



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

# A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

We have seen many changes throughout the years and throughout the world. Sometimes we've been left yearning for the days when things didn't feel so complicated. Other times, we have seen something new happen and have asked, "Why did this take so long?" The church has been through its own changes as well. Some of these have left us wishing for simpler times while others have us waiting for even more to come about.

But, dear church, God still is unchanging. God's love is still the foundation on which the church was built. While we have seen many changes, both in the world and at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the eternal love of God and the good news that dwells with Christ's death and resurrection continue to provide hope for everyone. This is why our mission remains steadfast, whether that is through our traditional mission work in places near and far or from new ventures and visions that encourage us to think of different ways to reach even more people.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (13:16). That could not be truer in the work we have been doing in each expression of the church. Your gifts continue to benefit the good work of spreading the good news throughout your communities, your synods and the whole church. We are all answering the call to continue to do good work with the help of your support, whether that is through your resources, your time or your talents.

I am grateful for your generous support of each expression of the church. God calls all of us to continue to do the good work, and you continue to answer that call. We also continue to join you in that call and will remain true to looking toward God's unchanging promise. There is still much change and learning that will come before us, but God's steadfast love energizes us for the work God is still doing in the world through this church.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God”

(Hebrews 13:16).

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# ANNUAL REPORT

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# AGENDA

JANUARY 22, 2023

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# MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 30, 2022

Pr. Andrew led the opening liturgy and shared a message from the ELCA as printed in the annual report

The meeting was called to order at 11:26am.

Diane Bottorff asked that two items be added to the agenda: approval of agenda and establish a quorum. Bob Horton made the motion to approve the addition of these two items; seconded by Howard Reece. Motion carried.

To establish a quorum, according to the constitution, 60% of voting members are required to be in attendance. With 25 persons in attendance in person and online, the quorum was met with 17 being the required number.

Minutes of February 21, 2021 were presented for approval. Ted Murphy moved to approve, seconded by Vickie Jacobs. Motion carried.

Pr. Andrew presented his report. The statistical report is broken down by online and in person attendance. Membership number has been steady, which is good. Attendance is concerning, but not unique. The hope is that online worship will continue as it seems that more are watching online. How do we engage with people online?

Diane commented on her president's report. She offered thanks to Shelley Andrews as her council term is ending. Thank you to Cindy McGinnis for taking minutes today. Diane's printed report highlights Council activities this past year.

The 2022 proposed budget is printed in the annual report booklet. A deficit of approximately \$20,000 at the end of 2021 was noted. A large portion of that amount was due to a roof repair of approximately \$15,000 which was covered by memorial money. The 2022 proposed budget is for \$143,586, which is a little less than proposed for 2021.

Committee Reports

Committees meet after worship. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings. All committees have worked on projects during the past year. LFACT was not active due to COVID.

Voting Items

Nominations from the floor. Debbie Pomeroy volunteered to serve on LFACT. Nominations closed.

Public Identity Plan

Vote 1—working name to be Trinity Lutheran Church (without Evangelical) — approved.

Vote 2—Logo #1 was chosen.

Vote 3—Motion was made to make the following changes to the proposed Mission Statement:

a. Paragraph 3: change refugee to refuge

b. Paragraph 1: change “in our city” to “in our county” and “throughout Topeka” to “throughout Topeka area”. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote 4—adoption of Welcome Statement. Pr. Andrew asked that we think about diversity and making all feel welcome here. The list of descriptor items is from the ELCA. Questions & comments welcome. Marcy Carlson suggested that the position of the first & second paragraphs be switched. Duane Pomeroy commented that we start with the individual, then church, then the world. Laurie Jackson made a motion to change the work “build” to “be”. Loni Reece seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marcy made the motion the switch the position of first and second paragraphs. Motion died for lack of a second.

Historic Preservation & Restoration Plan

Pr. Andrew stated that this plan is intended to get the Trinity Lutheran Church building into the best physical condition. The three year plan to list as an historical property will allow access to tax credits and grants to help with

# MINUTES, CONTINUED

expenses. The first step will be to get the building listed on the historic register. Once the building is listed, we will receive back 30% of \$5,000 repair costs. With Heritage Grant Fund, we can spend up to \$90,000 and get \$90,000 back from the state. We can apply for this grant only one time. The purpose of the capital campaign is to raise as much of the initial \$90,000 as possible. Churches are as eligible for grant money as any other organization. The capital campaign needs to start this year. The chart on the last page of the Historic Preservation & Restoration Plan shows how much each giving unit would need to pledge in addition to regular tithe. Church council agreed that the capital campaign would not be workable if less than 20 giving units agreed to participate. If approved, we will work to gather a sufficient number of pledges during the summer.

