director. When the school doors opened in September, 33 little children entered and what a commotion they caused. Giggles, laughter and little bit of crying!!

1997 –

A telephone ministry was initiated to keep better contact with members. Social Ministry projects were many –Walk for Hunger, Julie House (for victims of HIV and Aids), Merrimack Valley Project, Open Pantry, House of Hope, and a Pancake Breakfast with the youth to honor “Dads”. Prison ministry and Angel tree ministry (Christmas gifts for children of inmates)

### **Maintenance**

Meanwhile at TLC winter snow and ice storms kept the property committee and helpers busy for several months. The ongoing upkeep of a large building is daunting. New screens were purchased and installed in the all Purpose Room (aka the Luther Room), circulator repair of the heating system is major, sound system is updated, new front doors are installed and a much needed snow blower is purchased. Gardens are tended and old trees cut down in the orchard.

### **1997 TLC Statistical Data**

Baptisms – 17

Confirmation – 9

Funerals – 8

Weddings – 11

Membership -- 973 baptized; 728 confirmed

New members received –

Members removed –

Average attendance May – September 249 July and August 152

It takes many people to build a faith family and we are blessed!! Amazing Grace!!

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind

Interns- Tim Stein and Rob Moskowitz

Congregational President – Richard Grove

1998

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

During the year 1998 the Senate sustains the veto of bills to outlaw late term abortions. Europeans agree on a single currency the Euro. The famous Unabomber was sentenced to four life terms in prison. Also a life sentence was ruled for Terry Nichols who was connected in the Oklahoma bombings that caused 168 fatalities.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Rev. Orville Lind was the pastor of Trinity Lutheran church in 1998. The intern was Rob Moskowitz who was with us until September when we welcomed Bonnie Fachre-Cochise. One of our former interns Imogene Stulken celebrated her ordination and ten years as campus minister at U. Mass Lowell. A former intern Tim Stein was ordained and was called to work in Boston/Cambridge churches. Pastor Lind was Chaplain of the Camp Calumet Luther Hostel.

### **Items of Interest**

“Faith Comes by Hearing” tapes – New Testament listening program was started during Lent. The church started learning Setting 5 in the new blue book (With One Voice). Outdoor Sunday services were held the last Sunday in June, July and August. Trinity held its first Contemporary 5 pm worship service in October. Also in October we celebrated full communion with four church bodies (ELCA, Reformed Church on America, Presbyterian Church USA and United Church of Christ) followed by a reception at Trinity. Trinity and All Saints Episcopal churches held a Contemporary Worship service using Gospel clowning. The Altar Guild kept things in order with the right colors, candles, flowers, even carnations to be distributed on Mother’s Day.

A new sound system for the sanctuary was installed by Ron Warren. Larry Thatcher donated a new computer for the secretary’s office.

The Annual church picnic was cancelled due to lack of interest. The annual corn roast gathering was presented by the Property committee.

Judith Wilhelmy was appointed new director of the Trinity Pre-School.

The Sunday School gave third graders a bible. Prayer pillows were presented to kindergarten and grade one children. The classes collected canned goods for the shelter. Also Christmas shoeboxes filled with small gifts were gathered for Operation for Christmas Child Mission. They also contributed to Toys for Tots.

Social Ministry continued their projects, Pastoral Counseling, Middlesex Shelter, Julie’s House, Merrimack Valley Project, Walk for Hunger, Open Pantry, Our Father’s House, Alternative House, Jand Habitat for Humanity. Trinity also donated Christmas gifts to Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Ministry. Quilts that were made during the year numbered 91 to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Belonging Bundles were gathered and donated to Lutheran Social Services. They also helped with Lutheran Social Services Refugee Program.

1998 –

**Events that were held during the year:**

Hi-League put on a Swedish themed luncheon after the annual meeting.

Hi-League had a booth at the town Fourth of July Fair.

Fellowship put on Christmas in February which was a Smorgasbord and Talent Show.

Fellowship sponsored the Covenant Players drama group which joined the Sunday service and held a potluck dinner following.

Fellowship sponsored an Arts and Craft show on Confirmation Sunday

They sponsored a Caroling Party with hot cider and cinnamon cocoa following.

Trinity Seniors were active with programs held at the church as well as bus trips to various locations.

Choir member Marion Keith composed pieces for the Acton Community Chorus Winter concert.

**1998 TLC Statistical Data**

Average attendance was 254 with the summer months being 133.

Baptisms – 28

Confirmation – 12

Funerals –

Weddings – 5

Membership -- 1003 baptized; 731 confirmed

New members received – 25

Members removed –

The deaths were Jeanette Bloomgren, Phil Gilinson, Eleanor Magnuson, Elinor Roscoe, Willard Basner, Ronald Chilson, Hugh Clancy and Verne Collins.

**Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind

Intern – Rob Moskowitz and Bonnie Fachre-Cochise

Congregational President - Richard Grove

1999

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

As usual the year brought good and bad news items – United States and China signed a historic trade agreement. The first nonstop balloon flight around the world was completed in twenty days. Tobacco companies admit harm caused by cigarette smoking. John Kennedy, Jr, his wife and her sister were lost at sea when their small plane crashed near Martha's Vineyard. Two boys with guns struck Columbine high school and killed twelve students and a teacher.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

It was time to say goodbye to Intern Bonnie and welcome Juliet Bongfeldt

Rev Karen Grove accepted a call as Assistant to the Bishop.

Member Helen Wahl celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Pastor and Donna Lind held a Holiday Open House for the congregation and gave everyone a tree ornament replica of the church.

Our missionaries, Rev David and Mary Kuck, gave the sermon on June 6<sup>th</sup> which was followed by an ice cream social in recognition of Sunday School teachers and volunteers.

### **Items of Interest**

The year started with thoughts of Pastor Lind's retirement, which will take place next year. A Special Gift was given unanimously, a large amount in the form of money orders. It totaled \$5,850.00 marked to be distributed as follows:

1. Trinity Lutheran Church - \$1950
2. Roxbury Lutheran Church, Boston - \$1,950.
3. Lutheran World Relief - \$700.
4. Trinity Pre-school - \$350.
5. The Budget - \$900.

The congregation started a program of listening to the Old Testament Bible on tape – "Faith Comes by Hearing". Members were encouraged to purchase their own copies. Alternative Worship services continued on Sundays. Former intern Tim Stein presided at the April service. Outdoor services were held on the last Sunday of June, July and August. Lenten services were preceded by supper of different soups made by Bill Amerson. Lenten Mid-week services featured "My Faith Stories"; meditations were given by different church members on their journey of faith. The Youth presented a special service on Youth Sunday. The Clown Ministry continued to serve with Intern Bonnie Fachre-Cochise.

New paraments for each season and a chasuble were donated as a Memorial gift by Alice and Robert Ekstrom. Worship and Music purchased a new Digital Keyboard with Memorial funds for use at contemporary services and Sunday school. The fire regulations caused a purchase of an artificial Christmas tree and Advent wreath, a first for Trinity. It was donated in memory of Nancy Tobey. The congregation was encouraged to the "Time and Talent" sheets. For the first time it was advisable to include member's email addresses in the church directory.

1999 –

Lutheran Social Services presented a seminar on “Making a Will”. Money was collected for refugees in Kosovo. The Middlesex Shelter has requested that members stop preparing the meals that are provided. These meals, using the same recipe, had been prepared by members for many years. The regular projects were continued including Middlesex Shelter, Merrimack Valley , Open Pantry, Habitat housing, Our Father’s House, Julie’s House and Alternative House. Thanksgiving caroling and service was held at River Valley House.

The Quilting group made 81 quilts which were shipped to Lutheran World Relief. This project was started by Jeanette Wilkie in 1980 and since then a total of 764 quilts has been shipped. Larry Thatcher generously supplies the shipping of these for us.

A summer women’s Bible study was started. Vacation Bible school was held urging the parents to attend with their children

A church picnic was held and well attended. The Annual corn roast was presented by the Property Committee. Roof repairs had to be done during the year. A Boy Scout working to earn his Eagle rank planned and built a chapel in the orchard. Funds from Phil Gilinson’s Memorial were used.

Trinity’s seniors enjoyed a trip to Parker’s Sugar Farm in New Hampshire and also to Woodstock, VT. They had several meetings at the church with various entertainment and refreshments. The Fellowship committee put on a High Tea and served Pepparkaka and Scandinavian Almond cake. There was a Golf Outing at Green Meadows in New Hampshire.

### **1999 TLC Statistical Data**

Baptisms – 31

Confirmation – 9

Funerals – Nancy Tobey, Mildred Larson, Phyllis Schott, Howard Miller, Patricia Miller, Nils Gran and Mildred Lefebure.

Weddings – 10

Membership -- 959 baptized; 684 confirmed

Average attendance was 255 with summer months being 126.

