



St. Lorenz Lutheran Church & School
2016 Annual Report

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To Our Congregation



As you will see, this year's Annual Report format has changed from years past. If anyone has the desire to see information that has been presented in the past, e.g. more detailed financial information, please feel free to stop by or place a call to the church office and request this information.

Financial Highlights Summary

Two thousand sixteen ended in the black, which means our Operating Fund has been positive at year end for four of the past five years. In addition to the monetary gifts received, we have also been blessed with members who give their time and talents to further the ministry of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School. The following page provides a final snapshot of the year-end financial picture.

Ministry Council and Commission Summaries

As directed by the Constitution and By-Laws, St. Lorenz Evangelical Lutheran Church is governed using an elected Ministry Council and three Permanent Commissions, each responsible for achieving outcomes developed by the Commission and approved by the Ministry Council. This report provides a summary of the accomplishments and improvements, if any, of the Ministry Council as well as each Commission.

Looking Ahead

As the founding fathers of St. Lorenz Church looked ahead to the future of our Congregation, it is also important for us to look forward and contemplate potential ministries within our community. With 2016 in our rear-view mirror, we look forward to 2017 and beyond to plan for the ministries of our Church and School.

Chris Frank

President, St. Lorenz Lutheran Church

June 1, 2017

*“Commit your
work to the
Lord, and your
plans will be
established.”
Proverbs 16:3*

Financial Highlights Summary

This past year, 2016, we ended in the black; this is the fourth time out of the past five years.

Fund Balances:	Balance 1/1/2016	2016 Receipts	2016 Disbursements	Balance 12/31/2016
Operating	\$ -	\$ 4,556,068	\$ (4,476,668)	\$ 79,400
PY Surplus (Deficit)	121,376	-	(121,376)	-
Missions	-	374,088	(374,088)	-
Capital Improvement	191,429	123,685	(181,450)	133,664
Churchgrove	39,893	52,010	(45,400)	46,503
Cemetery	10	22,217	(22,066)	161
Memorials	-	53,310	(53,310)	-
Hot Lunch	(7,527)	144,043	(143,034)	(6,518)
Student Aid	87,425	48,364	(37,088)	98,701
Subtotal	\$ 432,606	\$ 5,373,785	\$ (5,454,480)	\$ 351,911
Special Dedicated Accounts	\$ 2,333,896	\$ 1,854,394	\$ (2,068,608)	\$ 2,119,682
Total Funds	<u>\$ 2,766,502</u>	<u>\$ 7,228,179</u>	<u>\$ (7,523,088)</u>	<u>\$ 2,471,593</u>
Bank Accounts:				
Frankenmuth Credit Union	\$ 2,506,698			\$ 2,200,063
Northern Trust Bank	259,804			271,530
Total Cash On Hand	<u>\$ 2,766,502</u>			<u>\$ 2,471,593</u>