As pledges come in, we will establish a budget line item and provide regular updates in the newsletter and/or bulletins. Line item may be labeled capital campaign or building fund or heritage fund. Funds will be kept separate from operating funds.

If we receive the full \$180,000 through pledges and grant money, we will work with the historical board to be sure it is spent in approved fashion. If we are approved for the grant, then we send contracts. Money will be released as the contracts are approved.

Annual Meeting Resolutions—Vickie moved to approve the resolutions, Bob Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

Tellers: Pr. Andrew, Debbie Pomeroy, Diane Bottorff

Ballots cast—28.

Public Identity Plan: 26 yes, 1 abstention

Logo #1: 17

Logo #2: 10, 1 abstention

2022 Proposed Budget—25 yes, 3 abstentions

Vote 3: 26 yes, 2 abstentions

Vote 4: 27 yes, 1 abstention

Historical Preservation Plan: 26 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention

Annual Meeting Resolutions: 26 yes, 2 abstentions

# PASTOR'S REPORT

*"We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is preaching, you should preach in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging." - Romans 12:4-8a*

During seminary, one of the major milestones of formation for the emerging pastors is their time away from learning to do their internship. While many students at Duke chose to stay local or return home to a congregation; I had worked hard to secure a position at a church in New York City. One of the first things I wanted to do once we got my stuff unpacked was to have some fun in the city and we decided to go out to Coney Island. Being the history buff that I am, the opportunity to ride one of the oldest roller coasters (The Cyclone) was high on my list of things to do. There was great excitement as I saw those little flags mounting the railings and the mountains of whitewashed wood that looked like it was scaped from Noah Ark. My heart rushed as I jumped into those tan leather seats and heard the clicking of the chain pull us skyward. My excitement was quickly squashed when going into that first curve. Clearly back in the 1920s, they did not have proper padding, the rails grinded as they created turns that were too sharp, and the creaking of the wood made you pray to get out alive. I remember walking off the ride physically in pain feeling like I had been tackled by a football player. It was an exciting experience; it was a painful experience.

This past year in the church has felt the

same way as that ride on The Cyclone. We have had moments of great joy together and deep heart-wrenching moments. We started the year emerging from COVID, slowly returning to our normal ways of being with each other. We finally had a whole year of in-person worship compared to missing each other over half of the previous year. We discovered increased fellowship with each other changing our coffee hour location. We discovered how there is a passion for doing service in our community from working with Doorstep and KU Campus ministry on our Service Sundays. Our "God on Broadway" series and Messy Church worship reminded us that we can have fun on Sunday mornings, and all be kids again in our faith. The nursery was finally remodeled as the new "Children's Room" with the hopeful outlook of restarting Sunday programming for our little ones. We were able to dedicate our community garden in partnership with our community gardeners to honor the work of Helen and Walt Laughlin. The Synod gave us the honor of hosting our conference gathering this year, which had not been held in Topeka for over a decade.

While I celebrate all those joyous moments, I also know that we have also hit the rails grinding the iron this year as well. The inflation and economic uncertainty at the start of the year drastically affected that has resulted in a deficit we have not been able to overcome. While our pledge campaign this year produced 12% in giving by our members, we will not be able to keep the doors open much longer without some drastic changes. We faced an number of loved ones passing away with the stress on our few volunteers being made present. As your pastor, I am still grieving the loss of these loved ones with you this day, but we have to keep

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moving forward in their memory because they dedicated their lives to this church and to each of us. In trying to be mindful of the various perspectives on the COVID issues within the pew, we did not move quick enough for some, but for others we were reckless in returning to our normal ways of functioning. This has caused former regular members to not only stop attending but has led some to leave for other churches on both sides of this conflict. As we returned to normal, we realized we are rusty in remembering how we did it before which has frustrated some as we argued with each other over exactly how something should be done. We simply have not given enough thanks for all that we have been able to do this year and we have not given each other grace in this time emerging from COVID.

The beginning of this reports starts with a passage from Paul. Paul understood what it was like to do ministry with the same highs and lows that we have seen this year. While he was starting new churches all over the Roman Empire with new followers coming to Christ all the time, he also had churches that constantly fought each other, that did not help each other, particularly in helping feed starving converts and contended with often being arrested by the authorities. Regardless, Paul understood that it takes all of us working together to be the church. It takes all our gifts and perspectives to be present at the table to be the body of Christ in this world. This

past year has no doubt been one of boundless joy and profound pain. Most people do not want to ride that emotional roller coaster. Like the start of my report, most people when faced with wanting to ride The Cyclone again might pass that up for getting a hot dog down at Nathan's instead. Yet, The Cyclone has stood for countless generations and against being demolished several times in its history because the excitement and the joy of that rickety haphazard coaster outweighs all the challenges that are present. While I ended my story above noting how I felt beat up by The Cyclone, when the ride was over, the attendant allowed all those who wanted to take another ride around stay in their seats. Instead of getting out of my seat to refute ever riding it again, I stayed and rode that roller coaster all over again with all those same experiences as I had before. Therefore, are will willing to see our church in this same light? Are we willing to get back into the seat as a congregation and find out where God is taking us together? Can we believe that our love for being together and doing ministry together outweighs all the troubles we have faced this past year and the year to come? As Paul states, we already have all the gifts needed from God, we just need everyone willing to be the body of Christ united together for our future.

