

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SAINT PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**2017 ANNUAL REPORTS
AND
2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

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Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Reverend David P. Nelson, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Nicholas A. Giannatasio, Associate Pastor

Richard Erickson, Council President

Vicki Carlson, Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries, Parish Nurse, and Spiritual Director

Judy Morehouse, Parish Administrator

Mission Statement

The mission of the Saint Peter Lutheran Church is to discern God's mission through worship, learning, witness and service and to equip and inspire people to serve that mission.

Congregation Council 2017

President	Richard Erickson
Vice President/Finance	Don Seeber
Secretary	Robin Johnson
Treasurer	Larry Capriotti
Financial Secretary	George Bryant
Christian Education	Mike Burke, Rosie Ryan
Evangelism	Barb Ely, Lisa Brenner
Fellowship	Paula Minges
Health Ministry	Pat Cremins
Outreach	Dave Goudy
Property	Rick Jones
Stewardship	Jay Keeley
Worship	John Schroeder

Senior Pastor's Report to the Congregation

"We become what we wait upon"

As Advent people—a community who waits upon the coming of the Lord—our lives are shaped by hope, formed in active waiting and marked by expectation. We are not simply the sum of our past sins, failings, and regrets. Nor are we the sum of our past accomplishments and triumphs. We are not only what we are today. We are certainly not just what the culture or commercials tell us we are. We are moving. We are becoming. As we fix our hearts on Jesus and the coming reign of God, we become what we wait upon. We can even imagine being a community that takes on a striking resemblance to Jesus upon whom we wait.

It is my daily privilege to serve this blessed faith community named after Peter. We are named after the one who got it right and got it so wrong so often. We are named after the one who had the courage to drop his nets and follow and the one who in human frailty denied he even knew Jesus. We are named after the one who was rehabilitated on the beach by a Risen Lord who loved him and then sent him to tend to the Gospel. We are named after the one who became what he waited upon and invited others to do the same. Peter, for all his faults and failures—all his confessions and conversions—was always in the sway of the Jesus who was coming to him. From the day he dropped his net to those few steps walking on water in a storm to the fish fry on the beach his eyes were on Jesus.

In the past year and, I believe in these past 5 years, we have prayed and tried to keep our eyes on Jesus. We have prayed and praised, feasted and fasted, loved and laughed, served and sang our way towards becoming what we wait upon. We do not aspire to our own Saint Peter mission. We live to serve God's mission in this place. We aspire to pray God-sized prayers and wait upon a coming Kingdom that promises to restore justice, fulfill all hope, and wipe every tear from our eyes. We aspire to become what we wait for.

God has richly blessed us with signs of vitality and life. We have seen growth in numbers, growth in giving and sharing, growth in fellowship and ministry capacity. We remember often that God's blessings are never for the keeping and always for the sharing. We have embraced these many blessings through a constant process of imagining God's plan for us and joyfully preparing the way for the coming of the Lord. I am grateful to the servant leadership of this congregation from our Congregation Council to Vision Team to Committees and other ministry teams. We are blessed with uncommon gifts, talents, generosity and willingness to serve.

And so, Saint Peter, let us keep our eyes on Jesus. Keep looking for and preparing the way for our Lord's coming and in so doing we will become what we wait upon. We will become a people of hope and promise—a community of justice and love—who bear a striking resemblance to Jesus.

Pastor Dave

Associate Pastor's Report to the Congregation

It was just over a year ago that I was ordained and called to Saint Peter. So, I am writing this as an epilog to my first year in ministry. It was an exciting and a new experience for me. There is, after all, only one "first year" of ministry.

On the day of my ordination, Pastor Dave gave me my personal copy of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. He wrote a passage from 1 Corinthians, "This is how one should regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." He followed this quote up with a prediction on my future ministry..."the mysteries will only grow deeper and broader as you serve the people and the mystery." This was not only a constant reminder of what we do as pastors, but his further note was prophetic...for it seems that every day in ministry the mysteries of God, grow deeper; the mysteries of the human need for his intercession grow more urgent; and the mysteries of our faith in Christ who saves us are more revealed. It is these mysteries of God and man that energize and inspire my faith and ministry.

It is a privilege to serve all of the people at Saint Peter. And it has been a miracle of evangelism and the Holy Spirit to see our church grow, to feel the generosity of the congregation, and to know that whatever I have accomplished happened in the midst of all of you.

Let us continue our adventure on Baptism together.

Pastor Nick

Congregational Activity 2017

New Members: 69

Baptisms: 4

Weddings: 2

Confirmations: 3

Funerals/Deaths/Memorials: 6

Transferred to other congregations: 9

Removed by request: 2

Removed by Action of Council: 0

Membership: 466

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 336.3

(includes Sunday, Wednesday and Special Services)

The President's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again God has richly blessed Saint Peter in many wonderful ways. Not only have we witnessed increased membership and benevolence, but also an enthusiastic response to the many new ministries. One in particular stands out, and that is "Wonderful Wednesdays." What began in the fall of 2016 has mushroomed into a spectacular success, with increased enthusiasm and participation. It is not unusual to feed 100+ on a given Wednesday night and then see them attend the evening service followed by an educational experience. A great coming together of brothers and sisters in Christ!

An "anticipation" (alluded to in last year's report) came to fruition in the first quarter of this year. The partial renovation of the sanctuary was accomplished just before the Lenten season. This included the repainting of the walls and the replacement of all the flooring, thus eliminating cracked tiles and stained and worn carpeting. A job well-done!

Another "anticipated" milestone was passed this fall with the installation of a new columbarium. Long in the works, numerous meetings, discussions and presentations led to consensus on the design and location of the new columbarium. Upgrading the site is planned for next year. Said site plan will be made available for the congregation's review as soon as approved by the Property Committee and the Council.

Looking to the future, vision Team 2.0 was created in April, 2017 at the behest of the Church Council to provide recommendations on future needs of Saint Peter. These needs encompass everything from space needs to the initiation of additional ministries, while fully supporting current ministries. It is anticipated that the recommendations will be presented to Council at their February meeting.

