



Mission Lutheran Church

ANNUAL REPORTS

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Pastor's Report May 2018

2017 marked the 40th anniversary of Mission Lutheran Church. Many people worked very hard to make it a special occasion with special events as well as the anniversary dinner and worship services. It was great to see some of the founding members return to help us remember those first dreams and visions and to celebrate all of the ministry that has happened and to see the ministry we are currently doing through their eyes. Reminds me that the vision and dreams we have now will have an impact over the next decades.

While many are familiar with our mission statement of "Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ", fewer are familiar with our vision statement of "Empowering people to share their faith in their everyday lives". This vision is part of the new emphasis of "My Summer Adventure" in 2018 which the Mission: GO! team is initiating. This is, hopefully, only the first step in our attempt to empower the people of Mission to be the face of God in the world, and not just in church. Much more to come.

I am very appreciative of the congregation for honoring my anniversary of 40 years of ordination. It was a fun day full of memories and it was great to celebrate it with you as well as many family and friends. It's hard to believe that 18 of those years have been here at Mission. I have truly been blessed by all of you.

Our patio space has been and is still in the process of being improved. Approximately half of the patio was removed and replaced so that we could improve the drainage issues that resulted from building movement, and run conduit for expansion of electricity and sound. We look forward to shade being installed in the near future as well as new outdoor furniture, lighting and sound system. Architect David Olson, Contractor Joe Kuttel, Gary Alergott, and Glen Furet have all graciously given of their services to make this happen with as little disruption to the school and church as possible. Numerous challenges have made this anything but the easy project I hoped it would be. I have no doubt that our hospitality and the functionality of the patio will be greatly enhanced when everything is completed. I am grateful to the Sacred Harvest Foundation for allowing us to use Mission Within Reach funds so that our operating budget is not impacted by this project.

I give thanks for my colleagues in ministry both lay and staff. Dave Schmitt has been a faithful and helpful consultant to me in many and various ways. I am also grateful for the 14 plus years of service of Jamie Beaudry who left the staff in December and President Rich Carroll, Katherine LaTorre and Chris Mark for their Council leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Snyder



STAFF REPORTS

Music and Creative Arts Ministry 2018 Annual Report

Music Ministry Highlights:

- We had two children's singing groups this year - Sing & Shout Club (preschool - Kindergarten) and Kids of the Kingdom (1st - 5th grade). Sing & Shout Club was very small this year, ending the year with only four children. Kids of the Kingdom ended the year with eight children. Kids of the Kingdom participated in a few of the Intergen services as well as a few other times during the year. At Christmas and Easter, I held special rehearsals to invite other children from the congregation to participate in these services. The group that sings for the 5:00 Christmas Eve service also acts out the Christmas gospel. Always entertaining! Both groups will be ending during May.
- The Chancel Choir averaged 18 people this year with a few additional people joining us for Christmas and Easter. The highlights of the year for us are the Christmas cantata and the Tenebrae service on Good Friday. We did "On This Shining Night" on Dec. 17 with a string quartet, flute, oboe and clarinet. The Good Friday service was "Lamentations of the Lamb" with flute, oboe and cello. Both services were beautiful and very meaningful.
- The Praise Ringers continue to participate in worship about once a month as well as special services during the holidays. We are hosting our 10th annual Spring Ring festival on May 19 with 5 churches participating. We are again offering classes for the participants to help hone their ringing skills with a closing concert in the afternoon with our guest clinician directing the mass ring pieces. A fun day!

Creative Arts Highlights:

- Our *Connect* team consists of nine Junior High and High school youth. They are all very energetic and talented! As part of our ministry, we've added puppet skits to our repertoire. We've really had fun with those! They performed "Bethlehem P.D." as part of our Intergen service on Dec. 10. Fun and well done as always!
- We continue to use our *Create* team members for Intergen services as well as other skits and special events throughout the year. Although we don't meet regularly, we have great group of talented people that enjoy participating when they are available.
- Our big undertaking this year was our 40th Anniversary celebration and show called "A Look Back in Time." Our *Create* team members stepped up to not only write the show but also performed. A special thanks to Steve Manley and Tim Stevens for all the work they did to make it successful and for being the MC's for the show. It was a great evening as we reflected on the highlights of 40 years of ministry at MLC!
- Although we don't have a regular schedule for Intergen services, they have been something that I think everyone looks forward to. Each one is unique with involvement from both youth and adults.