Peace of Christ,  
Andrew C. Patty



# 2022 STATISTICAL REPORT

## In Memoriam

Russell Johnson .....January 23, 2022  
Sharon (Axelton) Moore .....February 9, 2022  
Ralph “Bill” Pollock .....February 14, 2022  
Betty Quarnstrom .....March 4, 2022  
Hugh O’Neil .....March 19, 2022  
Vickie Jacobs.....March 27, 2022  
Helen Laughlin.....August 3, 2022  
Susan Fitz .....August 7, 2022  
Keith Springer .....October 6, 2022  
Dorothy Strom .....October 16, 2022  
Marilyn Hypse .....October 29, 2022

## Worship Statistics:

Regular Word and Table Services—56  
Online Services—2  
Service with Baptism—1  
Weddings—1  
Funerals—8

In-Person Attendance	Online Attendance
30 (29 in 2021)	96 (86 in 2021)

## Most Attended Services This Year-

### In-Person

Marilyn Hypse Funeral—127  
Quarnstrom Funeral—103 (Online:100)  
Easter—65 (Online: 65)  
Thanksgiving Eve—60 (Online: 91)  
Christmas Eve—59 (Online: 141)

## Membership Totals:

Baptized Member Roll	111 (205 in 2021)
Full Voting Members	56 (67 in 2021)
Total Members Removed in 2022:	
By Inactive-	87
By Death-	8
Total Members Received in 2022:	
By Baptism-	1 (Shawn Michael Hill)

