



2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT
CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



AGENDA

Central Lutheran Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation

June 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

David Sand, President

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- June 21, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

President's Report

Rostered Minister's Reports

- Pastors
- Deacon

Central Lutheran Church Foundation Report

Ministry Area Reports

Information Items:

- Building Renewal Task Force Report

Action Items:

Treasurer's Report

2018-2019 Budget

Nominating Committee Report and Elections

Strategic Planning Process Framework

Hymn

Election Results

Introduction of President Sara Stensaas

Prayer and Benediction

Adjournment

MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Regular annual meeting of the congregation, June 21, 2017

The annual meeting of Central Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. The annual report was available to Central members prior to the meeting; it was available online via the church's website and was distributed at the annual meeting.

Call to Order

Declaring that a quorum was present, Congregation President David West called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Pastor Stephanie Friesen.

Approval of Agenda

President David highlighted the agenda for the annual meeting and asked for any changes, additions, etc. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made, seconded and approved.

Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2016 Annual Meeting, July 24, 2016 Special Meeting and October 2, 2016 Special Meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2016 Annual Meeting, the July 24, 2016 Special Congregational Meeting, the October 2, 2016 Special Congregational Meeting as a slate was made, seconded and approved.

President's Report

Congregation President David West shared the big highlights of the Council's year being the building renewal and the capital campaign, along with the bittersweet memories he has of the education building and parish house that will be demolished in the near future. He was overwhelmed with the congregation's generosity in the capital campaign. He felt that his time spent participating in the many activities at Central was an honor and he is excited to see where God's promise for all is going to take us. The congregation president's report can be found on page 8 of the annual report.

Rostered Leader's Reports

Pastors C and Stephanie, Deacon Mark Sedio, and Pastor Peter (for Pastor Melissa also) each shared their thoughts, their joys, and their gratitude for the past year. Pastor Peter recognized and thanked the Building Renewal Task Force for their hard work in the past year, as well as the work of the Central staff. He shared information about the Comparative Church Statistics, found on page 20 of the

annual report. He invited congregation members to attend one new service of the four different worship services that are offered at Central Lutheran Church. He encouraged creativity and lightness as the Building Renewal Project embarks, as things will constantly be changing. The Pastors' and Cantor's reports begin on page 9 of the annual report, as well as reports from the directors of finance, facilities, security, food service and communications.

Central Lutheran Church Foundation Report

Bonnie Weisenburger, president of the Foundation, shared the Foundation's report, emphasizing the four new members and their orientation, as well as the four committees: Development, Audit, Investment and Governance (new). She felt the most significant action of the year was the Foundation's approval of a one percent increase in distribution, from 4.75 to 5.75 percent for a 3-year period, coinciding with the capital campaign. If the base rate stays the same, approximately \$510,000 additionally will be distributed to the church for the building fund. She introduced Inez Bergquist, who serves as development director. The Foundation report can be found on page 17 of the annual report.

Ministry Area Reports

President David West encouraged all members to read these reports found in the annual report packet.

Information Items:

1. Building Renewal Task Force Report
Hazel Reinhardt, chair, shared the latest excitement - a pre-bid meeting with the contractors who will be bidding on the project, due July 13 at 2:00 p.m. Central will select the lowest bidder, and will then apply for the various required permits, a process that will take more than three weeks. Demolition will take another three to four weeks; a company has already been selected. The task force has had two years of work that has brought us to this date. Since last year's annual meeting the design has changed with the 2nd floor being eliminated, the lower level footprint being reduced, the fellowship hall ceiling and south entrance being reworked—the reworks proved to be improvements and design/function will be better than initially designed! Lots of work is currently underway—sanctuary renovation, stained glass windows restoration, new sound system, and the sandpit cemented. She showed the current design that has gone out for bids. She recognized the task force members and thanked them for their hard work! She especially thanked Pastor Peter for his leadership. The Building Renewal Task Force report can be found on page 24 of the annual report.

MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING, CONT'D

2. Tree of Life Report
Pastor Peter refreshed everyone's memory of the process that went into developing Tree of Life Lutheran Church in the North Loop of Minneapolis, a process to which Central is partner and primary supporter. It is now a year old and worshipped for the first time on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, with over 40 people in attendance! Pastor Marissa Sotos thanked all for their support of this "baby church!"

Action Items:

1. Treasurer's Report
Mark Forsberg shared his thoughts on the annual report cover and the three words that caught his eye —generosity, moving forward, leadership. He added a fourth word: growth. He then highlighted the report of Obie Holmen, director of finance, and thanked him for his leadership. He presented the financial reports, which covered the Building Renewal Financials, the Designated Fund Summary, the Assets and Liabilities, the Total Revenue and Total Disbursements for Surplus/Deficit. Total revenue for 2016-17 received was \$2,505,512, and total disbursements for 2016-17 was \$2,476,053, for a surplus of \$29,458. Mark pointed out this surplus for the year came from legacy gifts. Mark also emphasized that funds received from parking revenue generally covers Restoration Center expenses, funds received from the Foundation covers general maintenance and building expenses, and member giving, which supports everything else.
2. 2017-2018 Budget
Mark presented the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, which reflects total revenue of \$2,518,118 and total disbursements of \$2,508,433, for a surplus of \$9,685. Obie shared information about the new parking vendor, Allied Parking, and the process they will be using. A motion to adopt the 2017-2018 budget was made, seconded and approved.
3. Nominating Committee Report and Elections
Pat Hansen, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following nominations for leadership: President Elect - Sara Stensaas; Treasurer – John Olson; Secretary – Pat Hansen; Council At-Large – Lisa Beane, Sara Gunsch, Phil Holst and Mons Teig; Audit Committee – Heruy Mesfen and Duane Hetland; 2018 Synod Assembly Voting Members – Karl Evert, Lorene Gilliksen, Kris Schoephoerster and Dave West. Pat, on behalf of the Congregation Council, also submitted the nominations for the Nominating Committee – Kari Colchin, Heidi Tysk-Poppe, and Joe Surla.
4. According to the Constitution, President David separated the nomination, with a written ballot for president-elect and council at-large. No further nominations came forward from the floor. Ballots were

distributed and handed in for tallying, and the poll was closed.

For the Audit Committee, 2018 Synod Assembly Voting Members and the Nominating Committee, no further nominations came forward from the floor.

A motion to accept the full slate of candidates was made, seconded, and approved.

5. Adoption of revised Constitution based on ELCA Model
Kevin Lile shared the process used for revising this document and highlighted the revisions. A motion to adopt the revised constitution was made, seconded, and approved.

Hymn "What Is This Place"

Announcement of Election Results

The nominees were all elected.

Introduction of President David Sand

Before introducing David Sand, David West acknowledged Kevin Lile and Mark Forsberg, who are rotating off. David West thanked both and presented them with gifts.

David West then introduced David Sand, new president, who expressed the honor it is to serve Central, a church he grew up in and a church that is in his DNA. He remembered Helen Rusten and how he learned more about the Bible from her. He thanked David for his presidency over the past year and presented him with a gift. He also shared that David West has led Central out of the land of Egypt, he (David Sand) will lead Central out of the desert, and Sara Stensaas will lead Central to the promised land!

Prayer and Benediction

The meeting was closed with a prayer and a benediction by Pastor C.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved. President David Sand adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hansen, secretary

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT DAVID SAND

“God loves you and has chosen you as God’s own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient...Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives,...[and] with thankful hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.” (Colossians 3:12,16)

These words from the Apostle Paul, likely written while he was imprisoned in Rome, set forth the all-important message of God’s love for the people of God, and exhort those who follow Christ to live lives filled with love, to have thankful hearts, and to praise God in song. As members of Central Lutheran Church, I believe we embody that spirit every time we meet one another, or when we worship together, share communion, sing hymns praising God or acknowledging the sacrificial life of Jesus.

As I reflect back on this past year, I see a year of continued renewal; fulfilling our dream and clarifying our vision for what we want Central to be as a servant church; honoring our legacy of faithful service and giving; and, allowing God to lead us onward as we face changes and challenges that are part of building a new facility that allows us to better serve God and others.

Last year, when I was elected to serve as your congregation president, I used the metaphor of the Exodus to try to explain and anticipate what we, as a people of God and a congregation of Christians, would face over the next year as we walked together through the “wilderness” of building demolition and new construction! And, despite the large challenges of what we have lived through over the past year, we are clearly getting close to the “promised land” of a new space that will give us the room and access we need to fulfill our mission as a servant church. Through all of this, we have been led by a pastoral staff that is reminiscent of the passage from Exodus, when God told the Israelites before their wilderness journey: “See, I am sending angels before you to protect you on your journey and lead you safely to the place I have prepared for you.” (Exodus 23:20).

