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2018 CHURCH STAFF

ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR: Jeff Sorenson
 ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Eldon Thurow
 OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Nancy Dunn
 DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY:
 Sara Stanford
 CHILDREN’S EDUCATION COORDINATOR:
 Darcie Kringen
 TREASURER: Lisa Wilber
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Kristen Boyle
 ORGANIST: Tim Schreck
 CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Nancy Kelm
 JANITOR/MAINTENANCE: Dave Bredlow

2017 CHURCH COUNCIL

OFFICERS:

President – Steve Munk
 Vice President – Nick Thompson
 Secretary Connie Mutchler
 Treasurer Lisa Wilber

MEMBERS OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Term Expires January 2018: Steve Munk, Connie Mutchler,
 Bob Harms, Nate Henry
 Term Expires January 2019: Gaylon Trygstad, Scott Saxon,
 Lauren Greenhoff, Darin Nagelhout
 Term Expires January 2020: Lori Morris, Nick Thompson, Jody
 Stone

AGENDA FOR LCDR ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2018

CALL TO ORDER – Steven Munk, President

OPENING DEVOTIONS – Pastor Jeff Sorenson

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Steven Munk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 29, Annual Meeting and Special Meeting May 7, 2017

TREASURER’S REPORT for 2017 – by Robert Harms, Stewardship Chair

REPORTS OF OUR MINISTRIES

Steven Munk, Council President

Pastor Jeff Sorenson

Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS

Plan for Ministry in 2018 – Budget

Vote to adopt the 2018 Budget

Elections

Congregational Council Nominees:

3-year term:

Robert Harms

Gary Croon

Rich Larson

_____ (at least one more nominee needed)

Voting Members to Synod Assembly: June 1-2, 2018

Jeanine Schnieders

Jacque Wallin

Char McManus

_____ (at least one more nominee needed)

and one voting member age 16-21: _____

Ballot vote for Congregational Council and Voting Members to Synod Assembly

Trust Fund Committee – ***Vote to approve 2018 Trust Fund Budget***

Other New Business

a.

b.

ADJOURN

TABLE PRAYER

*Nominating Committee for 2018 will be:

Steve Munk, Connie Mutchler, Bob Harms, Nate Henry, Gaylon Trygstad, Scott Saxon, Lauren Greenhoff,
Darin Nagelhout

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FROM JANUARY 29, 2017 – 10:48 AM (TO BE APPROVED)

Call to Order: Jeanine Schnieders, Council President at 10:48 AM with 106 attendees

Opening Devotions: Pastor Jeff Sorenson

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to approve with one correction by Bill Evans, seconded by Mark Downs.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from January 31, 2016: Motion to approve by Carolyn Downs, seconded by Gayla Evans.
Motion carried.

Treasurers Report 2016: Steve Munk presented financial report from 2016. Motion to accept made by Bob Harms, seconded by Mark Downs. Motion carried.

Reports of our Ministries:

- Jeanine Schnieders provided a review of the events at LCDR over 2016
- Pastor Jeff Sorenson – see Administrative Pastor's report in Annual Report
- Staff and committee reports available for review in LCDR Annual Report

New Business:

1. Steve Munk presented the budget for 2017 as prepared by the Budget Committee. Tom Bunkers made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Bill Evans. Motion carried.
2. The slate of Council nominees was presented as follows:
 - A. 2-year Term (to complete Kristin Boyle's position): Darin Nagelhout
 - B. 3-year Term: Scott Schmitt, Jody Stone, Nick Thompson, Lisa WilburA motion was made to accept the slate of nominees by Mark Downs, seconded by Gloria Brown. Motion carried.
Written ballots were distributed and collected for counting. Council members served as ballot collectors and counters.
Darin Nagelhout was elected to a 2-year term and Scott Schmitt, Jody Stone, Nick Thompson, and Lisa Wilbur were elected to 3-year terms.
Candidates nominated for Voting Members to SD Synod Assembly were Char McManus, Nancy Kelm, Carolyn Downs, Solveig Hendrickson, with Jeanine Schnieders to serve as alternate. Motion made by Steve Munk to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Seconded by Mark Downs. Motion carried.
3. Chapel Renovation – Steve Munk reported that the roof was being replaced, Wayne Coffaa had repaired and painted windows, the raised floor had been removed from the new multipurpose room and cabling and wainscoting as being added. He thanked Wayne Coffaa and Bill Nelson for all their assistance.
4. Memorial Committee Resolution – Pastor Jeff Sorenson explained that because there is no wording in the LCDR Bylaws for the formation and function of a Memorial Committee, this resolution will allow for a change to the Bylaws by a special congregational meeting. A motion to accept this resolution was made by Helen Brown, seconded by Bob Harms. Motion carried. Date of special congregational meeting to be determined.
5. Trust Fund Resolution Amendments – Pastor Jeff Sorenson explained the following proposed changes to the Trust Fund Resolution:
 - A. Paragraph Six to read as follows: NOW THEREFORE, in order to establish a permanent Trust Fund within the church to enable the further growth and extension of the stewardship of our church:
 - B. Paragraph Seven to read as follows: BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership of The Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, establish a Trust Fund in which the principal will be retained and only the income used and to receive and administer bequests, devises, estates, insurance, memorials, and other assets, to be perpetual and perpetuating. And,
 - C. motion to accept the changes to the Trust Fund Resolution, seconded by John Peterson. Motion carried.

- A. Paragraph Eleven to read as follows: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That title to real property given to The Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids Trust Fund, in the form of gifts, bequests, devises, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities and life insurance policies, or other assets shall vest in the name of this church corporation, namely "THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DELL RAPIDS", and the title to personal property shall vest in the name of The Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids Trust Fund all to be administered in accordance with this Trust Fund Resolution and any subsequent resolution which mat amend or change this Resolution establishing said Trust Fund.
- B. Section V entitled MEMORIAL FUND shall be removed in its entirety.
- C. Section VI entitled TAX EXEMPTIONS shall be renumbered Section V.
- D. Section V,II,6 shall read as follows: The trust Fund Committee may commingle the Funds and property of the Perpetual Fund, and any other Funds or property held in the Trust Fund, and administer such funds as a single fund, so long as the committee records at all times accurately reflect the receipts and disbursements properly allocable to each fund and the property in each fund.

Date to be changed to the 29th day of January, 2017. Mark Downs made a

6. Building Fund Capital Appeal Resolution – Bob Harms explained the need for the resolution to allow the Stewardship committee to conduct a Capital Building Fund appeal with the wording to be as follows:

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids will have continued building mortgage debt of approximately \$300,000 as of May 2017; and

WHEREAS, a series of building fund appeals from 2003-2015 enjoyed generous contributions that more than met the monthly payments of our building mortgage; and

WHEREAS, since the conclusion of the last capital appeal in June 2015, our building fund has been close to meeting its needs but is now falling behind the amount of monthly mortgage payments, so that the difference must be made up for out of general funds which otherwise could be utilized for mission and ministry; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids to entirely retire this building mortgage debt so that our financial resources can be freed for the important mission and ministry that God is calling us to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids conduct a capital building fund appeal, "Free to Serve," over the period May 2017 through April 2019, to generate funds of approximately \$300,000, to completely retire our congregation's building mortgage debt.

Bob Harms made a motion to accept the Building Fund Capital Appeal Resolution as presented, seconded by Brian Wilbur. Motion carried.

7. Trust Fund Committee – The following people are being presented as proposed members of the Trust Fund committee: Allen Brown and Dianna Puttmann.

- a. Connie Mutchler made a motion to accept Allen Brown as a member of the Trust Fund committee, seconded by Darin Nagelout. Motion carried.
- b. Tom Bunkers made a motion to accept Dianna Puttmann as a member of the Trust Fund committee, seconded by Jim Pollmann. Motion carried.
- c. Allen Brown presented the annual Trust Fund report and proposed budget. He then made a motion to accept the report and proposed budget, seconded by Mark Downs. Motion carried.

8. Global Mission Support Resolution – Joan Zabel asked that is be removed from the agenda.

Jim Pollmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Bunkers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Mutchler, Secretary.

