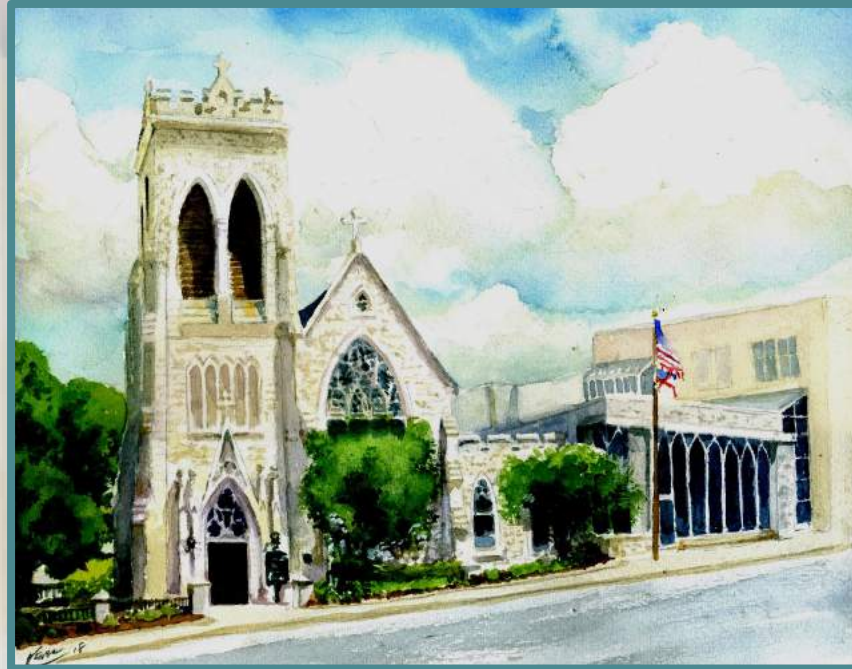


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Where your treasure is...



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...there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:21



The annual giving campaign is a time to think about how important the church is to you and your family. Faithful stewardship is more than money—it is our daily work within our community, our prayer life, our participation with others in and outside our church, and more. Our pledges, whatever the amount, show how much the church means to us in our daily life. By pledging, you are giving your “treasure” as a way of acknowledging all you have received from God in & through Trinity Cathedral.

From the Dean...

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it; The world, and all who live in it. ”

Psalm 24:1

Dear People of Trinity,

At its heart, the Christian life is about learning how to give our lives over to God one day at a time. As the psalmist reminds us, everything in the world belongs to God, and has been entrusted to us to tend and care for on God’s behalf. Remembering that we are stewards of God’s creation, not owners, is the key to knowing peace, freedom, and joy in our lives. The basic habits of following Jesus—daily prayer, weekly worship, Bible study, and sharing our lives with each other—are all intended to help us remember who and whose we are.

Making a financial pledge to the cathedral and its ministries each year is one important way we remember that “the earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it.” It’s one way we offer our whole selves and our whole life to God.

Everywhere you look these days, you can see the Holy Spirit of God moving in the midst of our life together: in the laughter of children, the support we offer one another in times of both joy and sorrow, weekly worship that lifts us to the very gates of heaven, serving the poor and those on the margins, welcoming every guest as we would welcome Christ himself. Our ability to do all of it depends on the financial gifts of our members. I invite you to join me and my family in making a financial pledge to Trinity Cathedral this fall, and as you do so, I invite you to prayerfully consider all of the ways that the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit have been made known to you in our life together.

Serving as your pastor is a daily joy and a deep privilege. I’m grateful for your generous and faithful hearts, and I look forward to all that God will continue to do in our midst.

Craig



“Good things do not happen by accident. They need tending and nourishment. My volunteering is my tending. My annual gift is my nourishment.”

We are Trinity Cathedral



“This is my spiritual home. I give so it will continue for now and the generations to come.”



From the Stewardship Committee ...

Christian stewardship is giving back to God what God gave to us. And “treasure” is not just our money—it is our time, our talents, our influence, and any other possession that can be used by God for God’s work.

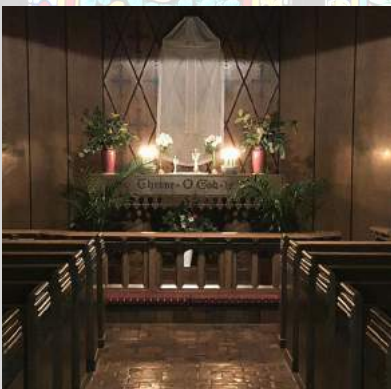
The Book of Common Prayer has many beautiful and lyrical prayers. One of them uses the phrase, “this fragile earth, our island home.” God created us. And God created the planet to sustain us—the air to breathe, water to drink, the sun to warm us and grow food.