Pastor Nick had the opportunity to "grow" into the role of full-time pastor when Pastor Dave went on his sabbatical (July 16-Sept. 9) and I must say, did an outstanding job. Not only did he not miss a beat, he led the successful Vacation Bible School effort, cheered on the Men of Faith Fellowship, and also actively

participated in the Evangelism ministry. In addition, he conducted a baptism, and a funeral, all the while preaching each Sunday and conducting Bible Study.

While this fails to cover all the blessings of this past year, I've tried to hit the highlights. Also, there is no way I could adequately single out and thank those who participate in so many ways. Therefore, my sincere thanks to all: the Congregation, the Church Council, the Staff and in particular Pastor Dave and Pastor Nick for all the support this past year. Again, it's been my honor to serve, and I look forward to God's continued blessings in 2018.

Peace,
Richard Erickson, President

Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2017

Don Seeber announced a quorum and called the meeting to order. Pastor Dave offered an opening prayer.

Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting

Don explained it was announced in the bulletin that copies of the Annual Report would be available in the Narthex starting last Sunday. The Report also was placed on the church website. The Minutes are found on page nine. Paul Murphy made the motion, seconded by J. Taylor Ryan, to approve Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting. As there was no discussion or objection, the Minutes were approved.

Election of Officers and Special Committees

Don explained the Nominating Committee's job is to present a slate of nominees to fill vacant positions on the Congregation Council, the Nominating Committee, the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, and Lay Representatives to the NC Synod Assembly. Our practice has been for the Nominating Committee to work with Council and Pastors, who are ex-officio members of the committee to come up with a slate of names to present to the congregation – one per vacant position. The slate was published in the December 4 newsletter and biographies appeared in the December 11 newsletter.

Next, Harry Gobble, on behalf of the Nominating Committee Chair, Judy Christiansen, presented each set of nominees as follows:

Congregation Council positions:

- Dick Erickson for a second term as President
- George Bryant for a first term as Financial Secretary
- Barbara Ely for Evangelism liaison and a first term on Council
- Dave Goudy for Outreach liaison and a first term on Council
- Rick Jones for Property liaison and a second term on Council
- Jay Keeley for Stewardship liaison and a second term on Council
- John Schroeder for Worship and Music and a second term on Council
- Pat Cremins for Health Ministry liaison and a second term on Council

2017 Nominating Committee Positions:

Departing Council members: Doug Voegtlin and Donna Woods

Others: Cindy Spindler, Roger Kerr, Mary Page, and Kirk Davis

Mission Endowment Fund Committee Positions:

Sandra Huth and J.Taylor Ryan

Lay delegates to the 2017 North Carolina Synod Assembly:

Eldon Stoehr and Robin Johnson

After Harry announced each set of nominations, Don then asked if there were any other nominations for that set. As there were none, and in accordance with our Constitution, each set was approved by acclamation.

Don thanked and congratulated the newly elected servants. He also acknowledged those whose terms have expired: (i) after two terms on Congregation Council, Donna Woods and Doug Voegtlin; (ii) after six years on the Endowment Committee, Judy Erickson and Rob Schutt; and (iii) last year's Nominating Committee: Judy Christiansen, Horry Gobble, Donna Godbout, Sandy Huth and Joe Mazzei.

Annual Report and 2017 Budget

Don asked if there were any questions or clarifications as to the Annual Report or the proposed 2017 Budget. He noted there was one correction on the back page of the Report where Pat Cremins should appear as Council nominee. Connie Zaenglin spoke to acknowledge the Men of Faith because her article did not make it into the Report.

Don explained the 2017 Spending Plan or budget had been presented at a forum on January 15, placed with the annual report on the church website, and made available in the Narthex since last Sunday. On behalf of the Congregation Council, Don presented the 2017 Spending Plan to the congregation for approval. One question was raised as to why the \$200 for the Opportunity Fair was excluded. Mike Burke, Christian Education, replied that the Fair was not abolished. Responsibility for the Fair has been transferred from the Christian Education Committee to the Fellowship Committee. As there were no additional questions or discussion, the 2017 Budget was approved by acclamation.

Don acknowledged the work of the Finance Committee, chaired by Gary Hobert and especially our Treasurer and Financial Secretary, Larry and Doug for their diligent and enormously time-consuming work in presenting this spending plan. He

also thanked the Audit Committee of Keidra Koenig, Ann Parvin and Charlene Rizzo for their excellent review of our congregation finances. Don informed the Congregation that the Audit Committee has put together a multi-year plan for a thorough audit process.

Adjournment

Following closing comments by Pastor Dave, Don Seeber moved, Paul Murphy seconded, and the Congregation approved the adjournment of this meeting.

Submitted by Congregation Secretary

Robin Johnson

April 9, 2017

Christian Education Committee

This has been an exciting year for our committee. We have added new members and have bid farewell to others. We bid a sad farewell to Carol Rubow after 28 years as she seeks a new journey. Mike Burke, our Council liaison, moved and will be missed, but we are blessed that Rosie Ryan has taken the position now.

We have had many forums led by wonderful leaders – Liturgical Seasons, New Hope Clinic, Lutheran Church in American, Luther and Music, Living the Questions, Ecumenism, Bible 101, A Little Bit of Luther, Catechism 101, Providence Home, and Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Some of these were Sunday forums and others on Wednesday evenings. 2018 forums are already scheduled.

Stephanie Seeber and Robin Stoehr decided to step down after revitalizing our Sunday School! We are truly blessed for their dedication to our young children. Now we have a new blessing because Colleen Weathers has become our Sunday School leader and created a plan for others to teach for planned teaching months. Sandy Berry, Marjorie Torres and Susan Crabtree have joined the team.

Vacation Bible School, July 24-28, was a tremendous success this summer. It was a trip to Peru with music, worship, and arts and crafts. Members and friends provided time and talents to make it successful. 35 children were enrolled. Colleen Weathers and Pastor Nick were the organizers! Next year the them will be Shipwrecked and it will be held July 16-20.

Our library opportunities led by Audrey Pedersen offer the congregation current and thoughtful books available on our library carousel.

Judy Christensen

Evangelism Committee

It has been an exciting year for the Evangelism Team at Saint Peter Lutheran Church! We continue to focus on being a welcoming beacon for visitors, spreading the good news about Saint Peter, and extending an invitation to people to join our church family through re-affirmation of baptism. In addition to welcoming new members, we continue to watch over them for 100 days to ensure that they feel comfortable joining into our congregational life. We work closely with both Pastor Dave Nelson and Pastor Nick Giannatasio to accomplish this goal.