LCDR SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
Vote to Decide on Amendments to ByLaws
May 7, 2017

Call to Order: By President Steve Munk at 9:40 AM.

Steve reviewed the three ByLaw changes that were being proposed and asked people to refer to the handouts.

The first proposed change is to Section 9.05, the addition of section 9.06, and the renumbering of the existing Section 9.06 to 9.07 of the ByLaws referring to the Memorial Committee. At the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2017, LCDR adopted a resolution authorizing and empowering the Memorial Committee. The proposed changes to the ByLaws allows for those changes.

A motion to revise section 9.05 and add 9.06 to read as follows was made by Bill Evans, seconded by Bob Harms:

Section 9.05. Trust Fund Committee. The Trust Fund Committee shall consist of five members, all of whom shall be voting members of the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids. The term of each member shall be three (3) years. Further provisions regarding the Trust Fund and its Committee are specified in the Resolution Establishing the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids Trust Fund, adopted at the annual meeting of this congregation on the 22nd day of January, 1990, and revised at the annual meeting of this congregation on the 29th day of January, 2017.

Section 9.06. Memorial Committee. The Memorial Committee shall consist of four members, all of whom shall be voting members, of the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids. The term of each member shall be three (3) years. Further provisions regarding the Memorial Committee and related policies are specified in the Resolution Establishing the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids Memorial Committee, adopted at the annual meeting of this congregation on the 29th day of January, 2017.

Section 9.07. Other committees of this congregation may be formed, as the need arises, by decision of the Congregation Council.

Motion carried.

The second proposed change is to Section 9.01 Executive Committee. The Congregation Council has recommended that we elect our Treasurer to serve as an elected member of the Congregation Council. The proposed ByLaw change allows our Treasurer to also serve on the Council Executive Committee.

A motion to revise Section 9.01 Executive Committee to read as follows was made by Bill Evans, seconded by Lee Kirkalee:

Section 9.01 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and Treasurer if an elected member, of the Congregation Council. This Committee shall have the powers of the Congregation Council to transact business of any emergency nature between Council meetings. The senior pastor or interim pastor and the immediate past president shall serve as ex-officio members of this committee.

Motion carried.

The third proposed change to the ByLaws is a numbering change (Section 8.02 to Section 5.03) and the correction of a typographical error to current Section 8.02.

A motion to revise Section 8.02 to read as follows was made Larry Mutchler, seconded by Gail Evans:

Section 5.03 Informal Action. If all the Congregation Council members severally or collectively consent in writing to any action taken or to be taken by the church and the writing or writings evidencing their consent are filed with the Secretary of the church, the action shall be valid as though it has been authorized at a meeting of the Board.

After votes were counted, all three motions carried.

Meeting was closed at 9:45 AM by President, Steve Munk.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Mutchler, Secretary.

ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR'S REPORT

God's grace and peace to you. Now that I've been serving as your pastor for a bit more than a year, I'm often asked, "So how's it going for you in Dell Rapids?" And I reply, "I'm loving it! Great people, great community, a sense for being church together, kids and young families coming out of the woodwork. What's there not to like?"

Some of the things to highlight about our past year 2017 are:

- We continued to work to improve our experience of worship together, beginning every-week communion, creating more consistency with both services on a given day now in the same format, coming to appreciate a blend of the best of both the old and the new in our music, and now our Praise Band leading worship at both 8:30 and 10:45 on the third Sunday of the month.
- With a March Consecration Sunday Appeal and a June "Free to Serve" Capital Fund Appeal, members responded generously to increase our financial giving so that there was about a \$40,000 increase over the previous year – which is amazing – thank you – even though our year-end balance still fell short of expenses.
- We celebrated the 500th year of the Protestant Reformation, participating in a Synod Reformation Worship, and learning more about the impact of Luther and the Reformation through film, forums and weekly videos.
- We expanded and improved our youth ministry and made investments in new youth games/equipment. We shortened our Confirmation program, and began High 5 (for 5th graders) and Route 67 (for 6-7th graders). With these changes we're seeing more youth (and their families) among us each week, which is a really good thing – and also a challenge for what to do with all these wonderful kids in our limited space.
- This year we recognized the need for more frequent and consistent care of our elderly and home-bound members. In May we floated the idea of a part-time Pastoral Nurse to meet this need, and received a mixed response from congregation members: mostly "yes" to trying to meet the need, but questions whether it should be a Pastoral Nurse doing so. At year's end, when we learned that former Interim Pastor Eldon Thurow may be available to serve us part-time, our Council saw that possibility as an ideal response to our need and contracted with Pastor Thurow to serve as our part-time Associate Pastor beginning in January 2018.
- I so much appreciate the great staff we have serving at LCDR, including the addition this past year of Dave Bredlow as our Custodian/Maintenance Staff. Last summer, my continuing education at Luther Seminary, was a seminar, "Stepping Up to Staffing." I'm glad to report that as difficult as I learned leading staff CAN be, we're a pretty good team at LCDR, with a lot of talent, commitment and joy in what we do together.

Like last year, we have some very positive things to look forward to in the coming year 2018:

- Our youth, family and education ministries are this congregation's calling card. We're growing with young families, for good reason. As the community of Dells grows with young families, a sign of our health is that our congregation's demographics look much like that of our community (which isn't always true in America today).
- As we grow our staff to meet our growing congregation's ministry needs, two things that are true of us, are par for the course: 1) we project a financial deficit again for 2018 and will need look to "outside" funds in the short term, and 2) all of us, including our new families as they gain ownership of our ministry, must step up and grow in our financial giving if the congregational growth is to continue.
- We will be looking in new directions, expanding our global mission connections this year. I would like to lead a cross-generational group to meet our Lutheran friends in Nicaragua – and invite you to think of joining us!
- The renovations in the Chapel to date have made it beautiful and functional. Continued improvements expected in 2018 are a new display case, library shelving, and acoustic panels in the Chapel Hall.

Thank you! Our Church Council says goodbye and 'thanks' to Nate Henry, Congregation Secretary Connie Mutchler, and Congregation President Steve Munk. Leadership well done!

And thank you, again, for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. God is good.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff Sorenson

2017 PAROCHIAL REPORT

BAPTISMS

1-27-17 Blaine Maeschen
 2-5-17 Kye Davis
 3-19-17 Gibson Dubbe
 5-7-17 Boden Weidauer
 5-21-17 Eloise Thompson
 5-21-17 Eva Thomas
 6-11-17 Korbin Siemonsma
 6-25-17 Marvin Pierson
 7-16-17 Isaac Hup
 7-23-17 Tayha Johnson
 7-30-17 Owen Veltkamp
 Tate Veltkamp
 10-8-17 Edith Crisp
 11-19-17 Ava Swartz
 11-26-17 Charlotte Crisp

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

11-05-2017
 Logan Ellingson
 Dustyn Grib
 Kade Gruis
 Aspen Hansen
 Hannah Heiberger
 Mitchell Heinemann
 Anaka Hemenway
 Kendra Hofeman
 Erin Larson
 Carter Rentz
 Ethan Riswold
 Anna Symens
 Kaela Taubert
 Karson Welbig

WEDDING

July 1: Andrew Johnson &
 Becky Watson

FUNERALS

1-28-17 Ruth Hansen
 3-10-17 LaVonne Larson
 3-20-17 David Chamley
 3-22-17 Ron Peterson
 3-28-17 Grace Reiter
 5-24-17 Alice Peterson
 6-10-17 Luella Buskerud
 9-9-17 Vernon Bokker
 10-25-17 Shirley Snoozy

TRANSFERS IN

January 20, 2017:
 Daniel & Marie Hup
 Josh & Jacque LeBrun, Caelee,
 Owen, Nora
 Blaine & Mandie Maeschen, Coby,
 Carson
 Kyle & Erin McInroy, Mason, Owen
 Andrea & Nate Jones, Camden,
 Chase, Caidyn, Connor
 Nicole O'Bryan, Nate O'Bryan,
 Associate member