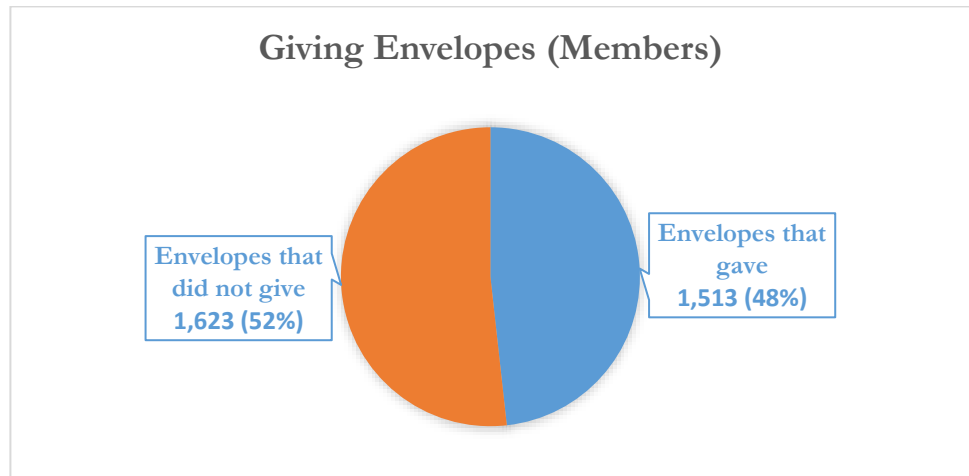
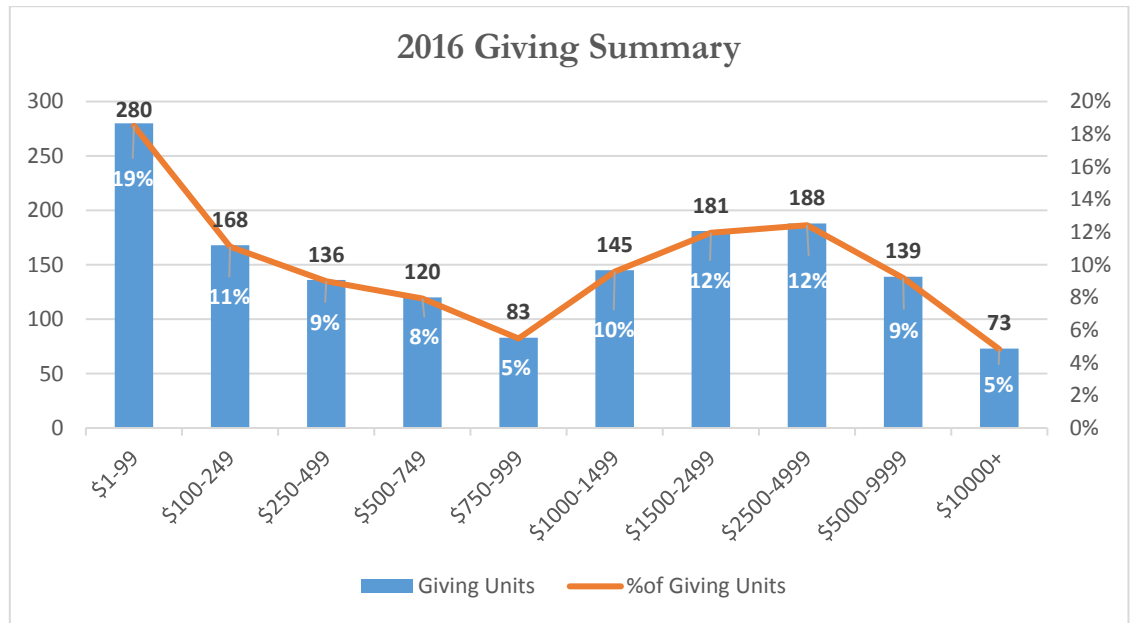
*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
1 Peter 4:10*

Financial Statement of Activities

	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2015 Actual
Church Income	\$ 3,599,239	\$ 3,693,550	\$ 3,639,636
School Income	510,510	498,000	491,673
Child Care Fund	446,320	400,100	357,302
Total Operating Fund Income	\$ 4,556,069	\$ 4,591,650	\$ 4,488,611
Church Salaries and Benefits	\$ 631,480	\$ 650,700	\$ 568,158
School Salaries and Benefits	2,005,412	1,970,550	2,030,277
School Education Expense	95,111	99,000	67,111
Child Care Salaries and Benefits	369,865	362,700	307,547
Child Care Expense	34,146	37,400	33,111
Youth Salaries and Benefits	89,456	92,750	87,756
Youth Other Expense	7,267	10,600	7,791
Parish Music Salaries and Benefits	135,789	144,400	132,396
Parish Music Expense	8,718	12,500	9,705
Operations Salaries and Benefits	679,185	721,000	704,886
Operations Expense	102,044	141,650	103,813
Operations - Fixed Costs	274,311	290,000	271,244
Caring Ministry Expense	540	1,500	496
Worship Ministry Expense	22,228	27,700	24,916
Parish Education Expense	9,406	15,700	9,743
Communication Expense	11,711	13,500	8,285
Total Operating Fund Expenses	\$ 4,476,669	\$ 4,591,650	\$ 4,367,235
Operating Fund Income (Loss)	\$ 79,400	\$ -	\$ 121,376
Mission Income	\$ 374,088	\$ 420,000	\$ 409,395
Capital Improvement Income	123,685	130,000	145,327
Churchgrove Income	52,010	40,000	44,154
Cemetery Income	22,217	29,000	22,037
Hot Lunch Income	144,044	152,850	137,274
Student Aid Income	48,364	65,000	48,150
Total Income for Self-Funded Accounts	\$ 764,408	\$ 836,850	\$ 806,337
Mission Fund Expense	\$ 374,088	\$ 420,000	\$ 409,395
Capital Improvement Expenses	181,450	130,000	137,001
Churchgrove Salary and Benefits	4,794	5,700	6,451
Churchgrove Expense	40,606	34,300	39,571
Cemetery Salaries and Benefits	6,145	7,500	5,194
Cemetery Expense	15,922	21,500	16,814
Hot Lunch Salaries and Benefits	62,660	71,350	65,996
Hot Lunch Expense	80,374	81,500	87,654
Student Aid Expense	37,088	65,000	35,088
Total Expenses for Self-Funded Accounts	\$ 803,127	\$ 836,850	\$ 803,164
Self-Funded Accounts Net Income	\$ (38,719)	\$ -	\$ 3,173
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 40,681	\$ -	\$ 124,549