Our evangelism team is very aware of the importance of welcoming and identifying visitors. We continue to make phone calls to Sunday visitors within two days of their church visit, thank them for attending our service, ask for feedback, and inquire if they would like a pastoral visit. Pastor Dave has shared with us that visitors are more likely to return if they are contacted within 36 hours of their initial visit.

We have celebrated God's gifts of 69 new members joining Saint Peter in 2017. Four weekends were designated for new member inquiry sessions, with receptions following both church services the day after for those joining our church family. Each new member receives a gift bag and as part of the joining process, we take photos and write biographies on all. Photos and bios are placed into all congregational mailboxes to help members recognize and welcome new additions to our family. Evangelism would like to extend a special thank you to Claude McKernan, Beth Nelson, and Rick Jennings, who teamed up to make beautiful wooden crosses, and to Stephanie English for creating lovely cross bookmarks, which are both included in our gift bags.

In addition to the Sunday receptions welcoming new members, Evangelism hosted a large new member social for those who joined Saint Peter over the past several months. Church Council and their spouses were invited to attend so new members could meet and learn about Saint Peter's leadership roles, committees, and activities. Many positive comments were received by those attending.

Evangelism continues to focus on the importance of our church family wearing name tags during church services and events. This helps the congregation to match names with faces, which leads to getting to know each other better. Evangelism continued the tradition of giving an Easter gift to members and visitors attending church on Easter Sunday. Each person received an Alleluia metal coin that can be attached to a key chain. These gifts were well received.

Looking towards the future, Pastor Dave held a workshop with the Evangelism Team and Church Council in 2017 to focus on the meaning of evangelism, with the idea of expanding this information to the congregation. The team has also been attending and seeking out visitors at the Wonderful Wednesday dinners/worship services this year.

We were excited to add an outdoor nativity and lighting display as a beacon of welcome and celebration during the Christmas Season.

The Evangelism Committee was delighted to welcome the following new members in 2017: Twylla Ford, Linda Hendrickson, Holly Mayberry, Kevin Penner, and JoEllen Smith. We were saddened to lose Barb Ely, who served as our church council liaison, to an out-of-state move.

The Evangelism Team is excited to continue to spread the Good News in 2018 – we have much to celebrate and be grateful for!

Respectfully submitted for the Evangelism Committee

Donna Godbout, Chairperson

Lisa Brenner, Interim Liaison to Church Council

Fellowship Committee

Members: Judy Berg, Ann Danley, Stephanie English, Nancy Francisco, Sue George, Sandy Huth, Joey Kendelhardt, Carol Larsen, Ann Larson, Paula Minges, Mary Morford, Beverly Oberjohann, Cheryl Royer, Carol Schutt, Cindy Spindler, Regina Steeneck, Cathy Zuccarello, Connie Zaenglein

Purpose: The Fellowship Committee shall foster and encourage a variety of fellowship activities and events within the congregation, toward the end of enriching the overall congregational unity.

Activities:

Reformation

Thursday Night at the Movies, provided an opportunity to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, portraying the struggles faced by Martin Luther, during that period in history. The event was well attended and received many positive reviews from members of the congregation. Jerry Suver's popcorn was it's usual big hit. The Luther CD will be placed in the church library for those who want to sign it out.

Another Luther CD was purchased by the Fellowship Committee and donated to Tabor Lutheran Church in Kane, PA. Vicki Sundberg's brother, Robert, is a member at Tabor, and is excited that the Tabor congregation will now have an opportunity to see the film.

Lunch & Munch

This activity continues to be a vehicle for personal fellowship. Restaurants visited this past year were interesting and varied. Many friendships have evolved from these dining adventures that are always well attended.

Tailgate Social

A number of folks had a chance to make some new friends at the Tailgate Social in November. Games, karaoke, sporting tables and good food set the stage for fun and friendship. Attendance at this annual event improves every year. The venue is already booked for the first Sunday in November of 2018.

Special Congregational Meals

Planning, preparing and serving luncheons after Memorial Services gives us a chance to provide a form of comfort to members of the congregation who have lost their loved ones. Luncheons were arranged for Judy Brodie and John Elms during 2017.

Advent & Lenten Dinners

The soup suppers for Advent and Lent were well attended, as meals were prepared and served by the Fellowship Committee. Pastor Nick has offered to put together a book of the delicious soup recipes we enjoy each week. Aside from the good food, this event provides yet another wonderful opportunity for fellowship among all of our congregation.

Progressive Dinner

Once again the dinner brought out numerous members to share dining in the homes of their new found friends. As usual, the menu was delicious and the atmosphere was spirited. The event certainly provided an evening of fun and fellowship in February.

Easter Breakfast

Spring was in the air as folks gathered between services, on Easter Sunday, to enjoy a special breakfast prepared by members of the Fellowship Committee. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our *Risen Lord*.

Congregational Birthday Party

We all seem to be aging much faster than we would like, so folks on our committee decided to plan a birthday bash that would make all feel spry again. Clever tables, yummy food and creative games brought back fond memories of the fun we could all have celebrating our "Big B-Day" ...and yes, we did feel like youngsters again!

Fellowship Hall Decor

A concerted effort has been made to keep the table decor in the Fellowship Hall, current and colorful. New tablecloths have been purchased for general purpose use, and will be placed in the closet in early January. These are different from the ones that were donated for funeral luncheons two years ago.

God's Galley:

God's Galley established a new policy for Sunday coffee hour. Names are posted several months in advance, so folks can plan ahead for the treats they will be serving.

So far this practice has worked quite well. Kudos to Paula Minges for her dedication and service as chairperson of God's Galley.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Zaenglein, Fellowship Chairperson

Men of Faith

This is the first annual report from the “Men Of Faith” (MOF) group of Saint Peter Lutheran Church. We are a group whose members include all of the men of Saint Peter, led by an active steering committee made up of Jerry Suver, Roger Kerr, Don Seeber, Russ Fields, Tony Rizzo, Ray George, Dave Smith, Rob Schutt, Rick Jennings, Don Brekke, and Pastor Nick.