# PASTOR'S YEAR IN PICTURES



**St. Lucia**



**Trunk or Treat**



**Baptism**



**Work day at Doorstep.**



**Packing bags for KU students**



**God on Broadway—  
Mary Poppins**



**Laughlin Community  
Garden Dedication.**



**Children's Room**

	Dec 22	Budget	Jan - Dec 22	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
400 - General Fund	6,558.10	10,416.67	95,916.88	125,000.00	125,000.00
410 - Building Fund	0.00		20.00		
430 - Thrivent Choice	0.00		213.00		
440 - Amazon Smile	0.00		26.47		
450 - Building Use	0.00		340.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,558.10</b>	<b>10,416.67</b>	<b>96,516.35</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>6,558.10</b>	<b>10,416.67</b>	<b>96,516.35</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>	<b>125,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>600 - Building Expenses</b>					
612 - Building Maintenance	470.00	1,166.67	5,652.53	14,000.00	14,000.00
613 - Custodian	596.94	598.33	7,183.09	7,180.00	7,180.00
615 - Utilities	1,428.48	1,333.33	18,077.67	16,000.00	16,000.00
600 - Building Expenses - Other	0.00		762.24		
<b>Total 600 - Building Expenses</b>	<b>2,495.42</b>	<b>3,098.33</b>	<b>31,675.53</b>	<b>37,180.00</b>	<b>37,180.00</b>
<b>620 - Pastor Related Expenses</b>					
621 - Pastor's Salary	1,521.67	1,522.17	18,511.64	18,266.00	18,266.00
622 - Pastor's Housing Allowance	833.33	833.33	9,999.96	10,000.00	10,000.00
623 - Pastor's Pension/Health	889.82	879.17	10,677.84	10,550.00	10,550.00
625 - Pastor's Continuing Education	50.00	79.17	95.00	950.00	950.00
626 - Pastor's Car Allowance	0.00		119.79		
627 - Pastor's Book Allowance	0.00		741.02		
628 - Supply Pastor	125.00	41.67	1,331.75	500.00	500.00
629 - SETA Match for Pastor	275.00	275.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
<b>Total 620 - Pastor Related Expenses</b>	<b>3,694.82</b>	<b>3,630.51</b>	<b>44,777.00</b>	<b>43,566.00</b>	<b>43,566.00</b>
<b>630 - Administrative Expenses</b>					
631 - Admin. Assistant's Wages	1,412.63	1,750.00	21,515.87	21,000.00	21,000.00
632 - Payroll Taxes	108.06	134.17	1,645.96	1,610.00	1,610.00
633 - Office Supplies	131.54	62.50	715.62	750.00	750.00
634 - Office Equipment	428.31	333.33	4,041.15	4,000.00	4,000.00
635 - Postage	180.00	83.33	4,268.42	1,000.00	1,000.00
637 - Insurance Expense	0.00	916.67	14,947.75	11,000.00	11,000.00
638 - Computer Services	177.39	108.33	1,970.79	1,300.00	1,300.00
639 - Professional Services	270.00	275.00	3,280.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
<b>Total 630 - Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>2,707.93</b>	<b>3,663.33</b>	<b>52,385.76</b>	<b>43,960.00</b>	<b>43,960.00</b>
<b>640 - Music Expenses</b>					
641 - Organist	463.50	333.33	4,326.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
642 - Substitute Organist	0.00		154.50		
645 - Piano/Organ Maintenance	0.00	75.00	760.00	900.00	900.00
<b>Total 640 - Music Expenses</b>	<b>463.50</b>	<b>408.33</b>	<b>5,240.50</b>	<b>4,900.00</b>	<b>4,900.00</b>
<b>650 - Mission Expenses</b>					
651 - Mission Ministry	675.00		8,512.67		
652 - Worship/Music/Altar	639.47	100.00	1,560.07	1,200.00	1,200.00
653 - Learning	0.00	25.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
654 - Hospitality	0.00	83.33	390.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
655 - Advertising	372.04	208.33	1,623.73	2,500.00	2,500.00
656 - Offering Envelopes	13.61	10.83	266.24	130.00	130.00
657 - Synod Assembly Del.	0.00	12.50	1,990.85	150.00	150.00
658 - Devotional Materials	0.00	50.00	59.45	600.00	600.00
650 - Mission Expenses - Other	0.00	675.00	0.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
<b>Total 650 - Mission Expenses</b>	<b>1,700.12</b>	<b>1,164.99</b>	<b>14,403.01</b>	<b>13,980.00</b>	<b>13,980.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,061.79</b>	<b>11,965.49</b>	<b>148,481.80</b>	<b>143,586.00</b>	<b>143,586.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-4,503.69</b>	<b>-1,548.82</b>	<b>-51,965.45</b>	<b>-18,586.00</b>	<b>-18,586.00</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Other Income</b>					
<b>800 - Restricted Donations</b>					
801 - Memorial Donations	425.00	770.83	7,525.00	9,250.00	9,250.00
805 - Building Fund Donations	0.00	12.50	0.00	150.00	150.00
830 - Central States Synod Donations	0.00		155.00		
835 - Camp Tomah Shinga Donations	0.00	33.33	80.00	400.00	400.00
838 - Flowers for Altar Donations	174.00	20.83	497.00	250.00	250.00
840 - Food Pantry Donations	0.00	158.33	1,220.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
851 - Doorstep	0.00	91.67	671.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
852 - Restoration Donations	0.00		50.00		
853 - Lent Offerings	0.00	2.08	0.00	25.00	25.00
855 - Other Restricted Donations	0.00	104.17	1,746.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
856 - Grant Income	0.00		550.00		
<b>Total 800 - Restricted Donations</b>	<b>599.00</b>	<b>1,193.74</b>	<b>12,494.00</b>	<b>14,325.00</b>	<b>14,325.00</b>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>599.00</b>	<b>1,193.74</b>	<b>12,494.00</b>	<b>14,325.00</b>	<b>14,325.00</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>					
<b>860 - Restricted Expenditures</b>					
861 - Memorial Expenditures	0.00	208.33	288.72	2,500.00	2,500.00
862 - Funeral Meal Expense	0.00		79.61		
875 - Bequest Expenditures	0.00	208.33	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
884 - Central States Synod Expend.	0.00	122.92	0.00	1,475.00	1,475.00
886 - Camp Tomah Shinga Expend.	0.00	258.33	3,070.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
890 - Food Pantry Expenditures	0.00	8.33	281.40	100.00	100.00
896 - Other Restricted Expenditures	447.00	104.17	1,112.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
<b>Total 860 - Restricted Expenditures</b>	<b>447.00</b>	<b>910.41</b>	<b>4,831.73</b>	<b>10,925.00</b>	<b>10,925.00</b>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>447.00</b>	<b>910.41</b>	<b>4,831.73</b>	<b>10,925.00</b>	<b>10,925.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>152.00</b>	<b>283.33</b>	<b>7,662.27</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-4,351.69</b>	<b>-1,265.49</b>	<b>-44,303.18</b>	<b>-15,186.00</b>	<b>-15,186.00</b>