October 1, 2017:
 Mike & Toni Cable, Mason, Emma
 Peggy Hancock, Duane, Jordan
 Mark & Jessica Hendrickson, Miles,
 Micah
 Tony & Kayla Siemonsma, Korbin
 Andy & Elly Swartz, Hudson,
 Jackson, Ava
 Barry & Heather Veltkamp, Tate,
 Owen
 Betty Wigton

November 19, 2017:
 Chad & Heather Ronshaugen, Will,
 Lauren, Owen
 Steve Tudor
 Adam & Nicole Amundson, Jocelyn,
 Maddox, Maxwell, Micah

TRANSFERS OUT

Brandon Jastram
 Kristy, Callen, Lane Roemen
 David Gehlsen
 David & Jan Jastram
 Rachel Borns-Langner
 Lance & Sharee' Wold, Layke, Kaytee,
 Payton

Removed Inactive:
 Mike & Melissa Randby
 Stephen Sandstede
 Deb Swanson
 Brett & Samantha Bauman, Alexis,
 Tate
 Josh & Katie Bauman, Ian, Isaac,
 Ashton
 Josh & Nicole Stukel
 DeAnna Berke
 Dan & Ellie Berg
 Timothy & Sherry Woltjer
 Gary & Linda Belfrage
 Tammy Wendell
 Roger & Faith Buechler
 Geoff Dipple
 Sarah Jones
 Julie Sharp
 Collin & Natalie Story, Elijah, Ella

Statistics

Average Sunday Attendance:
 2017: 240 2016: 223 2015: 223

Members as of 1/1/2017 1222
 Members as of 12/31/2017 1254

Year of 2017

Baptized 15
 Confirmed 14
 Marriages 1
 Deaths 9
 Transferred In: 52
 Transferred Out: 13 Removed Inactive: 29

LCDR has a total of 397 family units.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

I have nothing to report for 2017, having started as Associate Pastor at the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids as of January 1, 2018. I have received a contract to visit the elderly, the sick and the hospitalized of the congregation. I am going to need your help in being able to do this in 15 hours a week.

First of all, I will need you to inform me when you or any member of the congregation goes into the hospital. I cannot go to the hospital and ask who is there from LCDR. The law will not permit them to give me this information. I also need you to let me know when any member that you know has become home bound or become unstable to come to church regularly. I do want to visit them but will need to know about them.

The other thing that I need your help with is letting me know what type of activities you may be interested in being involved with if you are 60 years of age or older. I have some ideas, but what we do will be more successful if it something that you are interested in. These may include things for fellowship, Bible study, speakers to learn about the Bible or what is going on in the community. I will be providing a survey soon for you to share your thoughts.

I am excited about being back here with you at LCDR and look forward to working with you, not for you. May God bless our work together.

Pastor Eldon Thurow

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past year was another very active and exciting year for The Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, a year that includes growth, changes, transitions and exciting events.

The 500th year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation took place in 2017. The anniversary provided the chance to become reacquainted with what makes up the fundamental foundation of the Lutheran Church. It also provided an opportunity to look at the man Martin Luther and the impact his actions have had on civilizations as a whole. Pastor Jeff completed his first full year serving as our Pastor after accepting the call to LCDR in August of 2016. Pastor Jeff has done an outstanding job of leading the congregation spiritually and providing leadership guidance for the Congregational Council and staff.

The beginning of 2018 will see the addition of Pastor Eldon Thurow as a 1/3 time Associate Pastor for LCDR. Eldon served LCDR as an Interim Pastor guiding our congregation for 13 months (2015-16) in the call process. Eldon will take the lead on visitations, home communion and coordination of the spiritual care for home bound members, primary visitor and coordinator for the visitation of hospitalized, elderly and ill members of the congregation. The demand for services by a congregation of our size is more than one Pastor can adequately address and Pastor Eldon will be a blessing for our congregation.

We thank Kristen Boyle for agreeing to serve as LCDR's Financial Secretary.

The number of youth who participate in youth education programs at LCDR continues to grow. The excitement of the youth and the increase numbers that participate can be directly associated with the youth education program staff. The leadership, organization and coordination that Darcie and Sara bring to our youth programs are second to none and the positive results we are experiencing are due to their efforts.

One of the benefits of serving on the Council is to truly see the full scope of outreach and effort that is being provided by the church and within the church by its members. As you look through the Annual Report take the time to look through all the reports that have been submitted. The scope of what is being done by members internally by supporting programs to monitoring the campus facilities and external mission outreach locally and globally is truly amazing.

On behalf of the Council I would like to thank the staff for their coordination, generation and implementation of the spiritual based experiences and education and we all receive. I would also like to thank all the members of the Congregation Council who have volunteered their time, talent, skills and expertise to serve in a leadership position for the church.

I would also like to thank each member of the congregation for whatever your contribution, no matter how big or small, you provide towards the mission of LCDR.

We each have been Chosen to Serve, and to Share that Journey and we are to Make Christ Known in the process.

Yours in Christ,
Steven Munk, Congregation Council President

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

Altar Team Members include: Connie Earley, Linda Nelson, Karen Nielsen, Char McMannus, Bev Rieck, Jeanine Schneiders (New 2017 Member), Jacque Wallin (New 2017 Member), Diane Wirkus and myself.

Parament Team Members include: Connie Earley, Deb Henriksen, and Barb Zorr.

Communion Bread Volunteers include: Kathleen Bongers, Ada Jorgenson, Kevin Kringen, Virginia Miller, Deb Miller, Gayle Nagelhout, Danielle Thomsen, Joan Zabel, and Barb Zorr.

Role of the Altar Committee: The Altar Committee is entrusted with the privilege of preparing the chancel and its furnishings for corporate worship. The ministry of preparation is as important to the worship of the church as is the pastor's sermon preparation time. Meaningful worship does not simply happen; it requires reverent and thorough preparation by all who are involved in it. The Altar Committee is concerned with those things used in the worship service including the care and the placement of furnishings and ornaments, as well as the paraments on the Altar and Lecterns. The overall goal of the Altar Committee is to see that the worship space is kept beautiful and in good order, both to glorify God and to provide a setting which enables the congregation to worship in a meaningful way. Major duties include:

- ❖ Altar, paraments, linens, and all brass furnishings are clean and reflect the beauty of the Church and the Chapel in preparation for worship. (Including ensuring that all oil candles are filled and ready for use.)
- ❖ Church paraments are changed according to the church liturgical calendar.
- ❖ Communion table is set with wine/grape juice and bread/wafers for communion on Sundays and/or other special times where communion is required. (Including ensuring Stephen Ministry Kits are replenished and ready for use.)
- ❖ Baptisms/Funeral preparation. (Including congregational or separate special family services.)
- ❖ Preparation for any additional "Special" requested services as required.

Note of Appreciation: During the year, we have traditionally required additional support in order to service our many activities. I would like to extend a "Special Thank You" in this report to the following people for giving up their time and allowing us to utilize their talents:

Lucy Bixenmann for her continued service in making our Baptismal Napkins as they are such a wonderful keepsake for that special day. This year Lucy also made and contributed the cloth covers for our new communion sets, which we use for our Intinction Services, so that we can keep these ceramic sets from chipping.

Dan DeBoer for volunteering his carpenter skills in the making of our beautiful Faith Chests so that we can continue this baptismal tradition.

Nancy Dunn for continually keeping me informed of our church calendar events/changes as well as all of her additional support work.

Barb Klein for her continued service in making the Baptismal Banners with which we decorate the church and commemorate our very special new members.

Dave Bredlow for his continued support of the committee throughout the busy church year and for his continued service to help out with any additional setup when requested.

Thank you to all who so willingly served and glorified God during this past year. Anyone interested in joining this committee, please feel free to contact me, as it is truly rewarding work.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Bredlow, Committee Lead

BUSY BLESSINGS REPORT

Busy Blessings is a non-profit daycare and preschool that continues as a vital ministry of the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids. Our enrollment includes children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old and averages about 50 children. We currently employ 11 full time and 4 part time employees.