New members received – 38

Members removed –

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind

Intern – Bonnie Fachre-Cochise and Juliet Bongfeldt

Congregational President - Richard Grove

Compiled by Donna Fraser and Jeanette Wilkie

2000

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

In the year 2000 George W. Bush was elected President of the United States. Hillary Clinton was elected for the Senate from New York State. South Carolina removed the Confederate flag from their capital dome. Seventeen sailors died on the Navy destroyer "Cole" in Yemen terrorist attack. Vermont approved same sex union. Human genome deciphered expected to revolutionize the practice of medicine.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Preparations were being worked on pertaining to Pastor Lind's retirement after 32 years of service and dedication. Ann Lee was the chairman of this committee. In June there were farewell weekend events held to say goodbye to the Linds. There was a BBQ held Saturday evening followed by a "Roast"/story time held in the sanctuary. Sunday was one worship service, with choirs, bell choir, and the brass band playing "When the Saints go Marching In" at the end. There wasn't a dry eye in the church.

Past intern Rob Moskowitz was ordained and called to be a pastor in Pennsylvania. Ellen Van Corbach's contract was not renewed. There was a search for a new organist and choir director to be hired. Our intern was Juliet Bongfeldt until August when we said goodbye. Herbert Dolich was welcomed when he and his wife arrived from Germany and the first day in the apartment experienced a major flood from the washing machine.

### **Items of Interest**

"Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy was introduced to the members of Trinity. The Easter Prayer vigil was held after many years of absence. The interim Pastor Patricia Christie arrived in June upon the departure of Rev. Lind. Outdoor services were held last Sundays in June, July and August. The Waldorf College Band from Iowa entertained at Trinity in March. Church members provided meals and housed the band members overnight.

Christian Education sponsored one of the Lenten suppers. They also took charge of the Ice Cream social expressing thanks for the teachers and volunteers. The committee also held the confirmands' reception. The Sunday School held a scavenger hunt discovering the Easter story; continued the Prayer Pillows; and the children contributed canned goods and fresh produce for the Shelter. The project Operation Christmas Child sent many boxes. The parents contributed to "Toys for Tots" program. Trinity Pre-school was accredited.

The Fellowship Committee held a Plant Swap. They also arranged a cruise on the Lowell Canal and River. They were in charge of the Christmas tree trimming party. There was a Talent show and covered dish supper held in February. There was an Arts and Craft show in May for talented members. The Annual Holiday craft night was held in November. Evangelism Committee handled the Lenten suppers with the help of Bill Amerson's homemade soups. Jan Kolba kept the Library up to date and enjoyable to those borrowing books.

2000 –

The Hi-League won a trophy at the Iditarod at Camp Calumet in March and had their pictures in the AAL Correspondent magazine.

Social Ministry supported their regular projects: Pastoral Counseling Center; Open Pantry; Middlesex Shelter; Habit for Humanity; Julie's House; Merrimack Valley Project; My Father's House; Walk for Hunger and the Tewksbury Hospital Gifts for patients. The Quilting group made and sent sixty quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

Trinity Seniors went to the American Textile Museum in Lowell. They took a bus tour to Portland, Maine for lunch, also touring Ogunquit and Perkins Cove. The fall foliage tour was to North Conway where they took the Scenic railroad trip. Various lunches were at the Westford Regency Hotel, Nashoba Valley Technical School and some were held at the church.

### **2000 TLC Statistical Data**

Average attendance 234 and 155 during the summer months.

Baptisms – 17

Confirmation – 12

Funerals – Signe Donnelly, James Gentz, Doreen Labousier, Anna Wahlstrum, Richard Smith and Barbara Fallgren.

Weddings – 4

Membership -- 942

New members received – 23

Members removed –

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Orville Lind,

Interim Pastor - The Rev Patricia Christie

Intern – Juliet Bongfeldt and Herbert Dolich

Congregational President - Richard Grove

## 2001

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

The year 2001 the population of the world totaled 6.16 billion. The most terrifying event happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>; terrorists high jacked two air liners and flew them into the World Trade Twin Towers in New York City. Another high jacked plane struck the Pentagon. In a fourth plane, the terrorists failed their mission as passengers overtook them and the plane crashed 80 miles outside of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Thousands were killed and injured. Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda were determined to be behind these acts of terror. Another scare this year was anthrax found in pieces of mail sent to government and media officials. Several people died from handling these items. US spy plane and a Chinese jet collided, relations deteriorated between our two countries and 24 crew members were detained for eleven days.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Trinity Lutheran Church was still with its Interim Pastor Pat Christie. Intern Herbert Dolich was with us for half of the year. In September we said goodbye to Herbert Dolich and his wife and welcomed Jason Black as intern. Our former intern Juliet Bongfeldt was ordained in Providence, RI.

Patrick Gagnon was hired in June as Music (organist/choir) Director. He started a new summer Men's chorus in addition to directing the existing choirs.

