

2017 IN REVIEW



WITNESS

Helping churches and pastors conduct Word and Sacrament ministry

- We raised \$2,610 to support the following organizations:
 - LCMS Missionary Rev. Tom Aadland (Kenya) \$790
 - LCMS Missionary Rev. Joel Fritsche (Dominican Republic) \$620
 - Adopt-a-Seminary Student (Concordia Theological Seminary) \$900
 - Lutheran Ministries Media (“Worship for Shut-ins” Broadcast) \$300

Led by the Missions Committee, funds were raised by the January Mission Luncheon, Voters Meeting Lunches, Sunday School, Rochester Outreach Center Clothing Barrel, Donut Sundays, and other gifts.

Throughout the year, we provided opportunities for our members to meet Rev. Tom Aadland (June 25) and Seminarian Gino Marchetti II (Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne) (August 20).

Furthermore, Synod Chief Mission Office Rev. Kevin Robson preached and presented on January 22.

- We hosted a LEGO Creation Fair which gave us the opportunity to witness to about 30 children and their families. The Fair received good publicity.
- Through our budget, we gave \$602 to People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO). POBLO witnesses of Jesus to the area’s ethnic population.
- Through Concordia Theological Seminary—Fort Wayne, Indiana, we hosted a three day Continuing Education Class for pastors. The topic was “Job.” Twenty-two pastors and laypeople attended.

MERCY

Showing compassion and care to people outside our congregation

- Members collected \$286.60 for New Life Family Services.
- Quilters provided 23 quilts to New Life Family Services. The Quilters also sold 17 quilts to church members, donated 6 quilts to homebound members, and provided 6 quilts for baptisms and graduations.
- In April and October, we served the Saturday noon meal for the LCMS Rochester Circuit Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota—Rochester.





LIFE TOGETHER

Living together in unity as Christ's Body, the Church

At the end of 2017, Christ Lutheran numbered 101 Baptized Members and 88 Communicant Members. Pastor administered 1 infant baptism, confirmed 3 youth, and conducted the funeral for 2 members. In 2017, Sunday attendance averaged 42 people per week, a decline of 5 people when compared to 2016.

- Worship: A handbell choir assembled to enhance music for Christmas Eve.
- Building Maintenance: The Trustees hosted a Spring Clean-up Day.
- Fun Things: We enjoyed a Ironwood Springs Snow tubing night. We hosted a winter family movie night at church. We enjoyed Lent and Advent Midweek Suppers, Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast, and Christmas Potluck Brunch.
- Youth/Families: We led a trip to the Creation Museum/Ark Encounter for 28 members and friends of Christ Lutheran.
- Synod/District/Circuit: To support the work of the Minnesota South District and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we donated \$1500 to the Minnesota South District (half remains in Minnesota South, half is forwarded to Synod headquarters in St. Louis). To support the work of our Rochester Circuit, we gave \$98 (the amount we were assessed).
- Care for Members: Using money designated for homebound needs, we contributed money towards the cost of a ramp Minard Petersen built for Ken Hintermeister.
- Quilts for Members: Quilters provided quilts to homebound members, newly baptized members, and members graduating from high school. See report under the “Mercy” heading.
- Miscellaneous: We celebrated Rev. Lentz’s 40th Ordination Anniversary.

