

**Christ Episcopal Church  
Annual Parish Meeting  
January 26, 2014**



*Order of St. Vincent, Sunday, January 19, 2014*

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The Rev'd Peter J. Augustine  
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## Agenda

*Those who wish to speak are asked to use the lectern or the microphone so that everyone may hear*

I. Call to Order and Prayers for the Parish

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be one of heart and mind within your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

II. Election of Clerk

III. Approval of Minutes of 2012 Annual Parish Meeting

IV. Elections: Canon 40, Section 5

*Baptized members of the local Episcopal congregation, who are at least 16 years of age, who are regular attendants at the service of the local church, and who are regular contributors to the support of the local church and to the work of the Diocese and National Church, shall be entitled to vote at all Congregational Meetings.*

- a. Vestry Members (salmon ballot)
  - b. Deputies and Alternates to the Diocesan Convention (pink ballot)
- V. Reports (appended)
- a. Rector
  - b. Senior Warden
  - c. Junior Warden
  - d. Parish Ministries
  - e. Treasurer
- VI. 2014 Budget
- VII. Vestry Recognition
- VIII. Questions and Feedback
- IX. Adjournment

*Vestry members and officers are asked to remain for a few moments after the Annual Meeting for a brief initial meeting to elect a secretary and treasurer.*

Christ Episcopal Church La Crosse  
Annual Parish Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2013

Father Augustine called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Prayers for the Parish.
2. Lora Stefanski was nominated as Clerk. The nominations were closed. Moved by Charles Isely III, seconded by Lee Donahue; passed.
3. Approval of the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting of Sunday, January 29, 2012 was moved by Charles Isely III, seconded by Lee Donahue; passed..
  - i. Handed out a special report from Diana Gorgos on the Garissa, Kenya mission.
4. Elections:
  - a. Vestry Members: John Elliott and Frank Lockhart were nominated. Motion to close nominations; moved by Charles Isely III; seconded Merrie Jo Chamberlain; passed.
  - b. 2013 Deputies and Alternates to the Diocesan Convention.
    1. A motion to accept the list of Deputies, moved by Charles Isely III, seconded by Laurie Kartman; passed:
      - i. Deputies: Lee Donahue, Frank Lockhart, Carla Marcou, Lora Stefanski and Merrie Jo Chamberlain.
    2. A motion to accept the list of and Alternates (no specific order), moved by Charles Isely III, seconded by Laurie Kartman; passed:
      - ii. Alternates: Lily Augustine, John Elliott, Roger Grant, John Pederson and Stephanie Powers.
5. Reports:
  - a. Rector: Father Patrick Augustine read the Rector's report at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. A motion to accept the report was made by Charles Isely III, seconded by Jean Hindson; passed.
  - b. Senior Warden: Carla Marcou presented the Senior Warden's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Charles Isely III, seconded by Jean Hindson; passed.
  - c. Junior Warden: Mike Conway presented the Junior Warden's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Charles Isely III, seconded by Jean Hindson; passed.
  - d. Parish Ministries: A motion to accept the report was made by Charles Isely III, seconded by Jean Hindson; passed.
  - e. Treasurer: Bob Weathers presented the 2012 Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Charles Isely III, seconded by Jean Hindson; passed.

6. 2013 Budget: Bob Weathers presented the 2012 Budget report. A motion to accept the report was made by Merrie Jo Chamberlain, seconded by Lee Donahue; passed.
7. Vestry Recognition: Father Patrick Augustine thanked all of the Vestry members for their time and service to our parish.
8. Questions and Feedback:
  - Father Patrick Augustine thanked Bob Weathers for his labor and work. He also noted that there are so many people who are suffering and giving is important.
  - Father Patrick thanked the Hood family for their donation to the building fund and maintenance, to Dr. Roger Grant for his exceptional work in telling our story with pictures, and thanked him for the framing and displaying of the pictures in the entrance to the Undercroft, especially the photos of the parishioners who are unable to come to church. Roger crated a poster honoring those seniors. Father Patrick thanked Jake Delwiche, not only for managing the Thursday Bible Study, but for the mounting and hanging of the maps in the Undercroft. He thanked Rev. Peter Augustine for working with the Pastoral Care, and Rev. Mary Limbach for being the priest of the parish while he is on his Sabbatical.
  - Father Patrick reminded the congregation of the March 16<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Ordination of the Rev. W. Jay Lambert at Christ Church Cathedral.
  - Father Patrick had received a request from a parishioner to have the Annual Parish Meeting reports handed out approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. Father Patrick explained the difficulty with pulling together year-end reports in, getting them organized and formatted for the packet. It's a challenge each year, but they will continue to strive to get it out as early as possible each year.
  - Dr. Stephen Copps shared that the Community Theatre's recent performance reminded him of many years ago when Christ Episcopal La Crosse hosted a variety show; which was the birth of the Community Theatre. We enjoyed an excerpt Dr. Copps shared from his part in the variety show.
  - Lee Donahue announced that there are four new confirmands and first communion class will begin at the end of March and end May 12<sup>th</sup>. She also thanked those who welcome, nurture and support the children who are members and guests.
9. The 2013 Annual Parish meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Stefanski, Clerk

# Christ Episcopal Church Annual Meeting

## January 26, 2014

### Rector's Annual Report 2013

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ at Colossae: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.*  
(Colossian 1: 1-2)

These are the first two verses from the letter of Colossians chapter 1. It is a joyful salutation to celebrate the life of a faithful community who honored Jesus through their lives and witness. This morning as people of God we gather here in this holy sanctuary where members of the body of Christ have celebrated their faith for the last 164 years. January 26, 2003 was my first Sunday at Christ Church in La Crosse. It has now been eleven years by the grace of God I have stood before you as Rector to lead the liturgy and serve God's people—and what good news it is! Today's Christ Church pulses with spiritual energy deepened by the practices of prayer, hospitality and our commitment to justice and outreach. The Gospel is being joyfully proclaimed as I am convinced of the truth of the Christian faith and of the need to proclaim it as well as we can. (George Carey). The sacraments are being faithfully administered, the Christian education to children and adults is being taught, the infirm are being visited, and hospitality is practiced to welcome all God's children. At Christ Church we try to follow the "apostolic core" practice of living out our faith mentioned in the Book of Acts: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42) Hospitality was an essential part of the early church, a practice that awed even the Roman Empire's opponents of Jesus' first followers.