### **Items of Interest**

The Revisioning Program was started with a congregational survey. Phase Two was reflection/bible study groups. The third Phase of the Revisioning Process began with a ReVision Retreat at Wannalancit Mills in Lowell. In September the Strategic Vision Statement was rolled out. In October the call process was started for a new minister.

Barren branches were used in place of flowers on the altar during Lent. Altar Guild - Church members may purchase and dedicate altar flowers for a special anniversary. Good Friday service was a Tenebrae Service conducted by the Credo Liturgical Dance Company.

A special service was held after the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack on the Twin Towers. A member Natana DeLong-Bas presented a four week adult forum to help us understand the attacks, "What does religion have to do with it?"

The Pre-school is financially independent now. The Sunday School was well attended. Some of their projects were: the Penny Harvest for Red Cross; Toys for Tots; Operation Christmas Child and Thanksgiving food donations for the Shelter. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders helped two high school age boys from Sudan. The Hi-League won First Place in the Calumet Iditarod race.

2001 –

The Library held two book sales and used the money to purchase new books on the World Trade Center attacks. Evangelism Committee held the Lenten suppers with help of different committees. Bill Amerson's homemade soups were the hit of the meal. Evangelism Committee supplied greeters for Sunday services and also volunteers for the coffee hour. Fellowship Committee had a trip to a hockey game in Lowell; Calumet Walkathon; Plant Swap; Strawberry picking; Mission fair; Apple picking; and took care of the Christmas tree trimming as well as packing away the decorations for the year.

Social Ministry had their usual projects: Pastoral Counseling; Merrimack Valley Project; Open Pantry; Julie's House; My Father's House; Alternative Housing; Habitat for Humanity; LSS Sudanese Refugee resettlement; Lowell Transitional – sox for men; Salvation Army – mittens and hats; and the angel tree Prison Ministry. The Quilters made and sent 60 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, LSS Refugee Program and My Father's House.

Trinity's Seniors with the gift of Sally Farnsworth Fund had lunches at Nashoba Technical College, Westford Regency, Radisson and some at church. The bus trips included Strawberry Bank and Mashantucket Pequot Museum in Connecticut. Fruit and flower baskets were taken to the shut-ins at Easter and Thanksgiving.

The Trinity website was awarded a Technology Grant from AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans). Contemporary worship services were held twice a month on Sunday evenings during Advent. There was a request from Ethel Lind to create a Memorial Garden for members for the remains (ashes) of loved ones.

### **2001 TLC Statistical Data**

Average attendance was 217 and in the summer months 125.

Baptisms – 14

Confirmation – 5

Funerals – 5; Frank VanHorn, Frank Frace, Karen Grove, Paul Dettman and Lesley Baldauf.

Weddings – 3

Membership -- 944

New members received – 29

Members removed –

### **Church Leadership**

Interim Pastor – The Rev Patricia Christie

Intern – Herbert Dolich and Jason Black

Congregational President – Richard Grove

Compiled by Donna Fraser and Jeanette Wilkie

2002

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

In his first State of the Union address, President Bush labels Iran, Iraq and North Korea an “axis of evil” and declares that U.S. will wage war against states that develop weapons of mass destruction. In November President Bush signed legislation creating a new cabinet department of Homeland Security.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Trinity was still employing an interim Pastor, Patricia Cristie, and Intern Jason Black. Pastor’s last day was Sep 1, 2002 and Jason Black left in June. He made the decision not to become a pastor.

After much direction and work, David Rinas was called to be Trinity’s pastor. He came from a small church in Maine. He was installed 19 January 2003. He and his wife Doreen purchased a home in Pepperell

### **Items of Interest**

The most significant opportunity for Trinity during the past year had its roots in the Re-visioning process. This is a process whereby a church looks at its history, its present and its hopes for the future ministry of the congregation by closely studying three sets of data: a congregational survey completed by members of Trinity aged 15 and above; demographic data which informs about the population of the communities surrounding Trinity; and a series of reflection groups meeting to discuss relevant Scripture related to mission and its relationship to the internal and external data. A Mission Profile was put together and forwarded to the Bishop and forwarded to pastoral candidates to acquaint them with Trinity. A Call Committee was appointed and started searching for a new pastor with the help of Synod. Donna Fraser was the church secretary. The Pre-school was directed by Judith Wilhelmy.

Worship and Music ordered new choir gowns for its members, as well as for the junior choirs. Some of the cost was provided with monies generated from the congregation. Wally Thompson donated an organ to the church which was moved and installed in the back by the baptismal font. The Memorial for Phil Gilinson, an outdoor chapel in the orchard, was completed.