Our focus remains on the children and developing activities and experiences that they can be engaged in daily. Busy Blessings continues to touch the lives of many children and families throughout the Dell Rapids community. You can see the love of Jesus on the faces of the children each day and hear it in their voices when they speak and sing about Jesus.

The Busy Blessings Board of Directors remains committed to our mission and assisting as our ministry grows and evolves. Busy Blessings Board of Directors: Megan Ahlers- President, Lori Stanford- Vice President, Jody LeBahn- Secretary, Angie Kaffar, Lisa Wilber, Heather Hansen, Tammy Parrot, Kathy Bitner, and Heather Veltkamp. The Director of Busy Blessings is Desiree Bailey.

Submitted by Desiree Bailey, Director

CHANCEL CHOIR FUND FINANCIAL

Balance as of 01/01/2017.....	\$1,150.82
Income from memorials for 2017.....	0.00
Expenses.....	(0.00)
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2017.....	\$1,150.82

Respectfully submitted,
Allen B. Brown

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION COORDINATOR

At the beginning of 2017, the calendar was filling up with milestone ministry events for 1st graders where they received their Bible, instruction on Holy Communion for 5th graders, Soup-er Bowl Sunday, singing for both younger and older kids up in service, 5th graders etching their chalices, baking their Lenten bread and their first communion, making decorations to fill the church for Easter Sunday and Youth Sunday. We also did something new this year and that was the Sedar Meal for the 5th graders as their First Communion service. A few other events we added were "Cookies with Grandparents, "Donuts with Dads" and "Muffins with Moms". We ended the Sunday school season on May 7, 2017.

During the summer, we had our community VBS and our kids are a large part of that community ministry, as are our congregation members.

In July/August, we got our teachers on board and finished up plans for the upcoming Sunday school season. The end of August, we gave prayer pillows to the nursery kids, another wonderful milestone ministry, along with the blessing of backpacks. For Rally Sunday in August, the weather was very cooperative so we were able to have service in the park along with Rally Sunday activities right afterwards down in the park. The potluck, once again, was a huge success and brought young and old together.

We started our Sunday school on September 10th and how great it was to see all the kids back. We average around 115 kids attending every week, nursery through 6th grade.

Between the kids singing up in service, bringing items for the Mitten Tree, 3rd graders lighting the Advent candles, 5th graders reading scripture in service, Kindergarteners receiving their Bibles, 3rd graders also receiving their Bibles, everyone putting on a fantastic Christmas program and bringing offering for the local Food Pantry, I think our teachers, classroom helpers and our kids deserve a big thank you!

Our Board of Education for 2017 consisted of Andrea Jones, Jay Nelson (2018); Scott Schmitt, Ashley Toennies, Jill Anderson, Greta Dubbe, Becky Peppel, Kristen Boyle (2019); Emilie Traill, Tanya Schmidt (2020) and Lisa Wilber as Council Rep. They have been a delight to work with and we wouldn't have as great a children's ministry without them

How awesome it is that our congregation is so supportive of our children's ministry so we are able to do these activities and events. Here's to a great 2018 at LCDR!

Blessings, Darcie Kringen

2017 CHAPEL RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Committee Members:

Allen Brown, Dave & Sue Bredlow, Wayne Coffaa, Bill Nelson, Steve Munk, and Gaylon Trygstad

Role of the Chapel Renovation Committee:

The role of the committee members continues to be:

1. Represent the Congregation and act as a sounding board for their comments and questions.
2. Assure that the Chapel Project(s) fit within the Mission of the LCDR.
3. Assure that the Chapel Project(s) fit within the LCDR budget.
4. Request additional expertise at various points within the Chapel Project(s).

2017 Meeting Notes/Updates:

The committee started out the year by completing the following "Multi-Purpose/Use Room" Chapel Projects:

- a. Placing a finish/sealant to the hard wood floor.
- b. Installing the lower trim boards to the wanes coating.
- c. Completing the new divider wall by installing glass windowing, installing a door from the main Chapel entrance into the "Multi-Purpose/Use Room", and adding the divider side boards/trim (including staining).

This work was completed within the first quarter of 2017 and by the middle of March, the Chapel had already been used for 1 meeting and 2 funerals. Thanks to the Dell Rapids Hospital/Clinic, which donated 2 meeting tables and 10 chairs for use, the new "Multi-Purpose/Use Room" was now ready for additional functions. We also were able to once again have an Easter Sunrise Service in the Chapel for the first time in a few years...and it was beautiful! The Christmas Day Church Service was held in the Chapel as well.

Along with all of the progress that had been made, it became apparent that this new large room did have some acoustical issues. The committee agreed that this issue would need some research to resolve, not only due to cost but in keeping the overall beauty of the Chapel. After review of options and bids, the committee has now chosen one of the proposals and this work will be completed probably in the first quarter of 2018. Also in an effort to beautify the looks and aid in improving the acoustics of the "Multi-Purpose/Use Room", the committee purchased 2 long gold (amber) silk dossal curtains to be hung on either side of the stained glass window on the south side of the room. Hanging of these curtains will be the next step and should happen within the first quarter of 2018. The 4 standalone flame candle lights were removed, and the openings capped.

The cement wall caps on the outside steps (main east stair case) going in to the Chapel were replaced with new quartzite stone slabs. The original iron rod hand railing will be modified and installed running up the middle of the steps. Tuck pointing work was done in the bell tower area and above the main east entrance doors.

In 2018 work will continue on preserving/painting the exterior side of the windows, adding/replacing gutters and downspouts and ensure they are functioning properly.

Evaluation will continue on the construction of a memorial display case to house historical church related artifacts. Construction of library book shelves will also be considered.

Disposal of the Chapel pews removed from the now Multi-Purpose Room will be considered. (Moneys gained from their disposal to be used by the Chapel Renovation Project.)

One major project that the committee is expecting to begin in 2018 is the Chapel Basement. This project will need much discussion and evaluation before any work can be started. The structural integrity of the basement walls/foundation will need to be evaluated and any other areas of concern will need to be addressed. A project plan will need to be constructed prior to the renovation of the basement for use as storage or anything else. This project is not expected to be completed in 2018.

Note:

Keeping the Chapel and performing this renovation was the result of our congregational vote. It is the sincere wish of the Chapel Renovation Committee to successfully complete the current project(s) in as efficient and effective manner as possible for the Mission of the LCDR. A great share of the labor mentioned above has been from donated time from the committee members and a few others. Anyone interested in donating their time and talent in helping with this very rewarding project, is welcomed to join us in working towards the completion of this work.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Chapel Renovation Committee,
Sue Bredlow

LADIES AID FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2017

Opening Balance.....	\$ 890.00
<u>Income</u>	
Ladies Aid Offerings.....	\$ 120.00
Circle Offerings.....	\$ 145.71
Check 3628,Voided.....	\$ 50.00
Reimbursement for Check #3634.....	\$ 100.00
Bake Sale.....	\$ 816.25
Sub total.....	+ \$ 1,231.96
Balance.....	\$ 2,121.96

Expenses

#3631 Crossroads Conference	\$ 50.00
#3632 -SD WELCA	\$ 25.00
#3633 LCDR Campers	\$ 300.00
#3634 Cash, Bake Sale.....	\$ 100.00
#3635 Tom Earley, Luther DVD.....	\$ 26.56
#3636 SD WELCA	\$ 22.00
#3637 SD WELCA	\$ 13.00
#3638 St. Dysmas.....	\$ 100.00
#3639 American Red Cross.....	\$ 100.00
#3640 USD Campus Ministry.....	\$ 50.00
#3641 SDSU Luther Center.....	\$ 50.00
#3642 Lucy Bisenmann, nursing home favors	\$ 15.50
#3643 Eileen Elverson, nursing home favors	\$ 8.43
#3644 LCDR Building Fund - Principle.....	\$ 760.00
Total Expenses.....	- \$ 1,620.49
Closing Balance.....	\$ 501.47

Connie Earley, Treasurer

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee met September 28, 2017. In attendance was Pastor Jeff, Lee Kirkeby, Larry Skatvold. Karen Nielsen and Sheri Holt.