Our choir under the leadership of Mary Larson does a superb job. These are the voices anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit to bless His holy name. Our hearts burn with joy within us as beautiful music and praise is offered during our worship services. I have no doubt to say that the Spirit of the living God warmly overflows in our gatherings.

The work of outreach within our own community and in the wider Anglican community is carried out through your Rector and members of our congregation. Our youth have been active financially supporting two children from the Diocese of Garissa. The teens have raised money to provide these students with educational scholarships and supportive letters sharing their common faith in Christ. We see Christ Church as an instrument of God's missional community with a sense of responsibility for its own place as well as distant places. In Scripture we see strong biblical evidence of God's interest in human society at every level--political, economic, and with healing of persons and nations. The gospel that should be shared on our lips will be more abundant and more effective if it flows from a life that is resonating with gospel blessings in all the ordinariness of everyday Christian living in the midst of our community and the world. I thank you for your support of the needy in our own community and in the wider Anglican Communion. Bob Weathers has a list (in this report) of all charities whose mission and ministry you have supported. I am happy and proud to report that the State of this church is vibrant and healthy.



*Bishop David Matisya of Garissa, Kenya with the members of Christ Church Youth. July 2013*

**Sabbatical – Holy Pilgrimage – Journey of Peace:** Last year the Vestry approved my sabbatical to go away from my daily routine to renew and to rest. I was ordained a deacon on April 25, 1976. Since then I had never had an opportunity to take time off from my parish ministry. I want to thank you and the Vestry for allowing me to take sabbatical leave. During my absence Rev. Mary Limbach and Rev. Peter Augustine provided support to lead liturgical services and oversee the pastoral care. Margie Neader and Bill Power, along with the rest of the pastoral care team, provided an excellent example of lay led ministry to take care of the shut-ins and the senior members of our parish. Carla Marcou, our Senior Warden, led the parish in an exemplary way as she kept the parish well informed about my study and travels.



Canon Augustine's Cross of St. Augustine Award in this Cathedral -- a place of welcome, beauty and holiness. It was the right way to start my holy pilgrimage and an awesome experience to worship there. The next day Myra and I met over lunch for three hours with the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt. Rev. and The Rt. Hon. Lord Rowan Williams in London. We were blessed to be in the company of a deeply spiritual man of

My sabbatical:

<http://christchurchlacrosse.org/trip.htm>

The theme was "The Holy Pilgrimage". It started on February 10 at the Canterbury Cathedral in UK where I was honored with the *Cross of St. Augustine Award*. While I was standing next to the chair of St. Augustine (597 A.D) the Very Reverend Robert Willis, Dean of the Canterbury, read the citation of the Archbishop of Canterbury about me. The Canterbury Cathedral is a holy place of pilgrimage—the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the leader of the Anglican Communion throughout the world. Worship has been carried on daily for fourteen hundred years

God to share our lives and pray together. We remained in England for two weeks to visit friends and pray at many Cathedrals. [Click to see St. Augustine Cross award citation](#)

From England we flew to Rome where Cardinal Burke in the Vatican assisted in making our pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine chapel and Vatican Museum a most memorable experience. We were presented with an Icon and two rosaries that had been blessed by Pope Benedict xvi. On Sunday, February 24 Cardinal Burke invited us to the balcony of Cardinal's apartments. That day some 100,000 people packed St. Peter's Square to hear the pope's last blessing. It was an historic time to be in the Vatican. From Rome we took a train to Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. It is a place where you truly feel where St. Francis has left traces of holiness. We continued our pilgrimage to Pakistan, India, Turkey and Israel. During these three months I visited Christian churches, prayed with people of many nations and had the privilege of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Urdu, Punjabi and English. I was invited by the Bishop of Jerusalem to preach on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem. It was truly a Pentecostal experience as the Cathedral was filled with people of many nationalities. This was also the Holy Week of Orthodox Churches. We experienced worshipping on Holy Thursday and Good Friday with pilgrims present inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher from all over the world. It was a powerful experience to sense the holy presence of God with the fellowship of the holy Catholic worldwide church and walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. Myra and I bring back the blessings of this holy pilgrimage to share with our brothers and sisters in Christ here at Christ Church in La Crosse.

**Our new Bishop of Eau Claire:** During my sabbatical the Rt. Rev. Jay Lambert was ordained and installed as the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Eau Claire. The Diocese of Eau Claire searched for four years to find the proper leader for us. We give thanks to God for the election of Bishop Lambert who comes to us with a vision to challenge us to move from our comfort zone and learn to "Gossip the Gospel." He writes "bishop's writings" a thoughtful message every week to teach and encourage us in our faith journey. He is part-time but has been available to Parishes more than previous full time bishops. I give thanks to God for his Episcopal leadership and offer him our prayers and support.

**Stewardship 2013:** Christ Church has been blessed by the generosity our parishioners. For ten years our giving increased on average 7.8 per cent per year. Last year Bob Weathers, parish treasurer, in the middle of the year informed the vestry that we shall have a deficit of \$30,000 by the end of the year. In the middle of January 2014 he informed the Vestry that the good people of Christ Church have reduced the deficit to less than \$6,486.97. It is good news for us all. Mr. Weathers has not closed the books for 2013. We can still contribute to completely eliminate this deficit.

Last year in October we formed a group of following parishioners to study stewardship: Lee Donahue (Chair), Edd Storey, Robert Lynn, Bill Power, John Elliott, Bishop Jay Lambert, Bob Weathers and Patrick Augustine.

We studied together a book called *Bounty* that describes stewardship as being "Grounded in Gratitude, Revealed in Prayer and lived in Faith." The members of the stewardship committee shared their lay witness during the worship services. It also included members of our youth group. I am grateful to the members of the Stewardship committee for their leadership. One hundred and eighty-six pledge cards were mailed to the members of our parish. 101 pledge cards have been returned for a total of \$241.989. Our average pledge for 2014 is \$2,396.00 and the

median pledge is \$1,500.00. We need \$5,600 to cover our expenses each week. I appeal to those who have not yet pledged please join us in supporting our parish's ministry.