Social Ministry Committee continued their work with Habitat for Humanity, Merrimack Valley Project, My Father’s House, Lowell Food Pantry and Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

It had been ten years since the start of the fund established by Sally Farnsworth. A memorial service led by Pastor Pat Cristie was held for Mrs. Farnsworth at the Dunstable Cemetery previous to the September Luncheon held at the Westford Regency. Funds are used for several different purposes, emergency system devices, ambulances and visiting nurse services. The shut-ins receive gifts, fruit baskets and flowers on holidays. The active seniors have enjoyed outings and lunches a few times a year. Some gatherings are

at church, with help of volunteers and provide fellowship. The spring trip was to Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH and the fall trip was to Connecticut to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. A Christmas dinner party was held at the Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford.

### **2002 TLC Statistical Data**

Average attendance: 217, summer months 125

Baptisms – 14

Confirmation – 5

Funerals – 5; Frank VanHorn, Paul Dettman, Frank Frace, Lesley Baldauf, Karen Grove

Weddings – 3

Membership -- 944 baptized; 684 confirmed

New members received –

Members removed –

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Dave Rinas

Congregational President – Richard Grove

## 2003

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

The year 2003 started with President Bush ready to attack Iraq. The US and Britain launched war. Saddam Hussein was captured by American troops. He was found hiding in a hole in the ground. In our country southern and Midwestern states had more than 400 tornados that killed 47 people in two months. The space shuttle US Columbine exploded at re-entry killing all seven astronauts.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Trinity started the year by hiring a new minister. Pastor David Rinas was installed February 2<sup>nd</sup>. He and his wife Doreen moved here from Maine. They purchased a home in Pepperell, MA.

### **Items of Interest**

There was discussion that the service needed to be easier for members to follow. Pastor Rinas requested that the lector also read the second lesson to the congregation rather than everyone reading together. A Charter Task Force assessed the congregation for the need for alternative worship opportunities. The decision was made that there was no demand for alternative worship.

A special congregational meeting was held to approve the procurement of a mortgage to cover sewer hook up, driveway and parking lot repaving, repair of brickwork and sidewalk.

A Strategic Vision Statement was drafted in August. The Finance and Stewardship Committee split into two separate committees. The Stewardship theme of the year is “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The ELCA Sexuality Study discussion was started.

A new fund raising policy was accepted concerning distribution of monies raised when public attends a function at Trinity – it will go to outside charities and not to be used for the church budget.

Sunday School continues to be well attended. The May confirmands were the first to complete the new confirmation curriculum. The Youth attended a gathering in Atlanta, Georgia. Trinity became a co-charter organization for Boy Scout Troop #212. The Fellowship sponsored an Art Fair with artists work and live music. The Picture board continues to be worked on by Ann and Henry Luhrs.

Wally Thompson donated an organ to the music program in memory of his wife. Pastor Rinas went to Sweden, ME church to help the congregation deal with the tragedy within the church community.

2003 –

In September, the Fellowship and Property Committees sponsored an Oktoberfest with Ron Warren's Oberlaender Hofbrau German Band playing and attendees enjoyed German food. A Christmas Fair was held to benefit ELCA World Hunger.

Ethel Lind requested the planning of a Memorial garden.

Social Ministry Committee had their usual projects: Pastoral Counseling Center, Open Pantry, My Father's House, Transitional Housing Center, LSS programs, Alternative Housing, Julie's House, House of Hope, Antrim Girls Home and LWR. Quilts were made again by a few faithful women, they totaled 55 this year. Larry Thatcher continues to ship them for us. It is most appreciated.

Trinity's Seniors enjoyed another year of fellowship. Among the events were watching a video "Our Christian Heritage", trip to the Butterfly Place, lunches at the Regency, the Radisson and Nashoba. Bus trips to Plymouth, MA with a duck tour and a tour of the Mayflower ship. Another trip was to Lake Winnepesaukee with lunch and a cruise on the Mt. Washington.

### **Maintenance**

Property Committee was working on the sewer project, lighting in the sanctuary, parking lot paving, exterior staining, and emergency doors that needed to be installed, the boiler and brickwork. A Space Needs Task Force was being formed to evaluate the needs and to prepare for Capital Campaign in order to enhance our facility.

### **2003 TLC Statistical Data**

Average attendance was 225, with summer months being 125.

Baptisms – 14

Confirmation – 11

Funerals – 6; Edna Bates, Helena Wilhelmy, Ulla Teubner, Helen Wahl, Gertrude Quick and Susan Appelin (non-member).

