



June 26, 2017

Dear Trinity Church Family,

At their December 2016 meeting, your Elders approved a budget for 2017 that represented a modest *decrease* over the prior year. The result is that our budgeted missions commitments and ministry operating expenses for 2017 are just under \$172,000 per month. Because our annual budget has always been faith-based, we continue to trust God for His provision through the consistent and generous giving of His people.

For many years, our goal has been to have enough financial resources "on-hand" and available to cover our budgeted missions and ministry expenses for a period of at least three months. We are grateful to be able to tell you that through your faithful giving, God has given us the blessing and joy of consistently achieving this goal again this year. In addition, by God's grace, we continue to be completely debt free as a church and are in sound financial condition as we enter the summer months.

We believe it is also important to let you know that total giving for the month of May was not as strong as it has been in recent years, primarily because we didn't receive any major gifts in May as we did last year. The result is that our year-to-date financial status can be summarized by the following three statements:

- Our budget through May 31 is \$859,000
- Actual expenses through May 31 are \$777,000
- Giving through May 31 is \$716,000

At their regular June meeting this past Tuesday evening, your Elders spent time talking and praying together about the year-to-date shortfall in giving compared to budget and expenses. Because summer giving is usually less than other times of the year, we are asking you to join us in doing each of the following:

1) Pray daily that God will provide all that is needed to meet our church's missions and ministry commitments. Pray also that He will lead each individual and family in our congregation to be faithful, generous and even sacrificial in their giving through the remainder of the summer. *"And God will meet all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) "And He is able to do abundantly more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)*

2) Be consistent and generous in your giving to Trinity Community Church this summer. *"But as you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (II Corinthians 8:7) "Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)*

3) Be faithful in your weekly worship attendance, whether at home or away. *"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25)*

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!" II Corinthians 9:15

Loving and Trusting Our Savior,

Art Renney (Chair) and Randy Larson, Finance Elders
For the Elders of Trinity Community Church