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:21*

Giving

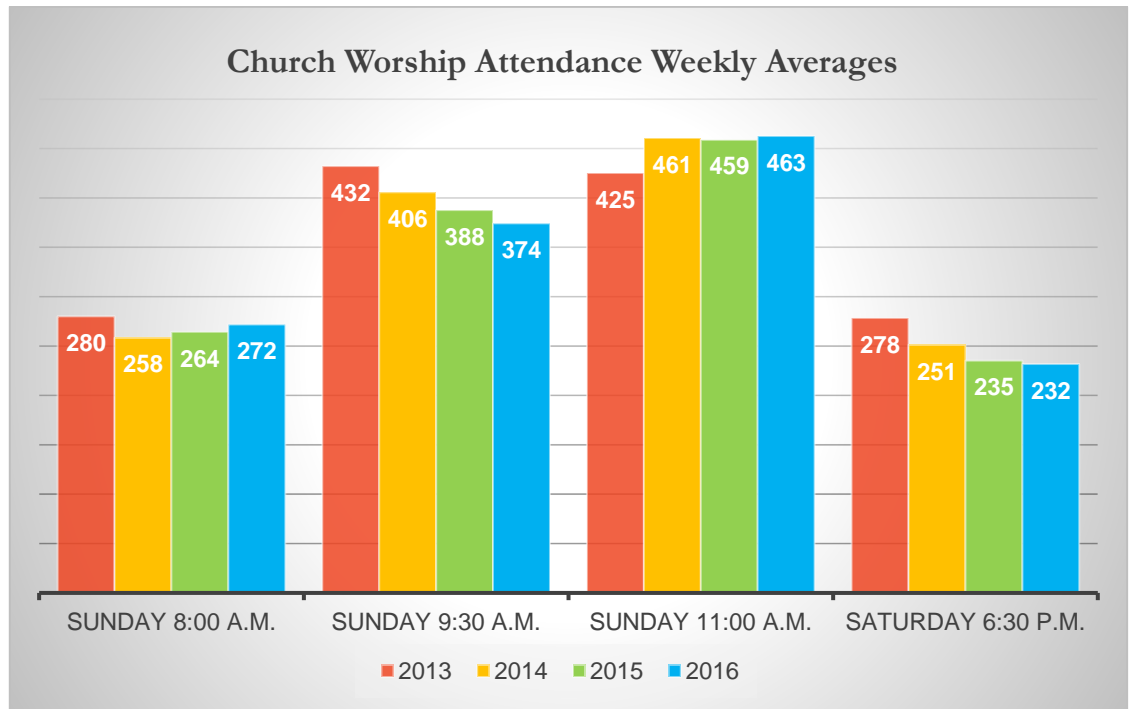


Gifts by Envelope (members)	\$3,660,678.91
Plate Offering	\$84,450.39
Gifts by Non-Members	\$20,786.00
Total Offerings	\$3,765,915.30

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!”