The MOF group developed a new mission statement this year, to help guide us as a men’s faith group. The statement is as follows: **“The mission of Men of Faith is to bring men together to connect through prayer, community, study, and service to God.”**

During the year, five breakfast meetings were held with delicious meals coordinated by Tony Rizzo. Guest speakers presented at each meeting. The topics and presenters were as follows:

MoF Lunch Program at Cedar Grove Middle		
January	School	Dale Giannatasio
March	Scrolls of the Dead Sea	Fred Strickert
	We Hear What You're Saying About Drugs In	
April	School	Dick Hart
May	Lockerbie Plane Crash	John Kelso
September	What a District Court Judge Does	Judge Desbrow
October	Cape Fear Regional Jetport	Howie Franklin

Many thanks to Roger Kerr for organizing these insightful presentations; we have more coming in 2018.

Rob Schutt organized a very well attended trip to Wilmington for a UNCW basketball game and a trip to Myrtle Beach to attend a Pelican’s baseball game. Both events allowed individuals in the MOF group to become better acquainted and connected in support of our mission.

Rick Jennings has done a tremendous job organizing the “Meals On Wheels” program sponsored by MOF. Each month (sometime twice per month), 130 to 140 meals are prepared and delivered to people in need in our local community. The response, from people within the Church and outside volunteers, in the preparation of the food and the organizing of the individual meals, has been tremendous. Many thanks to all those who are making MOW a successful endeavor.

Early in 2017, MOF conducted a fund raising campaign to help the children of the Cedar Grove School in Bolivia. The objective was to secure enough funds to pay off the debts of those children that could not afford to buy their own lunches during the school year. The goal was achieved; MOF completely eliminated the outstanding debt for these children. Saint Peter MOF was subsequently recognized at a Cedar Grove School luncheon.

In November, Jerry Suver organized a very successful “Men Of Faith” retreat held at the Baptist Convention Center on Caswell Beach. The event was well attended and included men from the Carolina “Men Of Mission” organization, who helped organize and deliver the program. All who attended the weekend event came away spiritually uplifted and very much rewarded. Many thanks to Jerry and the individuals from “Men Of Mission” (Terry, Steven, George, and Kevin) who gave of their time and talents to make this time together a rewarding faith experience.

Upcoming events include several Church-wide breakfast meetings with guest speakers, involvement in the “Street Reach” program to help the homeless, sporting events at UNCW and Pelican’s baseball, ongoing Meals On Wheels, financial support for the Kairos incarcerated program, and support of the Brunswick County Literacy program.

With God’s blessing, respectfully submitted,
Donovan Brekke, Chairperson

Finance Committee

The finance committee has been blessed to have many talented members. The finance committee members are Don Seeber (Church Council Liaison), Dave Goudy, Bill Villano, Rick Jennings, Ray George, and Ex officios, Pastor Dave Nelson, Dick Erickson, Larry Capriotti (Treasurer), and George Bryant (Financial Secretary). The Treasurer and Financial Secretary will review the financial status of the congregation in their reports for the year.

Our primary accomplishments for the year as follows:

1. A new five year capital improvement plan was established. This plan anticipates capital expenditures on a year by year basis. It also designates the sources of funding for each of these projects. Sources of funds are derived from existing capital surpluses, future cash flow being generated, plus specific funds being designated each year to the capital reserves account.

2. A comprehensive audit program which is improved each year through additional audit procedures. The Finance Committee works with the Audit Committee to review activity and procedures for each calendar year. A great deal of credit is given to our audit committee comprised of Keidra Koenig, Committee Chair, Ann Parvin and Charlene Rizzo.
3. The second year of a program where finance committee members meet with various committee chairpersons in the understanding and development of a budget for the upcoming calendar year. This has proven to save considerable time and has benefited both committee chairs and the finance committee in the understanding of budget allocations.
4. We have reviewed all existing financial accounts within our accounting systems. In many cases, accounts were consolidated or eliminated based on current operational needs.
5. Improved and efficient payment processing procedures to improve the payment process. Our Treasurer (Larry Capriotti) has been integral in executing this program.
6. An annual update to the church Voucher Authority List. This indicates individual member names, roles within the church, and the appropriate approval authorization authority. Also, the specific uses of such payment authorization.
7. The committee recommends to Church Council the names of individuals to fill vacant audit committee seats.

New challenges will continue to face our committee in the year 2018. It is important that we continue to improve our plans and procedures. The growth of the congregation and its financial requirements will continue to increase. We recognize the need to maintain our resources but also meet the needs of our congregation. The current year of 2017 has been a very successful year based upon the positive cash flow being generated. We were well aware that the current year would be a financial challenge due to increased spending. This included the additional expense of salary and benefits for Pastor Nick. We are receiving partial support from the ELCA and NC synod for this expense which will continue in 2018. We also recognize that spending will increase in 2018.

The congregation has been very supportive of our needs in the year 2017. This is evidenced by our increased giving and the positive financial results that we are achieving. This support of financial funds and the time and efforts exhibited by the congregation has been a blessing. We look forward to the same results in the coming year.

I would like to again thank all of our committee members and ex-officios who provided their time and efforts to serve the congregation this year. This year a special thanks is given to Don Seeber who has served the finance committee as a member and liaison to Church Council. He has also served as a member of our Council.

Faithfully yours,

Gary L. Hobert

Health Ministry Summary

The year 2017 was a fulfilling one for the Health Ministry. We were able to add a number of new members to our committee, some of whom were new members of our Church.

PARISH NURSE program continues to flourish under the direction and guidance of Vicki Carlson who will provide a separate report.

BLOOD DRIVES There were two Red Cross blood drives this year under the continued supervision of Kathy Railo. Both drives met their goal of 28 donations each time. There is now an option to register on line and there are staggered hours, both of which have seemed to help donations.

FLU CLINIC was held this Fall and was again successful.

SHEPHERDS MINISTRY met for our annual luncheon to thank all of the wonderful volunteers in this program. There is rarely a day that goes by that a shepherd isn't preparing a meal, offering a ride or a helping hand. Lead Shepherds Cindy Ledbetter and Brenda Jennings will oversee this program in 2018, providing loving care for each other.

PRAYER TEAM ministry continues to include prayer requests in their daily prayers and to pray on behalf of those in need of support.