We discussed the process of creating a memorial list for items needed at the church in which the Memorial Fund Committee could apply funds to.. Suggested putting a list in Sheppard's Staff, Sunday bulletin. Considered having cards made up and envelopes available with memorial requests that people could indicate what project they would like to donate to. We then met again on November 8 ,2017. A large donation from estate of Alice Peterson was reviewed for possibly applying to the sanctuary lighting replacement. At our meeting in November we also discussed having funds go towards an artifacts secure case. Pastor Jeff will look in the cost of the case.

Memorials for 2017

Building Fund	\$1357.00
Choir Fund	\$262.00
Chapel Fund	\$1355.00
Memorial	\$6445.00
SD Diabetes Coalition	\$50.00

Submitted by Sheri Holt

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

NCD is completing the third year and we look forward to determining our last goal when we meet with our Synod coach Bill Tesch during the later months of 2018. Presently our congregation continues to explore Passionate Spirituality. That has led to various Bible Study sessions (Women's Bible study in January/February, Pastor Jeff led discussion of The Shack by William Paul Young in April, Youth Director Sara hosted Family Fire Pit sessions in June, Luther Documentary discussions in December). In addition to expanded Bible studies, members presented Sunday Children's sermons to LCDR youngsters and a yellow devotional sheet has been included in each weekly bulletin to assist families as they develop devotions in their home.

As a Team, it is our hope that that everyone has become more passionate in personal prayer and knowledge of the God's Word as well as developing a willingness to share our passion for God with each other. Passionate Spirituality is compared to the needed gas for an engine—keep your spiritual life fueled as we each serve our Lord and Savior.

Respectfully submitted,
Ada Jorgenson

Fellow Team members include Peg Nelson, Grant/Kristi Olson, Rollie Heidebrink, Nancy Kelm, Jody Stone, Kirsten Church, Lee/Jacque Weidauer, Dianna Puttmann, Alicia Anhalt, Pastor Jeff.

QUILTING

The Quilters do not have very much to report this year. We haven't met for 3 months.

We gave quilts this year to:

Dorothy Peterson	12
Union Gospel Mission	10
Ronald McDonald House	4 (children's quilts)
St. Francis House	6
Someone in need	<u>1</u>
	33 total

We gave Dorothy Peterson \$50 for school supplies. To LCDR for Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets: \$60
We bought a new sewing machine and a roll of batting plus miscellaneous supplies.

Submitted by Delores Shefte

SING N' SPROUT 2017 REPORT

Sing n' Sprout is a faith-based sing and play music class for children ages 6 months-5 years and their caregivers. Bible stories and Bible verses are set to music and include activities that allow children to grow closer to God through music and movement. Sing n' Sprout is a unique program that is able to minister to the mind, body and spirit of very young children. The morning class is held at Orchard Hills, allowing the residents of Orchard Hills to attend. The evening class is held at LCDR in the fellowship hall. In 2017, 28 families attended Sing n' Sprout.

Jingle Bell Jive (December only)

Total Amount Collected and donated: \$65.00

Sing n' Sprout (2017)

Total Amount donated to LCDR: \$215.00

Submitted by Alicia Anhalt

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Sixteen prayer shawls were presented between January 1 and December 31, 2017. To date 187 shawls have been distributed since the ministry was begun in October 2009. Prayer Shawls have been given to families and individuals dealing with death and health issues. Most recipients belong to the LCDR family. Woven prayer shawls have been used for hundreds of years and used by men and women. Today the shawls we present are made with love and prayer and either knitted or crocheted. The group meets the first and third Thursday at 1:30 at the church. While working on our shawls we also discuss to whom shawls could be presented. New members are welcome to join our group. If members know of someone who would appreciate a shawl, please contact the church office or any member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Submitted by Connie Earley

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The majority of projects the Property Committee addressed in 2017 were projects that required ongoing maintenance and/or repair, replacement service for the facilities on the LCDR church campus. Even the newest systems are ten plus years old and are starting to require more attention.

General Maintenance, Repairs, Upgrades

The heating systems in the Church, Fellowship Hall and Chapel required attention for various reasons with a major issue the evening of December 17th when an expansion joint failed shutting the heating system down for the entire Fellowship Hall and worship area Sunday the 18th. With a thorough evaluation of the heating system it was discovered that a major maintenance and upgrade was needed for the heating system primarily in the 49 year old portion in the Fellowship Hall. Expansion joints, safety relief valves and over 15 shut off valves were installed. The valves being installed will aid in replacing pumps or zoning the system off without shutting down or draining the whole system for maintenance in the future. . The boiler was drained filled with a cleanser and run through the system before being recharged. While drained corroded bracing bolts within the boiler were removed and new ones welded in. A back up circulation pump was put in as this pump heats the entire worship area and had no backup if the pump went down. A new larger hot water heater was installed at the same time. The system is up and running and has tested out as being as efficient as a new boiler system.

Evaluations of the heating units that distribute the heat/cooling to the various rooms along with the related louvers, relays and thermostats are being conducted to make sure efficient use is being made of what the boiler and AC units produce.

Evaluation of the external lights that light the buildings at night are being conducted to see if more efficient bulbs can be used to lower costs.

The parking lot was restriped.

The elevator and heating/air conditioning maintenance contracts were monitored and followed through on. Contracts for mowing and snow removal were secured.

A work day was scheduled for October 21st where landscaping clean up, tree trimming, church cleaning took place.

The Property Committee provided guidance with the installation of the security door for Busy Blessings and removing a dead tree and installing a basketball hoop for the youth program.

The Committee is also working with the Technology Committee related to addressing the lighting issue in the worship area.

Appreciation

The Property Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who contributed their experience, time, skills, labor, talents, and equipment to the LCDR property related projects in 2017.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Stewardship committee had three congregation wide functions during the year of 2017.

- A. The first effort was Consecration Sunday stewardship process that occurred during February 2017 and concluded on Sunday March 5. Consecration Guest leader was Pastor Bill Tesch. Pastor Sorenson was church leader and pastor with preaching and leading thoughts on congregation stewardship. A special worship service of commitment for stewardship with celebration breakfast following each Sunday morning service occurred on March 5. Of 241 giving units, 102 families/individuals completed giving cards for pledges of \$235,895.
- B. A Building Fund capital appeal was held during June of 2017. This was for the effort of gaining contributions to satisfy the current sanctuary building fund debt. This campaign was authorized at the congregation annual meeting on January 29, 2017. The campaign was titled 'Free to Serve' with the concept that if we were able to retire LCDR building fund debt, that would relieve the burden of debt and allow the congregation to allocate resources to other areas of need. The campaign concluded with commitment Sunday on June 25. The results were pledges for the time of July 2017 through June of 2019 of \$106,570 from 50 giving units.
- C. The third stewardship activity of the congregation this fall was stewardship appeal for the year 2018. Information presentations occurred through mailing, temple talks, and sermon topics in November. Commitment Sunday was December 3. Congregation members were asked to reaffirm the stewardship commitments made during the Consecration Sunday appeal and the Building Fund appeal efforts earlier in the year and to carry that commitment forward to 2018. Also, the Time and Talent sheets were completed and renewed for 2018.

During 2018, the stewardship activity that is planned is to repeat the Consecration Sunday process during the fall as the fall effort for stewardship commitment.

Members of the Stewardship committee during 2018 were Jon Peterson, Brian Wilbur, Andy Schultz, Connie Mutchler, Darin Nagelhout, Tom Bunkers, Steven Munk, and Pastor Sorenson.

A very special thank you to Nancy Dunn in our church office for all the efforts for printing, mailings, and record keeping during these three activities of the stewardship committee this year.

Respectfully submitted. Robert Harms. Chairman.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

In addition to being a part of our everyday lives, technology serves as an essential piece of our worship experience. From the quality of sound during worship to media being used during Sunday school, the Tech Committee is working to ensure that technology heightens our worship and does not become a distraction. Members of the Technology Committee met regularly during 2017, and we have a tall pole or two that we need to address in 2018.