Psalm 100: 1-2

Attendance



**2016
WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE**

TYPE OF SERVICE	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF SERVICES	AVERAGE PER SERVICE
German			
Sunday	655	11	60
Midweek Lent & Advent	335	10	34
Festivals	1,126	4	282
	2,116	25	85
English			
Sunday - (8:00 a.m.)	13,317	49	272
Sunday - (9:30 a.m.)	17,961	48	374
Sunday - (11:00 a.m.)	22,206	48	463
Saturday - (6:30 p.m.)	11,825	51	232
Monday - (9 & 11 Chapel)	338	12	28
Monday (Summer)	1,249	13	96
Midweek Lent & Advent - 5pm	3,812	10	381
Midweek Lent & Advent - 7pm	607	9	67
Festivals	13,704	23	596
	85,019	263	323
Combined Totals	87,135	288	303

BAPTISMS

Allen, Abigail Kay	Daenzer, Theron Jacob	Kern, Wyatt James	Payne, Zander Alan
Allen, Eric Jerome	Drake, Elyza Loretta	Kolhagen, Madden Benjamin	Railling, Brett MacArthur
Babcock, Jack Bradley	Eickhoff, Kodi Marie	Lewis, Molly Ryan	Rittmueller, Elliott Louis
Bekemeier, Callie Ellen	Frank, Troy Souza (<i>non-member</i>)	Marko, Remi DeeLynn	Roose, Brannon Nicholas
Bellsky, Bennett Ashton	Gilbert, Evelyn Aileen	Marshall, Libby LeeAnn	Schian, Hudson Thomas
Bender, Thomas Maxwell	Gilmour, Eli William	Matzke, Abram Jean	Schiefer, Dominik Matthew
Bernthal, Ekoe Ashley	Glaser, Teddy Elizabeth Ann	McCready, Isabelle Grace	Sefton, Benjamin Robert
Bewley, Harper Lynn	Golden, Luke Michael	McCready, Zachary Miles	Sefton, Isabella Lorraine
Bierlein, Bane Craig	Hale, Brady John	McDaniel, Laurena Nicole	Sefton, Katelyn Ann
Bierlein, Bellamy Faith	Helsius, Georgiana Grace	Mehta, Nora Lynn (<i>non-member</i>)	Sherman, Jade Elizabeth
Block, Jax Michael-William	Hessler, Avery Sue	Milutin, Corbin Russell	Stenger, Sheridan Lee
Buchinger, Emmylu Rose	Hildner, Ava James	Milutin, Dawson Emilio	Sweatland, Chandler Norman-Lee
Burrill, Louis Walter Jr.	Holovach, Harrison James	Milutin, Eden Soryn	Wheeler, Collin Michael
Camehl, Elena Marie	Honold, Ophelia Grace	Nuechterlein, Abigail Grace	Witbeck, Cooper Adams
Daenzer, Genevieve Roxanne	Howey, Andrew John	Opperman, Anna Faye	Young, Logan Scott

ADULT BAPTISMS

Dent-Shelton, Mary Francis	Henne, Tianji	Stockmeyer, Alexis Ann	Young, Heather Leona
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JUNIOR CONFIRMANDS

Anderson, Connor Steven	Hyslop, Nicholas Arthur	Lentner, Abby Lee	Rodammer, Grant Conrad
Anderson, Ethan Christopher	Ihrig, Dylan Thomas	Lindow, Kallie Nicole	Rummel, Danielle Kathryn
Bender, David Michael	Jackson, I'Leiana Grace	Matzke, Kaylee Lynn	Schluckbier, Jessica Leigh
Britton, Jeremy Davis	Jekel, Jakob Allan	Merrihew, Sydney Elizabeth	Schmitt, Isabel
Deming, Alana Marie	Johnston, Mya Faith	Moore, Lindsey Nicole	Sears, Maya Mallory
Dodak, Anton Michael	Jones, Lacey Sue	Mueller, Robert Dale	Soulliere, Myla Nicole
Duff, Conner Michael	Kaster, Kaydence Emma	Peterson, Caden Bryant	Spencer, Steven Allen
Eischer, Mackenzie Genevieve	Keinath, Christian Donald	Pickelmann, Logan Chase	Stone, Jonathan David
Evans, Jacob Wilbur	Kern, Zoie May	Piesko, Katelyn Kristen	Thompson, Corey James
Farnsworth, Brian Cody	Knoll, Jacob Curtis	Polley, Allen James	Vesterfelt, Jessica Mary
Goebel, Wyatt Danville	Knop, Makayla Michelle	Ragan, Aaron James	Walz, Allison Faith
Haubenstricker, Mitchell Lewis	Konenski, Austin John	Reece, Kalika Anabella	Zeak, Joshua Michael
Hochthanner, Lauren Ranea	Krueger, Caleb Paul	Reinbold, Travis Alan	Zehnder, Kyle Steven
Hoesman, Megan Charlene	Leichner, Jayna Marie	Reinbold, Joshua William	Zobel, Emily Nicole