**Altar Guild Crosses:** Last year in July our long time member Phyllis Hayden entered into the blessed rest of everlasting peace. Phyllis was elected in 1982- 1985 to serve as the President of the National Altar Guild Society. In her own parish she served for many years on the Altar Guild. I called her "Mama of the Altar Guild." She always wore the Altar Guild cross given to her by the Rt. Rev. John Allin, the twenty-third Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Dr. John Hayden wanted every member of the Altar Guild to receive the same Altar Guild Cross. He ordered 24 crosses from James Avery Jewelry Shop. On December 15 during the 10:30 a.m. service each member of the Altar Guild received a silver cross in memory of Phyllis Hayden.



*Altar Guild Members Christ Church*

**Lenten Study for 2014:** Former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey says, "But I am saying that we have to find ways of communicating the Christian truth in fresh, intelligent ways that help to make the gospel 'tingle' for people. It is called 'good news'. Our problem is that it is not perceived as news at all. It is viewed as an old story about religious values, not as the breaking in of God's kingdom."<sup>1</sup>

Our theme for Lenten study will be: "Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, So What!" The question of Jesus' resurrection lies at the heart of Christian faith. We shall study together why did Christianity arise, and why did it take the shape it did? Why Christian faith matters for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We shall explore together questions that always have challenged us. For example: Rediscovering Jesus – Who, really, Jesus was and is. What does Jesus do for you? The Rector and Bishop James Adams will lead the study on Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season. Each year we have a small group of people who faithfully attend the Lenten program. This year I appeal to all of you to please make room on your calendars to participate in this very meaningful Lenten program.

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<sup>1</sup> George Carey, *I Believe*, chapter 22. P.187 Morehouse Publishing 1991.

**Award of Doctor of Divinity:** Last year in May on my return to parish I was blessed with a joyful surprise. Nashotah House Seminary on May 16 conferred upon me the Doctor of Divinity Degree. Nashotah House is the oldest college of Wisconsin and has trained many of the Rectors who have served Christ Church in La Crosse. I am grateful to those of you who attended the Convocation Ceremony at Nashotah House to support and celebrate a happy day in my life.



*Patrick P. Augustine receiving Doctorate of Divinity Nashotah House Seminary*

  
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Over the course of four decades, the Very Reverend Canon Doctor Patrick Parvez Augustine has served the Anglican Communion as a priest, as a mission leader, as an advocate for the persecuted church in Sudan and Pakistan, and as an interfaith reconciler in some of the world's most difficult and dangerous places.

Through his work and ministry, Patrick Augustine has labored to bring the Christian faith and hope to those who are persecuted and in harm's way. He has brought joy and comfort to all those whom he counters in his daily and global messages.

Those who know Father Augustine will testify to his energy and zeal for ministry, describing him as a shining example of what it means to pattern one's life and ministry according to the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
- to teach, baptize, and nurture new believers;
- to respond to human need by loving service;
- to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation, and;
- to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Patrick Augustine's journey of faith began in Pakistan as a third generation Anglican cleric in a primarily Muslim society. Having studied political science and English literature at Punjab University, he took a Diploma in Theology at Lahore Divinity School. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Bishop of Lahore in 1979. For two years, he served as General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement of Pakistan and subsequently became an Army Chaplain.

His interest in ecumenism took its roots during the 1970's when he attended the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi, to be followed within twelve months by the World Student Christian Federation General Assembly in Sri Lanka. Shortly afterwards, he participated at an international retreat in Taizé and later attended ecumenical seminars in Geneva. His participation in these varied gatherings underlined his commitment to the search for unity amongst Christians and, importantly, gave rise to a lifelong commitment to defend the free exercise of faith in countries where believers are marginalized and persecuted.

Father Augustine's move to the United States in 1983 opened new opportunities for priestly service at parochial, diocesan, and provincial levels within a new and diverse cultural environment. He continued to travel extensively, promoting evangelism and world mission. He has fostered interfaith dialogue and ecumenical initiatives wherever opportunity was found. Described by fellow Christians in Sudan as an "Ambassador of Peace" and a "Voice for the Voiceless", he has brought hope and reconciliation to communities far and wide which have endured decades of conflict, violence, poverty, and persecution. His care, compassion, and concern are rooted firmly in his own faith and belief in Jesus Christ. He reminds us powerfully of our common humanity through his example of loving engagement.

In 2012, the Archbishop of Canterbury recognized the dedication and example of Canon Augustine by awarding him the Cross of Saint Augustine, he being one of three in the Anglican Communion to be so honored in that year. In recognition of his powerful witness to the love of Christ, shared at all times and in all places by Father Augustine with those who know Jesus as Lord and Savior as well as with those who as yet do not, the Board of Trustees of Nashotah House is honored to confer upon Patrick Parvez Augustine the degree Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*.

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And finally, I want to thank the Wardens, Carla Marcou and Mike Conway, Treasurer, Bob Weathers, and members of the Vestry for their leadership to this parish and for their support for me. Senior Warden, Carla Marcou, has now served for three years and will step down. John Pederson has agreed to serve as Senior Warden. Robert Olson retires after serving his full term. So we will need to elect two people to the Vestry. Thank you for your leadership and service.

The parish staff: Organist and Choir Director, Mary Larson; Rector's Secretary, Kris Geiwitz. The assisting clergy staff: the Rev. Mother Mary Limbach, the Rev. Canon Tom Winkler, the Rev. Peter Augustine and the Rt. Rev. James Adams and all those who offer their particular skills to serve on the Altar Guild, Choir, pastoral care givers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Sunday School teachers, volunteers in the office, cooks, dishwashers, ground keepers, gardeners, and those who plan parties for us to have fun – thank you. There are so many of you to whom I would like to say thanks by name, but I fear to miss names. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude — I thank you very much. We believe that what you give in ministry will come back spiritually tenfold in joy of mind and spirit.

My sisters and brothers, this is the labor that is prompted by love. I am ever so grateful to God for each of you every day. It is a privilege for me to serve you as your Rector.

Baptism: Lucille Janet Klosseng, Isabella Elizabeth Williams, Toby Daniel Miller, Claire Langston, Alton Parker McKnight, Declan Peter Konradt.

Marriages: Clay Kalember and Katie Erickson, Jonathan James Williams and Diane Lee Campbell, Jared Paul Mickschl and Rachel Ann Long, Edgar Bruce Storey and Wanda Marie Ducharme.

Necrology: Marion Randall, Juanita Joyce Baker, Eleanor Kennedy, and Phyllis B. Hayden.