SUPPORT GROUPS continue to be a viable part of our church offerings. In order for the Alzheimer's support group to continue to meet at Saint Peter, Vicki Carlson will become the group leader.

PINWHEELS In April we embarked on a new project, planting a pinwheel garden in the front of Church to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse. Thanks to Rosie Ryan for making us aware of this program and very important cause. We hope to continue and expand our participation each year.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS was held in the Fall with Pastor Nick presiding. We had many members as well as some nonmembers, bring their pets for a very special service. It was held in our Labyrinth on a beautiful day and it was our feeling that this is a great opportunity for fellowship and evangelism.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS We were able to have a number of offerings this year including Being Mortal about end of life situations and decision making ,with expert input from Paula Jackson.

Brenda Jennings was able to secure the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department for us, to provide a self-defense program for women. This program was one night a week for four weeks and was well received by all participants.

January will bring a Safety for Seniors class also sponsored by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department. It will be held on four consecutive Tuesday mornings in January and will be open to all.

THANK YOU NOTES were distributed a number of times throughout the year with cards supplied by Paula Minges, to encourage us to acknowledge our appreciation of each other.

The Health Ministry is thankful to be able to serve such wonderful congregation and to work with extraordinary Pastors and staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Cremins,R.N
Chair

Parish Nurse

In August of 2017 we celebrated the 11th year of Parish Nursing and Health Ministry at Saint Peter. I have been truly blessed to have had this opportunity to serve and minister to the people of Saint Peter. I have always attempted to minister with the theology of mind, body and spirit and will continue into the year 2018. I believe we can't meet the health needs of our brothers and sisters without considering all three.

Working hand in hand with Pat Cremins and the Health Cabinet, we have been able to provide a wholistic approach to health promotion and wellness to meet the needs of Saint Peter. A big part of this year's ministry for me was involved in continuing to mentor our four Associate Parish Nurses we brought on board two years ago and the Lead Shepherd Team. Our Parish Nurse Team is secure and they all experienced a wonderful year learning this ministry. We have experienced approximately **300** direct member to nurse contacts. A **direct contact** is defined as a one to one meeting or phone call with the member greater than 15 minutes, and the primary reason for the contact may include one of the following:

1. Integrate Faith and Health
2. Patient Education
3. Referrals to Community Resources
4. Active Listening
5. Health Advocacy
6. Home and Hospital Visitation
7. Brining Communion to those home or hospital bound

They have also been able to provide an estimated **200 indirect contacts** to both members and non-members. Some common **indirect contacts** include: health related written articles for distribution in newsletters and bulletins, educational programs developed for church and/or community, coordination with shepherding groups, immunization and health screenings.

Our Shepherding program continued to flourish with the addition of some new shepherds. Having two Lead Shepherds has been wonderful.

From Pr. Dave: The Parish Nurse exercises ministry in partnership with the Pastor. The Pastoral Care needs of the congregation are responded to through this partnership and with the valued assistance of trained leaders such as hospital visitors and neighborhood shepherds. Vicki works significant hours, on a daily basis, and carries out her ministry with excellence of practice and grace of spirit. Her hospital, nursing home, and home and communion visits are constant and well received. She is on call virtually all of the time and an indispensable member of the pastoral team.

We were privileged to work with Lisa Davis Snow MSN in her research paper comparing hospital based Parish Nurses and Parish Nurses assessing post hospital discharges. For this research we were able to help Lisa obtain her PhD and we will be published in many of the journals dedicated to Faith based Nurses in the coming year. We will also be working with Dr. Snow to develop some new opportunities for Parish Nurses in this area and across the state. We are very excited about this.

Vicki Carlson RN, Parish Nurse, Geriatric Care Manager, Spiritual Director, Lay Ministry Student

Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries

Discipleship Ministries is now 18 months old! It has been both exciting and wonderful journey during this time. My focus has been in the areas of education, spiritual growth and discipleship development.

In harmony with my ministry as Parish Nurse I have identified and developed some new ministries such as the Liturgical Arts team that has brought new dimension to many of the worship services in the past months and will continue to provide new opportunities.

Our Wednesday evening gatherings have continued to be a blessing and participation both in meals and service continues to grow.

This year we had our first off campus ladies retreat in June and it was a wonderful experience for all who attended. We are planning another one for 2018.

Working with Colleen Weathers we now have a Mom's Group that is meeting on Monday mornings. Colleen identified the need for this sort of gathering in the community. I continue to offer support to her and the moms. Colleen discipled this group in lively discussion and fellowship.

I have entered my second and final year in the Lay Ministry Program of the New England Synod and will graduate in May as a Lay Minister. I believe this will be a great help in further defining and enhancing the role as Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries.

This coming year's theme will be **Growing in Discipleship**. If you have ideas or suggestions you would like to explore, please feel free to contact me or drop by my office. I would love to hear from you.

Vicki Carlson
Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries

Outreach Committee

The Outreach committee of Saint Peter is the umbrella under which we can find the programs that go out into our community and the world to assist those in need. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:15 p.m. in the conference room.

This past year began with Saint Peter aiding in the sheltering and feeding of several homeless families in January. Working through SOIICF and StreetReach, we paid for a week of sheltering at the Captain's Cove Motel, financed by individual contributions and the proceeds of the Saint Peter Fish Fry. Each evening we distributed hot dinners and breakfast bags that had been prepared by our members. Many thanks go to the congregation for their generosity and support, especially to those who prepared and cooked the meals each day.

In the spring and fall we had an opportunity to support the Kairos Prison Ministry, both with financial support and with members who baked cookies for their weekends. Thank you to all the bakers. Also in the spring was our Irish Soda Bread Sale, which raised \$450 for the Food Pantry. In the fall we held a No Bake Sale and raised over \$900. Hmm... Thank you to all for your generosity.

In March we provided Sunday morning devotions to patients at Ocean Trail and, in November, to Doshier Nursing Home. We gather and sing their favorite hymns, listen to a short meditation, and pray together. This is a very rewarding time, and we are always looking for volunteers to assist us. If you play the piano and could give a half hour to this ministry once a year, please help. Thank you to all who participated this year.

Every month many volunteers meet on Friday and Saturday to prepare Meals-on-Wheels. Led by Men in Faith, the program has expanded to about 150 meals and supplies the Food Pantry, StreetReach, and Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to all who come out to prepare, cook, and deliver these meals.