On a more mundane, but equally important level, we have accomplished many things while “surviving” together in somewhat more “compressed” spaces. Interestingly, our “closeness,” especially in terms of our Sunday school classes and weekly meetings, has given new meaning to “fellowship.” We have watched our young people thrive

despite learning about their faith in cramped space. We have made new friends and shared Christ care prayers at Bible studies and other meetings in the narthex or lower narthex. We have greeted new members and visitors and shared our joys and concerns in the “west transept” while simultaneously enjoying beautiful organ preludes and postludes.

Amidst the ongoing changes we have faced as a congregation with construction and completion of the new addition (at least through September), there will be other challenges and opportunities that will also require our attention, discernment, and prayer: 1) completion of a long-range strategic plan for Central; 2) continued discussions about our role in the “Immigration Sanctuary” movement; 3) final planning and implementation of Central’s 100th

anniversary year celebration in 2019; 4) continued focus on “faith and finance” as a part of stewardship; 5) and, ongoing support for those in the “mission field,” including, but not limited to, our own Restoration Center, Tree of Life Lutheran, Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh, and other partners in the overseas mission efforts. We face these changes, challenges, and opportunities as part of our shared life at

Central while “exploring the promise of God for all,” through community, generosity, worship and lifelong faith formation.

In 1994, when Central celebrated its 75th anniversary as a congregation, a report was issued that reflected on our history, including the dreams and visions of the founders and the first pastor, J.A.O. Stub. The report, entitled the “Story of Central,” emphasized that Central was to be “a servant church where all people encounter God, live out that encounter in their world, and bear witness to God’s love centered in Christ.” Importantly, the story also emphasized the ongoing need to renew those dreams and visions that Central’s founders and leaders had. With the soon-to-be-completed addition to our campus, we, as a congregation of the 21st century, have an opportunity to realize the dreams and visions of our founders, while creating new dreams and visions for future generations to experience.

David Sand



PASTOR PETER NYCKLEMOE

THANKSGIVING, BUILDING AND VISION

Thanksgiving

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. (Ephesians 1:15-16)

Thank you for your faithfulness, flexibility and response to God's generous invitation to lives of grace and love. Your faith in God and commitment to our life together helps make Central a vibrant congregation. It is a daily privilege to serve as one of your pastors.

Thank you to the leaders here in this faith community. David Sand has led the Council during the building project year. The Congregation Council leaders have engaged in great work bringing their faith and love for this congregation to every Council meeting. The Building Renewal Task Force, chaired by Hazel Reinhardt, led us to the beginning of the project, and continues to tend to the complexities of the work. The Faith and Finance Ministry Team, Fiscal and Property Committee, Global Mission Ministry Team, Prayer Ministry Team, Shared Ministry Team, Strategic Planning Process Task Force, Anniversary Committee, Personnel Committee, Audit Committee and Nominating Committee leaders have led us, calling us through each ministry to grow in faith and generosity. Thank you to all these leaders, and special thanks to the chairs of these teams: Kathy Fiscus, Paul Troselius, Bonnie Weisenburger, Bobbie Spradley, Karin Abel, Diane Nimmer, Mark Bernhardson, Christopher Haug, Karl Starr, Jim Heintz and Susan Troselius. Thank you to the Foundation Board for their leadership and care, and to Bonnie Weisenburger who is the chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

Thank you to my wonderful colleagues and their leadership. I have the privilege to see these faithful and compassionate people at work day in and day out. Long before we arrive and long after we leave, so many are at work creating the conditions where ministry thrives. For those we often do not see in the early hours or late evenings, I say thanks, specifically to Karen Knox, Sara Masters, Obie Holmen, Pat Hansen, Dave Rodriguez, Charles Smith, Brad Meyers, Dwayne Wright, Freddy

Coleman, the Rev. Jeffrey Schulz, Mark Carroll, Betsi Sample, Adam Koland and the choir section leaders. A special thank you to Michael Dee and Mark Kieffer for their work this year amid all the building needs. You see the great work of Deacon Mark, Cantor Jane, Tim Short, Pastor C, Pastor Melissa, Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Judith, but it takes a team to make the rostered leaders and musicians look this good.

Building

We are building, but not just the physical plant. We are building on faith and building for the future. The Psalmist had it right over 2,500 years ago when she prayed: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1) It is an essential, daily reminder that all that we do in and through this new mission-forward

facility is for the glory of God. The new building will help us build up and deepen our worship, formation, community and generosity. The new building will continue to transform Central as worship and community life are interwoven. Building our lives on God opens us to how we are to be living building blocks of community where all are welcome and encounter God's love and tenderness.



Vision

In another ancient reflection, the wisdom writer of Proverbs called out: "without a vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18) As Mark Bernhardson, the chair of the Strategic Planning Process Task Force, wisely teaches: "when our toes are facing in we can become complacent and critical of community, but when our toes face out in mission we share a vision for a new day." The strategic planning framework is a first step in turning all our toes from looking inward to outward. The new building will certainly help us turn our toes out as we look out through new windows that face the community on all sides. The strategic planning framework will guide the next steps as we set measurable goals to deepen how we connect, equip, organize and invite. It is God's call and God's vision for this parish, this mission outpost here in downtown Minneapolis and at every address we live and work as members of Central.

All of this is for the glory of God and our call to explore the promise of God for all.

Pastor Peter

COMPARATIVE CHURCH STATISTICS

Categories	2007	2012	2016	2017
Average Worship:	583	620	589	565
5:00 Saturday	40	50	49	53
8:30 am	295	176	104	105
10:30 am	248	361	343	347
Restoration Center	NA	NA	254	232
Restoration Worship	NA	NA	86	85
Summer	433	435	413	432
Lent Mid-week Avg.	NA	133	91	114
Triduum	861	656	804	712
Easter Sunday	1883	1559	1442	1501
Christmas Eve	1332	1584	1511	1570
Christmas Day	247	198	127	123
Membership:				
Baptized	1700	1718	1672	1711
Confirmed	1574	1371	1422	1448
Education:				
Sunday School Average	37 registered average NA	48 registered 31 average	38 registered 25 average	41 registered 25 average
Sunday Confirmation/HS Youth Average	NA/NA	NA/NA	19 registered/14 av. 14 registered/7 av. Total: 33/21	20 registered/ 15 av. 15 registered/ 8 av. Total: 35/23
Sunday Adult Average	NA	NA	74	No class this year
Changes:				
Baptisms	23	19	11	12
Confirmations	3	6	4	4
Weddings	15	16	10	12
Funerals	28	36	37	21
Transfers Out	54	19	14	7
Transfers In	55	44	69	55
Statistical Adjustment				

Notes:

1. Statistics were taken from congregational parochial reports to the ELCA and recorded attendance figures.
2. Average Worship reporting in the ELCA is currently based on the average for regularly held services and so does not include Christmas and Lenten worship counted in the average. The 2017 average is based on Central's previous practice for all years to include all worship services in the total and divide by 52 weeks. For consideration, without Christmas and Lenten worship included the 2017 weekly worship average was 515 (for 2016 the adjusted average for the year was 533). For 2017, January 1, December 24 and December 31 were all Sundays with expected lower attendance for the holidays which impacts the year average.
3. The worship numbers for 2016 and 2017 reflect a full calendar year with three set services, no service time shift in summer.
4. The change in worship attendance for Easter Sunday, 2016 and 2017, reflects no sunrise service, the emphasis is on the Easter Vigil.
5. Restoration Center attendance is based on meals served. Worship attendance average is for the 11am Monday service.
6. Triduum generally includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil worship. Previous years only include Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship. For 2016 and 2017 Triduum includes the Vigil.
7. Information not available (NA) does not mean classes were not held, just that data is not available.

PASTOR D. FOY CHRISTOPHERSON

The 2017-18 program year, in retrospect, has to be called “transitional.” My year began with hours and hours in the old building last summer coordinating the move out, and downsizing, or just getting rid of years of accumulated stuff that served well but was past its prime in style, functionality or mission. In my 12 years with you I’ve spent more hours in the sandpit/undercroft than I ever imagined, moving stuff from my teams out of the dirt and dust a decade ago (and under a leaky kitchen as it turned out); then emptying it of accumulations when Pastor Peter arrived, and now back into a corner with our weekly worship and hospitality supplies. Much of our “sanctuary-scale” worship décor now lives offsite on trailers. I will be forever thankful to Franklin Dietrich and friends who got us a floor down there.

Then we had to figure out how to share the sanctuary and invite all of the congregation’s ministry into that space.

Liturgically I’ve always tried to invite all of our various ministries into our prayer with blessings and thanksgivings throughout the year, but this was actually inviting THE ministries into the beloved worship spaces you had taught me to steward and care for. And our ministries, like our lives, are always messier than the spit-and-polish version we bring to worship. But it’s been great... a year of connections and integrations, rethinking and reinventions, right there in front of God and everybody that opens us up to the future and to one another. The energy of being and interacting all together has been celebrated by many, and I am thankful for my colleagues—rostered leaders and cantors—and all our lay leaders for the joy and collaboration. The year sets us up well for what’s to come.