### Christ Episcopal Church – 2013 Attendance

As of December 31, 2013	Number of Services	Total Attendance	Average Per Service
Sunday HE & Saturday Eve	96	7069	74
Good Friday	2	97	49
Easter	3	342	114
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>7508</b>	<b>237</b>
Christmas Eve and Day	3	372	124
Weekday Eucharists	98	1264	13
Weekday Daily Office	49	348	8
Private Eucharists	80	295	4
Marriages	4	435	109
Burials	4	356	120

<b>Total Services</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>10577</b>
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**Senior Warden's Annual Report**

Carla Marcou

I have to admit, it has been a very busy year for us. Father Patrick took a well deserved sabbatical; Myra is miraculously recovering, we installed a new Bishop, seen Father honored with two awards, implemented a new stewardship program and we've grown and strengthened our church through incredible team work.

The Rev. Mary Limbach served admirably in Father's absence and the Pastoral Care team never missed a bit in their service. I was honored to head the Vestry and the Ecclesiastical authority during Father's leave. I was also honored to work directly with the Archbishop of Canterbury's office keeping Patrick's award of the St. Augustine medal secret until the presentation by Bishop Ed.

During my tenure we came together as a Diocese to discuss and determine the skills, knowledge, spirituality and leadership we wanted in our National church's first official "part time" bishop. In Father's absence we joined together with the Cathedral and other parishes to host a heartfelt ordination ceremony for Bishop Jay which was lead by our own acolyte team including: Tim, Lee and Christopher Donahue, Boden Nystrom and Sarah and Emily Limbach. What an honor to be asked to lead the procession that day! The rest is now history as we gratefully welcomed Bishop Jay Lambert as the new Bishop of Eau Claire.

The previous year was fraught with challenges and triumphs as Myra suffered a life threatening aneurism. Fr. Patrick was not able to do the normal work he was meant to do so dedicated prayer warriors, and ministry teams pulled together and performed a miracle of a different sort as we grew closer through accomplishing the mission and ministry of Christ Church.

I want to tell you what it's like being a Senior Warden; there were no days that were "easy". Yet it has been my honor and privilege to serve Christ Church and will hold many memories of this time dear to my heart.

**Junior Warden's Annual Report**

Mike Conway

While I was hesitant to do so, I have agreed to continue as Junior Warden on a year to year basis. This may be in conflict church canons but seems to qualify me as someone who is retired, in reasonable health and ladder friendly. Living 15 minutes of the church, I can hop into my geezer mobile and respond quickly to the minor issues which need addressing.

The past year has been relatively free of major problems other than roof leaks. Damage to the nave, as a result, was minimal but continued to bring us to a point where we soon need to be proactive in repairing the nave ceiling and high walls. We have recently had positive visits with our insurance adjustor which may provide funds to allow, at least, a good start to resolving the problem.

Thanks are due to the contractors who have aided me this past year. Klich Electric and Mike Poellinger have responded whenever called and I would hope that whoever succeeds me in the future would continue to use them. They are loyal companions who truly care about our church.

Finally, I regret not one minute I have spent serving the church. I hope some of our younger stalwarts will be willing to accept the position which inevitably, I will leave. The rewards of serving in this role are far more than one can imagine.

### **Acolyte Report**

Tim Donahue

We are proud to report that our acolytes are very well trained and devoted to serving on the altar. Each year they are more experienced and self confident. We are growing in faith. We inducted 1 acolyte into the Order of St. Vincent this year, and will lose one acolyte as Hannah Shaw graduates this summer. Congratulations Hannah and thanks for your devoted service! Hannah has served as an acolyte for a decade- wow that's dedication! Many families serve together on the altar; mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, cousins and friends. This is such an enriching experience; we pray other families will join us. We provide all the training and it's a wonderful way to draw closer as a family, as you also draw closer to God. Contact Acolyte Warden Tim Donahue for more information at 783-7418.

### **Altar Guild**

Joan Henthorne and Cindy Hood

The Altar Guild of Christ Church supports the clergy and the congregation by keeping the Altar area prepared for Sunday and weekday services. This includes caring for the Vestments, the Altar proper, and the Sacristy and Chapel before and after services. The dedicated membership is divided into teams, and each team takes a week of services each month. This may include extra services such as weddings and funerals besides the Sunday and weekday services. Also, some members do special projects such as planning the floral arrangements for the altars, delivering flowers to the sick and/or shut-ins, laundering the Altar linens and the Eucharistic linens, preparing for special services, taking care of candles, repairing vestments and linens, and ordering new supplies as needed. An extra thank you is extended to the women who have spent more than the usual time to repair some of our older vestments and linens. Twice yearly clean-ups are scheduled before Christmas and Easter to give special attention to the polishing of the silver and brass. This task is always accomplished with the help of not only Altar Guild members, but also other parishioners who give graciously of their time to assist with this labor of love. Their generous giving of time makes the work of the Altar Guild lighter. This past year the Altar Guild lost our spiritual leader and mentor Phyllis Hayden. In her memory, on December 15 her husband Dr. John Hayden presented all Altar Guild members with a special necklace/pin in the form of the cross that Phyllis wore as National Altar Guild president. We will deeply miss the loving guidance Phyllis gave to all of us. Cindy and I extend our sincere gratitude to Altar Guild members and involved parishioners for their loyal service. If any parishioner is looking for a quiet and personally meaningful way to serve our Lord, please talk with Father Patrick or any Altar Guild member.

### **Altar Flower Fund**

Jeanie Kilbey

Altar flowers can express many things. First, they are an offering of love and worship to Almighty God. Second, they afford an opportunity to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Third, they are a thoughtful and cheery gift, when taken to sick and shut-in members of the parish. Special thanks to Sandy Kapellas, Laura Chariton, Mary Veldey, Helen Cacciapaglio, Sarah Augustine, and Zarah Augustine and those who volunteered to take plants and flowers to these members during the year.

During the past year, flowers were placed at the High Altar every Sunday except during Advent and Lent. Greens and heather were used during Advent, the season of preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. During Lent, a period of self-denial and penitence, the Altars remained bare. On many Sundays there were also flowers at St. Paul's Altar.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make our church beautiful by contributing financially to the Flower Fund, and/or by contributing lovingly in many other ways. Grateful acknowledgement is given for the kind bequests from the Eastons, Gunds, Olbergs, and the Hood families which have helped support the Flower Fund for many years.