None of us would live, or “have our being,” without God’s abundant love for us. We do not own the planet, we do not own each other, and our possessions are gifts to us from God.

Stewardship is being in a covenant relationship with God—one where we receive and where we give back. A close, thankful and spiritual relationship is where we see God with wide-open eyes and hearts. It is a relationship where we care for the earth that has been given to us and where we care for our sisters and brothers.

Who we are and what we have is God’s gift to us. How we open our hearts and how we use our “treasure” is our gift back to God.

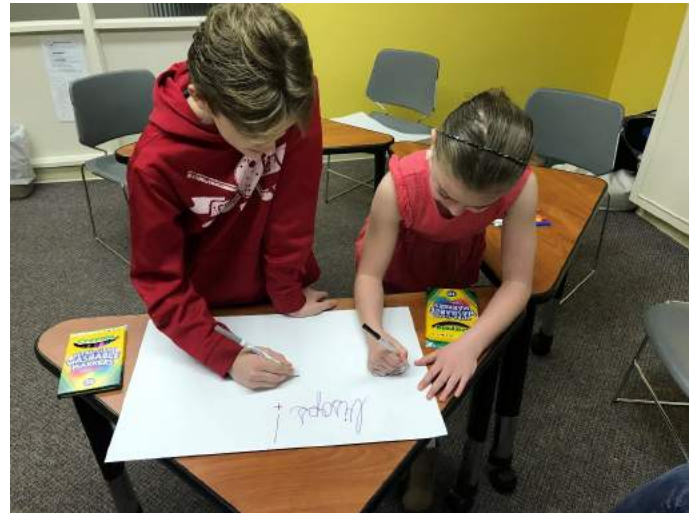
Jace Anderson, Karen Burkley, Melanie Chapman, Char DeWitt, Mary Kerr, Theresa Wanek, Sarah Watson



“I believe that if one gets something from an organization, one should return the favor. In Trinity’s case, it is filling out and returning the pledge card year after year. It is truly my yearly thank you.”



Children, Youth & Families



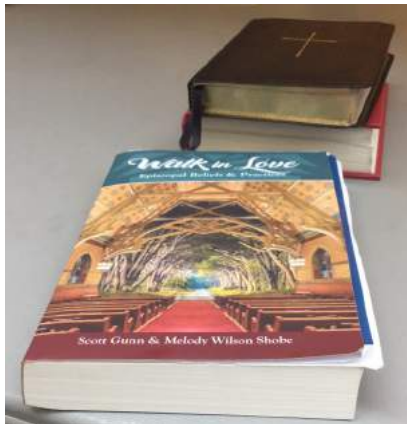
“Giving is a spiritual practice of mine to give back to the church what it has given to me.”



We value and celebrate the gifts that children and youth bring to our community. We nurture them to know and love God. We also support parents in the hard and holy work of raising them.



Discipleship



“I admire the people and issues Trinity invests in which makes me excited about the giving of my time and resources.”



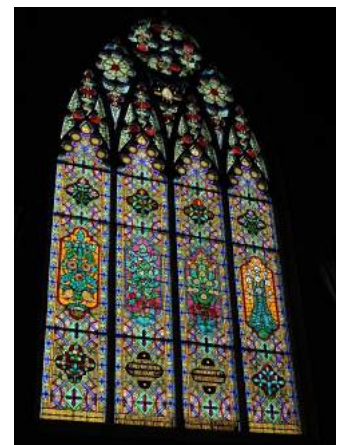
We are a community of people learning to know and follow Jesus more deeply. Through programs, groups, and fellowship, we are invited to connect our faith with our daily lives.



Worship, Music & the Arts



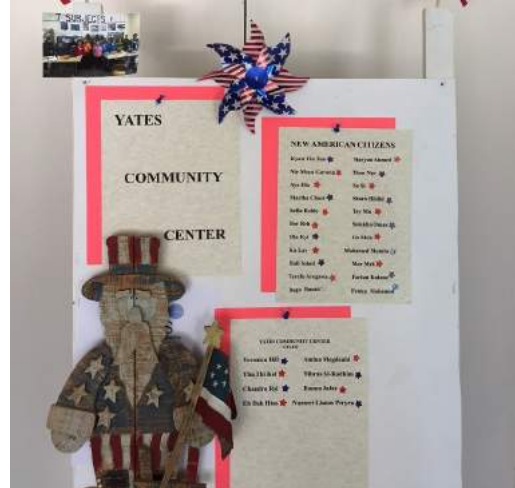
“I give of my time, talents & resources to Trinity because of what God has done for me.”