Additional Highlights

- We had 49 children participate in last summer's Children's Music Camp, "Magical Days of Music. I love to see what these children can learn in just one week! In the closing program on Friday evening they get to showcase what they have learned in dance, singing, bells/chimes and music enrichment. We are now taking registrations for this summer's camp, "All That Jazz". I'm looking forward to another fun week!
- We again went caroling in December to some of our shut-ins. We had enough people to visit this year that we divided into two groups to make sure we could get to everyone in as reasonable amount of time. Hopefully our singing and ringing brought some Christmas joy to those we visited. However, I know it blesses those who sing as much as those we sing for!

Deb McGowan

Mission Lutheran School May 2018

As the 2017-2018 school year comes to an end I look back on what a successful and fun year it has been. Mission Lutheran School is an outreach ministry of Mission Lutheran Church serving 148 children and their families as well as the community. The school continues to "change lives through Jesus Christ, one child at a time". We are thankful for the children and their families as well as the 19 teachers, assistants and staff that allow this school to run smoothly on a daily basis. We have had a wonderful year including successful enrichment programs for the students, advancement in professional growth for the staff, fundraising efforts, volunteering opportunities, physical improvements to the facilities and opportunities to give to the community through donations and scholarships.

Growth

Our classes continue to thrive! Because of high demand, we were able to add another classroom "the orange room" in 2012 and I am happy to say that room is still full. We currently have 138 students enrolled in Preschool, Junior K and Pre-K classes, and 10 students in our Kindergarten program. While Kindergarten had its lowest attendance ever this year, which we believe was due to the addition of the TK programs in the public school districts, and charter schools that are in high demand and start in kindergarten. The school is recognized in the community as providing a loving Christian education. The school continues to maintain waiting lists and openings are quickly filled. We continue to be pleased with the success of the Kindergarten class. Open registration in February was a success as usual and all of the spots have been filled for the fall.

Mission Lutheran School staff is second to none in providing a safe and caring Christian education to all of the children that attend our school. Our teachers, assistants and office staff continue to provide a wonderful outreach ministry to the community. Through our special events and fundraising activities, the Mission Lutheran School ministry reaches the community by inviting them to participate in events like our daily chapel service, the Jana Alayra concert and our 2 mom to mom Boutiques Christmas and Spring. Our students and their families help the local community by participating in the annual Thanksgiving Basket donation for the Raise foundation. Globally, we outreach through Operation Christmas Child shoe box donations at Christmas time as well as donations to Mexico. We are proud of the participation of our community of families and keep them informed about school activities and other programs offered on the Mission Lutheran Church campus, including Mission Lutheran Church bible studies, Alpha, Date nights, Sing and Shout and Sunday Services. We continue to support Children's Day Camp in the summer with many of our students planning to attend. We continue to see Mission Lutheran School families join our Mission Lutheran Church family. There are approximately 8 school families and 4 staff members who are also Mission Lutheran Church members.

We keep our families updated through email, electronic monthly calendars, campus banners and our website (www.missionlutherschool.com).

Open House- September 2017 We welcomed returning and new families to meet their teachers and to see their classrooms.

Back- to-School Night- September 2017 We met with the parents to discuss the various programs and curriculum for the year.

School Pictures- October 2017– Individual and Class pictures are taken so the kids can remember their time at Mission Lutheran.

P.J. Story Night- October 2017 The children (and their parents) were invited to wear their P.J.s to school for an evening of stories and hot cocoa in their classrooms, as well as participate in the Scholastic Book Fair.

Family Fellowship Nights- Throughout the year This is a chance for our families to come together to network with each other and have the children interact in an environment outside of school. Also a great way to fundraise through fellowship.

Pumpkin Patch- October 2017 The children celebrated the season with all things fall. They all took home their favorite pumpkin from our MLS patch!

Native American Village – November 2017 Each classroom participated in recreating a Native American Village. Classrooms rotated from tepee to tepee, discovering through art and crafts, music, stories, symbols and food what it was like to live and learn in a Native American village. We all broke bread together and gave thanks to the Lord for all His blessings.

Christmas Celebration- December 2017 We started our holiday season off with two performances by our little “angels” singing the message of Jesus’ birth which inspired us all.