### **Christian Education**

#### **Adult Christian Education**

Brian Gray

Our Adult Christian Education class met at 9:15 (between the worship services) during 2013 (except for August). The class completed its eighth year of taking a closer look at each Sunday's lectionary readings. Our goal is to help participants delve deeper (beyond the brief introduction during the worship service) into the history, meaning and understanding of the readings. The teaching team this year included Brian Gray and Fr. Patrick Augustine. We are grateful for all who attended in 2013 (we are always looking for new members!). If you have questions or feedback, please see Brian Gray or Father Patrick.

#### **Children's Ministry**

Linda Weaver, Co-Coordinator with each team member and parent

**Sunday School:** The Lord continues to bless the children as they learn more and more about Him through our curriculum but even more importantly through the teachers, parents and parishioners who give their time, money and energy to reach the children with the saving grace, mercy and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We currently have 7 children in the Lambs room (ages 3-5), and 7 children in the Shepherds room (ages 6-11). Dave McNamara, Robert Lynn, Gabe Weaver, Julia Denny have been wonderful additions to our music time team.

**Stations of the Cross:** It has become a tradition for the children to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday between the services. This past year we had many adults join us and it made the service absolutely beautiful and meaningful.

**Advent Program:** The Youth did a wonderful job of including the young children in their Advent Program. It was a beautiful performance. Thanks to all the youth and their leaders for a great production.

**Christmas Eve Children's Service:** This was a beautiful service focusing on contributions by the children and text centered on the Christmas story as told in the style of the Godly Play curriculum. This was a record year with more than 150 in attendance! What a blessing to share this special service with parishioners, families, neighbors, friends and visitors.

The Children's Ministry would not be successful in reaching the children with the good news of Jesus if it weren't for each and every team member and parent. I cannot thank them enough for all they do to support, encourage and assist me in running this program.

The Children's Ministry appreciates your support, encouragement and prayers. We have a wonderful team of co-leaders, teachers, and parents. The children are opening the Bible and learning about the saving grace of our Lord and Savior. God's provision of support for your Children's Ministry program is a true sign of the love our church family has for one another. Thank you and please keep us in your prayers.

### **Teen Sunday Class**

Lee Donahue

This is our sixth year of having a teen Sunday morning class. Our numbers are shifting as the children grow up; we now have 6-9 teens attending on a regular basis. We are grateful for Kristi and Lon Nystrom pairing up with Lee and Tim to coordinate the Advent research project and subsequent Advent Program. Alana Seddon coached and directed our teen musicians making this one of the best attended original productions in recent church history. We are grateful for their dedication to our teens! We started an additional Confirmation class during Sunday school time to accommodate teens with busy weekday schedules. We are using the Confirm not Conform curriculum which is very interactive, thought provoking and fun. Both confirmation classes will be confirmed on Mother's Day Sunday in May.

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

John Elliott

The Eucharistic Ministers at Christ Church are an integral part of the liturgy. Their special calling and faithful service enhances the beauty of our worship service. Thank you to our sixteen active Eucharistic Ministers that continue to give of themselves week in and week out in service to Christ and his people. I would especially like to thank those that make themselves available at the last minute to fill in. There will be training available in the near future for those that feel that they need a refresher as well as for anyone that feels called to join in this rewarding ministry.

### **Eucharistic Visitors**

Margie Neader

Our LEV Ministry at Christ Church is rewarding to our team members, and most welcome to our shut-ins, nursing home residents and hospitalized Christ Church Family members.

Our regular team members include, Tim and Lee Donahue; Margie Neader, Lora Stefanski, Sally Lynse, Bill Power, Chris Frye, and on occasion Frank Lockhart, Susan Miller, and Vivian Andresen.

In addition to visits by Fr. Patrick, Fr. Peter and Rev. Mother Limbach, those members of our church family, who are not able to attend church, temporarily or permanently, because of illness or disability, look forward to receiving The Holy Sacrament at least monthly, and a visit from one of our LEV teams.

Many, with whom we share the Body and Blood of Christ, were themselves, long time, faithful and loyal members of Christ Church, involved in various ministries, and they are assured by an LEV visit, that they are not "forgotten" Christ Church members.

If you are interested in this ministry, you are always welcome to accompany a team on a visit. Contact any member for more information. .

### **Family Fun Fridays**

Lee Donahue

2013 was a fun year for FFF. We had several themed events with solid attendance. Kristi Nystrom stepped down as the FFF coordinator and so events were scheduled intermittently by those willing to host a Friday PM. The Donahue's, Sally Lysne, Stacy Hammes and Julie Markos and others have all coordinated and hosted events. Stacy and Julie have teamed up to host events in Jan. and Feb. in 2014. We welcome others to step forward with a date and an idea to continue this fun family inter-generational tradition.

### **Healing Hands**

Marsha Blank

“We believe in the power of prayer... We believe in the faithful teaching of scripture... We believe that when two or more are gathered He is with us.” We meet in faith the first Monday of every month following evening prayer believing Jesus is our healer. As we gather, Father Patrick offers a reading from Sacred Scripture giving us proof of God’s word regarding His gift of healing to His faithful. Then we are encouraged to meditate on His word and for a brief time we discuss what we have learned. We maintain a deep reverence to our Lord as we listen and learn and it's at that time we come to the altar kneeling, opening our hearts to our Savior. In silence or as we desire to speak we petition Jesus and the Holy of Holies to come to us. We ask in faith and from our hearts for the healing hands of Jesus to touch us, our families, our community and all those who have entrusted their prayers to us. Those sharing this time place "their healing hands" on each other as we ask God to hear our prayers. Everyone has their turn, and when we all have come to Our Lord we conclude with His prayer...

*Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever And in faith and believing we all say. Amen.*

### **Mobile Meals**

John and Cathy Pederson

Mobile Meals is a local not-for-profit organization, about 30 years old, whose purpose is to supply healthy, inexpensive meals to people unable to shop and/or prepare food. The organization works through local churches, local service organizations, and individuals to deliver those meals, whether a hot noon meal or a cold supper. No funds are received through any government organization and it depends entirely on the United Way and on individuals for support. Recipients of meals are charged only for what the ingredients in the meal cost. Christ Church is one of the organizations involved in the delivery of meals and volunteers from our church deliver meals on a rotational basis one week out of every four. We share our route with three other churches.

