

2016 Annual Report to the Congregation

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**Christ Lutheran Church
2016 Annual Report
Council President – Beth Andres**

I would like to thank the 2016 Council, the CLC staff and the members of CLC for a productive and spirit-led year.

God takes good care of us, and that was certainly apparent this year.

Financially: We started the year in troubling condition and had financially difficult months in February and April. The staff did all they could to be frugal and thoughtful about expenses. The members of CLC donated time and treasure to make ends meet. We kept our eyes on our mission and trusted God to show us the way. As a result we ended the year with our general offering income \$1400 (0.6%) behind expenses. In addition, we placed \$4000 into an emergency maintenance fund. While I would have liked to end the year with income exceeding expenses, I am glad that we have funds set aside for unanticipated expenses. Property Management is seeking the best way to move our gas meter and for that project we'll need to use more than half of those emergency funds.

Facilities: Property Management has worked hard to keep the building together and the systems functioning. We are all so grateful that the lawn gets mowed, the hot water and heat continue to function, and that the ice and snow issues are addressed. Parts of our building are aging and we are faced with decisions regarding improvements and replacements.

Membership: We said a sad farewell to some members and welcomed new members. Our worship attendance has typical variations, as we continue on the cusp of a program-sized church.

The need for **updated facilities** and the desire to meet **the needs of members and community** have been coalescing. How to address these needs is the task ahead. This led the CLC Council to create building teams coordinated by the Project Management team. The Vision and Communication team spearheaded the gathering of information and collected input from the congregation. At the annual meeting in November 2016 the congregation voted to take the next step in the building/remodeling project. Our site will be surveyed and options for improvements will be considered. This is being funded by our existing designated funds. The direction we take based upon this information will be determined in 2017.

Celebration: The 50-500 Team was formed to coordinate the celebrations of 2017. We look forward to the 50th anniversary of our congregation as well as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. What a blessing to be able to celebrate such milestones in 2017.

I wish I had space to thank every team, committee, or member who has contributed to the strong function of our congregation. Please know that I appreciate you and on behalf of CLC I thank you.

**Christ Lutheran Church
2016 Annual Report
Pastor Jana Schofield**

I am so grateful to be your pastor. The end of 2016 marks 5 ½ years I have served Christ Lutheran. Those years have been full of hard work and much joy. I'm astounded at how fast the time has flown. I look forward to many more years of partnering with you in ministry.

Some highlights of 2016 for me:

- In response to last year's Learning Team recommendations, you graciously supported me with time and finances to enter the Pastoral Leadership Program at Seattle University. We were blessed with a scholarship gift from the Dion family so that the program did not negatively affect our church budget. I have gained (and am still gaining, as I am only half way through the year-long program) both knowledge and guidance for my "learning question": "How do I lead God's people at Christ Lutheran Church, Ferndale to a wider, more welcoming, clearer future and as a leader stay self-differentiated and grounded in the process?"
- Another Learning Team recommendation we implemented was re-engaging the Building Task Force, this time with stronger support and clarity. The four teams created by council (Project Management, Vision and Communication, Finance and Fundraising, and Building Team) have worked tirelessly and successfully to help us envision how a new/remodeled building can better serve our church and community. It will be exciting to see during our 50th anniversary year how this comes to fruition.
- As requested by our bishop after the national legalization of same-sex marriage, we addressed the question of allowing same-sex weddings in our sanctuary. Though we are not all of one mind, what our four months of education, conversation, surveys, and eventual affirmative vote of the council proved to me was that we can respectfully discuss difficult issues in a way that is neither central nor divisive to our faith community. This is a sign of a healthy congregation.
- Two Ferndale police officers and a staff member from the Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence trained our staff in a new Domestic Violence Toolkit for faith communities and we made DV a focus for education and my preaching in March.
- I served my last year as emcee of the Interfaith Coalition Auction; 53 CLC members attended and over \$170,000 was raised to support services for homeless families in Whatcom County.
- We began some exciting new things at CLC: an option for electronic giving, a new Sunday School rotation structure, planning for our 50th anniversary and 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and we appointed a new (and wonderful!) treasurer. We also continued to strengthen our preschool-church relationship, and made youth, education, and outreach a priority.

I am so very grateful to work with such a talented and dedicated staff, a fabulous group of church council and committee leaders, and all of you who "live in Christ and share his love with all people." As we prepare for our 50th year, may we trust that whatever God calls us to, God will equip us for.

**Christ Lutheran Church
2016 Annual Report
Membership and Statistics**

Worship Attendance

	2015	2016	+/-
Sunday Average	136	128	-8
Easter	215	239	+54
Christmas Eve	296	373	+77

Total Membership December 31

	2015	2016	+/-
Baptized	275	277	+2
Voting	221	225	+4

(All voting members are baptized and confirmed.)