At the same time, and in preparation for sharing the sanctuary, many improvements were made that the WorshipLife Team had longed for: preservation of the historic stained glass, new storm windows, lighting improvements, upgraded sound systems including lest conspicuous speakers, digital sound and streaming broadcast with video, flexible seating, and more little things. All these efforts will support our worship life for years to come. “Sound Mark” Kieffer, event coordinator Jeffrey Schulz and life passages coordinator Michael Dee are my faithful colleagues in keeping the staff side of our worship and hospitality running smoothly, even when it

needs to be re-invented daily. They are a brilliant team.

In the midst of it all came the gift of sabbatical. A time to get away, let all the old go, be refreshed, and return with renewed excitement. To find a biblical metaphor, it turned into a three-month trip into the (California) desert. The biblical stories of going into the desert always sounded a little ominous to me, but in the experience, it’s actually a rewarding and renewing place. Thank you for this time away.

In the year to come we hope to design and install a new baptism font, tend to accessibility of the chancel, refinish sanctuary floors and furniture, look at pew cushions and kneelers, improve our vestment collection, evaluate the pew chairs, to name a few things. When we move into the new building the lower narthex is also due for a spit-and-polish.



Thanks to the Worship and Welcome Ministry Teams led by Phil Holst and Judy Hedman. We are so blessed by strong leaders of all our serving teams and so many of you who willingly serve the worshiping assembly, the guest, and ultimately the gospel week in and week out. It is truly a joy to serve with all of you. We are anxious and full of imagination for how our part of our life together will work and get re-imagined as we move into

the new spaces. We’ll have to watch a while and see how the assembly needs our guidance and how the building shapes our encounter as we begin to live into the new spaces. We’re also planning ways to invite new faces into our ministry areas.

In our program life, Pastor Stephanie and I are looking at best practices, ancient and modern, for welcoming new people into the life of Christ. How do old-comers and new-comers bless one another along the way? Our new building will likely invite the curious. Help us to be ready to welcome them. That’s what we’ll be thinking about and talking about when it comes to worship and welcome in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor D. Foy Christopherson

PASTOR MELISSA POHLMAN

In June 2017 we were to open the Free Store in the new triple-wide trailers that were established out in the south end of the parking lot; The Boot. We had moved all our stuff in May thanks to the amazing help of all our volunteers and the Augsburg University Football Team. The volunteers were ready, the shoppers were ready, the staff was ready, but one entity was not ready: the City of Minneapolis had not signed off on us occupying the trailer. We came right up to the morning when we had promised to open and we did not have the permit required. We gathered all the tents Pastor C had in the basement and we put all the clothes we could on our racks with wheels. We set up a few folding tables in the parking lot right outside the trailer. Brad and Freddy rolled out coffee and water and we opened. We had an open air Free Store and Health Commons that day. The next day the permits came through. This is the image I keep holding for our year in the community bucket. God has gifted us with amazing flexibility to bridge us through from one building to the next. God has also gifted us with God's amazing steadfast love that never leaves us and never fails us.

It is that love that is poured out through clothes and meals and flowers and legislative actions and care for God's creation that sustains us in the moments when we pine for the leeks and melons of Egypt. God's work continues and God's people continue to gather and be fed and are put to work. I am so thankful for the flexibility of all the volunteers who serve through the Free Store, the Community Meal, Emergency Rental Assistance, and Job Coaching, as they have been in radically different spaces this year and it has meant that our ministry has changed. I am so thankful for the members who come into our doors every time we open the trailer or the sanctuary and they come to eat or shop or be with one another as God's people. They have been flexible and have changed how they do ministry too. I am thankful for our amazing staff that have often found themselves punting at the last moment because something else has changed and they always do it with care and grace and joy. The next time you see Dwayne Wright, Freddy Coleman, Mark Carroll, Betsi Sample, Adam Koland, Karen Knox or our seminarians: Amanda Hutchinson or Danielle Dunasky, please thank them for the wonderful ways they serve and provide Spirit-filled hospitality for every person who comes into our lives at Central.



Besides the daily work of caring for each other, there have been some great highlights in the Community Mission Cluster this year. In January a group of folks from our Heading Home Central Ministry Team and the Street Voices of Change (SVoC) joined with other leaders in the Minneapolis Area Synod for a week of Community Organizing training from the Midwest Academy team. We learned that power is a gift from God and that we are called to use it in strategic ways that shares power with those who haven't always experienced it. We will have another opportunity this year for another group of 10 to get this training. This training is changing the way we engage in advocacy on the Hill and at City Hall. We have hosted Mayor Jacob Frey twice this year and we have traveled to the State Capitol and met with our legislators to advocate for housing and changes in the conditions that people

experiencing homelessness endure in our city. The SVoC group has grown over the last year as we have been meeting at Westminster Presbyterian (and are very thankful for their inviting us to use their space). In all the change we have been held by God's love and we have tried to hold one another with that same love. It is this love that will carry us through this year as we move into our new building, as we continue to do the work that God has given us and as we

are gifted to one another.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." (1 John 4:7)

Shalom...Pastor Melissa

PASTOR STEPHANIE FRIESEN

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

-Mother Teresa

We have had a big year—a great year—with our building project. It is an exciting time at Central, and like many of you, I can't wait to experience our new building as it moves us forward in mission. We continue to open the doors God puts before us in confidence. We know that God is at work in this place guiding us to participate in God's transforming work in the world. This is big stuff!

And, at the same time, as I look back over the past 12 months, it's the little things—the small things—that delight me most about this amazing call to ministry at Central this year. The Formation Cluster continues to take shape bringing learning, community and care to all of our members and friends.

Our pastoral care team which includes our pastors and volunteers made hundreds of hospital and home visits this year. We brought communion, prayers and heart-felt greetings from Central each week to folks who are unable to be with us on a regular basis. The privilege of bringing church to others is a small thing, yet it's a meaningful moment of God's love and grace.



It's been a great year in Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Our highlights included:

- 30 students experienced the waters and wilderness of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin at Camp Amnicon
- Retreats for confirmation students, families and high school students throughout the year
- Weekly formation in the lower narthex—camping as we called it this year in our temporary space
- Preparation of health kits
- Christmas Pageant
- Monthly Young Adult gatherings
- Gatherings and regular communication with our Cradle Roll families

Looking ahead:

- 15 of our high school students will travel to Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering
- 15 of our middle school students will travel to Christikon—an ELCA camp in the mountains of Montana
- Sunday school will move into their new space
- Retreats, camps and regular gatherings for fellowship continue

Adult learning will resume in the fall in our new space. We are excited to come together to learn and deepen our faith and understanding of God's work in this place and in the world.

The little things become the big things when we do them together. I am so grateful to live and serve among you.

Peace – Pastor Stephanie

DEACON CANTOR MARK SEDIO

To say something about the time since my last annual report I think, succinctly, this sums it up: WHAT A YEAR!

The late spring and early summer of 2017 proved to be a whirlwind of activity that involved packing up and moving our offices, the music library, personal music (everything I've accumulated over the past 38 years I've served as a full-time church musician)—going through things, discarding, cataloguing. A major feat in itself.

Once the building was pretty much emptied, Central hosted events connected with the four-day biennial conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians in July. Having been on this organization's founding board (back in 1985/86) I'm very proud of how it's grown and developed—serving Lutheran musicians in so many helpful ways.

Following the conference I, along with my good friend and music colleague Dave Cherwien (who holds my former position as cantor at Mount Olive and is artistic director of the National Lutheran Choir), had the honor of leading the annual Augsburg Fortress Summer Music Clinics that took place in six cities around the country. In addition to presenting new choral and organ/piano music we gave lectures that highlighted the history of the Reformation and what it means for us today.

The choir year began in September with (1) all new section leaders—Froya Olson, Robin Helgen, Mike Fairbairn and Harrison Hintzsche and (2) punting as to how we would work Wednesday rehearsals and Sunday morning warm-up/rehearsals in the sanctuary (with no choir room available). After a few weeks we found it all very workable. The energy of everything happening in one place (Sunday morning coffee, choir rehearsing, gathering) has been surprisingly positive.

Central served as the venue for the major Twin Cities (bi-synodical) Reformation 500 celebration on Saturday, October 28 with massed choirs (I had the honor of conducting), instrumental fanfares and ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching.

This year I also had the opportunity to continue for a second year as interim conductor of the Augsburg Choir (Augsburg University). Because of the building project, Advent Vespers proved challenging—but some creative staging (with the help of our brilliant colleague Mark

Kieffer), our new moveable chair situation in the sanctuary, the addition of portable bathroom facilities and use of the Minneapolis Convention Center—all went exceedingly well. I was also asked to represent both alumni and current choral faculty on the music search committee for a permanent conductor at Augsburg. Dr. Kristina Boerger, a remarkable, well-rounded, brilliant conductor will begin her tenure as conductor this coming fall.

It was a great joy to be recognized as a deacon in the ELCA on May 13. Although similar types of designations existed in predecessor church bodies (I became a lay professional in the LCA in 1980, then a teacher/musician when I moved to the AELC, an associate in ministry with the birth of the ELCA)—the diaconate is important in that we, like clergy, are rostered in light of the historical triad of ordained ministry: deacon-clergy-bishop.



