

onebody knit together

A central part of the identity of our congregation has always been the way Trinity brings people together. That's why we've spent so much energy in the last couple years lifting up the belief that we are *gathered* and *called* to be one in the body of Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote that we are "bound up in networks of relations with others," in reference to the idea that we cannot know ourselves apart from our relationship *with* and responsibility *toward* one another. In other words, as Paul writes to the Ephesians, we are "joined and knit together" as one whole body.

It's time to embrace this spirit and identity with new vigor. We need each of us to embrace the unique and indispensable role we have within the larger body, and do our part in continuing to build up this community in love. Our congregation and our larger community need us to respond to the infinite measure of Christ's grace with abundance.

God in Christ Jesus has always led the way to bringing us together. We are gathered into one to do what we've been called to do, equipped with everything we need for everything that awaits us. At Trinity, we are **One Body, Knit Together.**

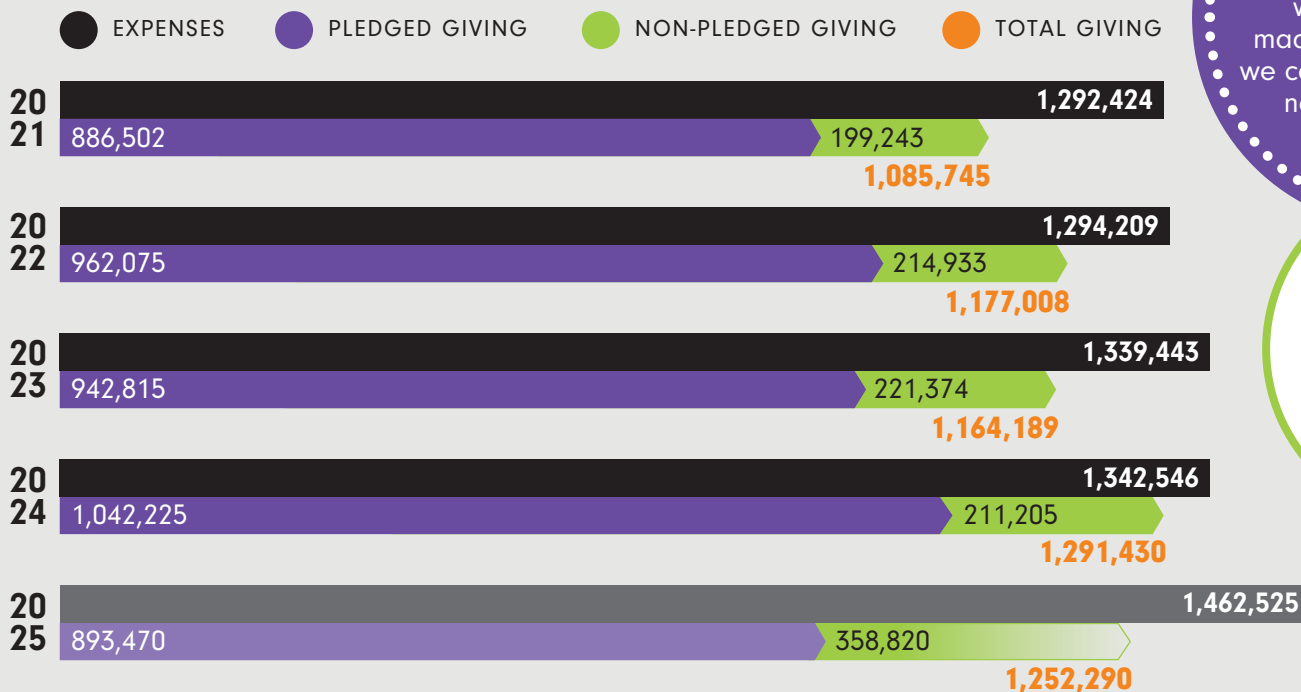
*...speaking the truth in love,
we must grow up in every
way into him who is the head,
into Christ, from whom the
whole body, joined and knit
together by every ligament
with which it is equipped, as
each part is working properly,
promotes the body's growth
in building itself up in love.*

EPHESIANS 4:15-16



It is essential as we finish this year and prepare to enter another year of ministry together in 2026, that we take seriously the challenge ahead of us. We have so much to be thankful for at Trinity - plentiful baptisms, faithful and enthusiastic membership, vibrant worship, and welcoming community events. **The life promised in Jesus is active and moving here!** Now, we need to make sure we match this plentiful level of energy with equal generosity. We have work to do, and it needs more of us - **ALL of us** - to come together as **one body** to get us there.

our giving over time



pledging is vital

If everyone who gave in 2025 made a pledge in 2026, we could rely on the funds needed to balance our budget.

If every household who gave in 2025 gave \$12 more per week, we'd fully fund our budget for 2026.

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If you made a pledge in 2025: Would you consider increasing your pledge for 2026?
If you did not pledge in 2025: Would you consider a pledge for 2026 that helps your church fully fund its mission and ministries?

**For all of us who love Trinity and what God is doing here:
 Will we match that measure of love with abundant generosity?**



capital campaign update

*Thank you for helping us surpass
our \$1.25M goal!*



Your gifts are already at work:

priority one: maintaining our property

- ✓ **Boiler:** A new, energy-efficient system is now operational!
- ✓ **Roof:** Upgrade is complete!
- ✓ **Security:** Keyless entry and updated video system are fully functional!
- **Sanctuary Tech:** Audio/visual improvements for in-person and online worship begin after Christmas 2025.

Your support is still needed:

priority two: managing and retiring mortgage debt

Your gifts directly support our annual ministry budget by managing monthly mortgage payments and reducing our debt (\$246,366 as of 10/1/2025).

priority three: enhancing our spaces

Over the course of the campaign, we will explore how our facilities can best serve mission and ministry needs. Any major projects will be presented to the congregation for consideration.

growing our partnerships

An optional portion (10%) of your gifts is empowering special projects:

- **IOCP:** Playground for Melrose Commons, an affordable housing project in Medina.
- **Salem Lutheran Church, North Minneapolis:** Kitchen upgrades for neighborhood food ministry.

More about the Capital Campaign:
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