Dad's Chapel night- March 2018 It was Dad's night at MLS. Dads joined their children for a night of chapel fun and cookies. This year was our best turn out yet!

Lizard Wizard- March 2018 God's creatures came to campus. The children were delighted to meet the snakes, iguanas, tarantulas, turtles and more.

Week of the Young Child April 2018 We celebrated the week with an Art Display in Mission Hall C, a Recycled Art Exhibit in the courtyard, and our annual Spring Sing.

Spring Sing April 2018 The children celebrated spring's rebirth with a Spring Sing performance in the sanctuary. The theme was “LOVE”. It was a rainbow of colors and smiling faces.

Special Chapel to recognize our Volunteers- April 2018 We thank our parent volunteers for their participation throughout the year with a Special Chapel in their honor. This is our chance to show our appreciation!

National Day of Prayer – May 2018- a special chapel was held to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. We also had a prayer walk for all the children to participate in.

Cinco De Mayo Celebration – May 2018 – The Kindergarten students along with their Spanish teacher Ms. Connie put on a performance recognizing the Mexican culture by singing a few Spanish songs and showing their skills in the “Mexican Hat Dance”.

Mom to Mom Boutique: December 2017 and May 2018 We give our moms a chance to promote their home base businesses with our families. This provides a great opportunity for parents to get to know each other and to sell their treasures.

Mother's Day Tea- May 2018 We celebrate Mothers at our annual Tea Party. The children serve their moms tea and cake and give them gifts like coffee filter hats, hand painted picture frames or homemade necklaces.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium – May 2018 The wonderful people from Cabrillo put on a puppet show and had a touch tank and hands on exhibits for the children to look at and touch.

Open House - June 2018 Open House is the time to see the progress the children have made during the year. Parents are invited to take a tour of their child's classroom and see all they have accomplished throughout the year. After visiting the classrooms, families enjoy socializing together as well as participate in an amazing Classroom Basket Raffle. Our entertainment is led by our own "Little Rockstars" Aaron and Rachel! This year Habit Burger generously sponsored our event and all proceeds went to Mission Lutheran School.

Throughout the year we are able to introduce the children to many exciting and enriching activities. This year some of our fun visitors included the Fire Department and Police Department. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

Enrichment Programs

Our curriculum is designed to give our students many ways to express themselves. We offer:

Chapel	Daily
Motor Development	2 x per week
Music	2 x per week
Sing and Shout Club (Deb)	1 x per week
Preschool Spanish	2 x per week
Art Class w/ Ms. Cher	3 x per week
Little Rock Stars	2 x per week
"Happy Feet" Soccer	2x per week
Kindergarten Music (Deb)	1 x per week
Kindergarten Spanish	1 x per week
Art class w/ Ms. Cher(K)	1 x per week
Sprouting Yogis (yoga)	2x per week

Professional Growth/ Staff

Mission Lutheran School continues to maintain continuing education as a top priority. Monthly meetings include skill building activities as well as devotionals. Before the school year begins the staff has several in service days to prepare for the school year and to discuss any new school policies. This is a time to re-connect after the summer break and look forward to the upcoming year. They continued the week with several devotionals and team building activities. In January, in an effort to strengthen staff relations, staff members were given the opportunity to a service day which enabled them to get together on a more personal level and focus on team bonding. This year they went to the park and did lip singing concert and devotionals. They spent the day strengthening their relationship with each other as well as their relationship with God.

Spiritual growth is encouraged on a daily basis through our chapel worship. Further, the staff and MLS families are invited to submit weekly prayer requests. Finally, the Mission Lutheran staff participates in monthly devotions coordinated by the school's Director.

The School Board continues to recognize the teachers through holiday and birthday gifts as well as providing a special treat for staff birthdays at their monthly staff meetings. We also show the teachers how much we appreciate them by bringing in monthly breakfast on the day of our board meetings. We are so thankful for all that they do for our school.

Fundraising

We are so appreciative of the generosity of our MLS families as was demonstrated by our successful fundraising efforts. Some of our fundraisers included a Photo fundraiser, Pajama Story night and Book Fair, 4 family fellowship nights at rotating restaurants in the local area, our annual See's Candy sales in November. Our winter and spring Mom-To-Mom boutiques were very successful as was our annual Scholastic Book Fair. We are anticipating much success in our spring fundraisers including our open house bake sale and raffle. We are truly blessed with a supportive parent community!