On May 15 I began a two month sabbatical during which I will journey to Finland to take a closer look at the choral music of the Finnish Orthodox Church—particularly the kind of chant that comes from the monastery at Valamo where I'll spend some days. I'll also be meeting with choral conductors, church musicians, organists and university professors—plus will

visit publishing houses to pick up some new music! A grant from the Finlandia Foundation National is helping to make this a reality. Sincere thanks to Central for this wonderful opportunity given to rostered leaders!

In closing, deep thanks to my talented, wonderful colleague Jane Lien (we've worked together now for 16 years!), to our amazing section leaders (we sadly bid farewell to baritone Harrison who leaves for graduate school in early music and vocal performance at Yale), to our choral scholars, to Tim Short who stepped in so competently, to Susan Troselius who took on a new role helping out with so many aspects of the music program (including leading the choristers during Jane's recovery), to the Bell Choir—to Mark Kieffer and Robin Helgen who led bells during February, March and April, to my pastor colleagues—especially our "dear leader" Peter Nycklemoe (the BEST with whom I have ever worked!) and, most sincerely, to the members of the Central Choir who feed me spiritually each and every week. It is indeed an honor and great pleasure to be here among you all.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Mark Sedio

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, OBIE HOLMEN

A year ago, staff was packing and moving to temporary quarters on Marquette Avenue (codename "1219"). Now, we anxiously await our return to our home at "333." We have walked through the construction site and eyed our individual offices. We have conferred with the architects to individualize our office configurations. Fiber optic internet now services a data center beneath the sanctuary. Core components of WiFi and security cameras have been installed in the data center, and these systems await extension into the new space. When we move home, our VoIP phones will move with us, ready to be plugged into data ports in the new offices without any additional hardware or configuration required.

Meanwhile, our finances remain robust and healthy. Member contributions exceeded last year and came in over budget. Although there have been operational glitches with our new parking lot lessee, parking revenues exceeded budget and last year's total. We are only half way through the three years of our capital campaign, but we have already received over \$2.6 million of the \$3.5 million pledged (75%). A loan with the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA has been secured, and regular draws pay for ongoing construction costs. Approximately \$3.25 million of the \$8.8 million loan has been received through mid-May. Last year, we spoke of "unique uncertainties" associated with budgeting for operating expenses during this transitional phase. It turns out that we underestimated the cost of the temporary trailer in the boot, especially pertaining to electrical hookup costs, and this has resulted

in a slight deficit in our operational finances for the year. Fortunately, we began the year with \$225,000 in operating reserves, and we drew upon those reserves to cover the deficit, ending the year with \$200,000 in reserve.

Recent constitutional changes will result in a switch to a calendar year beginning January 1, 2019. However, in preparing a budget for the short fiscal period beginning June 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, we decided to prepare a twelve-month budget for the sake of meaningful comparison with prior budgets and actuals. Later, we will prepare a new budget for the year beginning January 1, 2019.

The proposed budget is essentially "break even." However, we have followed a conservative approach based upon the mortgage repayment that will begin on December 1, 2018. Even though there will be no mortgage payments due from June through November, we have essentially included a full year's worth of payments in the budget (\$30,667 monthly). During the June to November period, there will continue to be temporary expenses, which will be less than a monthly mortgage payment, and the difference each month will be placed in a mortgage escrow account, which we anticipate will grow to approximately \$125,000 by the time the first mortgage payment is due in December.

It is a privilege to travel in this exciting journey with you!

Obie

DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, DWAYNE WRIGHT

Security's Perspective

This past year, from the security department's perspective, having the community meal in the sanctuary and having the Restoration Center in the back of our parking lot in a trailer has worked out really well. The security staff has worked tremendously hard to ensure that even though we have faced challenges during this time of transition every member, staff and guest still feel safe and welcomed.

Let's talk about the community meal from Security's perspective. Even though the meal is being served in the sanctuary, things are still moving along smoothly. Detox and other safety concerns are down. All of the community meal guests are tremendously thankful to have the meal in the sanctuary.

Trailer update information: The Free Store started slowly until directions of its location were clarified, we have been busy ever since. Things have been working out effortlessly thanks to security officer Fred Coleman who helps make sure the guests and volunteers feel safe and welcomed. And a big thank you to the wonderful Free Store volunteers and nurses. Thank you also to Karen Knox, Charles Smith, Brad Meyers and Michael Dee for the many ways they help in supporting this security department.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Dwayne

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, DAVE RODRIGUEZ

What a Difference a Year Makes

Looking back I am simply amazed at how far we have come in a relatively short amount of time. It was barely a year ago when we all were looking at each other as if we were about to climb aboard the newest, biggest, fastest ride at the amusement park. With our tickets punched, we piled in, fastened our seatbelts, and off we went.



Vacating the building we called home for so long was difficult but working together we managed to move all operations to their temporary living quarters. With the Restoration Center in the trailer in the parking lot, the church offices stationed in the 1219

Marquette building, and the maintenance, security, kitchen staff, and others holding down the fort in the church basement we are quite spread out. They may not be the most comfortable conditions but, even with being further apart, it seems that we are getting closer together.

The demolition phase was a sight to be seen. Many of us would stand and watch as the heavy equipment did its work. We made sure to keep a watchful eye on the conditions brought forth from this part of the project. We brought in vibration monitoring equipment to make sure the stained glass windows, the organ, and the historic sanctuary suffered as little damage as possible. We also had an environmental testing agency out on many occasions to monitor the dust particles to ensure the organ was protected. Even though it was a bit emotional I am happy to say the demolition phase of the project went well with relatively few surprises.



Just to keep things interesting, why not throw in the biggest sporting event of the year to our winter? Yes, the Super Bowl was a curveball for us. We had road closures, added security checkpoints, and the Vikings did their part by getting our hopes up only to let us down in the NFC championship game. (Too soon?) We also had the

more common issues with a Minnesota winter such as frozen ground, arctic cold, and an occasional blizzard. Through it all, I must give credit where credit is due. Lon Schueth, our field superintendent, has been amazing keeping the project moving forward regardless of the setbacks thrown our way. Hats off to you Lon!!



As winter hit a hard stop, summer has come charging in with full fury. Thankfully we have our air conditioning up and running with the heat of summer upon us. The warmer temperatures have been a blessing for construction and

the building is really starting to take shape. The floor is poured, the plumbing, electrical, and rain leader ground work is complete. As we walk through our new space, our anticipation builds as we are able to see the flow of the space. These are exciting times.

We have made so much progress but we still have a long way to go. I am so grateful to all of you for the courage to undertake this incredible project. It's hard to believe we have been able to maintain virtually all our programming in spite of the project, and I thank you for all the patience, support, and understanding during this time. Without your support, we could not have gotten to where we are now!



Dave

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, SARA MASTERS

As I was reading through the staff's annual reports, I found a common theme from the past year: flexibility. I wonder what we will all write about next year. Probably the same thing: how flexible we all needed to be.

I am looking forward to moving into our new space. For me, it will be a time for celebration. How will we work, be community, and worship God in the new space? It is fun to imagine all the change we will experience in our life together starting in October.

Since my work is mainly on the computer, my work will not change that much, just in location. But I am looking forward to seeing the congregation more often when we are back at "333."

Some of my highlights from the past year:

- Produced four issues of *Centering*
- Produced the weekly *Spirit* and *eSpirit* along with the Tuesday eDevo.
- Served on the 100th Anniversary Committee
- Managed the website and the outdoor sign
- Worked with different ministry areas like: Floral Guild, OWLS, circles, Shared Ministry, Congregation Council, Foundation, and Faith and Finance Ministry
- Created ads for the *StarTribune* and the *Downtown Journal*

- Helped with the bulletin process while Pastor C was on sabbatical

I feel blessed to work at Central, whether it's at "1219" or "333" or anywhere else. I have found a great work environment with a bunch of people I am proud to call my co-workers and friends. I do want to call out our fearless leader, Pastor Peter. To say the least, we would not be where we are today without him and looking ahead to the great possibilities ahead of us. Pastor Peter and all the rostered leaders make me look good and I appreciate working with such good communicators and they understand the importance of my work.

One last shout out to Karen Knox. I can't imagine this place without her. The things she does behind the scenes is too much to list, but she is truly a blessing to Central. She goes above and beyond and is an integral part of this congregation. I always marvel on how she knows about all that is going on; all the people she knows and remembers and the care she provides to all our members.

Blessings,
Sara

FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR, MARK CARROLL

This year was a year of change and challenges. We spent the first few months deciding which items we would need throughout the year, which items will be needed for the new kitchen and items that were no longer needed. All the items that we use on a regular basis were put on shelving in the undercroft. All items that were not needed now, were cleaned and packed and moved into storage. It took at least a month to accomplish this.