The lighting situation in the sanctuary deteriorated in 2017, and the Tech Committee is currently working with electricians for simple solutions. The problem is due to a hardware issue in one of the controllers, and we are hoping to have the lights fixed early in 2018.

The projectors in the sanctuary are beginning to show signs of age and will need to be replaced. Technology has improved since we bought these projectors, so we are planning on purchasing projectors with much brighter output. This will make videos and words brighter and sharper.

LCDR will need the congregation's support to get these issues resolved. Regular giving and stewardship is encouraged, and technology is now a fund to which your giving can be designated. If you are interested in helping the Tech Committee or if you have any concerns, please visit with any one of us.

Faithfully submitted,

Scott Saxon, Steve Munk, Nick Thompson, Josh Anhalt, Rich Larson, Dane Stone, Matt Tudor, Scott Zellmer

2017 TWO STRIKE MINISTRY REPORT

Mission Statement: Proverbs 29:18 "Without a vision the people perish." We continue to share Christ's Gospel with the Sicangu Lakota people with the goal to develop in Word and Sacrament a relationship that builds on established Ministry and relationships on the Rosebud Reservation.

Thank you LCDR for your continued support to the Rosebud Mission.

The Bishop Hare Episcopal complex where I live houses our double wide, the St. James Chapel and Barbour Hall where the Episcopal Rosebud West Offices and Dr. Rev. Lauren Stanley are located. The Habitat for Humanity office is also in Barbour Hall. The restored St. James Chapel continues to be a blessing. We have Bible studies there as well as the double wide where I live. A new project is a fire wood supply for the elders. Mother Lauren Stanley has developed a large supply of wood stored at the center and supplied by several resources interested in this project. She was recently honored by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council for her excellent work on this project.

My husband Ron Peterson and I had been doing ministry on Rosebud for thirty years. This past year on March 17 Ron went to be with his Lord in heaven; he is sorely missed. He did so many good things for so many. His greatest gift other than his kind spirit was his ability to sing anywhere and anytime. Our home visits and gatherings were blessed many times. A good friend Delmar Iron from Two Strike passed away in April and it has been a difficult time for many who relied on his kindness in his family and community. His home was a safe place for many children through the years who needed a meal and a bed when they didn't know where to go. A special honoring time for Ron and Delmar was held at our family camp last July and this was so comforting to all of us who miss them and all they did for so many.

Outreach Experiences for 2017 Included:

July Family Camp was a trip to the Outlaw Ranch ELCA Camp near Custer in the Black Hills. Fifty people from Two Strike families along with members from TLC in Rapid City came to our camp. Pastor Harold Marshall, Lakota leader led our worship along with Pastor Wilbur Hotz from TLC who led the memorial service for Ron and Delmar. It is here at camp that families can get away from a place that may not be peaceful or uncertain of a night sleep or regular meals a day.

Christmas Party, December 9 at Clarke Hall included families from Two Strike, Rosebud, St. Francis and Ambulance Crew from Rosebud hospital. The Trinity Mission Team brought turkey and all the trimmings. Each child received a gift and each family a tote with many useful items. Families also received many warm cats, mittens and scarves from LCDR. The Quilting ladies sent quilts and school supplies with me earlier this fall. These gifts were all very timely. Thank you everyone who contributed; you are appreciated.

Goals for 2018:

Strong emphases on prayer and Bible study. Presently, we have Bible study and prayer at my home at Bishop Hare 2-3 times weekly. My Lakota friend, Theresa Eastman, who lives with me, help with these when I am not there. She also has an active jail ministry with four other friends at Mission. We have had two men join this ministry; one who had been a gang leader and a member of the church of Satan and became a Christian through this jail ministry. Please pray for these young men. Drugs and alcohol are still a big problem but education and contacts through Christian ministries are helping combat the problem.

St. James Chapel: Please pray that we will have visiting leaders and clergy who will come to help us in sharing the Word and Sacrament with the people.

Our Lakota friends and neighbors say "Thank You," to everyone who supports this ministry with your prayers, gifts and presence. You bring strength and blessing to the Lakota people and those who serve. In times of discouragement it is often your prayers that help all of us at Rosebud. Please continue your prayers. They are a powerful gift we can give and receive in God's Kingdom Work.

"COME HOLY SPIRIT WITH YOUR HOLY POWER. MAY THE WIND OF YOUR SPIRIT BLOW GENTLY, BUT STRONGLY IN OUR PRESENCE. MAY OUR HEARTS BE OPEN TO YOU. IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS, MAY WE CONTINUE TO GO FORTH SHARING GOD'S GIFTS OF LOVE, JOY, AND PEACE. AMEN."

Dorothy Peterson Trinity Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY REPORT

Youth and Family Ministry is continuing to grow and it is hard to capture what all happens in this ministry in a brief report but here are a few highlights from the year:

- Again this year our numbers in our youth programs continue to increase. This year we have transitioned our programs to include High 5 (5th graders) after school on Wednesdays which averages 25 kids. After Simple Supper we have Route 67 (6th and 7th graders) and average about 25 kids at that program as well.
- Our Wednesday Simple Suppers are continuing to be provided by our youth families and we serve about 85 each week. Thanks to all of our families to support this ministry to our families and youth.
- Some of our monthly “fun” activities included Firepits/smores nights, Wild Water West, Valleyfair, Escape Room, Air Madness, Thunder Road. and Laser Tag.
- Our graduating Seniors continue to receive Fleece Blankets with their name and a cross embroidered on each one. We also send a gift card in the fall to each student as they begin their college/work path. These are great service projects for our Middle School Youth to help with. Our seniors also enjoy a parent/senior night with their family as a milestone to send them off.
- Our Youth have done a number of service projects including collecting items for Church on the Street and serving a lunch after their worship.
- Our Annual fundraisers continue to be County Fair Cards, Simple Supper, Soup Suppers, Cookie Walk, Easter Breakfast, and Baskets and Bidding. Thank you for your ongoing support to Youth Ministry!
- High School Youth Group continues to be an emphasis and about 20 youth attend each week.
- We are in transition with our confirmation program and confirm two classes this year the 10th grade class we confirmed in the fall and the 9th grade we will confirm this spring. This will allow us to then be on track to have our confirmation program be a 2 year program in the 8th and 9th year followed by being confirmed the fall of their 10th grade year.
- Each year we send confirmation campers to camp for a week. This past year the 7th graders attended NeSo-Dak and had a great time.

2018 is the Youth Gathering Trip to Houston, TX. We have 17 youth who will be attending with LO and are busy with fundraisers.

I would like to thank the Youth and Family Team which consists of Lori Morris, Mark Downs, Tammy Parrott, Kristen Boyle, Lisa Wilber, Nate Jones, Bruce Mogen and Char McManus for their continued support and their time and effort they have put in this past year. Many parents have helped with youth group, fun activities and helped chaperone and without your help our youth program would not be able to grow. Thank you to our confirmation small group leaders: Jody Stone and Peggy Hancock. Thank you to all that help LCDR youth and family ministry continue to grow. It is a blessing to be a part of this ministry and I’m thankful for our church family and their support.

Blessings,

Sara Stanford
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

TRUST FUND 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the Trust Fund is to enhance the work of the Church by establishing new ministries and stewardship opportunities additional to and apart from the general operation of this congregation. This past year your Committee, with congregational approval, disbursed \$5,300.00 of funds for the following ministry programs: Global Health Ministries, Lutherans Outdoors, SDSU Campus Ministries, USD Campus Ministries, Augustana Campus Ministries, Lutheran Campus Ministry SDSM&T, SD Synod Seminary Students, St. Dymas (SD Prison Ministries), Lutheran Social Services, Tanzania Nursing School Scholarship, WestSide Lutheran (Mission Church of Sioux Falls, SD), Rosebud Ministry, Shetek Lutheran Ministries, and Pueblo de Dios (Mission Church of Sioux Falls, SD)

For the Church year 2018 the Trust Fund Committee recommends the following expenditures from interest income and other income of the perpetual fund investments:

Global Health Ministries	\$ 600.00
Lutherans Outdoors	\$ 700.00
SDSU Campus Ministry	\$ 400.00
USD Campus Ministry	\$ 400.00
Augustana Campus Ministry	\$ 400.00
SD School of Mines & Technology Campus Ministries	\$ 400.00
SD Synod Seminary Students	\$ 500.00
St. Dymas (Prison Ministry)	\$ 500.00
LSS Operating Expenses	\$ 500.00
Tanzania Nursing School Scholarship	\$ 300.00
WestSide Lutheran (Mission Church of Sioux Falls)	\$ 500.00
Rosebud Ministry	\$ 400.00
Shetek Lutheran Ministries	\$ 300.00
Pueblo de Dios (Mission Church of Sioux Falls)	\$ 400.00
Table of Grace (Mission Church of Harrisburg)	\$ 300.00
Dell Rapids Food Pantry	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	\$7,000.00

The Trust Fund consists of a "Perpetual Fund" in which the principal will be retained and only the income used to enable the further growth of our Church, its ministries and stewardship opportunities, both locally and globally.