ADULT CONFIRMANDS

Agans, Jamie Lynn	Hale, Trisha Allison	Liddle, Mandy Marie	Sefton, Natalie Lorraine
Barger, Alison Elizabeth	Henne, Tianji (Mary)	McCready, John Earl	Sefton, Samuel Michael
Bauer, Ionela	Hodgins, John Michael-Ray	McCready, Joy LeAnne	Shelton, Mary Francis-Dent
Bierlein, Kendra	Hozeska, Gary Francis	Milutin, Crystal Marie	Stockmeyer, Alexis Ann
Carroll, April Lynn	Kern, Sara	Milutin, David Scott	Stockmeyer, Michael Shane
Counts, Kieshan Nicole	Ketchum, Douglas Edward	Rohn, Kara Ellen	Turner, Elyse Irene
Cyman, Peter Daniel	Kuczynski, Douglas James	Roose, Paul Gerard	Young, Heather Leona
Gilmour, Lora Marie	Kueffner, Jessica Lynn	Roose, Peter Francis	
Hale, Jason Gerald	Landin, Dominik Joseph	Roose, Steveanna Mason	

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Czymbor, Andrew	Kamin, Emily	Rohn, Mikel	Stasik, Nancy
Holzhei, Greg	Ketchum, Judith	Stasik, Marc	Welzein, Loni

CHILDREN RECEIVED

Carroll, Abby	Hale, Collin	Rohn, Ava	Sefton, Joseph
Carroll, Levi	Hale, Kaitlyn	Rohn, Chase	
Counts, Trista	Kern, Allison	Rohn, Macey	

TRANSFERS RECEIVED

Dietrich, Harper	Houck, Cheryl	Laux, Patricia	Wheeler, Justin
Dietrich, Jeffrey	Kern, Jeremy	Mohr, Mark	Wyman, Addison
Dietrich, Jessica	Landskroener, Camden	Molnar, Anne	Wyman, Aggie
Hill, Chad	Landskroener, Casey	Sebald, Haley	Wyman, Jeremy
Hill Jr., Chad	Landskroener, Cooper	Sebald, Jill	Wyman, Joshua
Hill, Chloe	Landskroener, Kendyl	Talaski, Mackenzie	
Hill, Dana	Landskroener, Maegan	Wheeler, Chelsea	

TRANSFERS GRANTED

Akers, Douglas	Darling, Karri	Howe, Jena	Sanchez, Kathie
Akers, Rhonda	Frede, Alice	Maurer, Joseph	Spero, Dianne
Bernarding, Ronda	Frede, Brittany	Reinert, Jamie	Spero, John
Courville, Joseph	Gehm, Rachel	Rifenbark, Ricky	Weslock, Lindsey
Courville, Melissa	Guy, Ruth	Rifenbark, Sandra	
Darling, Abigail	Howe, Andrew	Rosencrants, Luella	
Darling, Gary	Howe, Derrick	Rosencrants, Raymond	

RELEASES

Casey, Krystal	Kerr, Joan	Ryan, Thomas	White, Gideon
Dietzel, Timothy	Kimsel, Caleb	Weber, Heather	White, Jahna
Kerr, Christopher	Lentner, Lucas	Wheeler, Debra	White, Rachel
Kerr, G Thomas	Pippert, Marian	White, Adam	