Our participation depends upon volunteers from Christ Church and a few non-parishioners. By our rough estimate we deliver in excess of 1,000 meals during the year. Our thanks go to our volunteers, who are: Fr. Patrick Augustine, Vivian Andresen, Mike Conway, Kathleen Doescher, Theresa Gaines, Ed and Nancy Gansen, Jim Glasser, Betsy Goodnough, Sandy Kapellas, Susan Miller, Cathy Murak, John and Cathy Pederson, Mary Veldey, George and Cindy Waltershausen, Bob and Sibbie Weathers, and Ed Wood.

Winter leaves us short, so if you are willing to help only in the winter, please let Cathy or John know. People who could help year round are, of course, always needed. The time commitment is about one hour during the week Christ Church is responsible for.

### **Music Program**

Mary Larson, Organist/Choirmaster

*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia.*  
*Hymn #420 Hymnal 1982*

The choir of Christ Church leads worship at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy on Sunday mornings as well as at the evening second liturgy on Christmas Eve and the evening services on Ash

Wednesday and Holy Week. Our numbers vary from 9-17 on any given Sunday. Choir members are extremely faithful and always let me know when they are traveling, taking care of elderly parents, visiting grandchildren, or heading South during the winter months.

This past fall we added a new setting of sung liturgy - a setting by Robert Powell - to our repertoire. We already know 4 other mass settings - David Hurd's setting sung during Advent and Lent, John Rutter's setting sung from Easter through the summer, the new Robert Powell setting for fall, and the Franz Schubert setting for Christmas and Epiphany.

Our Sunday School children, led by Linda Weaver, sang at the 10:30 a.m. mass on February 24th and October 27th.

Our Instrumental Ensemble accompanied hymns for several Sundays during 2013. The ensemble includes brass, woodwinds, and occasionally strings. I choose the hymns, Karen Cowan organizes the musicians and the parts for each instrument, and we rehearse for 1/2 hour prior mass.

The prelude on Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. mass featured Suzanne Gorman Julia Ferris, violins. And, Abigail Hindson, Alana Seddon, Jean, Hindson, and Harry Hindson performed in a recorder ensemble for both services. Tom and Peter Seddon added trumpet parts to our Christmas Eve hymns at the 10:30 p.m. mass.

The Cowan family (Karen, Jon, Hope, and Joe) and Robert Lynn provided music for the Sunday after Christmas.

On Oct. 13 Central Robed Choir performed on its tour of three churches - one of our members, Peter Seddon, is a part of this wonderful high school choir.

Lynn Feuerhelm, my assistant organist/choirmaster, covers for me when I am on vacation. I'm most grateful for his willingness to share his many talents with us. Charlotte Grant continues to donate her talents to play piano and sing at our 8:00 a.m. liturgy. And, Chris Frye donates his services to keep our piano in good tune.

The afternoon of Sunday, July 14th, we premiered "Music for a Sunday Afternoon" which featured musicians of Christ Church performing music for the pure enjoyment of performers and audience. Music genres such as ragtime, blues, folk, classical, and original compositions based on psalms by Jon Cowan, were featured. Watch for our next musicale on the 2nd Sunday of July.

As you see by this report, the musicians of Christ Church graciously share their talents for the glory of God and in our performance all members are blessed.

### **Nursery Ministry**

Lily Augustine

It has been a pleasure to serve in the nursery for the past year. Susan Miller, Margie Neader, and Sherry Barrett have been a great help. They were always willing to volunteer to help, and come up with suggestions and ideas. Zarah Augustine and Janet Lowe have been working hard to make sure every child's needs are being met. We would love to have feedback from the parents if they have any ideas and suggestions for the betterment of the nursery. May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

### **Office Volunteers**

Kris Geiwitz

Thank you to all the members of this parish that volunteer a few hours every month to help me in the office. Office volunteers answer the phone, greet people coming into the office, call the hospitals, and a variety of other tasks. They make my work easier because I have more time to spend on the business of the church. I wish to recognize Nancy Gansen, Grace

Hammond, Cathy Pederson, Stephanie Power, Bob and Nancy Schmid for their faithful service. I would also like to thank my Belfry mailing crew who faithfully gather monthly to mail out the newsletter. Special thanks to Ed and Nancy Gansen, John and Cathy Pederson, Stephanie Power, Lois Baker, and Marian Thomson. I want to thank Stephanie Power for filling in for me when I am sick or on vacation. And special thanks to Lee Donahue, who faithfully edits the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter.

### **Prayer Link**

George Waltershausen

Prayer Link continues to connect about 45 families via email to expressions of prayer from various corners of the congregation. The invitation to Prayer Link is normally sent out on Mondays. Responses to the invitation or the occasional request via the internet link are compiled and emailed to the group on Wednesday evening.

Following the repair of some localized difficulties in sending out Prayer Link for several days during the past year a sub title line was added to Prayer Link. This was "Ora Simul" meaning in Latin, pray together which is what Prayer Link is about. We who are in Prayer Link are praying together at the request or urging of others in our church family. Ora Simul is a simple Latin phrase which encapsulates what the group is about.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Jake Delwiche

Every Thursday a group of members and friends meets to read and discuss scripture. In 2013 the program included readings and discussion on the Gospel of Luke, and the group is shortly beginning a new study program featuring Handel's "Messiah". The emphasis is on discussion, based on the scripture content, with a goal to increase our understanding of how it relates to our daily lives. Sessions are led by Shari Godbold and Father Patrick. We meet in the Undercroft at 11 a.m. after Thursday Eucharist Service, and continue until 12 noon, when we begin serving the Thursday Community Lunch. Both church members and guests are welcome to attend.

### **Thursday Community Lunch**

Jake Delwiche

Since 2005, we have had a Community Lunch program, with meals served each Thursday at noon at the Church. We meet in our Undercroft Fellowship Hall. We met 44 times in 2012. To date we have served meals on 354 occasions.

Meals are prepared by volunteers and usually include a hot dish (soups, chili, and casseroles), sandwiches, a salad and often a dessert. There's always a plate of Wisconsin cheese. Coffee, milk and juice are available. No payment is required for the meal, though some participants donate cash or food products. Volunteers faithfully help with the cleanup afterward.

The meal begins with a thanksgiving prayer and there are always many lively discussions going on simultaneously throughout the meal. Other than meeting friends and new visitors and enjoying a meal together, there is no agenda. The program was created with the idea that community meals build parish fellowship. They are a way for us to reach out and build relationships both within our membership and with the larger community.