Once the kitchen and fellowship hall were closed, we served coffee and cookies and the funeral meals in the hallway. When this area was closed, we had to figure out a plan to serve in the sanctuary.

I have spent time coordinating vendors for our events. The kitchen staff has worked hard to make this construction year go smoothly. We are excited to set up the new kitchen space and knowing where items are. It will be wonderful to cook and bake again. We are also thankful the new kitchen will be on one level.

Throughout all of this change the community meal volunteers and the Funeral Ministry team have been wonderful. They have been very flexible, making suggestions and trying new things. It has been a learning experience for all of us. We could not have done it without them.

Thank you to the congregation for their understanding and for making this happen.

We look forward with great anticipation for the new year.

Mark

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

A special meeting of the Foundation was held on December 13, 2017 and the regular annual meeting was held on May 9, 2018 at the Edina Country Club.

Special recognition was given, at the December meeting, to James Halls, who had recently died. He had dedicated many years of his life to Central's Foundation, not only as a board member, but as a past president of the Board. Gifts and bequests from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 totaled \$70,654.15. Gifts and bequests from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018 totaled \$6,200.12. Many thanks and gratitude go out to those who remember the Foundation in their estate plans and for those who give gifts while still here. These gifts will continue to support Central's ministries for generations to come.

At the May 2018 meeting, Jim Heintz, secretary/treasurer, moved to increase the distribution to Central Lutheran Church by .50% to bring the total regular distribution from 4.75% to 5.25%, which would start January 1, 2019. This proposal, as Jim pointed out, was in accordance with the Foundation spending policy, which states that there will be an annual evaluation and adjustment, if necessary, in the distribution percentages, in order to maintain the investment portfolio of the Foundation within a close range of the historical value of the fund, as indexed to inflation, using the Consumer Price Index. Since the market value on 12/31/17 exceeded the historical value by 11.07%, which is greater than 10%, this provided a guideline to increase the percentage according to the Distribution Calculator. This could change next year, depending on how the market does, again using the same calculations over a 3-year average.

This brings the total distribution, including the extra 1% for the building fund, to 6.25%, at least for the next year.

The Executive Committee met twice this past year to determine agendas for the meetings and to discuss various items that have come before this committee.

The Audit Committee met on May 9, 2018 prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, to go over the draft of the audit report, brought to the meeting by the auditors. The report will be finalized and distributed to the board members within the next month or so. At the earlier meeting in December, Kay Dixon, committee chair, moved to continue to engage the firm of Baker Tilly, as our auditors.

The Development Committee has been working with the Foundation Development Director Inez Bergquist, on various projects, including the survivor's luncheon held in the fall. That was such a lovely event, that it will be continued in the future. The Estate Planning and End of

Life Forums are planned out for this fall, in coordination with Central's pastors for presentation. There was an introductory forum in May, to give just a taste of that which is to come.

The Governance Committee completed the charters for the various committees and distributed them to all board members. Since Joyce Anderson had volunteered as a temporary chair, and is the chair of the Development Committee, she gladly relinquished her chair to Chas Scheiderer, who agreed to take over those duties.

Elections of certain board members and board officers were held at the May meeting under the watch of this committee. The Investment Committee meets on a quarterly basis with the investment advisors, G.S. Investments, to monitor, review and advise. In this past year, the Investment Committee revised the investment policy and brought it to the full Board for approval. Four hundred thousand dollars has been set aside to cover the balance of the Foundation's commitment to the church's building campaign.

G.S. Investments have reported that even though there were fluctuations this past year, the market has done well and has brought the Foundations Asset Market Value, as of April 30, 2018 to \$18,721,306 (which, of course, can change daily). This is approximately the same amount that has totally been distributed to Central Lutheran Church over the years. This year the total distribution, including the extra 1% for the building campaign, will be close to a million dollars.

Present Central Lutheran Church Foundation Trustees are:

Bonnie Weisenburger, president
Shirley Teig, vice president
James Heintz, secretary/treasurer
Arlen Abel
Emilie Anderson
Joyce Anderson
Kay Dixon
Scott Fisher
Larry Gregerson
Chas Scheiderer
Steve Studt
President of the Congregation - ex officio
Senior Pastor - ex officio (non-voting)
Business Administrator - ex officio (non-voting)
Staff: Mark Gaasedelen - executive secretary
Inez Bergquist - development director
C.S. Investments - fund managers

Submitted by,
Bonnie Weisenburger, president

COLUMBARIUM ASSOCIATION



Central Lutheran Columbarium Association

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May 31, 2018

Columbarium Association Annual Report

The 2017-2018 program year saw eight entombments of our dear saints. The columbarium association ordered flowers for the columbarium in observance of Memorial Day 2018. Observances were also held on Easter morning and Veterans Day. The columbarium is located at the west end of the Lower Narthex chapel, and can be visited any time the church building is open. Michael Dee is coordinator of week to week details and Pastor Christopherson serves as columbarium director.

The Central Lutheran Columbarium Association was established by the 2014 action of the congregation in annual meeting.

Columbarium Milestones

June 22, 2014	Annual Congregational Meeting founding resolution
December 9, 2014	Columbarium first unit construction completed
December 28, 2014	Columbarium dedication
January 2015	Columbarium Fund established as a stand-alone account
March 15, 2015	First entombment
144	Number of total niches in first unit
45	Number of niches reserved in total as of May 31, 2018
8	Number of entombments in this program year (June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018)
23	Number of entombments in total as of May 31, 2018

Entombments in this program year

These bodies have been taken into the care of the Church until the Day of Resurrection:

- + Robert Richmond
- + Vernita Halverson
- + Minard "Mike" Halverson
- + James Halls
- + Harris Lee
- + Elaine Halls
- + Susan Stan
- + Elizabeth Shelver

...We look for the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Financial Statement - Columbarium Fund

\$42,797.	Opening Balance
\$12,422.	Columbarium Membership & Gifts
<u>- \$2,216.</u>	Columbarium Construction & Operation
\$53,003.	Closing Balance

Respectfully Submitted.

Meet a member of the Columbarium Board at their display table at the annual meeting.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Central Lutheran Congregation Council Executive Committee

Current leadership

President: Sara Stensaas

Treasurer: John Olson

Secretary: Sara Gunsch

Nominated for leadership (two-year term)

Vice-president: Lisa Beane

Central Lutheran Congregation Council at-large

Current leadership (one year remaining)

Phil Holst

Mons Teig

Dave Sand

Nominated for leadership (two-year term)

Jennifer Sula

Paul Troselius

Roberta Groening

Audit Committee

Current leadership (one-year remaining)

Heruy Mesfen

Duane Hetland

Nominated for leadership (two-year term)

Seth Peter

2018 Synod Voting Members

To be elected at the February 2019 meeting for the May 2019 Synod Assembly

Nominated by Congregation Council for the bridge year

Nominating Committee

Andrew Heintz (one-year remaining)

Christa Olson (one-year remaining)

Bruce Nimmer (one-year remaining)

Katie Brenke (one-year remaining)

Carney Bergeson-Meekins (one-year remaining)

Susan Troselius, chair (one year remaining)

Kari Colchin (two years remaining)

Heidi Tysk-Poppe (two years remaining)

Joe Surla (two years remaining)

LEADERSHIP NOMINEES

LISA BEANE

Lisa joined Central in 2012 and is a member of the Central Choir and is active in the Young Adults Small Group. For the past year, she has served as an at-large member of the Congregation Council. Lisa works as an attorney at Robins Kaplan LLP and lives near Loring Park in Minneapolis with her wife Stephanie, who is also a Central member.



ROBERTA GROENING

I have been a member of Central Lutheran Church since 2007. I have served in the church as part of the Nominating Committee, volunteered in the church office in different capacities and have served in other roles through the years. Professionally, I work at InFaith Community Foundation as a manager.

I enjoy being a part of the engaged and caring community that is Central and have found it to be a wonderful place for our family to belong. My husband and I are the parents of an energetic 6 year old girl.



JENNIFER SURLA

I live in northeast Minneapolis with my husband, Joe, and children, Carrie (9) and Ben (5). I have been a member since 1999, and Joe and I were married at Central in 2005. Over the years, I've served as an usher as well as helping with blood pressure checks in between Sunday services.

I am a 1998 graduate of St. Olaf College, where I majored in economics and music, and also played in both the band and orchestra. In fact, my first exposure to Central was performing with the St. Olaf Band in the sanctuary! I now work as an associate IT director for Best Buy at their corporate campus. I am also a registered nurse, working intermittently in an alcohol and drug detoxification center. I am honored to be nominated for a seat on the Council, and look forward to serving the congregation during this very exciting time in our shared ministry.



PAUL TROSELIUS

Paul was born and raised in Red Wing, Minnesota. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy. He had a 30-year career as a pharmacist, retiring in 2010. Paul has been a member of Central Lutheran since 1983. Paul sings in the Central Choir, and has served as a member of three building committees: the Revitalization Committee, the Master Plan Task Force and the Building Renewal Task Force. He is currently the chair of the Fiscal and Property Committee, Garden Ministry Team and the Maintenance and Custodial Support Ministry Team. He has also served as a volunteer in the Restoration Center. Paul is excited to serve on the congregation council; to work with others and listen to where God is calling us and to explore what the promise of God means.