Scholarship and Giving

We were pleased to have been able to provide scholarships to Mission Lutheran School families in need. This year not one family asked for a scholarship. We do still have a fund set aside if there is a family in need. We also donate Thanksgiving baskets to the Raise foundation and to Operation Christmas Child.

Volunteers

We are blessed with a wonderful group of parents who volunteer their time to support our school. This year our volunteer numbers were a little low because of licensing requirements. We are hopeful the state will change the requirements and make it easier for our parents to volunteer. These volunteers included room moms, co room moms, board members, sub-committee members as well as all the parents who worked a shift or two at one of our school events. The 5 for \$50 continues to be a success. We are so thankful for all of their efforts!

The children and staff continue to enjoy learning the benefits of Organic Gardening. Twice a year they plant and are able to see their efforts grow. And we can't forget the Awesome Monarch Butterfly Garden dedicated to Linda Lyons and maintained by our staff.

Future Outlook

We had a very successful registration for the 2018– 2019 school year. We currently have a few afternoon TK spots and have strong waiting lists for all of our other classes. We are continuing the new format for summer camp this year offering a 6 week session June 25 – August 3.

Summary

Mission Lutheran School provides an opportunity for your child to interact with other children in a Christ-centered learning environment. We offer a program designed to enhance their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual growth. Our goal is to create an attitude of loving acceptance in which all children will learn to build self-esteem and recognize their uniqueness as one of God's children. We are thankful for all that He has provided as we continue to "Change lives through Jesus Christ, one child at a time". The Lord has guided this wonderful ministry as it touches the lives of the children, their families, the staff, and the community.

In His service,

Megan Flores
Mission Lutheran School Board President
On behalf of the Mission Lutheran School Board

Community Life 2018 Annual Report

As I enter my third year at Mission Lutheran Church, my role continues to develop as the needs of our church evolves. I am honored and blessed to work with a very talented church staff who are the consummate example of dedication and commitment to God's calling and is a true pleasure to work with each of them. Our church has many talents which continue to strengthen our efforts within our congregation, while developing deep and abiding ties within our community and sharing Christ's love with the world. While no summary could capture the many missions and events in which our church is involved, I wanted to highlight just a few things I have been working on during the past year.

Enhancing our Congregation

We welcomed 12 new members to church last year. God has called each of these new partners to our community and we have actively worked to ensure their lives are enhanced and their talents directed in ways to increase their connectivity with the church.

We are working with our Mission: GO! charities to have speakers from each organization come and meet our congregation to continue to foster our personal connection with them and their efforts. Our Mission: GO! charities include: Acres of Love, Cure International, Elam Ministries, Family Assistance Ministry, Free Wheelchair Mission, International Justice Mission, Project Hope Alliance, Plant With Purpose, Salvation Army, and South County Outreach. Cure International will be here on Sunday, June 3 providing us an update of all of the lives they have changed by healing the sick and proclaiming the kingdom of God. On June 24, Project Hope Alliance will give a brief presentation to the congregation about how they are ending the cycle of homelessness, one child at a time. Keep your eyes out for "My Summer Adventure, powered by Mission: GO!"

It was another busy year at the church. We celebrated our 40th anniversary with numerous celebrations throughout the year and ended with a float in the Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade!

Fostering Our Involvement in Community Life

Mission Lutheran is so fortunate to part of a vibrant community in Laguna Niguel and surrounding cities. As a church, we are dedicated to broadening our involvement in those communities and doing all we can to serve the many needs of our constituents. For example, we served as a founding sponsor of the Laguna Niguel Community Theatre, which used our facilities to practice their production of Into the Woods – advertised in the playbills of the production. We hosted a number of baptisms and funerals over the past year, which brought so many people to our church during important life events.

The church continues to be a member of the Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce. I serve as an Ambassador of the Chamber which gives us direct contact with new residents and businesses, including participating in Chamber events where I promote the church and give back to the community. This year, I attended numerous City of Laguna Niguel events to add to our community outreach. Some of the events I attended were: Menorah Lighting, Christmas Tree Lighting, Governmental Affairs meetings, City Council meetings, Laguna Niguel Park Dedication, Relay for Life, Human Trafficking Workshops...