In April we collected purses for homeless women and men that were given out by StreetReach. Dozens of purses were donated. Over the summer, we supported the BFA Back to School backpack program, led by the Via de Cristo members. Through the generosity of our congregation, 40 backpacks were filled.

Several community outreach projects are also supported by the members of Saint Peter, many through SOICF such as the Hunger Walk in October, Summer Reading through Southport Presbyterian, Matthew's Ministry, and the Food Pantry that raised funds through the Souper Bowl vote and collected Bags of Smiles for the clients at Christmas. The church Needlers created beautiful lap robes for rehab and nursing home patients. Thank you for sharing your talent.

Our "adopted" Haitian children, Ketsia and Kervens, continue to thrive. This year, members of Saint Peter contributed over \$2,200 to Touch Ministry for their tuition and our rice-and-beans economic outreach. Thank you for opening your hearts to these children.

In response to the devastation brought about by hurricanes this year, the committee discussed how we could respond. Large amounts were donated through Lutheran Disaster Response, but we reached out to Lutheran parishes in order to find a way of helping on a personal level. As a result, we collected \$10 and \$20 gift cards from Kroger, Target, and Walmart to be sent to Pastor Tammy Sharp of Christus Victor Lutheran Church in League City, Texas. Thanks to the overwhelming response of our congregation, dozens of gift cards were given to families so they would be able to purchase Christmas gifts for their children.

Finally, Saint Peter has reached many in our community and beyond. This was only possible through the amazing generosity of its members. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Noel Dusanenko, Chair
Dave Goudy, Liaison

Committee: Lois Beddard, Anita Bowman, Julie Brekke, Noel Dusanenko, Karen Ernst, Dave Goudy, Sandy Huth, Carol Larsen, Audrey Pedersen, Lynette Richard, Cindy Spindler, Margie Torres, Colleen Weathers, Donna Woods

Property Committee

The past year started out with the replacement of three (3) AC units: one in the Office area, another in the Sanctuary, and the third in the Fellowship Hall. All this was done by the end of April.

Then, we replaced the old gas range in the kitchen with a new, more modern unit--one that does not require pilot lights. This would, hopefully, save on gas. Unfortunately, we have had nothing but problems with this unit. We are currently trying to get American Range to replace it. We have fixed all that can be fixed and still there is trouble.

We are also working on the parking situation. There have been several areas where the parking lots have been enlarged and resurfaced. We also cut the grass on our neighbor's property, with his permission, for needed overflow parking.

The Columbarium and the Labyrinth are combined to form the "Memorial Gardens." We are currently working with a landscaping company to create design concepts from which we will choose.

We are also dealing with the ever-changing Route 211 widening project. We are still not sure what the final design will look like, but hope 2018 will produce results.

My thanks to all the members of the Property Committee: Luther Bivens, Andy Dusanenko, Randy Huth, Chuck Jackson, Jerry Larson, Dave Manzel, Kevin Penner, Hank Rapp, Glen Rubow, Robin Schuster, Steve Spindler, Lee Steeneck, Ove Villadsen, Bill Villano, Norm Wheeler, and Joe Zuccarello for their hard work in accomplishing all of the above. I look forward to working with this great group of church members in 2018.

Submitted by,
Rick Jones, Property Committee Chair

Stewardship Committee

The goal of the Stewardship Ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the sharing of the time, talents, and treasures that God has entrusted to them.

Increasing participation in the Simply Giving program continues to be a focus for our committee, and as of this writing Simply Giving monthly contributions total \$14,813, which puts us at 74% of our goal of \$20,000.

Another significant focus for our committee this past year was to make sure Saint Peter's new members felt comfortable volunteering for Time and Talent opportunities. Steps we've taken to accomplish this include:

- The stewardship chairperson's attendance at all new member classes; additionally, the chair now attends the entire class, not just the last hour.
- Stewardship committee members read all new member biographies, and attend activities such as the New Member Social, the Ministry Fair, and Wonderful Wednesday dinners to allow us to interact with new members.
- We keep a copy of all submitted Time and Talent Indications of Interest forms to allow us to monitor whether new members are getting involved in church activities (for the most part, they are).
- Submitted Time and Talent Indications of Interest forms are passed on to affected committee chairpersons within 2 to 3 days of being received.

As we all know, Saint Peter Church accepted a significant financial challenge in 2017. Thanks to ELCA and NC Synod grants, your Celebration of Ministry One Time Gifts, and your consistent generosity throughout the year, we are on track to reach our goal of meeting our 2017 spending plan, and are in fact likely to exceed it.

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank the members of Saint Peter Church for generously sharing your time, your talents, and your financial resources as our church continues to grow in its membership and ministries.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Keeley, Chairperson, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

Worship and Music Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our committee members for their many hours of service for the betterment of both worship and music programs at Saint Peter. Our mission goes on behind the scenes. When we do our job well all seems to fall in place. Communion is ready. Flowers are arranged. Candles are lit. Banners and paraments match the season. The service is ready with choir anthems and hymns that go with the scripture readings. Acolytes, ushers, lay assistants, greeters, chalice bearers, communion assistants and lectors all are in place. We thank all of you who serve in these positions. We are always looking for additional people to serve in worship or behind the scenes. Join us.

In spring, the bell choir had a fund drive hoping raise \$15,000 over the next year to buy bells for Saint Peter. The congregation chipped in almost instantly and raised over \$17,000. The bells and chimes have been purchased, additional ringers have been recruited, workshops have been held, the bells have been dedicated and are now in regular use.

The 500th Reformation Anniversary Concert was a resounding success. The offering from the Concert went to the "Joyful Noise Fund." This fund is used to purchase special music and other items for the choir. The choir produced a Special CD which available for a donation to the "Joyful Noise Fund."

The Wonderful Wednesday Worship Service has been steadily growing over the last year. Thank you, Altar Guild for your extra service.