Weddings – 6

Membership -- 956

New members received – 22

Members removed –

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor – David Rinas

Congregational President – Katherine Moomjian

2004

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

The U.S. returns sovereignty to an interim government in Iraq, but maintains roughly 135,000 troops in the country to fight a growing insurgency. Four hurricanes devastate Florida and other parts of the southern United States.

### **Items of Interest**

Pastor Dave completed his first year at Trinity and has been getting acquainted with the committees. Altar Guild is in charge of placing the hymn numbers each week on the new hymn boards. The new closet in the rear hallway for the altar banners is completed and able to be locked. Altar Guild is in charge of the robes, baptismal napkins, communion set-up, flowers and banners.

The Fellowship committee had a craft fair and bought coffee pots for the kitchen with the profits. They received matching funds from ELCA and shared with Chelmsford and Westford Food Pantries. They also contributed to hurricane relief victims. Fellowship committee is in charge of putting up and taking down the Christmas tree and decorations. They helped with the Sankta Lucia festival performance. They also made fleece blankets for the church shut-ins at Christmas.

Council – the Pre-school is running behind and will close May 2004. Ethel and Vern Lind expressed a desire to have a Memorial Garden at the church for scattering of ashes.

Social Ministry had their usual projects. Merrimack Valley Project, Walk for Hunger, New England Seafarers Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Pastoral Counseling Center, Lutheran World Relief. The Quilters made 70 quilts this year which were displayed in church, dedicated and shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Some quilts were used locally as well. Also the congregation and Sunday School helped to furnish 94 health kits, 64 school kits and 57 sewing kits. The quilters made the drawstring bags to contain them.

### **2004 TLC Statistical Data**

Average attendance 214 and 140 during the summer months.

Baptisms – 13

Confirmation – 8

Funerals – Emerson Bamford, Dorothy M. Ackley, Margaret Knutson, Doris Wolnik

Weddings – 3

Membership – 994 baptized; 669 confirmed.

New members received – 20

Members removed –

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Dave Rinas

Congregational President – Joe Nardoni

Compiled by Jeanette Wilkie

2005

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

The U.S. engagement in Iraq continues amid that country's escalating violence and fragile political stability. Hurricane Katrina wreaks catastrophic damage on Mississippi and Louisiana, 80% of New Orleans is flooded. All levels of government are criticized for the delayed and inadequate response to the disaster.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Pastor Dave Rinas is getting adjusted to Trinity and working into its activities.

### **Items of Interest**

Worship and Music works with providing the congregation a worshipful service. Patrick Gagnon now has four regular choirs and a bell choir. Ed Jonson continues to train the acolytes to serve. Altar Guild under direction of Regina Simms takes care of communion, robes, napkins, candles, hymn board and banners. A new banner was designed by Alison Estabrook and made by Marcia Kalarites. A walnut cross made in 1980 by Jim Birr from the wood of the old organ needs to be listed in the memorial book and displayed in a proper place.

Trinity Seniors headed by Alice Ekstrom and assisted by Bob Beals had an eventful year. The spring trip was to Boston Harbor cruises with lunch at the Chart House restaurant. The fall trip was to Newport, RI to tour The Elms Mansion and have lunch at the Hyatt hotel. Other events were dinner at Nashoba Technical College and events held at the church.

Social Ministry concentrated on World Hunger, Alternative Gift Giving, Suppers at Lowell Transitional Living Center, Open Food Pantry, Seaman's Mission including making balaclavas, Caring and Sharing for church members, Habitat for Humanity, Merrimack Valley Project. The Quilters were placed under Social Ministry because the Lutheran Church Women had disbanded. They made 97 quilts which were displayed in church before shipping to Lutheran World Relief. Some were given to local agencies. A brick was purchased for Trinity's name to be placed at the Quilt Plaza outside Lutheran Center which houses LWR & LIRS in Baltimore.

Christian Education held an excellent Vacation Bible School with a Safari theme. The Sunday school is doing well and the adult class is called CCC. Evangelism is working on updating the photo member picture board and also made a wooden cross that was used during Easter for children to place flowers on. The "flowering cross" was well received.

Fellowship made Belonging Bundles for the girls at Antrim House in NH. They also bought silk flowers and arranged fifteen vases to be used for tables at funeral luncheons. A bake sale was held to raise funds for hurricane Katrina victims.

Library – Jan Kolba does such excellent work in keeping the library up-to-date and organized. It is current and easy to use – wonderful.