SETH PETER

Seth is married to Chris Peter, they have two sons, Eli (13) and Oscar (11) and reside in the Lowry Hill neighborhood of Minneapolis. He is the son of former Central Lutheran members, Rev. Curtis and LaVerne Peter. Seth has a BA in Mathematics from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio and is an alumni of Minnehaha Academy.



2017-2018 HISTORIAN REPORT

June 2017

4: Pastor Marissa Sotos and Tree of Life Lutheran gather for first worship and dinner

11: Farewell to the buildings that served us for over 50 years; Restoration Center move to triple-wide trailer completed and Free Store, Health Commons and support services up and running.

18: Open budget meeting; sandpit now has a concrete floor!

21: Annual Meeting

The congregation approved the Nominating Committee's ballot for officers of the congregation, 2017-18 Budget, and adoption of a revised constitution based on ELCA model.

July 2017

5: Office moved to 1219 Marquette

8/9: New sound and video system nearly completed with livestreaming started.

15: Hosting of ALCM and WELCA conventions

20: Bid opening with Jorgenson Construction having low bid; demolition contractor, Rachel Construction, can now begin their work; pew chairs delivered.

26: Council planning retreat

August 2017

Twenty-four middle school/HS youth travel to Amnicon

12/13: Rummage Sale

16: Asbestos abatement begins

20: Open Congregation Building Renewal Update

27: Annual Congregation Picnic with groundbreaking for Central's new mission-forward facility

September 2017

9/10: "New beginnings" with autumn schedule resuming, Sunday school open house in lower narthex

17: Monthly Listening for God begins; a time of contemplative prayer led by Pastor Peter.

24: Reformation 500 essay series begins, centered on the impact of the Reformation

30: Art and Soul, a Contemplative Prayer Retreat with Pr. Kathie Nycklemoe and artist Robyn Sand Anderson.

October 2017

4: Wednesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Peter – Fall: Paul's Letter to the Romans; Winter: Gospel of Mark; Spring: The Letters of John 1, 2, and 3

7/8: Demolition begins; portable toilets become the norm.

14-16: 50th Anniversary of the Free Store

21/22: Global Missions Weekend; stained glass window restoration complete!

22: Thirteen new members and four children received

28: Luther Seminary/NLC Reformation Festival with ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

November 2017

4/5: All Saints' Weekend – celebration of the church's resurrection.

11/12: Sabbath to End Homelessness; demolition completed, and construction begins!

18/19: Surprising Joy, Emerging Vessels – faith promise weekend; Luther Seminary students Amanda Hutchinson and Danielle Dunasky begin at Central

26: Downtown Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

December 2017

11/30-12/2: Augsburg University Advent Vespers

10: "Magnificat" presented by Central Choir and Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

15: Pastor C begins sabbatical; returns mid-March

17: Sunday school Christmas pageant

January 2018

26-28: Family Camp at Camp Wapo

27/28: Open Congregational Information meetings

February 2018

3/4: Super Bowl Weekend – Saturday 5 p.m. worship with potluck and Sunday 8:30 (full) and 10:30 (abbreviated) worship only.

14: Season of Lent begins; Wednesday evening study of the Ten Commandments led by pastors

17: Young Adults/OWLS sponsor food pack at Feed My Starving Children; Lenten Prayer Retreat at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Bloomington

24/25: High school retreat to Camp Amnicon

27: Secretary Pat Hansen resigns for CLC staff position; Sara Gunsch fills remainder of term.

March 2018

Half-way mark of Building Renewal Project

4: Heading Home Central ministry team hosts forum on Affordable Housing with Mayor Jacob Frey

25: Palm Sunday – "Passion According to Saint John" presented by Central Choir

29-31: The Great Three Days

31: Fifteen new members received

April 2018

1: Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday

28: Camp Amnicon "Packs and Paddles" fundraiser

29: Six CLC youth confirmed

May 2018

1/2: Strategic Planning: Congregation Open Conversations

12: Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Breakfast

15: Cantor Mark begins sabbatical; returns mid-July

BUILDING RENEWAL TASK FORCE

The Building Renewal Task Force began meeting in June 2015 and from that time through June 2017, the task force met every other week most months. All the planning and design work was completed by the June 2017 Annual Meeting and on July 20, 2017, bids for construction were received and opened. Jorgenson Construction Company was the lowest bidder and was awarded the construction contract. On August 20, at an open congregational meeting, the proposed building plans and financing were reviewed. August 27, 2017 marked a joyous Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Emptying the buildings proved to be a major task! Asbestos abatement, which turned out to be more extensive than initially estimated, delayed the beginning of the demolition of the education building, parish house and south commons; however, demolition began in late September.

Beginning in January 2018, the task force met to look at interior finishes and colors. This was followed by selecting office furnishings and many decisions about other interior details. During the week of May 14, the contractor finished pouring cement for the main floor, which is a milestone because interior work ramps up after the floor is poured.

Since September 2017, some key elements of the Building Renewal Project were completed including the refurbishing of the sanctuary's stained glass windows as well as the installation of new sound/light and video. The addition of video capabilities has been a blessing because Central can now livestream all the worship services as well as other major worship services. The number of people "tuning in" continues to increase. The new pew chairs have allowed for greater flexibility in the sanctuary, which has been critical as the sanctuary became home for many of Central's ministries during the construction period.

While there have been many inconveniences during this construction year, we have much to celebrate. Every Central ministry and program continued without interruption. The logistics have been amazing! The Monday Restoration Center meal is served in the sanctuary every week. Nearly all the activities that once took place in the education building moved to the sanctuary or lower narthex. Bible study is held in the upper narthex and the list goes on. Further, members and visitors seem to

enjoy having coffee and cookies in the sanctuary between services! Even the Augsburg Vespers took place during this construction year, although we did need luxury port-a-potties for that weekend. None of this would have been possible without Central's amazing staff and key volunteer teams!

Finally, on April 10, 2018, Central was granted clear title to a couple of land parcels under the parking ramp. No deeds could be found for these parcels and without clear title, Central could not proceed with work in the parking lot.

We look forward to the ribbon cutting and the official opening of our new mission-forward building in October 2018.

Hazel H. Reinhardt, chair



BISHOP ANN SVENNUNGENSEN



January 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am so grateful for you – and for all our communities of faith that share the good news of Christ in word and deed. We often hear of the church’s decline. As I visit our synod’s congregations, ministries, and partners, I see remarkable signs of vitality and experience renewed hope in the Spirit’s work. I praise God for these life-giving highlights from 2017:

- Eleven ordinations (a record number for the recent past)
- At least 230 pastors, deacons, and CYF and other staff members meeting in peer groups for prayer, support, learning, and, often a creative, transformative retreat – all supported with synod funds
- Six hundred 5th-8th graders attending weekly church gatherings in Prior Lake
- A host of gifted millennials serving as leaders in our synod; new start congregations in the millennial-rich areas of Northeast Minneapolis and the North Loop
- Vibrant, multicultural congregations and an area ministry strategy in north Minneapolis
- Fourteen congregations gathering “at the river” to paddle canoes and pray for waters and lakes
- Racial justice liaisons from 48 churches meeting bimonthly to strengthen efforts against racism
- Traveling with 16 young, gifted pastors on a “once-in-a-lifetime” 500th Anniversary of the Reformation trip to our companion synod in Leipzig
- New energy in our companion synod relationship with Nigeria (I was blessed to travel there twice in 2017, the first time for the installation of Archbishop Musa Filibus, who is also the newly elected president of the Lutheran World Federation and will speak at our Synod Assembly this May.)
- Congregations supporting a host of unique global partnerships from South Sudan to India to El Salvador to Haiti to Liberia
- Creating the Resurrection Fund for faithful stewardship of resources given to the synod by congregations after the sale of church property (We are inspired to imagine the good fruit this Resurrection Fund will bear.)
- Accompanying 36 congregations in call processes; presiding at 37 installations (In particular, I love my visits to congregations right before they begin interviewing for a new pastor.)
- A balanced synod budget, clean audit, and strong mission support to ELCA churchwide
- Well-attended and engaging Tool Kit events for more than 100 elected church council members; the chance to meet the faithful and tireless lay leaders who serve our congregations and communities
- The remarkable leadership and ministry of our synod staff, synod council, deans, and other synod leaders

Even more than these highlighted activities, we praise God for the daily and weekly work all around our synod: transforming lives through the gift of a new beginning in Jesus Christ, forming authentic communities where confidence and doubt, joy, and sorrow are welcomed and shared; being truly present in the neighborhoods around us; striving for justice and healing in our world.