Total members received in 2016: 5 baptized, 13 voting members

Received by affirmation of faith: 4 voting members

Minh Nguyen, Patye Nguyen, Susan Johanson, Norma Kremser

Received by transfer: 2 baptized, 7 voting members

Roy Finnie, Janice Finnie, Kaleb Ode, Lauren Ode, Jeanne Warren, Jeremy Hinchey, Kara Hinchey, Madison Hinchey, Brady Hinchey

Received by baptism: 5 baptized (children)

Isabelle Sourial, Brady Sourial, Rebecca Kamps, Kaidan Moore, Isaac Springer

Total members removed in 2014: 15 baptized, 13 voting members

By death: 2 baptized, voting members

Karen Bruce, Kathleen Grove

Other:

13 baptized, 11 voting members

Mark Joseph, Laura Joseph, Morgan Joseph, Leah Joseph, Dale Kloes, Carol Kloes, Ben Zanin, Stephanie Eggink, Joe Raab, Ann Raab, Ted Denny, Jonathan Huggett, Carolyn Huggett

Christ Lutheran Church 2016 Annual Report Evangelism Committee

The 2016 Evangelism Committee included Pr. Jana Schofield, Carolyn Jonson, Ida Blomquist, Mary Ann Essig, Linda Luke, Bob and Marcia Bride, and Stephen Ministry leaders Victoria Baum and Linda Osgood.

Highlights and other activities from the past year:

- We met 10 times during the year.
- The membership roster was reviewed and updated. Care and Concern letters were sent to less active members.
- Members we hadn't seen for a while were invited to Coffee Chats with Evangelism Committee members in January.
- New members were accepted in January, March and October. Pr. Jana conducted two new member classes and the committee provided goodies and coffee. New members were invited to a brunch in spring or were recognized at the Fall Dinner.
- All new members have been added to the every member subscription plan for *Living Lutheran* magazine.
- "Getting to Know You" newsletter articles were written.
- Visitor information was reviewed regularly. Welcome letters were sent out and bread/goodies delivered.
- A new Stephen Ministry training class was held in January with three new Stephen Ministers trained.
- Ads for the Easter service were developed and placed online and in local newspapers.
- A women's retreat was held in May. Eighteen women participated, including some who didn't have a church home.
- Approximately 30 CLC volunteers participated in the Star Park build in May.
- 57 people responded to our Communication Survey. The top 4 communication tools are:
 - Sunday bulletin
 - Newsletter
 - Email
 - Announcements at worship
- Began review of current web site and discussed needed improvements
- Three yoga classes were held that were open to community
- Ensure that the messages get updated on the sign
- The Busy Bags for children to use during services were re-supplied with age appropriate materials

**Christ Lutheran Church
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Fellowship Committee**

Current members: Sandy Hall (chair), Karen Birdsall/Ariel Lennon, Jennifer Petersen, (recording secretaries), Linda Anderson, Victoria Baum, Elizabeth Bishop, Carol Brumet, Elana English, Lillian Huber, Linda Osgood, Karen Nippes, Paula Saunders, Sharie Scofield, Becky Wageman.

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for planning and organizing events throughout the year for fellowship. In addition, this committee also provides reception services for weddings, anniversaries, and funerals.

We thank those of you who have helped us clean up after events and brought "goodies" for coffee hour. If you would like to be a part of this "fun" group and/or have suggestions of an activity promoting family fellowship, please contact a committee member. Meetings are held between services during coffee hour to plan upcoming events and assign duties.

The only ongoing monthly commitment is to sign up to provide the coffee/tea Sunday morning at least once during the year. During 2016 we asked for help preparing the morning coffee. One member stepped forward and has subsequently joined us. However, we still are in need of help and ask you to consider offering assistance.

The following report outlines the events the committee hosted and/or sponsored during 2016:

January	Memorial services for Judy Gavin and Tony Birdsall Dinner out – New York Pizza in Lynden
February	Valentine's Day Celebration with cheesecake/cookies
March	"Green" treats celebrating St. Patrick's Day Easter Sunday Brunch
April	Bunco fundraiser – proceeds to CLC youth activities
May	Mother's Day Brunch quiche Special cake recognizing confirmands
June	Youth Sunday Special cake honoring high school graduates Father's Day with pancakes
July	No Fellowship activity planned
August	Potluck picnic at church following outdoor service Ferndale Uncorked fundraiser - proceeds split 50/50 between Ferndale Community Meal and Interfaith Coalition
September	Rally Day – pancake breakfast
October	Harvest Dinner Bunco fundraiser – proceeds to CLC youth activities
November	Dinner out - Mykonos
December	Holiday Potluck Dinner following Sunday School Program Memorial service – Kathleen Grove

Submitted by:
Sandy Hall, chair

**Christ Lutheran Church
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Parish Education Committee**

Adult Education

Adult Education offered 14 regular Sunday morning sessions throughout 2016. There was also a series on Sexuality, a series on the proposed building process, and the usual pre-annual meeting class.