Building on a long tradition of excellent choral music, we offer opportunities for all to experience and to create beauty.



Outreach



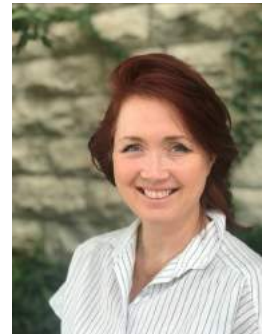
“The phrase ‘to respect the dignity of every human being’ is what brought me to the church over 50 years ago and what makes Trinity a necessary part of my life. The people I meet here work daily to respect others through worship and outreach. THIS is why I give.”



Following the example of Jesus, we work to right the injustices and relieve the suffering that afflict those in our neighborhood, our city, and our world.



Our Clergy & Staff



Sue Wilkins



Kyle Smith

Top: Craig Loya, Maurice Thompson

Middle: James Dowd, Teresa Houser, Bill Dunbar, Joe Lenow

Bottom: Ellen Ross, Stacy Gustin, Marty Wheeler Burnett, Steven King

Staff

J. Scott Barker, Bishop of Nebraska
 Craig Loya, Dean
 Steven King, Director of Congregational Life
 Teresa Houser, Deacon, Friends of Tamar Coordinator
 Ellen M. Ross, Deacon
 Joe Lenow, Deacon
 James Dowd, Monk in Residence
 Stacy L. Gustin, Office Manager
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 Sue Wilkins, Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries
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 Kyle Smith, Communications Director
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 Maurice Thompson, Sexton

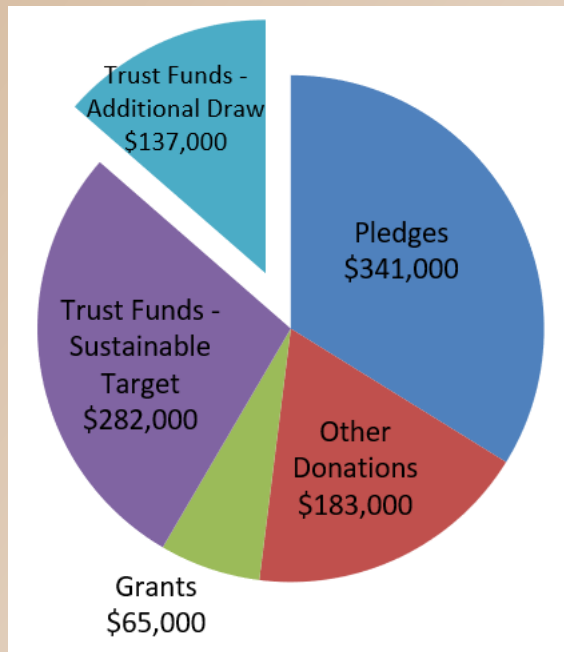


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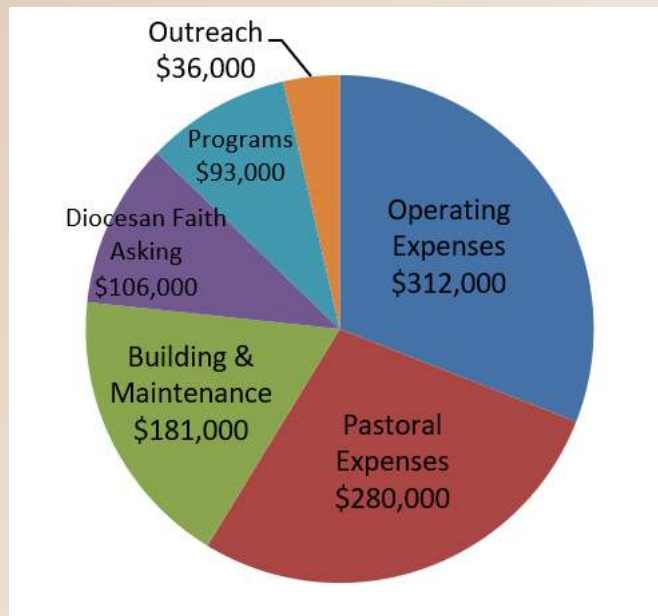
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Sources of Income