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Topeka KS

**Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2022

Dec 31, 22

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

110 - Capitol Federal Checking

110.01 - Unrestricted in Checking 13,179.73

110.20 - Memorial Funds

FIT - Susan Fitz Memorial 805.00

HYM - Marilyn Hypse Memorial 2,000.00

JAC - V. Jacobs Memorial 200.00

JOR - Russell Johnson Memorial 195.00

LAU - Helen Laughlin Memorial 627.08

POL - Bill Pollock Memorial 200.00

QUA - C. Quanstrom 225.00

QUB - B. Quanstrom Memorial 725.00

SOC - Chuck Sodergren Memorial 5,400.00

SPR - Keith Springer Memorial 1,055.00

STD - Dorothy Strom Memorial 820.00

ZZZ - Interest on Memorials 31.28

Total 110.20 - Memorial Funds 12,283.34

110.200 - Other Restricted Funds

110.17 - Other Special Offerings 11,617.62

110.210 - Youth Ministries 477.15

110.215 - Flowers 1,144.54

110.220 - Reeves Fund 7,383.97

110.225 - Central States Synod 921.00

110.230 - Camp Tomah Shinga -329.95

110.235 - Food Pantry 5,992.08

110.240 - Scholarship Fund 100.00

110.245 - Community Garden 436.62

110.250 - Funeral Meals 179.91

110.260 - Washburn Univ. 555.68

110.275 - Restoration Funds 259.00

110.280 - Grant Income 550.00

110.200 - Other Restricted Funds - Other 25.00

Total 110.200 - Other Restricted Funds 29,312.62

116 - Bequest - Perlaky 15,740.10

110 - Capitol Federal Checking - Other 6,643.70

Total 110 - Capitol Federal Checking 77,159.49

Total Checking/Savings 77,159.49

Other Current Assets

125 - Investments

128 - Mission Investment 10,888.94

Total 125 - Investments 10,888.94

Total Other Current Assets 10,888.94

Total Current Assets 88,048.43

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Topeka KS

**Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2022

	Dec 31, 22
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>88,048.43</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
210 - Payroll Tax Liabilities	528.63
225 - Pastoral Discretionary Fund	-940.52
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-411.89</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-411.89</u>
Total Liabilities	-411.89
Equity	
300 - Opening Balance Equity	95,993.21
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	36,770.29
Net Income	<u>-44,303.18</u>
Total Equity	<u>88,460.32</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>88,048.43</u>

# DOORSTEP

Trinity is one of 55 member congregations that support the work of Doorstep. During 2022 Doorstep provided over 5,000 units of service, spending nearly \$330,000 on direct services, and providing over 81,000 pounds of food. Trinity was part of the work Doorstep does by donating money, food, and clothing. Doorstep's annual Christmas adoption provided Christmas for 259 households involving 821 individuals. Adopted households received food, blankets, health kits, school supplies, household items, gift cards for all mem-

bers, toys for kids, and clothing.

On June 12th, a group of our members in fellowship with Asbury Mt. Olive United Methodist Church volunteered at Doorstep sorting donations. Several of us also volunteered at the Christmas adoption, and two of us participated in the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk which is a fund-raiser for Doorstep.

Diane Bottorff, Board Member  
Cindy McGinnis, Coordinator

## Doorstep Service Report 2022 YEAR END REPORT

Family Characteristics	HH	IND
Families/Individuals	2,765	6,568
Households Refused	139	
Female Head of Hshld	577	
Male		3,084
Female		3,484
Individual Disabled		978
Individual Veteran		66

Income Characteristics	HH	IND
DCF/TANF	45	148
Employment	1,133	3,294
Disability (SSI/SSD/VA)		978
Social Security		264
Unemp/Workers Comp		9
Pensions (VA, RR, etc)		37
Child Support		61
No Income		558
Other		46
Food Stamps	1,226	3,033
WIC		270
Medical Cards		3,517
KanCare		2,475
Health Access		43

Referred From	HH	IND
Telephone Calls		7,660

Poverty Levels	HH
At or Below	1743
Near	205
Above	617
Unknown	200

New Households	219
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Impact Avenue Services	18
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COVID-19 Impacted	171
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Clothing Items-MAP/TPD	3,309
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Interview:	<b>B</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>O</b>
	831	1,680	169	53	32

Clothing:	<b>B</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>O</b>
	831	1,336	229	70	17

Total Services Provided	HH	IND
Food	1,225	3,006
Utility Assistance	398	1,125
Medical - Rx	156	275
Medical - Dental	93	123
Rent	236	542
Transportation - Bus	83	131
Transportation - Gas	218	551
Transportation - Auto Svcs	16	48
Christmas	260	822
School Supplies		
Outreach	465	1,132
Education/Childcare		
Miscellaneous	8	24
Clothing	2,483	5,933
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5,641</b>	<b>13,712</b>

Water Share	38	121
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### Break Down of Clothing Room Services