The Trust Fund, since its inception on January 22, 1990, including the year of 2017, has made contributions of \$126,038.00 to various ministries in response to Jesus' teachings to love our neighbors.

The Trust Fund Committee in the year 2017 included Allen Brown, Mark Downs, Diana Lightner, Dianna Puttmann and Scott Saxon. Non-voting members are Pastor Jeff Sorenson and Council President, Steven Munk. Mark Downs first three year term expires at the Annual Meeting. Mark Downs has been nominated by the Trust Fund Committee for a second three year term. Bill Evans has been selected by the Trust Fund Committee to serve as a financial adviser to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

LCDR TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

2017 TRUST FUND FINANCIAL ASSETS

(as of December 31, 2017)

CASH:

ELCA MIF CD 20000018007.....	\$ 50,000.00
ELCA MIF CD 20000000485.....	\$ 25,269.98
ELCA MIF CD 20000008546.....	\$ 1,007.84
ELCA MIF CD 2000000805.....	\$ 28,279.80
ELCA MIF CD 20000005877.....	\$ 14,522.98
FNB (Dell Rapids) CD No. 445729.....	\$ <u>8,300.00</u>
TOTAL CD's on 12/31/2016.....	\$ 127,380.60

FNB—Savings Account.....	\$ <u>3,418.36</u>
TOTAL CD's on 12/31/2017.....	\$130,798.96

ELCA ENDOWMENT FUND A

ELCA END PLD TRUST 270432 on 12/31/17.....	<u>\$84,003.94</u>
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TOTAL CD's + CASH + FUND A.....	\$214,802.90
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MOTIONS TO BE OFFERED BY PRESENTER AFTER THE FOREGOING REPORT HAS BEEN GIVEN:

To approve the LCDR Trust Fund Report for the year 2017 including approval of the 2018 Budget and the Report of Assets, nomination of Mark Downs each to serve a second three year term as a member of the Trust Fund Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
LCDR TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY LCDR TRUST FUND COMMITTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF LCDR

(as of December 31, 2017)

Virgil Park Estate.....	\$ 16,683.44
Alice Petersen gift (11-6-2007).....	<u>3,107.60</u>
Total as of 12-31-2017.....	\$19,791.04

LCDR Trust Fund

Above funds are held in a Savings Account at First National Bank in Sioux Falls, Dell Rapids Branch, Dell Rapids, SD

LCDR BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL

Income:		
1999-2016 Prior Income	2,220,468.55	
2017 Income	97,476.18	
Total Income		2,317,944.73
Expenses		
Prior Years' Expenses	(2,520,621.54)	
2017 Expenses	(12,407.58)	
Total Expenses		<u>(2,533,029.12)</u> (215,084.39)
 2017 Principal Amount Paid	 68,240.44	

There was a \$10,000 transferred from the General Fund in 2016. The plan is to pay that money back over the course of 2018.

Building Expansion Checking Balance as of 12/31/17	31,811.42	
Accounts Receivable (Untransferred funds)	<u>10,743.50</u>	42,554.92
 Loan Balance 12/31/17		<u>(257,639.31)</u> (215,084.39)

Our monthly loan payment is \$6720.71.

Refinanced loan 7/6/12 - interest rate currently at 4.25% (from previous 6%)
Loan maturity date 8/1/2028

STATEMENT OF CHECKING AND SAVINGS

	Balances 12/31/17
Great Western Bank:	
General Fund	\$ 2,009.71
Designated Fund (previously Revolving Fund)	\$186,428.04
Building Account	\$ 31,811.42
First National Bank:	
CHIF (Church Home Improvement Fund)	\$ 0.00
Account Closed and Funds Transferred to the Designated Fund	
Chapel Restoration/Preservation	\$ 0.00
Account Closed and Funds Transferred to the Designated Fund	
Checking General	\$ 0.00
Account Closed and Funds Transferred to the Designated Fund	
ELCA Mission Investment:	\$ 2,656.32
Lowell Ronning Estate Fund:	\$109,020.55

LCDR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2017
2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2018 PROPOSED	2017 ACTUAL	2017 PROPOSED	2016 ACTUAL
INCOME				
Sunday Thankofferings	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 268,033.59	\$ 304,116.83	\$ 226,213.00
Holiday Thankofferings	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,179.50	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,795.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,505.09	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,102.12
Missionary Sponsorship	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,442.00	\$ 4,465.00	\$ 4,463.00
Rental Income	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,288.42	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,644.07
Initial Offering	\$ 150.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 118.00
Interest Earned	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,332.32	\$ 400.00	\$ 407.25
Busy Blessings Lease	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Lowell Ronning Estate	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Fund Repayment	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 347,650.00	\$ 297,931.92	\$ 337,501.83	\$ 262,742.44
DISBURSEMENTS				
OUR WORLD MISSION				
SD Synod Benevolence	\$ 21,300.00	\$ 20,146.26	\$ 23,543.76	\$ 17,700.59
Missionary Sponsorship	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,519.40	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,463.00
TOTAL WORLD MISSION	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 22,665.66	\$ 28,543.76	\$ 22,163.59

	2018 PROPOSED	2017 ACTUAL	2017 PROPOSED	2016 ACTUAL
OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY				
Administrative Pastor				
Salary	\$ 59,270.00	\$ 58,000.11	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 50,994.22
Housing	\$ 27,135.00	\$ 26,999.94	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 17,105.00
Social Security Reimbursement	\$ 6,534.00	\$ 6,426.00	\$ 6,426.00	\$ 5,227.68
Pension/Health	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 29,905.68	\$ 23,600.00	\$ 10,577.86
Continuing Education	\$ 800.00	\$ 407.63	\$ 800.00	\$ 190.97
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,098.35	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,862.16
Pastor Professional Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 77.26	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Associate Pastor				
Salary	\$ 19,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Housing	\$ 4,080.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Social Security Reimbursement	\$ 1,781.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicare Supplement	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Continuing Education	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interim Pastor Medicare Supplement	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 752.00
SubTotal	\$ 154,400.00	\$ 122,914.97	\$ 118,126.00	\$ 89,709.89
Youth/Family Director	\$ 29,211.04	\$ 28,360.23	\$ 28,359.91	\$ 27,534.20
Youth Ed Coordinator	\$ 3,245.83	\$ 3,151.29	\$ 3,152.00	\$ 3,059.50
Pastoral Assistance	\$ -	\$ 929.57	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,260.48
SubTotal	\$ 32,456.87	\$ 32,441.09	\$ 32,761.91	\$ 31,854.18
TOTAL OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$ 186,856.87	\$ 155,356.06	\$ 150,887.91	\$ 121,564.07
OUR WORSHIP AND SERVICE				
Worship Staff Salaries				
Praise Worship Accompanist	\$ -	\$ 177.26	\$ 732.34	\$ 588.54
Chancel Choir Accompanist	\$ 1,323.34	\$ 1,284.80	\$ 1,350.35	\$ 1,246.32
Chancel Choir Director	\$ 1,298.44	\$ 1,260.62	\$ 1,939.24	\$ 1,482.54
Organist/Worship Leader	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,169.68	\$ 7,059.97	\$ 6,482.67
Substitute Organist	\$ -	\$ 366.68	\$ 300.00	\$ 320.31
SubTotal	\$ 10,121.78	\$ 9,259.04	\$ 11,381.90	\$ 10,120.38