Total Projected Expenses for 2018

\$1,007,500



Breakdown of Expenses

Our Challenge

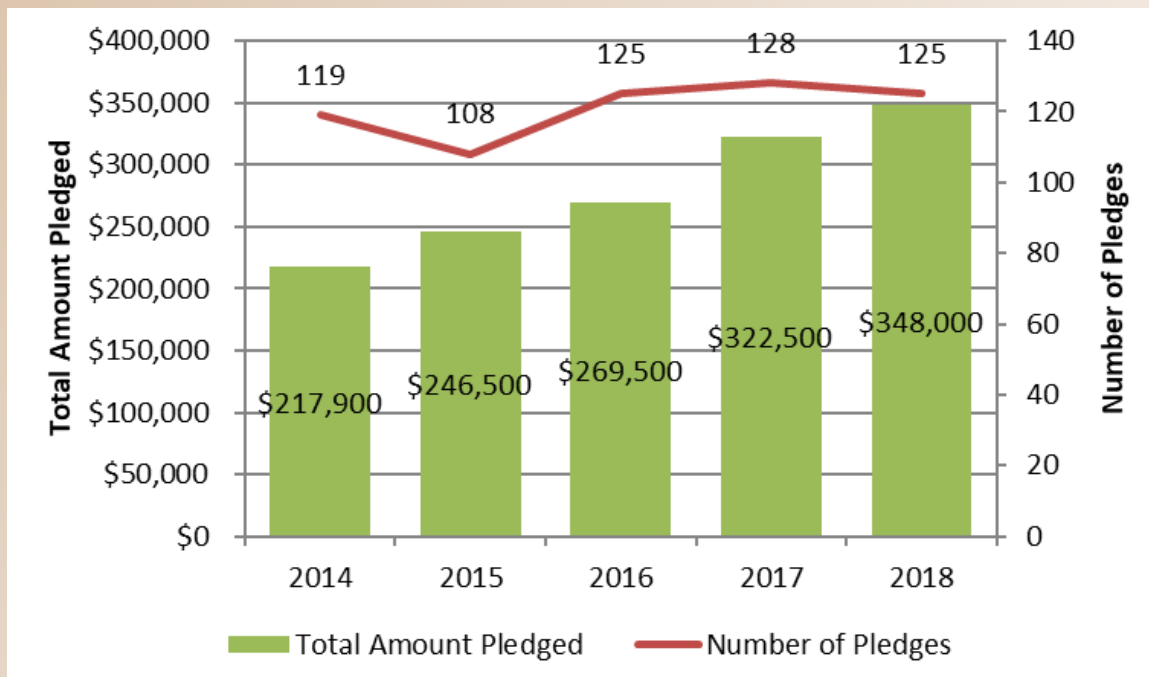
Thank you all for the “treasure” you have given to Trinity. We are most grateful for your gifts of time, money and talent.

For our 2019 annual giving campaign, the Chapter has set a financial goal of \$375,000. Please review the charts on these pages for a general breakdown of our 2018 spending and an analysis of pledged amounts and number of pledges over the last 5 years.

- Investment in staff resources has continued, with the hiring of a new Director of Children’s, Youth and Family Ministries and a new Director of Communications.
- Expenses have been reduced, when possible, through the diligence of all of our staff and volunteers.
- Pledges, donations and grants cover approximately 60% of our budgeted expenses.
- Endowment funds cover approximately 40% of our budgeted expenses.

The Chapter has set a goal of a sustainable and balanced budget by 2020. If you have never made a pledge before, we hope you will consider doing so this year. If you have pledged in the past, we invite you to prayerfully consider an increase this year.

“I make my annual gift to Trinity because the church has fed me emotionally, spiritually and physically.”



...there will your heart be also.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

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*“Stewardship is a
commitment I
made to invest in
my spiritual food.”*

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Annual Giving 2018 **Sunday, November 4, 2018**

Celebrate All Saints’ Sunday and the Saints of Trinity
All pledges, mailed or brought to the church, will be offered during services.

Joins us for a meal after each service!

9:30 a.m. - Breakfast in Clarkson Center
11:45 a.m. - Lunch in Gardner Hall

Bring a picture of a loved one or send it to Father Steven at sking@trinityepiscopal.org for a slide show of the Saints of Trinity. The Trinity Historical Society will do a special exhibit of our “historical” saints