Diapers	223	750
Formula	9	35
Hygiene Kits	745	1,940
Linens	689	1,930
Pet Food	282	754

### Food and Clothing Distributed

Pounds of Food Distributed	81,013
Value of Clothing Distributed	\$88,810

### Donations

#### Value of Donated Food

Member Congregations	\$32,556
Miscellaneous	\$9,542
Project Topeka	

#### Value of Donated Clothing and Merchandise

Value of Donated Clothes	\$1,126,000
Value of Donated Merchandise	\$1,120,500

<b>Value of All Donations</b>	<b>\$2,288,598</b>
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### Clothing Clients

Male	2,716
Female	3,217

1/12/2023

1/11/23  
updated

DECEMBER 2022 Member Contributions	MONETARY	
	DEC	Year to Date
Asbury Mt. Olive UMC	\$100.00	\$393.51
Calvary Baptist		\$0.00
Capital City Community Of God	\$500.00	\$600.00
Central Congregational	\$200.00	\$2,839.56
Central Park Christian	\$200.00	\$1,595.00
		\$0.00
Christ The King	\$2,600.00	\$4,503.05
Church Of Jesus Christ Latter Day		\$4,150.00
Community of Christ	\$50.00	\$3,058.15
Countryside UMC	\$1,250.00	\$5,880.49
Crestview UMC	\$1,225.00	\$7,358.54
Faith Lutheran	\$1,800.00	\$7,142.95
Fairlawn Church of Nazarene	\$97.52	\$1,172.72
First Baptist		\$1,037.50
First Christian		\$5,150.64
First Church of the Nazarene	\$640.00	\$2,692.80
First Congregational		\$3,966.50
First Lutheran	\$80.00	\$7,423.52
First Presbyterian	\$1,175.00	\$4,147.52
First United Methodist	\$800.00	\$2,771.80
Grace Episcopal	\$100.00	\$250.00
Grace UMC	\$500.00	\$1,750.00
Highland Heights Christian	\$25.00	\$3,615.00
Islamic Center of Topeka		\$0.00
Lowman UMC		\$2,107.00
Mater Dei	\$495.00	\$2,210.00
Metropolitan Community Church		\$0.00
Most Pure Heart of Mary	\$603.05	\$9,007.09
New Life Baptist		\$0.00
New Mt. Zion Baptist		\$100.00
Oakland Presbyterian	\$1,150.00	\$2,700.00
Oakland UMC		\$0.00
Our Savior's Lutheran	\$170.00	\$2,817.00
Potwin Presbyterian	\$350.00	\$15,517.34
Prince of Peace	\$225.00	\$4,187.00
Sacred Heart Parish		\$150.00
Shiloh Baptist	\$100.00	\$625.00
St. Andrew's Presbyterian	\$600.00	\$700.00
St. David's Episcopal	\$1,839.56	\$3,689.56
St. John AME	\$450.00	\$1,650.00
St. John's Lutheran	\$1,405.54	\$5,458.70
Susanna Wesley UMC	\$25.00	\$25.00
Temple Beth Sholom		\$743.20
Topeka Friends Meeting	\$350.00	\$700.00
Trinity Lutheran	\$372.00	\$1,850.00
Trinity Presbyterian	\$220.00	\$6,346.46
Unity Church Christianity		\$78.10
University UMC	\$225.00	\$315.00
Wanamaker Seventh-Day Adventist	\$500.00	\$610.00
Wanamaker Woods Nazarene		\$0.00
West Side Baptist		\$801.00
West Side Christian	\$370.00	\$1,570.00
Westminster Presbyterian	\$2,800.00	\$8,647.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$23,592.67</b>	<b>\$144,303.70</b>

FOOD	
DEC	Year to Date
\$0.00	\$253.10
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$169.10
\$0.00	\$1,107.60
\$0.00	\$237.10
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$196.00
\$39.30	\$333.70
\$0.00	\$208.30
\$0.00	\$953.80
\$27.80	\$1,371.59
\$301.30	\$3,008.80
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$583.80
\$0.00	\$228.70
\$18.80	\$672.90
\$14.00	\$537.10
\$97.80	\$1,554.80
\$21.20	\$332.30
\$12.70	\$3,394.00
\$0.00	\$15.10
\$0.00	\$568.04
\$0.00	\$1,345.30
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$116.00	\$996.70
\$273.10	\$1,186.50
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$901.90
\$0.00	\$58.50
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$670.40
\$0.00	\$85.40
\$31.50	\$1,380.20
\$0.00	\$338.30
\$24.80	\$841.30
\$0.00	\$183.10
\$0.00	\$43.10
\$14.50	\$287.40
\$0.00	\$1,265.20
\$0.00	\$29.50
\$6.30	\$735.50
\$0.00	\$20.50
\$0.00	\$679.80
\$0.00	\$18.50
\$36.20	\$469.20
\$40.40	\$2,431.05
\$41.80	\$620.00
\$0.00	\$595.40
\$34.50	\$707.70
\$0.00	\$24.70
\$0.00	\$154.40
\$0.00	\$126.20
\$11.50	\$303.00
<b>\$1,163.60</b>	<b>\$32,224.68</b>
<b>*FOOD: 1 LB = \$1</b>	



# CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEES 2022

## Administration

The Administration committee had difficulties getting organized. This committee includes finance, memorials, and personnel. We tried twice to come together to discuss job descriptions. With the results of the volunteer form, administration still does not have enough people to function. For the time being Council will take charge of the issues under the Administration committee.

## Maintenance

We started the new year with finishing repairs on the sanctuary roof to remedy water issues. This was accomplished through the use of memorial funds. We have had several instances of damage to the garage doors and windows. We have also tried to be frugal in our energy use throughout the year by decreasing our heating/cooling on all units. In April, tree limb damage to the roof of Trinity Hall was repaired by JB Turner Company. We also approved PCI as our primary tech for the boiler until April 2023. In June, the annual elevator inspection was done. In July, the boiler and fire inspections were done with few issues and a quilt bracket was approved.

## Community Relations

This year we tried a new way of getting our congregation involved with outreach in our community through Service Sundays. On these days, we have a meal after worship and then participate in a project together. The first Service Sunday was served at Doorstep with several members helping in the clothing store. Ashbury Mount Olive UMC joined us in this service at Doorstep. We had a fun time together and learned more about the needs of Doorstep when it comes to volunteering. During the second Service Sunday we created care packs for the students at the KU Campus Ministry. Pastor Dan spoke about his experience as a chaplain and we sent a car full of care packs on its way. Pastor Andrew attended the "Student Welcoming Night" when many students said the care packs were the best thing they received all week and loved our personal messages of encouragement on the bags. During this year, we also hosted the National Night Out Picnic with the NIA. In

addition to the NIA, we have welcomed PFLAG to use our facilities for meetings.

## Congregational Life

The major transformation for congregational life this year was the slow progress of returning to normal in-person worship. Several times, we checked in with each other about the status of worship. During the warmer months, we transitioned to having the coffee hour in the entrance hall; that was seen as a positive move particularly when wanting to interact with guests. This year we had our first in-person services for Easter and Christmas since COVID that was a blessing for all. We also had our St. Lucia celebration with a potluck dinner before the service and two more Lucias than anticipated! We also tried new series in worship during the summer months. One was focused on the greatest hymns in each country and the other focused on Broadway musicals. With that, we had a guest appearance from Rev. Christian Watkins as Mary Poppins. During November, we had a stewardship series that brought speakers from Thrivent and Penwell-Gabel. In the fall, we started a reading and walking group called "Fit and Faithful" where we read a book together and walked the neighborhood.

## Spiritual Care

During this past year, we reformed the Prayer Chain group and started the Homebound Communion Ministers. We realized that the Prayer Chain needed to develop a system for communicating with each other that had been lost during COVID. Homebound Communion Ministers started this year. Pastor Andrew was concerned that our homebound members only see him and wanted those homebound people to have more connection with people they remember in the pews. We had training sessions and assigned members to each of our homebound members to attend with Pastor Andrew on their first visits. Members are now charged to visit their homebound member once a month, bringing the bulletin from worship, some insight from worship that Sunday, and sharing in communion together.