An exciting addition to our outreach this past year was partnering with local churches, primarily the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day saints and St. Timothy's. Mission Lutheran hosted an Emergency Preparedness Expo and collected items for human trafficking victims. We also supported a necessities drive for Orangewood children ageing out of the system. This has a wonderful outreach and look forward to another year of partnerships.

I attended the Empty Bowls event benefiting South County Outreach and the Free Wheelchair Mission's Miracle of Mobility.

In Summary

We never know where God will take us during our lives and what His plans are for us at church. My hope is to continue to grow in my relationship with Him and share with our community the love He has for all of us. I am profoundly grateful for the relationship I have here at church and look forward to what He has in store for all of us. Your help and support means the world to me and I am humbled to be part of such a tremendous organization of faith.

In His Love and Service,
Kelly Jennings

Youth and Young Adult Ministries 2018 Annual Report

My job responsibilities include Confirmation, High School and Young Adult ministries.

Confirmation was a group of (17) 6th, 7th, and 8th students from various schools in our community. Class took place Wednesday evenings from 4:30-6:00 and was led by Pastor Bill, Ted Evans and myself. The curriculum used was Faith Inkubators. We are blessed to have Ted Evans once again volunteer to lead small groups weekly! He is a vital part of our Youth Ministry and we are very blessed for his commitment. On a monthly basis "Friday Fun" activities were offered to help the youth create relationships with each other and build fellowship within our group. These activities included but not limited to bonfires, bowling, trampoline park, overnights, and go karting. There were (3) Confirmation students who attended the Lake Shasta Houseboat Retreat in July of 2017. We had (6) students attend the LRCC (Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences) 2017 Middle School Youth Gathering from November 17th-19th. Mitch Hatz (who is an active part of our young adults ministry) and myself chaperoned. On November 22nd, students from Confirmation baked pies for the Pumpkin Pie Social that follows the Thanksgiving Eve service. There were (2) students who attended the LRCC Luther Glen Confirmation Winter Camp in Oak Glen from March 9th-11th. I chaperoned Confirmation Camp. On May 6th, (10) students were confirmed. In June of 2018 (4) of our Confirmands will attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX with our High School students.

The High School youth group met first and third Sundays from 11:30-1:00 for a devotion, lunch, and games led by myself and Ted Evans. In May of 2017, there were (8) students that attended our High School Spring Retreat to San Diego from May 19-21st. The High School youth group participated in numerous service opportunities. These opportunities include but are not limited to beach cleanups at Capo Beach, neighborhood food drives for South County Outreach, and harvesting food with Second Harvest Food Bank at the Incredible Edible Farm. We also had regular fellowship activities. A few of these fellowship opportunities include beach bonfires and overnights. On December 29, 2017, Ted and Kristine Evans hosted the 6th Annual Festive Football Christmas Party/Reunion at their home in San Clemente. (25) students in middle school through college attended. Thank you to Ted and Kristine for opening your home once again! On January 14, 2017, we partnered with Community Lutheran in Rancho Santa Margarita for our annual Broomball Overnighter. (50) students in middle and high school attended, (35) from Mission Lutheran. There were (12) students who attended the LRCC Winter Retreat in Oak Glen from February, 17-19th. Chaperones were myself and Ted Evans.

On September 17th, we had (25) people attend our first parent/youth meeting for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. This began our planning and fundraising process for the Youth

Gathering. There will be (20) students from Mission Lutheran attending the Youth Gathering from June 24th-July 2nd. There was a fundraising meeting on November 19th which (18) people attended. The group has completed three childcare fundraisers, two pancake breakfast fundraisers, and a bake sale. On April 15th (35) people attended our Youth Gathering meeting where we discussed the details of the trip and announced Adult Leaders. Our Adult Leaders for the Youth Gathering will be myself, Ted Evans, Grant Livingstone, Murphy Callender, Jeremy Gratton and Alyssa Harper. We are very blessed for their commitment, this experience for our youth wouldn't be possible without them! The group has been discussing the "Getting Ready" Bible Study provided by the ELCA for students attending the Youth Gathering. Our group of adults and youth have done two "Dinner & Bible Study" evenings where the group made dinner together, ate family style, then discussed a topic from the Youth Gathering. At both these events (22) people attended.