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### **Maintenance**

Property committee, headed by Bruce Schnepfer, moved the Library, Pastor's study and Secretary's office. Sewer work was done, repaving of the parking lot and walkways, replacing the carpet with tiles in the Luther room as well as installing new dividers, new tiling and painting of the classrooms in the educational wing, small windows were placed in the solid doors for the offices and new locks installed. The Aesthetics committee, with the direction of Alison Estabrook, had made a comprehensive plan for coordinating paint colors for the walls, carpeting choices and tile layout design for the floors. The renovation has continued with the help of many volunteer painters and carpenters as well as professional carpet and tile installers.

### **2005 TLC Statistical Data**

Average attendance: 235, summer months 127

Baptisms – 16

Confirmation – 10

Funerals – 8; Lorella J. Pittenger, Lorraine Olson, Eleanor Robinson, Vern Lind, Charles Hughes, William Amerson, Louis Cote, Dieter Galler

Weddings – 4

Membership – 1,026 baptized; 687 confirmed

New members received – 39

Members removed –

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Dave Rinas

Congregational President – Joe Nardoni

2006

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

The country was at war in Iraq, with the people upset over the situation. President Bush vetoed the Stem Cell Bill that congress had passed. Discovery shuttle went on a 13 day mission to the International Space Station taking supplies. Atlantis shuttle went to the International Space Station with a crew of six to work at the Station. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the population of the United States has reached 300 million.

### **Significant Person in the Congregation**

Heidi Jakoby was hired as Director of Discipleship. She came aboard with many credentials for the position. She directs the youth also. Beth Confrancisco was hired to serve full time as Secretary. She keeps the whole facility running; her office is the “information booth”.

### **Items of Interest**

The Council chose a Charter Task Force to help organize the congregation. A Strategic Vision Statement was prepared. Trinity was said to be a Program church. Many renovations were done to the existing buildings to make the space more accessible. The grounds were improved, new driveway put down, trees and plantings done.

Worship and Music keeps the church running smoothly. Patrick Gagnon, organist, choir director, soloist, and bell choir director is a perfectionist who keeps everything going. Three hundred new hymnals were purchased, some by the congregation as memorials.

Sunday School and VBS continued with help from Heidi. Confirmation classes became known as first, second and third year instead of according to the school grade.

Altar Guild took care of the flowers, communion, altar cloths, banners and robes.

Ed Jonson continues to train the acolytes.

The Internet came into existence at TLC with Member Connect. The programming work was done by William Quirk and Jean Berube. Now all members can connect to read sermons, monthly minutes, schedules, newsletters and check church activities. It cut down on expensive mailings.

Fellowship planned the summer picnic which was a success. Fellowship and Worship and Music committees worked to serve Lenten Wednesday night suppers.

In December, a group of women planned and organized a wonderful Sankta Lucia program in the Swedish tradition. It was very well attended, standing room only. We started with a program in the sanctuary with readings and hymns and the traditional Lucia procession. The Lucia was high school senior, Sara Molander with 9 younger girls as attendants, two star boys and four little tomte. Coffee and baked goods were served in the beautifully lit and decorated Luther room after the program.

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Social Ministry has many projects including Seafarer's Mission (making balaclavas), Merrimack Valley Project, Lutheran World Relief Kits (sewing and school), Lowell Transitional Center, World Hunger, Orphans in Tanzania, Thanksgiving Food Baskets and Quilts (80 were made) and distributed locally and overseas.

Trinity Seniors had a wonderful year with a spring trip to Plymouth and a fall trip to Woodstock, VT. Other activities included luncheons at restaurants and meetings at church. Members enjoy great fellowship and activities because of a grant from Sally Farnsworth.

The Aesthetics committee worked on purchasing a sofa, two chairs, two end-tables and lamps for the Lounge. This puts the final touch to the upgrading of the lounge and creates a comfortable space to bring visitors. The following memorial funds were used for this acquisition: Florence and Elmer Klopp, Helena Wilhelmy and Jeannette Bloomgren. The artwork by John Weidman, a wood and metal relief sculpture that for many years hung in the office hallway, was moved to the wall in the Lounge.

The Memorial Garden was completed and dedicated on Sep 16th. Many thanks to Marcia Kalarites for spending many hours planning this project and seeing its completion. There is a Memorial Plaque in the Luther Room with the names of those whose ashes are scattered in the Memorial Garden. The Memorials Committee, headed by Marcia Kalarites, is also working on plans for a new church sign to be placed on Old Westford Road.