# MEMORIAL REPORT 2022

MEMORIAL REPORT thru December 31, 2022					
ESTABLISHED	FUND	Change	Ending Balance	FAMILY REQUEST	COUNCIL DISPOSITION
08/07/22	Fitz, Susan				
	Aug. 14, 2022	240.00			
	Aug. 21, 2022	295.00			
	Aug. 28, 2022	20.00			
	Sept. 4, 2022	250.00			
	Jan. 5, 2023	-559.98			office computer equipment
	<b>Total</b>		<b>245.02</b>		
10/29/22	Hypse, Marilyn				
	Nov. 6, 2022	920.00			
	Nov. 13, 2022	60.00			
	Nov. 20, 2022	25.00			
	Nov. 27, 2022	970.00			
	Dec. 4, 2022	25.00			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,000.00</b>		
03/27/22	Jacobs, Vickie				
	Mar. 27, 2022	40.00			
	Apr. 17, 2022	70.00			
	May. 1, 2022	325.00			
	May. 8, 2022	90.00			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>525.00</b>		home bound communion kits
01/23/22	Johnson, Russell				
	Jan. 30 2022	40.00			
	Feb. 6 2022	115.00			
	Feb. 13 2022	20.00			
	May. 8 2022	20.00			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>195.00</b>		
08/03/22	Laughlin, Helen				
	Aug. 28, 2022	20.00			
	Sept. 11, 2022	100.00			
	Sept. 18, 2022	25.00			
	Sept. 25, 2022	40.00			
	Nov. 6, 2022	20.00			
	Nov. 27, 2022	100.00			
	Dec. 18, 2022	400.00			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>705.00</b>		
02/14/22	Pollock, Bill				
	Mar. 13, 2022	200.00			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>200.00</b>		
03/04/22	Quarnstrom, Betty				
	Mar. 13, 2022	170.00			
	Mar. 20, 2022	65.00			
	Mar. 27, 2022	125.00			
	Apr. 3, 2022	200.00			
	Apr. 10, 2022	25.00			
	May. 1, 2022	100.00			
	May. 8, 2022	120.00			
	Jul. 17, 2022	175.00			
	Jul. 24, 2022	50.00			
	Nov. 6, 2022	20.00			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,050.00</b>		
02/15/21	Sodergren, Chuck				
	<b>Total</b>		<b>5,400.00</b>		
10/06/22	Springer, Keith				
	Oct. 16, 2022	310.00			
	Oct. 23, 2022	50.00			
	Oct. 30, 2022	300.00			
	Nov. 6, 2022	195.00			
	Nov. 20, 2022	200.00			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,055.00</b>		
10/16/22	Strom, Dorothy				
	Oct. 23, 2022	215.00			
	Oct. 30, 2022	275.00			
	Nov. 6, 2022	120.00			
	Nov. 13, 2022	120.00			
	Nov. 20, 2022	75.00			
	Nov. 27, 2022	90.00			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>895.00</b>		

# TOPEKA LUTHERAN HOME ASSOCIATION 2022

TOPEKA LUTHERAN HOME ASSOCIATION INC.  
LUTHER GARDENS, INC.  
Topeka KS  
ANNUAL REPORT

## NAME OF THE ORGANIZATIONS

Topeka Lutheran Home Association Inc.                      Luther Gardens Inc.

## NAMES OF CURRENT LEADERSHIP (Both Corporations)

President	Denny Payne
Vice President	Barb Collins
Secretary	David McGinnis
Treasurer	Kevin Eaton

## MEETING TIMES (Both Corporations)

The Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We had 11 meetings this year. The Annual meeting will be held on February 28, 2023.

2022 continued to be a difficult time managing the pandemic and all the changes in protocol given that we serve a high-risk population, this coupled with the construction project that going on. The contractors were very good about complying with our requirements and protocol to prevent the spread of the virus. Even with everything going on in 2022, we maintained very good occupancy and consistency with the highly trained, experienced, and professional staff that we have. Many of our employees have been with us for several years.

## REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES LUTHER PLACE I AND II 2022

We were able to maintain very good occupancy this past year and had an economic occupancy rate of 96.2%. We continued to make improvements in our curb appeal even with the construction projects going on. Luther Place is a very well-established elderly housing project, and we get a tremendous amount of drive by traffic, so curb appeal is very important.

During 2022, the construction projects were completed. Luther Place and Martin Creek hosted an open house on September 18, 2022, it was very well attended by both congregations.

## REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES MARTIN CREEK 2021

In 2022 Martin Creek continued to replace storm doors, entry doors and patio doors at the townhouses. We continue to upgrade and replace original kitchen appliances, HVAC units and water heaters throughout the complex as unit's turnover.

Martin Creek continues to provide premier retirement living for its residents. The residents are all very happy with the improvements and Martin Creek has enjoyed very good occupancy rates. Occupancy in 2022 was 96.4%. Martin Creek is a very good value for the rental rates we charge and is a very good product we can all be proud of. Martin Creek has over 70 applicants on the waitlist which is a testament to the very good product that we provide.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Payne  
President

# 2022 ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that we, as the serving body of Christ in this place, give thanks to Almighty God for grace and guidance during our 152nd year of ministry.
2. Be it further resolved that we thank God for the life and witness of our sisters and brothers in Christ who entered the Church Triumphant during 2022.
3. Be it further resolved that thankful appreciation be given to all who have served God through their gifts of time, talent, treasure, and prayer to support the many ministries of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church during 2022.
4. Be it further resolved that the Administrative Assistant send a note of appreciation to Lincoln Center for graciously allowing us to use their parking lot.
5. Be it further resolved that we ask God's guidance as we enter our 153rd year of ministry and as we reach out to our church family, our neighbors, our community, and all others in need.

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## OPENING LITURGY

### Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

**And also with you.**

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

**Amen.**

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay;  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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