Our Young Adults Group has been active for nearly a year and half. This group caters to young adults between the ages of 18 and their mid-twenties. We meet every Monday at 7pm at the Panera Bread in Aliso Viejo. Alyssa Harper leads the group along with myself. On average, there are (7) people who attend and about (12) who are involved in the group. These young people come from a variety of backgrounds. Some have grown up going to Mission Lutheran, while others have no church background. We discuss a variety of topics. The Young Adults group also has attended the feeding of the hungry at First Lutheran in Fullerton multiple times. We also gather for fellowship with events such as karaoke, birthday celebrations, dinner parties, etc.

I attended the Youth Workers Event at California Lutheran University in August of 2017 and the Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Houston, TX in January of 2018 as a part of my continuing education.

I feel very blessed to be a part of Mission Lutheran and it is my joy to serve Christ with you all.

Blessings,
Lauren Murphy



MINISTRY REPORTS

Mission Counters 2018 Annual Report

We have a dedicated and dependable group of people who made up the counting team over the past year. We have two people counting every Sunday including all special days and holidays. The time frame required is typically 1.5 hrs after 2nd service, i.e. 11 am to 12:30 pm. My thanks are given to Mareen Fouret, Marsha Johnston, Jo Berman, Sandy Boylan, Nancy Hipolite, Kathy McKenna and Cristy McAbee for their time and service over this past year.

As with all organizations, the membership roster changes and we did recently lose two counters due to other commitments. However we were very fortunate to pick up three new volunteers, Marcia Smith, Sharon Kearns, and Bill Schramm. I thank them for volunteering to perform this very important task.

Having 10 counters is necessary to have everyone count only one time per month. However, every quarter there is one month with five Sundays. This means someone has to count twice in the fifth Sunday of the month. Having one more volunteer would be great. Please see me or leave word at the office if you can help out.

Thanks to everyone.

Nick Morenc

MLC Finance Ministry 2018 Annual Report

Overall Goal: Provide effective and timely management of all financial resources that God provides to our Church

Enduring Goals Met or Exceeded:

- We maintained appropriate weekly oversight of *all* Mission Lutheran financial operations (Mission Lutheran Church, Mission Lutheran School, Mission Go!, and various ministries)
- We maintained strong internal controls preventing any financial “escapes” (i.e., lost, misplaced, stolen or unaccounted-for funds, or misuse of church financial resources)
- We maintained a fully transparent accounting and financial process and systems and issued giving statements to the Congregation
- We provided financial reporting and accounting tools for early identification of impending issues and problems. The Weekly Counter’s Report Summary is issued to key finance personnel and a detailed report of individual giving goes to Pastor Bill and Kelly Jennings.
- We provided the Financial Dashboard Report (a two-page summary of all of MLC’s key financial health performance measures) to the Council President (Rich Carroll) and the Council on a monthly basis and maintained representation at the monthly Council meeting (Tim Meyers)
- We made the formal presentation of the 2018 Church Budget at Congregational Meeting (Tim Meyers)
- We communicated the continuing need and opportunities for increasing giving by the Congregation
- We operated in the “black”; i.e., made sure all bills were paid in a timely fashion and maintained a positive monthly cash balance with at least \$10K in cash reserves to meet contingencies (**Note: this reserve has now gone to essentially zero as of May 31, 2018**)

2017-18 Accomplishments

- We installed the new **Breeze church software** to replace the Church Windows software the counters were using previously. Compared to the old system, Breeze is simpler, faster, more accurate, and will should result in fewer errors.
- All counters went through training sessions with Nick Morenc and Marsha Johnston in the new software and met in an All Counters meeting to discuss and resolve various issues.
- We reduced the number of finance committee meetings from monthly to quarterly to lessen the work burden on our volunteers and the church staff. The Financial Dashboard is sent out on a monthly basis to all Finance Committee members and special meetings are immediately called whenever issues warrant.
- *We always need to recruit new volunteers willing to serve on the Counting team and the Finance Ministry, in order to relieve our other long-serving Finance Ministry members who desire to rotate into other Church responsibilities. If you have a background or abilities in finance, accounting or auditing (or an interest in learning about those areas), please step forward!)*

Ted Johnston, Chairman...on behalf of the entire Finance Ministry Team:

Finance Ministry Members:

- **Tim Meyers**, Treasurer; **Terry Berg**, Former Treasurer and Ministry Member Emeritus; **Kelly Jennings**, Community Life Director; **Michael Pomerleau**, C.P.A.; **Marsha Johnston**, Financial Secretary; **Nick Morenc**, Head Counter; **Cathy Estanislau**, Director, Mission Lutheran School; **John Spratlin**, Security and Investigations; **Brian McGowan**, Mission Within Reach; **Jeremy Gratton**, Council Vice President and **Pastor Bill**

Please remember that we are under financial pressure going into the summer and early fall months when giving historically drops off. Giving to the General Fund is down (-8%) this year and we started the year with about \$20,000 less in our operating reserve than in previous years. Prayerfully consider making a special gift this summer to Mission Lutheran marked "General Fund." THANK YOU!