	2018 PROPOSED	2017 ACTUAL	2017 PROPOSED	2016 ACTUAL
Christian Education				
Adult Ed	\$ 250.00	\$ (53.71)	\$ 500.00	\$ 230.38
Confirmation	\$ 800.00	\$ 808.13	\$ 700.00	\$ 481.47
Confirmation Reception	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 608.11	\$ 650.00	\$ 573.52
Curriculum	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 904.32	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 832.91
First Communion	\$ 350.00	\$ (306.93)	\$ 350.00	\$ 188.77
Youth & Family Ministry	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 1,113.52	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 772.07
Milestone Ministry	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,418.55	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,519.73
Music	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 56.56
Other Supplies-Sunday School	\$ 200.00	\$ 299.09	\$ 300.00	\$ 170.83
Rally Day	\$ 300.00	\$ 198.21	\$ 300.00	\$ 231.77
Teacher Appreciation	\$ 400.00	\$ 386.78	\$ 400.00	\$ 435.27
VBS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SubTotal	\$ 8,865.00	\$ 7,376.07	\$ 8,985.00	\$ 5,493.28
Supplies				
Copyright License	\$ 465.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 465.00
Worship Supplies/Music	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,085.91	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 591.74	\$ 400.00	\$ 397.34
Music Workshops	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Newsletter/Bulletin Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 99.90	\$ 225.00	\$ 222.52
Postage	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,163.03	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,108.41
Certificates	\$ -	\$ 102.37		\$ 48.10
Devotionals	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,026.33	\$ 500.00	\$ 939.05
Sacramental	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,945.34	\$ 500.00	\$ 513.66
Envelopes	\$ 550.00	\$ 596.68	\$ 550.00	\$ 632.03
Synod Assembly	\$ 700.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 930.32
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,230.36	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,000.27
Choir Music	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.04
SubTotal	\$ 8,295.00	\$ 12,946.66	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 10,371.74
Program Ministry				
Fellowship	\$ 400.00	\$ 293.47	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Stewardship	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,510.71	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Advertising	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,103.40	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 376.25
Natural Church Development	\$ 400.00	\$ 509.94	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,407.11
SubTotal	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,417.52	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,783.36
TOTAL WORSHIP AND SERVICE	\$ 31,381.78	\$ 33,999.29	\$ 33,991.90	\$ 27,768.76

OUR CHURCH HOME				
Utilities				
Natural Gas	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,451.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,817.00
Electricity	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,965.08	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 16,137.69
Water/Sewer	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,444.59	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,689.16
Telephone	\$ 975.00	\$ 960.22	\$ 950.00	\$ 935.29
SubTotal	\$ 25,375.00	\$ 24,820.89	\$ 26,650.00	\$ 25,579.14
Insurance				
Workers Comp	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,616.50	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 327.00
Buildings/Furniture/Boiler	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,702.50	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,061.00
Van	\$ 380.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 304.00
SubTotal	\$ 11,830.00	\$ 11,697.00	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 10,692.00
Office Maintenance & Supplies				
Technology				\$ 7,192.91
Tech Equipment	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 337.19	\$ 6,000.00	
Copier	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,577.07	\$ 3,400.00	
Tech Contracts/Services	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,576.10	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,107.20
Sound Audio	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 95.85	\$ 5,000.00	
SubTotal	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 7,586.21	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 8,300.11
Supplies/Furnishings				
Furniture	\$ 300.00	\$ 244.43	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,859.24	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,253.76
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 300.00	\$ 299.60	\$ 50.00	\$ -
SubTotal	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,403.27	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 2,253.76
Service Staff Salaries				
Office Administrator	\$ 35,567.78	\$ 34,531.83	\$ 35,992.02	\$ 34,524.41
Financial Secretary	\$ 869.62	\$ 844.29	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 1,286.55
Treasurer Wages	\$ 2,691.30	\$ 2,612.91	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -
Custodian	\$ 12,954.00	\$ 11,256.28	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,301.28
Wedding Coordinator Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270.00
SubTotal	\$ 52,082.70	\$ 49,245.31	\$ 47,202.02	\$ 41,382.24

	2018 PROPOSED	2017 ACTUAL	2017 PROPOSED	2016 ACTUAL
Campus Buildings/Grounds				
Custodial Supplies-LCDR	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,689.72	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,721.16
Garbage Service	\$ 700.00	\$ 680.16	\$ 750.00	\$ 637.64
Building - Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 6,731.01	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 282.05
Building Structure/Repairs	\$ -	\$ 3,460.23	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,567.52
Building Structure/ Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 774.05	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 8,029.66
Organ/Piano Repairs	\$ 100.00	\$ 79.88	\$ 600.00	\$ 313.72
Snow Removal/Lawn Care	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,443.33	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,622.68
Van Care (gas & maintenance)	\$ 400.00	\$ 279.72	\$ 500.00	\$ 535.92
SubTotal	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 19,138.10	\$ 20,850.00	\$ 17,710.35
TOTAL CHURCH HOME	\$ 126,087.70	\$ 115,890.78	\$ 126,552.02	\$ 105,917.60
TOTAL BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 368,126.35	\$ 327,911.79	\$ 339,975.59	\$ 277,414.02
BUDGET SUMMARY				
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 347,650.00	\$ 297,931.92	\$ 337,501.83	\$ 262,742.44
TOTAL BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 368,126.35	\$ 327,911.79	\$ 339,975.59	\$ 277,414.02
NET INCOME/EXPENSE	\$ (20,476.35)	\$ (29,979.87)	\$ (2,473.76)	\$ (14,671.58)

DESIGNATED REPORT 2017	12/31/16 Balance	2017 Income	2017 Disbursements	12/31/17 Balance
Banquet	696.46	532.61	(858.35)	370.72
Baptismal	1,558.82	2,669.92	(745.50)	3,483.24
Cameroon Roof	-	271.01	(271.01)	-
Camp Scholarships	1,794.00	325.91		2,119.91
Chapel Restoration	4,996.96	93,630.01	(17,550.31)	81,076.66
CHIF (Church Improvement)	-	7,102.51		7,102.51
Choir	-	252.00		252.00
Connections	281.47	132.95		414.42
DRAMA	353.23	359.30	(377.88)	334.65
Electronic Outreach/Media	5,560.93	372.00		5,932.93
Estate	9,976.34			9,976.34
Estate/Chapel/Social Hall Bldg	80,621.34		(45,024.36)	35,596.98
Food Backpacks	556.27	211.78		768.05
Food Pantry Dell Rapids	161.55		(161.55)	-
Graduation Quilts	384.71			384.71
Holiday Food Baskets	4,754.76	729.90		5,484.66
Holiday Plants (Lilies/Poinsettias)	118.30	250.00	(159.75)	208.55
Library	577.66			577.66
Light Oil	200.00	150.00	(202.50)	147.50
Natural Church Development	1,207.16			1,207.16
Rosebud Mission/Two Strike	16.19	334.80	(350.99)	-
St. Dysmas	-	240.80	(240.80)	-
Sunday School Offering	230.07	373.84	(271.68)	332.23
Sunday School Memorials	1,641.07		(1,641.07)	-
Tanzania/Shoulder to Shoulder	13.26		(13.26)	-
VBS	382.45	175.19	(125.00)	432.64
World Hunger	40.00	255.00	(255.00)	40.00
Youth & Family	26,748.66	1,370.62	(5,896.46)	22,222.82
Youth Gathering	-	11,185.70	(5,716.11)	5,469.59
Confirmation Camp	-	8,395.84	(7,189.90)	1,205.94
HS Summer Trips	-	3,227.23	(3,227.23)	-
Youth Estate (Stenberg)	8,500.00		(7,213.83)	1,286.17
TOTAL	151,371.66	132,548.92	(97,492.54)	186,428.04