Saint Peter is very thankful for, and fortunate to have been served by three outstanding very talented professional musicians:

Lois Moore

Director of Worship and Music Arts, Choir Director

Dale Giannatasio

Associate Director, Organist, and Accompanist

Cindy Ledbetter

Director of the Handbell Choir

Special thanks go to Pastors Dave Nelson and Nick Giannatasio who regularly met with and advised the Worship and Music Committee. I also want to thank the Co-Chairs of the Altar Guild Mary Page and Mary Jo Klinger along with all the Altar Guild members for providing the behind the scenes preparation of

our worship setting throughout the year. Thank you Pam Collins for your hours of service in scheduling all who assist with worship. Thank you Emy Vig for your efforts to insure the regular placement of flowers. Other Committee Members included Dave Christianson, Kathy Googins, Barbara Ann Hazelton, Judy Huffman, Mary Jones, Lois Moore, Janet Porterfield, and Carol Rubow. It is an honor to work with this dedicated, hard working committee. John M. Schroeder, Chair

Altar Guild

The end of 2017 showed our membership at 20, a slight decrease from last year. Eleven of these members serve at the 8:30 service on Sunday, nine of them at 11:00. Seven of these members additionally serve on Wednesday evenings. Six of these members also provide service to this ministry on a rotating basis performing additional tasks each Friday to enhance the service of communion and Sunday worship services.

This past year the Altar Guild of Saint Peter Lutheran kept up our busy pace as we prepared communion for both services every Sunday. Additionally, we prepared communion for three memorial services, one wedding, and set up for three baptisms.

We again organized the hand washing and foot washing stations and Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday, and the Tenebrae service on Good Friday. New black metal shelves were purchased which we feel has enhanced and made for a more artful the display of the lilies and poinsettias. Sixty Easter lilies were placed on the new shelves and those that remained after Easter season were donated to the Property Committee to enhance the garden areas at the church. We also planned and set up for the All Saints Day worship service. Fifty poinsettias for Christmas were ordered and arranged by the Altar Guild and we assisted in decorating the church for Christmas. The challenge of serving at four services on Christmas Eve (8:30, 11:00, 4:30 and 7:00) was met with enthusiasm and we are grateful for the assistance from members of the Worship Committee. During the church year, the Altar Guild facilitated eighteen banner changes and wrote the banner information provided for the Sunday bulletins.

We are very pleased with the renovated sanctuary. The new flooring is much easier to care for and beautifully showcases our lovely windows and banners.

Altar Guild has also been involved in the planning and facilitating of our new Wednesday evening services. New procedures are in place to ensure that the Eucharistic experience on Wednesday evenings reflects the more casual atmosphere on the service while maintaining the sanctity of this ritual.

We continued our process of maintaining an adequate supply of candles, wine, bread, juice, and water for communion and other items for our worship services. We are continually revising and improving our procedures to ensure that we are cost-effective.

As we complete our fifth year as co-chairs of the Altar Guild at Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are very grateful for the trust placed upon us and thank God for His guidance in this ministry. We are also always interested in welcoming new members into our ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Klinger and Mary Page, Co-Chairs

Memorial Garden Committee and Columbarium Fund

Our new columbarium finally arrived and was installed on October 12, 2017. The new columbarium is larger in size with 50 niches, whereas our first columbarium has 40 niches.

Our first columbarium has 2 niches left at a cost of \$1,000 each. To date, 5 niches have been sold in the new unit at a cost of \$1,000 each, with a price increase anticipated sometime in the future.

We voted some changes to our Policy and Procedures Statement and revised and updated the information going to columbarium niche owners and prospective new niche owners.

The committee recently met with Jerry Larson of the Property Committee to discuss landscaping options and suggestions. The Property Committee will contract with a landscaper to draw up a suggested plan for the area.

We were very fortunate to have Jackie Prell volunteer to join the committee as our new secretary. She is the person to contact regarding the purchase of a

niche. Other committee members are: Fred Recksiek (financial officer), Ingrid Recksiek, Pastor Dave Nelson, Beverly Oberjohann, John Schroeder, Steve Spindler, Judy Sconyers, Linda Voegtlin, Paula Minges and Rik Zawadzki.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Curtin, Chair

Columbairum Fund Financial Activity, December 1, 2016 – November 30, 2017

Fund Balance December 1, 2016		23,565.78
<u>Receipts</u>		
Sale of Niches	4,250.00	
Saint Peter Loan/Subsidy	25,700.00	
Interest Income	<u>6.66</u>	<u>29,956.66</u>
Total Available		53,522.44
<u>Disbursed</u>		
<u>Cost of New Unit</u>		
Tree and Debris Removal	1,650.00	
Engineering Fee	1,000.00	
Site Work-Ground Testing	1,450.00	
Unit Acquisition and Installation	<u>47,364.00</u>	<u>51,464.00</u>
Fund Balance November 30, 2017		<u>2,058.44</u>

Mission Endowment Committee

Thanks to your continued support the Mission Endowment Fund continues to grow. The Fund balance will most likely be greater than a milestone of \$100,000 at the end of the year, of course barring any considerable stock market downturn prior to the end of the year. Most importantly, we were able to make distributions totaling \$3400 to organizations which are listed below. The fund financial summary as of 31 October is summarized here:

Fund Balance as of 31 October 2017	\$ 99,190.41
2017 Contributions through 31 October 2017	\$ 6,695.00
2017 Investment Income through 31 October 2017	\$ 10,595.67
Total fund contributions 2005 to 31 October 2017	\$ 83,524.41
Total fund distributions 2014 to 2017	\$ 15,125.00

As most of you know, in the early part of the year we solicit recommendations from the congregation for organizations to receive the fund's yearly distributions. We are required to distribute at least 20% to international organizations, 20% to US national organizations, and 20% to local organizations. The remaining 40% can be distributed per the discretion of the committee. If there are organizations you would like the Fund to support, please be mindful that we will ask for those recommendations in early spring.

The following distributions were made in 2017:

International:

ELCA Global Church Sponsorship (Central America)	\$400
Touch Ministries, Inc. (Haiti)	\$600
Unite the World with Africa Foundation, Inc.	\$300

National:

Kairos Prison Ministry, NC	\$300
ELCA NC Bishop Discretionary Fund	\$300
Prevent Child Abuse, NC	\$400

Local:

Matthew's Ministry	\$250
Southport Lion's Club	\$250
Providence Home	\$250
Brunswick County Literacy Council	\$350

We continue to remind the congregation of the Fund, and ask for contributions in the spring and around All Saints Day in the fall. We also encourage the congregation to keep the Fund in mind in their estate planning as a prime growth vehicle for the Fund. This can be a significant option for Saint Peter to globally and locally help the disadvantaged to an even greater extent.