The coming months are significant for the Minneapolis Area Synod. Conference Assemblies are Sunday, February 25, and the Synod Assembly is May 4-5. Both include steps in the bishop election process. As I complete my sixth year as your bishop, I want to say how grateful I am for the privilege of serving in this calling. I have indicated my openness to election to a second term. More importantly, I join with you in asking the Holy Spirit to guide us in the coming process. Please hold our synod in your prayers.

I give thanks for our vital partnership and look forward to deepening our shared mission. Please let us know how we can serve one another better – working together so all experience **gracious invitation** into **life-giving Christian community** and live in **just and healthy neighborhoods**.

In Christ,

Bishop Ann Svennungsen

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FRAMEWORK

Introduction

Strategic planning for congregations in today's mission culture is more process than product. God is still speaking. We are faithful listeners for God's calling, guiding and sustaining voice. A strategic planning process looks and feels more like a journey, where listening leads to setting destinations, honestly acknowledging that there will be detours and course corrections. Often these detours are where God is at work.

The Process

In Lent, 2015, Central gathered for a series of cottage meetings to renew the mission statement and God's invitation for how we gather for ministry. In over 30 cottage meeting gatherings, grounded in Acts, chapter 2, we discerned that we are exploring the promise of God for all. We came to understand that we explore this promise in worship, formation, community and generosity. Hearing this call of God we embarked on initial ways to renew and strengthen these mission area clusters and our life together. It became apparent that the building's overdue maintenance needs and floorplan would not support the missional needs of the congregation. A Building Renewal Task Force was formed. The congregational members have devoted amazing resources for this project to provide a mission-forward facility. The new facility will be ready in the fall of 2018. All this work provides the foundation for the strategic planning process that has been underway this Lent and Easter. This strategic planning process has invited deep listening for God and a grounding in core values that will continue to open conversation. All of this to open us to God and God's preferred future.

Strategic Planning Process Next Steps

A framework is a missional container where the recurring themes and images from the process are named. The framework seeks to establish a sense of who we are as a faith community at this moment in time, and how this identity shapes what we hear God calling us to be and to do. The framework is adopted by the Congregation Council and then the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Once the framework is adopted, the Council appoints a mission team to create and tend SMART goals (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely). These goals set the direction and next steps for us as a faith community.

Strategic Planning Framework

The Council, staff, ministry teams, circles and committees have had the opportunity to engage in the listening for God and conversation through the core values and questions. The responses and notes from these meetings are gathered here into a succinct framework for adoption. This framework will guide the mission team in setting the goals and creating a roadmap for the congregation.

The four core values have been affirmed by this process. Under each of the core values are the essential images and consistent themes we hear in God's call and for our life together.

Connecting

A variety of experiences of how we connect with God and with one another in and through this community of faith were named in the process. What was named and heard in the process:

- A greater intentionality for connecting as one community is needed.
- Openness to God and one another is essential and to be nurtured.
- A depth is added when we gather and work together as shared, relational participants.
- Supporting scripture: John 15:5 – "Jesus teaches, I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

Equipping

How we are equipped (prepared, taught, strengthened) changes as we journey through life. The depth of the spiritual life is a balance between personal and communal offerings for growth. Authentic ministry in daily life is the key.

- Acceptance of where people are in the journey, at each stage, is a strength.
- Equipping happens in community for us as individuals and as a congregation.
- In a polarized world, shared ways of faith unify and are building blocks.
- Supporting scripture: Acts 2:42 – "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Organizing

We are called to "live and love out loud." A shared way of faith where God's love invites us to organize for reconciliation, justice and to make a difference.

- We cannot be all things for all people, but we can work toward caring for our neighbors and their specific needs.
- We are not alone; we share ways of faith with others and are called to these relationships.
- Where we are located as a congregation is important, both where the beautiful sanctuary is located and where each of us lives, works and plays.
- Supporting scripture: Micah 6:8 – "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FRAMEWORK, CONT'D

Inviting

We have a story to tell about God's love and promise for all.

- Welcome is important, so too the more intentional way of invitation.
- Invitation needs to shape the internal and the external life of the congregation.
- Invitation is grounded in the story of God's radical generosity. God opens us to everyone's unique story. Everyone's story shapes who we are and what we are called to be about.
- Supporting scripture: Matthew 28:19 – "Jesus teaches, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

An image that gathers together the conversation:



The big question

It helps to clarify all this, and so at each gathering we listened for God and our life together, summarized in one or two words to answer this question:

Why do we exist as a congregation?



FINANCIALS: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets and Liabilities Consolidated Funds			
	5/31/18	5/31/17	5/31/16
OPERATING:			
Checking Account	\$88,409	\$127,532	\$132,106
Savings Account	\$200,212	\$225,101	\$200,000
Youth Account	\$797	\$1,206	\$0
DCEH and Tree of Life Accounts	\$80,454	\$25,906	
Due From Designated Account	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OPERATING ASSETS	\$369,872	\$379,745	\$332,106
BUILDING & CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS:			
Checking Account	\$509,169	\$593,591	\$1,000
Savings Account	\$0	\$0	\$0
MIF Demand Investment	\$215	\$100	\$0
Land	\$1,229,389	\$1,229,389	\$1,229,389
Building	\$12,250,148	\$12,250,148	\$12,250,148
Equipment	\$776,925	\$776,925	\$776,925
Other Fixed Assets	\$1,087,349	\$1,087,349	\$1,087,349
TOTAL BUILDING & CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS ASSETS	\$15,853,195	\$15,937,502	\$15,344,811
DESIGNATED FUNDS (RESTRICTED)			
Checking Account	\$400,710	\$275,484	\$288,135
Funds Invested-ELCA	\$104,301	\$62,729	\$62,037
Life Insurance-Cash Surrender Value	\$24,893	\$22,017	\$22,017
Due to Operating Account	\$0	\$0	\$0
Investments	\$143,941	\$172,245	\$171,088
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS ASSETS	\$673,845	\$532,474	\$543,277
COLUMBARIUM			
Checking Account	\$55,345	\$45,239	\$28,698
TOTAL ASSETS	\$16,952,257	\$16,894,960	\$16,248,891
OPERATING			
Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bank Line of Credit	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Held for Others (DCEH & TOL)	\$80,454	\$25,906	
BUILDING & CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS			
Note Payable-Mission Investment Fund	\$4,044,419	\$649,612	\$752,027
DESIGNATED FUNDS (RESTRICTED)			
Obligations	\$644,697	\$534,249	\$521,260
TOTAL LIABILITIES & OBLIGATIONS	\$4,769,570	\$1,209,767	\$1,273,287
NET ASSETS	\$12,182,687	\$15,685,193	\$14,975,604

PROPOSED BUDGET

Ministry & Congregational Life

	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Actual
Ministry & Congregational Life Revenues			
Regular Offering	\$1,275,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,236,138
Kitchen Cash Receipts	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$13,979
Donor Designated Audio Visual	\$1,750	\$0	\$0
Donor Designated Music	\$12,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Donor Designated CYF	\$42,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Donor Designated Health Care	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Donor Designated Seniors	\$27,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Donor Designated Seminarian Support	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Donor Designated Cong. Events	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Interest/Investment Revenue	\$5,000	\$0	\$4,612
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$4,592
Total	\$1,379,750	\$1,300,000	\$1,336,322

Ministry & Congregational Life Expenses

Mission Emphasis (Benevolence)

ELCA Churchwide Partnership	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$53,833
ELCA South Sudan Mission	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Young Adults Global Mission (YAGM)	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Luther Seminary CPL	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$13,176
Lutheran Healthcare Bangladesh	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
China Service Ventures	\$7,500	\$7,000	\$7,000
Wycliffe-Follingstad	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Wycliffe-Gaultney	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Camp Amnicon	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
ReconcilingWorks	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Mission Emphasis (Benevolence)	\$135,500	\$133,000	\$131,010

	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Actual
Ministry Emphasis			
Worship Life Ministry	\$19,250	\$18,500	\$18,171
Music Ministry	\$28,750	\$33,700	\$27,671
Children/Youth/Family Ministry	\$21,250	\$24,400	\$31,054
Community Ministry	\$4,500	\$5,000	\$4,273
Adult Education	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,221
GLBT Ministry	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,010
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$500	\$3,000	\$500
Prayer Life Ministry	\$2,800	\$3,700	\$2,944
Welcome Life Ministry	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$6,286
Fellowship Ministry	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$21,741
Kitchen Ministry	\$27,500	\$21,000	\$26,787
Faith & Finance Ministry	\$500	\$1,000	\$0
Shared Ministry	\$250	\$250	\$1,310
Global Mission Operations	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
Total Ministry Emphasis	\$124,800	\$133,300	\$142,969

PROPOSED BUDGET, CONTINUED

Congregational Life

Administration	\$135,000	\$115,800	\$152,268
Council & Committees	\$2,500	\$5,400	\$3,254
Communications	\$8,750	\$10,300	\$7,747
Banking, Legal, and Audit	\$30,000	\$24,000	\$26,119
Ministry & Congregational Life Personnel	\$1,014,736	\$977,077	\$991,495
Total Congregational Life	\$1,190,986	\$1,132,577	\$1,180,883