DEATHS

Bartlett, Eunice	Haubenstricker, Dianne	Maurer, John	Schellhas, Herman
Bergdolt, Paul	Hillman, Patricia	Maurer, Raymond	Schmandt, Hilda
Bickel, Arlene	Hillman, William	McKeage, Caroline	Schuknecht, Marjory
Bierlein, Dorothy	Kern, Vera	Meade, Trenton	Simmerman, Kenneth
Blohm, Gerald	Kern, Wyatt	Neumann, Arthur	Trinklein, Irene
Boesnecker, Vickie	Knight, Elvira	Olinger, Jackie	Ulrich, Lora
Brandenburg, Bob	Kohs, Lois	Ozerites, John	Vagts, Richard
Bunjes, Irma	Kolberg, Shirley	Poellet, Lillian	Veitengruber, Emilie
Burkitt, Vernon	Krafft, Mary Ann	Reitz, Katharine	Weiss, Loretta
Drielick, Virginia	Kueffner, Donna	Richert, Phyllis	Yessayan, Ethel
Frank, Marwood	Kueffner, Margaret	Riepma, Joan	Zehnder, Donald
Galsterer, Robert	Lapp, Bob	Rittmueller, Ruth	Zehnder, Ruth
Hartwig, Esther	Laubsch, Dorothy	Rogner, Mildred	Zeilinger, Jack

MARRIAGES

Weiss, Tyler & Lindsey (Bender)	Compau, Matthew Gary & Jaylee Marie (Samuels)
Schuler, Robert Warner & Jessica Ann (Ernest)	Bierlein, Matthew James & Ashley Nichole (Karaba)
Cobb, Dane Nathan & Kayla Marie (Herzog)	Hays, Stanley Michael & Amy Catherine (Bekemeier)
O'Neil, Robin Daniel & Susan Kay (Lupp)	Hodgins, John Michael Ray & Elyse Irene (Turner)
Taylor, Joshua Bradley & Kayla Ann (Schmitzer)	Zeilinger, Jonathan Gary & April Marie (Zeilinger)
Bricker, Jon David & Chelsea Claire (Mertz)	Weirauch, Trevor Lee & Abigail Rose (Morse)
Solgate, John Arthur Jr. & Julia Frances (Lackowski)	Guy, Jason Walter & Ruth Eleanor (Eischer)
Williams, Tyler Tod & Carrie Jo (Bryce)	



Ministry Council

Ministry Council has the responsibility of establishing the vision, direction, goals, and desired outcomes for the congregation. During 2016, we spent time throughout the year reviewing the policy manual, which provides direction for how we operate. We also proposed changes to our constitution and by-laws which were discussed and voted on at a Voters Meeting in May 2016. Major topics included:

- A third-party survey was conducted; it provided valuable feedback from the congregation regarding the December 2015 Reaching for Tomorrow building campaign vote, as well providing an opportunity for our congregation to identify current and future needs at our church and school.
- Discussions took place in preparation for the Michigan District's Here We Stand Campaign in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. We established a congregational goal of \$500,000 from our members in support of the campaign's initiatives.
- As the year came to a close, we began discussing the upcoming 175th Anniversary of St. Lorenz in 2020. We began having discussions about a thank-offering and potential projects and ministries that could be funded by such a thank-offering.

2017 OFFICERS

Chris Frank, President
 Barb DeSimpelare, Vice President
 Jared List, Treasurer
 Michael Golden, Assistant Treasurer
 Sharon Knoll, Secretary

Ministry Council Members:
 - Andrew Ahlschwede - Tim Meyer
 - Dan Bekemeier - John Seutter
 - Hugh Bernreuter - Terry Weiss
 - Jeffery Laux

2016 OFFICERS

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 Barb DeSimpelare, Vice President
 Greg Otter II, Treasurer
 Jared List, Assistant Treasurer
 Sharon Knoll, Secretary

Ministry Council Members:
 - Andrew Ahlschwede - Tim Meyer
 - Dan Bekemeier - Tyson Schmidt
 - Hugh Bernreuter - John Seutter
 - Jeffery Laux

Commission for Spiritual Life and Worship



In 2016, our commission focused on helping and supporting various ministries at St. Lorenz and their volunteers. We contacted and worked with the leaders of the ministries to see what successes they were having, what challenges they were facing, what resources they need most, and how we could best help them. We worked to help increase volunteer activity at Franklin Avenue Mission, improve usage of MyStLorenz, and highlight/promote ministries through newsletters, brochures, and email.