OK.com: Older Kids Club of Mission 2018 Annual Report

The mission of OK.com is to show God's love to our guests and each other by providing meaningful information and social interaction for seniors. We meet the second Monday of the month at 11:30 in the social hall. Lunch is provided.

This past year OK.com continued to feature Project Hope Alliance, an Orange County nonprofit with a focus on education for homeless children. PHA has programs for elementary students and has started exciting programs in high school and middle school. We had musical programs, a lecture on the Star of Bethlehem, informational programs on senior services and Medicare help, as well as social programs. We celebrated our traditional Thanksgiving feast and Christmas choir concert programs.

Respectfully,
Anita Manley

Resource Center Ministry Team 2018 Annual Report

Resource Center Ministry Team:

Debbie Schmidt

Karen Strauch

Dee Baden

Sharon McBee (Book Club)

Resource Center Team's Mission Statement

Mission Lutheran Church resource center exists to provide individuals with books and resource materials which uphold biblical principles and values and encourage, edify, equip and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ.

Overview of Resource Center

The resource center (formerly known as the library) covers several functions of the church. We have hundreds of items to check out, i.e. books, DVDs, small group studies, Stephen Ministry items, etc., for members of all ages to use. The shelves are labeled and the resource center is open when the sanctuary is open. To check out an item, just put your name and phone number on the card insert of each item and place that card in the basket on the high table. You can return your items in the same basket.

The room is also used for those who need to leave a service but still want to watch and listen. A TV monitor is installed for that purpose. Comfortable furniture is available for your use.

Overview of Book Club

The MLC book club continues to flourish. We meet the third Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in conference room 201. The current book we are reading is always posted in the Mission Bell and the Sunday bulletin announcement page. A copy of each book club book is located in the resource center. All are welcome.

Stephen Ministry 2018 Annual Report

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one caring ministry provided by lay people to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care.

Currently, there are 12 active Stephen Ministers, five of whom also serve as trained Stephen Ministry leaders. Five Stephen Ministers currently have care receivers. Stephen Ministers visit their care receivers once a week to be the face of Jesus as their care receivers go through life's transitions. Stephen Ministers who do not have care receivers use their training to perform other ministries related to Stephen Ministry and to visit, minister, and serve communion to shut-ins and on an as-needed basis.

In addition to visiting and praying with people who ask for a caregiver, Stephen Ministry provides caring support in other ways, including:

- a. Healing services: We invite other congregations and the public in general to attend these services. We provide support for Pastor Bill as he conducts the healing services.
- b. One-on-one prayer after each service on Sunday. Stephen Ministers take turns being available after church to pray one-on-one with people who request prayer. A Stephen Minister can be found at the front of the sanctuary by the organ after each service.
- c. Mailing grief booklets at timely intervals for a year to people who have lost loved ones. The ministry is not restricted to only members of Mission Lutheran Church.
- d. Praying for and mailing supportive notes to people who have written prayer requests on the prayer request cards in the church pews.

Respectfully,
Shirley Datte

Stitchers with a Mission 2018 Annual Report

Stitchers with a Mission had another wonderful year! We were able to send 200 scarves and 60 hats to Operation Gratitude. A scarf is put in each Care Package that is sent to the brave men and women still deployed overseas, to their children anxiously awaiting their return, new recruits, veterans, first responders, wounded warriors and their caregivers.

Our mission for the coming year is to continue knitting and crocheting scarves and hats. We would like to continue to be able to increase our donations this year. It is an ongoing project and we already have received some donations. Once again we will offer classes in knitting/crocheting this fall. We will be out on the patio beginning in September with patterns, yarn and any information that is needed by those interested in joining us in this project.

Submitted by:

Karen Strauch
Nancy Myers