A newsletter – "Lunchtime Gazette" – is produced for each Thursday meal and distributed to diners. We currently are on issue #347. Food is available promptly at noon and participants take this friendly meeting as a time to maintain friendships and meet new acquaintances. We encourage you to visit us some Thursday noon soon. For additional information, contact Jake Delwiche or Father Patrick.

### **Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Group**

Bill Power

Men of the parish meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Kermit Newcomer is the leader of the group. A service of Morning Prayer begins at 07:30 in the Beatitudes Chapel lasting about twenty minutes. After the service, the group adjourns to Fayze's Restaurant on 4<sup>th</sup> Street for a fellowship breakfast. While many of the men are retired Christ Church parishioners, it is an ecumenical group that is looking for new members of all ages. We often welcome community leaders to speak on topics of common interest. The past year brought topics as diverse as computer history to the Marine Museum of Art in Winona, Minnesota. You never know what topics will be discussed. So please come and join this friendly group for prayer and fellowship.

### **Women at the Well**

Shari Godbold, Cindy Waltershausen, and Joyce Sanders

This women's group meets twice a month to pray and read scripture together through a method called *Lectio Divina*. The practice of *Lectio Divina* combines group readings of a chosen scripture followed by individual meditation and then meeting back again together for sharing God's message and prayers. The experience promotes discovery of the underlying spiritual rhythm of our daily lives. The purposes are to find a way to offer more of ourselves and our relationships to God; to accept the embrace that He is continuously extending to us in the person of His son, Jesus Christ; and to reach out to others with the love of Christ that we experience within the group.

The name of the group relates to John 4:14 when Jesus told the woman, "*Whoever drinks the water I will give will never thirst.*" The essence of the group is reflected in Luke 2:19, "*Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart,*" to contemplate the divine word with a listening heart in order to hear God speak to us.

The group has 12 members, women who encourage one another to grow in friendship as sisters in Christ. The meetings are the first and third Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. All women who wish to join are welcome. For further information, contact Shari Godbold, Joyce Sanders, or Cindy Waltershausen.

### **Youth Ministry**

Tim and Lee Donahue

Our Youth Group has dedicated most of this past year to developing and maintaining a pen pal relationship with the two Kenyan students we sponsor. Our teens have exchanged letters, photos and books to support Michael and Agness in a personal way. We have raised money via May Basket sales, ornament sales, and a free-will offering following our Advent program. We pray for these students and encourage them in their studies and walk in faith. Our confirmands will also select a mission/ministry project to complete prior to their confirmation in May.

## Christ Episcopal Church Treasurer's Report For The Year Ended December 31, 2013

Thanks to your individual and collective generosity, 2013 was another very positive year financially. Ministry Program Income was \$319,370 and Expenses were \$325,857 resulting in a deficit of \$6,487 (2.0% of Income). Because it's impossible to predict income and expenses with absolute certainty, any time year-end surpluses/deficits are within +/- 3 or 4 percent of income, the parish budget is balanced. Once again, the parish achieved this benchmark.

On the income side, you'll note pledge income was roughly on budget while plate offerings were about \$22,000 under budget. The accompanying Pledge Statistics shed more light on these results. In 2012, many overpaid their pledges, some by substantial amounts. The budget incorrectly assumed this pattern would continue from 2012 into 2013. When it did not, the strong stock market made up about \$9,000 of this shortfall.

A \$34,000 gift from The Helen Trane Hood Charitable Trust was of enormous help in managing parish finances. These funds paid for the Vinter Hall Sunday School Classroom asbestos abatement project (\$10,500), lighting improvements in Vinter Hall classrooms and offices (\$5,000), repair of ice damage to the Vinter Hall roof and sills (\$2,600), replacing the carpet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Vinter Hall Meeting Room (\$1,800), and improving handicap access to the Undercroft Women's Bathroom (800). \$7,500 was set aside to replace the lighting in the highest part of the Nave. The remainder was designated for roof, insulation, and plaster repair. This gift allowed these needed projects to be completed without drawing money away from the Ministry Budget and negatively impacting programs.

Note our Property Fund grew by \$56,500 in 2013 as parishioners contributed generously in anticipation of projects soon to be addressed in the main church building. About half this amount came from a single gift.

Prepaid Pledges increased by \$53,000 last year as more parishioners than usual used this technique to pay their pledge. Having pledges paid in advance is of immeasurable help in managing cash flow.

Thanks to the strong stock market, Market Value of our Endowment Fund increased by \$230,000. While there's always a temptation to expand programs when this happens, our investment style is to hold these gains in reserve so we can weather the inevitable future market downturn(s) such as the one that happened in 2008. Over the long run (since 1986), our portfolio manager (Trust Point) has achieved a return of about 8%. We take roughly half this amount in Endowment Income to support the Parish's Ministry and the rest is reinvested as a hedge against inflation. Trust Point and the vestry's conservative investment strategy has served us well for the last three decades.

Although the vestry is yet to finalize the 2014 Budget, a preliminary review shows there will be about \$16,500 the vestry can invest in new programs. The reduction in Diocesan Apportionment was responsible for freeing up most of this money.

I've hardly scratched the surface of what we've accomplished financially this year. Your generosity is what has made it possible. I'm confident 2014 will be a rewarding one as we continue to do God's work here in La Crosse.

Peace.



Bob Weathers  
Parish Treasurer  
January 2014

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Operating Statement & Balance Sheet**  
 January through December 2013