Ministry and Congregational Life Revenue	\$1,379,750	\$1,300,000	\$1,336,322
Ministry and Congregational Life Expenses	\$1,451,286	\$1,398,877	\$1,454,862
Ministry and Congregational Life Net	-\$71,536	-\$98,877	-\$118,539

Foundation & Facility

	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Actual
Foundation & Facility Revenues			
Foundation Support	\$709,932	\$698,118	\$664,421
Foundation & Facility Expenses			
Building Operations	\$131,100	\$126,250	\$149,755
Utilities	\$79,000	\$75,000	\$102,130
Foundation & Facility Personnel	\$203,030	\$174,293	\$156,479
Temporary Expenses	\$55,666	\$92,400	\$166,092
MIF Mortgage Payments	\$184,002	\$139,000	\$11,536
MIF Escrow	\$128,336		
Total	\$781,134	\$606,943	\$585,993
Foundation & Facility Net	-\$71,202	\$91,175	\$78,428
Total Expenses	\$781,134	\$606,943	\$585,993
Net Total	-\$69,452	\$91,175	\$78,428

Events

	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Actual
Revenues			
Building Usage Revenue	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$20,162
Wedding and Funeral Services	\$0	\$0	\$23,251
Total	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$43,414
Expenses			
Event Personnel	\$30,028	\$59,675	\$56,396
Staff Compensation for Weddings & Funerals	\$0	\$0	\$16,000
Total	\$30,028	\$59,675	\$72,396
Events Net	\$9,972	-\$14,675	-\$28,982

PROPOSED BUDGET, CONTINUED

Parking, Neighborhood, and Security

	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Actual
Revenues			
Parking Fee Net Revenue	\$490,000	\$475,000	\$480,806
Expenses			
Parking Lot	\$32,500	\$25,000	\$69,003
Personnel	\$290,187	\$345,938	\$362,936
ELCA Mission Start (North Loop)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Lutheran Social Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Downtown Cong to End Homelessness	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Augsburg College	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Debt Expense	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
Total	\$359,687	\$442,938	\$468,940
Parking, Neighborhood, and Security Net	\$130,313	\$32,062	\$11,867
	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Actual
Total Revenue All Funds	\$2,619,682	\$2,518,118	\$2,524,963
Total Expenses All Funds	\$2,622,135	\$2,508,433	\$2,582,190
Net Revenue	-\$2,453	\$9,685	-\$57,226



DESIGNATED FUND SUMMARY

Designated Fund Summary June 2017 to May 2018

Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
Facility				
Debt Reduction	\$0.00	\$11,345.84	\$10,118.01	\$1,227.83
Capital Replacement/Building Fund	\$222,249.17	\$309,138.76	\$245,643.03	\$285,744.90
Caring for Creation	\$792.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$792.65
Kitchen Fund	\$900.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	\$1,850.00
Gardening Corps	\$416.13	\$1,060.00	\$0.00	\$1,476.13
Digital Sign Fund	\$9,935.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,935.00
Baptismal Font	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Total Facility	\$234,292.95	\$372,494.60	\$255,761.04	\$351,026.51
Ministry Teams				
Music Ministry				
Music Cantatas & Trips	\$34,341.74	\$18,242.48	\$11,874.96	\$40,709.26
Organ Fund	\$31,263.92	\$200.00	\$593.46	\$30,870.46
Downtown Music Festival-2015	\$2,007.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,007.43
Music Commission	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Total Music Ministry	\$77,613.09	\$18,442.48	\$12,468.42	\$83,587.15
Local Outreach				
Community Ministry	\$56,417.04	\$155,240.69	\$163,710.83	\$47,946.90
Community Meals	\$0.00	\$75,118.49	\$75,118.49	\$0.00
BR Benevolence (TOL)	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Total Local Outreach	\$56,417.04	\$280,359.18	\$263,829.32	\$72,946.90
Global Outreach				
Global Missions	\$9,245.06	\$12,459.01	\$5,000.00	\$16,704.07
Mission Support (pass through)	\$5,800.01	\$1,090.00	\$6,890.01	\$0.00
ELCA World Hunger	\$289.80	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$589.80
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Total Global Outreach	\$15,584.87	\$14,149.01	\$11,890.01	\$17,843.87

DESIGNATED FUND SUMMARY, CONTINUED

Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
CLC Member Ministries				
Senior Adult Ministry	\$13,297.88	\$51,141.98	\$44,731.00	\$19,708.86
Library Reserve	\$8,389.22	\$0.00	\$94.90	\$8,294.32
Fine Art Acquisition	\$19,141.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,141.88
CYF	\$24,027.68	\$42,905.21	\$45,938.70	\$20,994.19
Prayer Shawls	\$1,124.85	\$0.00	\$61.30	\$1,063.55
Heritage Team	-\$260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$260.00
Camp Amnicon Designated	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Men's Fellowship	\$921.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$921.42
Ushers	\$756.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$756.52
Hannah Grinde Memorials	\$1,327.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,327.29
Undesignated Memorials	\$10,759.00	\$4,894.59	\$0.00	\$15,653.59
Sem Scholarships (Hanson & others)	\$2,109.44	\$2,952.00	\$2,000.04	\$3,061.40
Linda Ahlberg Memorial	\$1,246.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,246.19
Central Nursing Fund	\$3,372.26	\$569.22	\$3,941.48	\$0.00
Peace & Justice Forums	\$2,343.60	\$663.00	\$200.00	\$2,806.60
Central Quilters	\$197.67	\$35.00	\$205.62	\$27.05
Centennial Quilt Project	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Saturday Night Worship	-\$5,434.40	\$8,496.41	\$3,062.01	\$0.00
ACTS	\$0.00	\$509.00	\$509.00	\$0.00
Ed Penner Memorial	\$0.00	\$5,100.00	\$0.00	\$5,100.00
Youth Scholarships	\$0.00	\$237.50	\$0.00	\$237.50
Total CLC Member Ministries	\$85,120.50	\$117,503.91	\$100,744.05	\$101,880.36
Total Ministry Teams	\$234,735.50	\$430,454.58	\$388,931.80	\$276,258.28
Events				
100th Anniversary Fund	\$115.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115.03
Congregational Events	\$2,172.28	\$0.00	\$2,000.04	\$172.24
Total Events	\$2,287.31	\$0.00	\$2,000.04	\$287.27
Temporary Holding Accounts				
Undesignated Bequests	\$0.00	\$4,195.59	\$4,195.59	\$0.00
Maint & Sec Staff Discretionary	\$5,123.36	\$6.83	\$0.00	\$5,130.19
Due TO operating account	\$0.00	\$5,712.00	\$5,712.00	\$0.00
LSS Refugee Support	\$920.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$920.00
Parking Lot Development Acct	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$38,925.63	\$11,074.37
Total Temporary Holding Accounts	\$6,043.36	\$59,914.42	\$48,833.22	\$17,124.56
Total Designated Funds	\$477,359.12	\$862,863.60	\$695,526.10	\$644,696.62

BUILDING RENEWAL FINANCIALS

Building Renewal Revenue & Expense Inception to May 2018

Building Renewal Revenues		
Capital Fund Drive	\$2,611,907	
Foundation Support	\$235,277	
Prior Designated Funds	\$16,669	
Memorials-Special Projects	\$7,245	
Rummage Sale Proceeds	\$615	Budgeted
Total Building Renewal Revenues	\$2,871,713	\$4,031,264
Mission Investment Fund Loan Proceeds	\$4,044,419	\$8,793,000
Total Receipts	\$6,916,132	
Building Renewal Expenses		
Due Diligence Items		
Environmental Tests	\$32,316	
Survey	\$18,015	
Total Due Diligence Items	\$50,331	
Financing Considerations		
Bldg Renewal Legal Fees	\$9,712	
Capital Campaign Expenses	\$88,525	
Mortgage Closing Costs & Fees	\$43,086	
MIF BR Interest during construction	\$30,552	
Mission Support Benevolence	\$100,000	
Total Financing Considerations	\$271,875	
Construction Items		
Architectural and Engineering	\$798,695	
Jorgenson Labor	\$1,906,720	
Jorgenson Materials	\$1,802,770	
Stained Glass Restoration	\$437,254	
Permits (incl architect assistance)	\$36,876	
Total Construction Items	\$4,982,315	
Furniture and Equipment		
Sanctuary Sound & Light	\$339,508	
Sanctuary Furniture	\$51,317	
Phone/Data/Security	\$75,974	
Total Furniture and Equipment	\$466,799	Budgeted
Total Building Renewal Expenses	\$5,771,321	\$11,113,679
Prior Loan Payoff	\$647,239	
Net Total	\$497,572	

A Vision Still Unfolding

(Unison Voices)

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We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name. Our
Now let us be u - ni - ted, and let our song be heard. Now
A vis - ion still un - fold - ing. A dream to be ful - filled. A



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