The Commission worked extensively with Ministry Council to update and streamline the Commission's goals and objectives to help drive and focus our future efforts. These goals encompass a wide range of areas including Membership, Worship, Missions and Evangelism, Caring Ministries, and Stewardship.

2017

Kraig Pendleton, Chairman
 Pastor Shawn Fenske, Staff Advisor
 Andrew Ahlschwede, Ex-Officio Member

Commission Members:
 - Lorie Bergelin - Olivia Laux
 - Leland Olgren - Debra Palmreuter
 - Lisa Purman - Ruthie Weiss

2016

Mike Redford, Chairman
 Pastor Gary Bender, Staff Advisor
 Tyson Schmidt, Ex-Officio Member

Commission Members:
 - Ann Kane - Leland Olgren
 - Debra Palmreuter - Kraig Pendleton
 - Lisa Purman - Ruthie Weiss



Commission for Christian Education

The Commission for Christian Education is responsible for policy development and the establishment of goals/outcomes for issues related to St. Lorenz Lutheran School, Bible Study, Youth Ministry, Student Aid, and Communications and the ministries that occur in these areas. Some of the programs and activities included in our discussions this past year included the Sunday School program, Vacation Bible School, the Church Library, and the Believe bible studies.

		Commission Members:	
2017	Alicia Hart, Chairwoman	- Matt Bierlein	- James Schoenow
	Pastor Joel Kaiser, Staff Advisor	- Rob DeSimpelare	- Kristi Wendland
	Jeffery Laux, Ex-Officio Member	- Lance Peterson	- Mindy Worden
		Commission Members:	
2016	Alicia Hart, Chairwoman	- Carla Belill	- Lance Peterson
	Michael Bender, Staff Advisor	- Rob DeSimpelare	- James Schoenow
	Jeffery Laux, Ex-Officio Member	- Becky Magnus	- Kristi Wendland

Commission for Physical Properties



The Commission for Physical Properties is responsible for policy development and for the establishment of goals/outcomes for issues related to the following areas: buildings and grounds, fiscal management, insurance, cemetery, and real estate. We helped conduct walk-throughs of our facilities throughout the year. Capital Projects in 2016 included: repair work on ceilings at The Rock building, installation of a new phone system, refurbishment of the organ at the church, upgrade to the HVAC system at the school building, installation of clear tempered glass on the exterior of the stained glass windows at the church, and the start of reparations to the church's stained glass windows in the balcony.

		Commission Members:	
2017	Jason Maurer, Chairman	- Adam Auernhamer	- Matthew Bronner
	Phil Haubenstricker, Staff Advisor	- Frank Bender	- Tim Gilmour
	Hugh Bernreuter, Ex-Officio Member	- James Block	- Dale Poellet
		Commission Members:	
2016	Jason Maurer, Chairman	- Frank Bender	- Eric Conzelmann
	Phil Haubenstricker, Staff Advisor	- James Block	- Tim Gilmour
	Hugh Bernreuter, Ex-Officio Member	- Matthew Bronner	- Dale Poellet



Looking Ahead

Two thousand sixteen was a quiet year in some ways, as we took a break from major projects after our “Reaching for Tomorrow” campaign in 2014-2015. In other ways, it wasn’t quiet at all, as we focused time and energy on studying God’s Word together (with our fall emphases on “He Told Them a Story” and “Equipped to Serve”) and on worshiping the Lord with those same themes in September and October.

Looking ahead to 2017, we expect to continue our strong focus on worship, Bible study, and all the other elements of an effective ministry at church and school. In addition, we will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of celebrating a major milestone – the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. In addition, we are beginning preparations for our congregation’s celebration in 2020 of the 175th anniversary of our founding. Both celebrations will include receiving a thank-offering as a way to express our gratitude for God’s rich blessings and to provide financial support for future ministry efforts and projects.

We look forward to a great year together in service to our gracious Lord.

Pastor Brandt

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that, I still possess.” ~ Martin Luther