	<u>2014</u> ? Estimate ?	<u>2013</u> Actual	<u>2013</u> Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Pledge	228,300	218,390	217,500
Plate	52,100	51,236	73,000
Endowment Income	65,000	57,636	48,600
LESS TPI Mgmt Fee	-12,000	-10,069	-7,800
Use Of Building	2,000	2,090	1,140
Marine CU MM Int	<u>0</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>360</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>335,400</b>	<b>319,370</b>	<b>332,800</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Personnel	162,300	159,365	162,300
Apportionment	31,500	45,400	45,400
Maintenance & Repairs	33,000	33,521	33,000
Utilities	23,800	21,647	23,800
Music	21,000	19,561	21,000
Insurance	18,800	18,926	18,800
Office Expense	11,400	10,151	11,400
Worship Support	14,500	15,305	14,500
Christian Education	<u>2,600</u>	<u>1,981</u>	<u>2,600</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>318,900</b>	<b>325,857</b>	<b>332,800</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>16,500</u></b>	<b><u>-6,487</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
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	<u>Dec 31, 13</u>	<u>Dec 31, 12</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Checking & Savings	139,817	111,964	27,853
Trust Point At MV	<u>1,901,586</u>	<u>1,582,537</u>	<u>319,049</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>2,041,403</u></b>	<b><u>1,694,501</u></b>	<b><u>346,902</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Endowment Fund	1,563,077	1,333,155	229,922
Property Fund	157,162	100,696	56,466
Funds Held For Others	55,965	53,832	2,133
Outreach Fund	51,598	38,182	13,416
Memorial Fund	45,734	36,924	8,810
Designated Gifts Fund	10,220	8,166	2,054
Clergy Support	13,026	25,859	-12,833
Prepaid Pledges	105,151	51,730	53,421
Operating Fund Carryover	45,957	45,957	0
Net Income	<u>-6,487</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-6,487</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>2,041,403</u></b>	<b><u>1,694,501</u></b>	<b><u>346,902</u></b>

## Christ Episcopal Church 2012 To 2014 Plate & Pledge Statistics

	2014 Budget		2013 Budget vs Actual			2012 Budget vs Actual		
	Nr Of Families	Plate & Pledge	Nr Of Families	Plate & Pledge	Paid	Nr Of Families	Plate & Pledge	Paid
<b>Pledge Income</b>								
Pledges	101	241,989	103	232,151	232,151	105	245,437	245,437
Unpd Pldg Allwnc		(13,689)		(14,651)	(13,762)		(12,237)	(16,129)
<b>Total Pledge Income</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>228,300</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>217,500</b>	<b>218,389</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>233,200</b>	<b>229,308</b>
<b>Plate Offering</b>	56	43,900	57	43,000	42,880	95	25,700	25,964
<b>Overpaid Pledges</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6,575</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>8,356</b>	-	-	<b>30,433</b>
<b>Total Plate &amp; Pledge</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>272,200</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>260,500</b>	<b>269,625</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>258,900</b>	<b>285,705</b>

Pledge Range	2014 Budget		2013 Budget vs Actual			2012 Budget vs Actual		
	Nr Of Families	Pledged	Nr Of Families	Pledged	Paid	Nr Of Families	Pledged	Paid
10,001 to 99,999	2	49,200	2	49,200	49,200	2	44,000	44,000
7,501 to 10,000	2	17,600	1	8,800	8,800	2	16,700	16,700
5,001 to 7,500	4	27,640	4	25,980	25,740	5	32,460	32,410
4,001 to 5,000	6	28,020	4	18,160	18,155	5	22,220	21,801
3,001 to 4,000	3	9,985	6	20,689	20,689	5	17,600	17,570
2,001 to 3,000	21	53,317	22	53,020	44,434	18	45,495	40,115
1,501 to 2,000	12	21,700	12	20,916	20,268	15	26,312	22,136
1,001 to 1,500	13	16,422	15	18,830	15,935	17	21,635	18,860
501 to 1,000	15	11,580	13	10,881	10,233	20	15,057	12,661
1 to 500	23	6,525	24	5,675	4,935	16	3,958	3,055
<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>241,989</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>232,151</b>	<b>218,389</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>245,437</b>	<b>229,308</b>
<b>Average Pledge</b>		<b>2,396</b>		<b>2,254</b>			<b>2,337</b>	
<b>Median Pledge</b>		<b>1,500</b>		<b>1,500</b>			<b>1,500</b>	

## Christ Episcopal Church 2013 Outreach & Trust Point Performance

<b>Christ Episcopal Church 2013 Outreach</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ministry</b>
45,400	Apportionment
9,492	Help Peshawar
9,481	Rector's Discretionary Fund
8,937	Help Garissa
5,651	Help Sudan
1,350	Monroe Co Jail Ministry
705	Help Haiti
600	Causeway
600	Nashotah House
500	Anglican Frontier Mission
457	May Baskets For Garissa
440	Virginia Theological Seminary
300	Salvation Army
250	Crossroads Campus Ministry
225	Crop Walk
200	Mobile Meals
200	St Clare Health Mission
200	Warming Center
100	Presiding Bishop's Fund
75	Episcopal Relief & Development
40	Good Friday Offrg For Holy Land
<b>85,203</b>	<b>Total 2013 Outreach</b>

In 2013, the parish donated \$85,203 to ministries outside our doors.

- \$45,400 was given to the diocese to support its mission. A portion of these funds, in turn, flows from the diocese to the national church to support its domestic and global ministries.
- From time-to-time, parishioners spontaneously give to ministries such as our mission partners (Bishop David) in Garissa Kenya. Or the congregation responds to an appeal to Help Peshawar. These donor designated gifts are consolidated and passed on to the appropriate ministry.
- The vestry also sets aside gifts you make above and beyond your regular Plate & Pledge Offering. Examples are special offerings made during Christmas and Easter. Or your gifts to the Hallelujah Fund. At year end, the vestry distributes this money to organizations such as Mobile Meals, St Clare Health Mission, Causeway, and the Warming Center.

Your generosity continues to make it possible for us to not only sustain a vibrant ministry inside the church, we're also able to literally touch the lives of hundreds if not thousands beyond our doors.

<b>Christ Church La Crosse Endowment Fund Trust Point Inc Equivalent Annual Return</b>		
<b>Before Mgmt Fee</b>	<b>After Mgmt Fee</b>	<b>Period Ending 12/31/2013</b>
8.4%	7.8%	8 Yrs From 12/31/2005
8.5%	8.0%	7 Yrs From 12/31/2006
8.9%	8.3%	6 Yrs From 12/31/2007
13.0%	12.4%	5 Yrs From 12/31/2008
10.8%	10.2%	4 Yrs From 12/31/2009
9.8%	9.2%	3 Yrs From 12/31/2010
15.3%	14.7%	2 Yrs From 12/31/2011
17.5%	16.8%	1 Yr From 12/31/2012

Christ Church has used Trust Point Inc (a 98 year old La Crosse based independent trust company with nearly 2 billion dollars in assets serving clients in 38 states and several foreign countries) to manage its investment portfolio since 1986. As the table to the left shows, Trust Point continues to achieve excellent performance in one of the most challenging of times financially speaking. At 2013 year end, the parish portfolio at Trust Point totaled \$1.56 million.