Many of the contributions received each year are Memorial gifts, while others are plate donations made during the year. Before the end of January 2018, a list of those who donated to the fund will be available in the "For Members Only" section of the Saint Peter web site at <https://stpeterlutheran-nc.org>. If anyone would like a hard copy at the end of January, please let me know.

2017 Mission Endowment Committee Membership:

Peter Guss	Chairperson
Tony Mangiapane	Recording Secretary
Beth Nelson	Fund Secretary
Sandy Huth	Member at Large
Taylor Ryan	Member at Large

Respectively submitted,
Peter Guss

Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship 2017

The Interchurch Fellowship is an organization of 17 local churches. During the year each month, one will host a meeting of the organization. The pastor and two representatives make up the board of directors, which make decisions about the programs and activities during the year.

This year we heard from speakers from outside organizations which shared their work: Brunswick County Public Housing which is trying to secure low-income housing; Social Director from Ocean Trail Center; Director of Foundational Studies at BCC which helps 16 – 82 year olds learn when they missed otherwise; WARM – Wilmington Area Rehabilitation Ministry – repairs homes when owner is financially unable to. Fifty have been worked on in Brunswick County since their beginning. The Literacy Council, which helps folks learn to read; New Hope Clinic, which provides free health and dental care – 950 clients. Habitat for Humanity in Brunswick County is working on their 600th home. Brunswick Family Agency has various programs to help those in poverty. All of these agencies can use volunteers.

In January, we co-hosted the Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration that includes a march on Sunday and breakfast on Monday, besides the children in all the schools working on a project in celebration.

Each Sunday all year a church group provides a worship service at Ocean Trail and Doshier Nursing homes. Saint Peter went to Ocean Trail in March, and Doshier in November. More volunteers are needed to help.

Also in January SOIIF churches provided 4 weeks of sheltering for homeless folks in cooperation with StreetReach. They are housed in a local motel and various churches provide the rent and meals during the week. Last January 354 nights of sheltering were provided during the 4 weeks. Saint Peter provided one week. In January and February 2018, 8 weeks of sheltering will be provided by SOIIF. We have the use of 10 rooms. In February, Saint Peter will again provide a week of sheltering for as many people as come. Meals are taken to the residents each night. In Jan 2017, of the clients housed, 10 people found full time work, 4 part time, 7 moved into permanent housing, 3 received federal benefits.

Financially, SOIIF received \$159,346. Expenditures include \$16,888 for emergency financial assistance with housing or utilities for 107 families. Expenditures for the Food Pantry include \$107,501 for food, \$22,993 for maintaining the facility, \$2,512 to operate the truck, and \$3,446 for other operations. Total expenditures were \$156,270. The Interchurch Walk held in October raised \$9,386. We thank all the individuals who send money in support of the Interchurch Fellowship.

The Food Pantry is the largest operation in this area in supplying food to those in need. During the year over 22,000 people receive food assistance. That is about 6,300 families. People receiving help include those with jobs, unemployed, elderly and young families. Bill Hogue is the Pantry Director and runs a tight ship. There are 150+ volunteers and anyone interested in helping is welcomed.

We thank God for all the support received from all the people who know that there are needs in this community. We thank God for you.

Lois Beddard, Treasurer of SOIIF

Financial Secretary Summary

We entered 2017 with the knowledge it would be a milestone year for our church. We had made the addition of an Associate Pastor and understood we were facing a challenge to generate enough income to absorb the additional expense. It was reassuring to know we would be helped by funds from the ECLA and our Synod. Could we meet the challenge?

I am extremely pleased to tell you WE DID IT!! Total contributions in 2017 totaled over \$599,000. This includes all operational funding, grants, and ministry support. Our operational results showed a surplus of over \$44,000. Amazingly, we have covered our increased expenses and have a small budget surplus at the end of the year. This is an outstanding accomplishment.

Tithes and Offerings in 2017 were \$474,000. This represents an increase of 12% compared to 2016. In addition to our contributions to ongoing ministries, \$15,000 was raised for our new handbells and \$8,700 was contributed to aid victims of fall hurricanes.

Simply Giving (electronic withdrawal) accounted for \$172,000 of our Tithes and Offerings which is about 36% of the total. We have 77 participants in the program. I encourage you to consider becoming a Simply Giving participant. Electronic withdrawal helps assure a more consistent level of income to our church. It also makes processing our offerings much more efficient and saves our volunteer counters a great deal of time compared to the offering envelopes.

The Finance Committee is extremely pleased with our financial performance in 2017. We are truly fortunate to be part of a thriving church. We thank all of our members for your continuing support of our church and our mission.

We are optimistic that 2018 will be another great year for Saint Peter Lutheran Church. Thanks again for all that you give in the way of time, talent, and resources.

George Bryant
Financial Secretary

**Annual Congregation Financial Audit
for the period January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016**

Note: A complete copy of the six page report, including audit objectives, findings, and corrective actions is available in the church office.

2018 Proposed Nominees for Council, Nominating Committee, Mission Endowment and Lay Representatives

Council Nominees:

Vice President	Robin Johnson
Secretary	Dave Goudy
Education	Rosie Ryan
Evangelism	Lisa Brenner
Fellowship	Stephanie English
Outreach	Julie Brekke
Mission Endowment	Peter Guss (3 year term)

Nominating Committee Nominees:

Don Seeber (outgoing Council Member)
Paula Minges (outgoing Council Member)
Peter Berg
Jerry Larson
Pam Collins
Ann Parvin

Lay Representatives to Synod Assembly Nominees:

Eldon Stoehr
Robin Johnson

2017 Council:

President	Dick Erickson
Vice President	Don Seeber
Secretary	Robin Johnson
Financial Secretary	George Bryant
Christian Education	Mike Burke, Rosie Ryan
Evangelism	Barbara Ely, Lisa Brenner
Fellowship	Paula Minges
Health Ministry	Pat Cremins
Outreach	Dave Goudy
Property	Rick Jones
Stewardship	Jay Keeley
Worship and Music	John Schroeder