### **2006 Statistical Data**

Average Attendance: 230, summer months 131

Baptisms – 15

Confirmation – 10

Funerals – 7; Betty Zantow, Arthur Schott, Walter Wirtanen, Wilford Vaught, Mildred Badmington, Irmgard Haufe, Edith Kauppila

Weddings – 4

Membership – 1,021 baptized; 667 confirmed

New members received – 24

### **Church Leadership**

Pastor – The Rev Dave Rinas

Congregational President – Joe Nardoni

Compiled by Jeanette Wilkie

2007

### **Secular and Ecumenical Context**

The country was still at war. The minimum wage was increased for the first time in ten years. It reached \$5.85 and will increase 70 cents each year until 2009. The first woman to become Speaker of the House was California Democrat Nancy Pelosi. A student from Virginia Tech went on a shooting rampage killing 32 before taking his own life. A tragic accident happened in Minneapolis, Minnesota when an eight lane bridge packed with cars, broke and collapsed into the river, killing thirteen people.

### **Items of Interest**

The Council served the congregation by handling the renovations to the building plus the reorganizing of the rooms to make them more serviceable. Things were being completed and the building was becoming livable again.

Worship and Music has done a great job of serving the congregation and keeping the worship meaningful. Patrick still amazes everyone with his ability to play the organ, piano, direct the choirs and the bell choirs and lead the congregation in singing appropriate hymns.

Altar Guild was happy to have a closet built for storing their banners and materials. It was decided the budget for each Sunday's flowers would be \$40.00. They also have the need of a wedding coordinator to oversee church weddings, especially for non-church members.

Heidi Jacoby has done a great job working with the congregation. She helped the Sunday School, youth group and confirmation with their programs. Heidi is a helping hand where ever needed. She also leads a women's bible study.

Mary Martha Circle has been meeting monthly in member's homes for the past thirty plus years. Jean Pituck, a former member, has been their bible study leader. She transferred to another church in New Hampshire and resigned from the leadership. She is greatly missed and now the circle members are taking turns leading.

Social Ministry was an active group with a lot of members. One of the big projects was the donation of \$4000.00 to the church in Tanzania in the home village of TLC member Catherine Massawe. The donation covered school uniforms as well as meals and school supplies for 16 preschoolers, 100 primary students and 30 high school students. During the summer a trip was made there by Pastor Dave, Doreen Rinas and Judy Silinsh.

A new Care and Sharing group was started to furnish food to members of Trinity who are experiencing a serious illness or a death in the family. Volunteers continued to help in Boston at The Seafarer's Mission; also a collection of winter clothing was taken as well as the knitted Balaclavas for sailors. The Open Pantry, My Father's House and Habitat for Humanity projects were ongoing. A Christmas "Alternative Giving Fair" was held.

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Several sewing, school and health kits were put together and shipped to Lutheran World Relief. The drawstring bags to hold them were made by the quilting ladies. The Quilting Group made 80 quilts and they were on display in church in June before being sent to Lutheran World Relief. This was accomplished by eight women who faithfully worked on piecing the quilts.

Trinity Seniors had their usual spring trip to Kittery, Maine and in the fall to Sturbridge Village. The fall Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed at Nashoba Tech. Christmas dinner was a potluck at church with entertainment and singing provided by members.

### **Celebrating Trinity's Anniversary**

A bicentennial committee was formed, with Karen Merrill as the chairperson. The committee worked hard on several events to mark Trinity's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

1. A dinner at the Chelmsford Radisson with a concert by Stembandet.
2. Church picnic in June.
3. A historical display in the CCC room researched and set up by Sue O'Brien and Ritva Ojanen. It was determined that a smaller permanent historical display would be desirable. Some materials were purchased for this as well as materials for better archiving and storing of historical documents.
4. Writing of TLC history from 1988-2007 was started by a group of parishioners. It was determined that it would be desirable to do this on a yearly basis and that it would fall under the auspices of the Memorial committee.
5. The traditional corn roast in September.
6. Sankta Lucia festival in December was open also to the surrounding community. It was very well attended. First we had a program in the sanctuary with readings and hymns, the Lucia procession and traditional music. Our Lucia was Alicia Kirk with 13 attendants, two star boys and five little tomtes. After the program, coffee and baked goods were served by the Lucia girls in the Luther room. A group of women had done a wonderful job decorating the room with candle lights and traditional ornaments. Fellowship committee members helped make coffee in the kitchen and clean up.
7. A pewter ornament – the TLC altar cross in miniature – has been available for purchase as a memento of this anniversary.

**2007 TLC Statistical Data**

Church attendance: 214, summer months 123

Baptisms – 10

Confirmation – 11

Funerals – Wayne Keith, Linda Nowicki, Martha Rohnert, Margaret James, Wallace Thompson

Weddings – 4

Membership -- 1012 baptized; 662 confirmed

New members received – 5

Members removed –

**Church Leadership**

Pastor - The Rev Dave Rinas

Congregational President – Joe Nardoni

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