Topics included Religion vs Spirituality; Creation Care; Biblical Peacemaking and more. There were 2 outside presenters including a Jewish scholar who discussed the Jewish version of Jesus. Attendance ranged from 2–50, with an average of about 10.

Adult Ed also offered some Sunday evening forums. Our dialogue with the Muslim community drew in over 70 people, our forum on Biblical Peacemaking had 10 in attendance and the film on Social Justice also had about 10. The exciting thing about the Social Justice event was that a mom and her middle school child attended because they saw the notice on the sign out by the street. They had never come to our church before.

A book discussion group also started that has tackled such books as *Pastrix*, *Love Wins*, *Dignity and Christianity After Religion*. A faithful group of 7–8 attend, and sometimes more depending on the book.

Confirmation

During the first half of the year, eight seventh-graders and two sixth-graders met bi-weekly with Pastor Jana for lunch and a two hour class using the "Re-form" curriculum. The focus during fall and winter was on "Ancestors" of the Old and New Testament. The fall class included two seventh-graders and five sixth-graders and focused on theology of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, as well as the Small Catechism.

A new program for eighth-grade confirmation students began this fall. Each student is paired with a mentor of their choosing from the congregation to perform one to two hours of service work each month in the church, as well as two to four hours of service work of their choosing in the community each month. The mentors also meet with their students to discuss the five promises the students will make when they are confirmed. The program has been well received by families and mentors.

Vacation Bible School

VBS Day Camp was once again a great success. We had 43 children attend and the pre-school was completely full. Lutherwood sent five counselors who did a terrific job of keeping things running smoothly and teaching the Bible.

The registration cost for VBS was raised a bit this year and with generous donations from the congregation VBS broke even.

As always, many volunteers gave all or part of their week to help make VBS successful, including those who handled daily check-in, the behind the scenes crew who cleaned every day, the snack prep/serve/cleanup crew, and folks who helped with some of the more complicated crafts. Pre-school was amazing – lots of fun singing, crafting, and Bible learning.

With Lutherwood leading there is less work for CLC but we are not always thrilled with the overall product. We will be discussing whether to continue with Lutherwood next year or going back to an all in-house program.

Sunday School

30 Sunday School days

3 Group Sundays

- * Rally Day Games
- * Martin Luther King activity
- * St. Patty's Day lesson

1 Rally Sunday

1 simple Christmas program

- * 1 rehearsal during Sunday School

1 Easter Egg hunt

1 Youth Sunday

1 Usher training

1 Acolyte training

Learned to sign the Lord's Prayer and performed this in front of the congregation during the Children's sermon

Service Projects:

- * Mine Detection Dog Lenten Service project
- * First Aid Kits for homeless

4 Sunday School meetings

New Implementations or changes for 2016:

- * No more Fish Market/Cluck Bucks/ABC's of Sunday School
- * Confirmation is now during Sunday School
- * New rotation format for Sunday School:
 - * Same story for three weeks with two Shepherds needed for each week
 - * Stories told through art, bible skills and games, computer lab, cooking, drama, music, science and service
 - * Each Sunday begins with a large group opening in which we learn and engage in the story and sing songs
 - * Focusing on teaching the students books of the bible through song and treat
 - * Through the new curriculum and SS format we can involve more congregants in different ways without having them teach every Sunday

**Christ Lutheran Church
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Preschool Committee**

Our Preschool committee has helped to live in Christ and share his love with all people in 2016 by: Showing Christ's love directly. We provide oversight to a "public" outreach, not an insular one.

For example, non-church members "see" our church and hopefully "Christ's love" represented by our committee members by us faithfully attending meetings, helping with orientation, the Christmas program and the downtown parade. Our "showing up" demonstrates both our church's appreciation of the children and our support of the preschool ministry, families and staff.

The Preschool committee is the backbone support to this business entity and outreach to our community.

Ministry needs requests:

The preschool ministry needs requests have been thoughtfully considered and support our church's outreach & the learning targets for our students' development of large motor skills which includes:

1. A better redistribution of space providing more room for direct learning within the classroom,
2. a safe outdoor and/or covered empty space with safe walls & high ceilings for scooter activity, throwing balls, etc.
3. a shared teacher office space in between classrooms as catwalk enabling direct supervision of students at all times
4. 2 additional large classrooms

To elaborate on our current challenges & how arrived at our above needs request:

- The Fellowship Hall - currently used as large play area, but includes interaction with hard objects such as chairs, risers & storage along walls.
- Current educational space of 2 classrooms is multipurpose, but we need to redistribute the space to learning versus shared space with storage. For example, a creative reuse of space would then support a quiet reading corner within the classroom supervision area.
- Current storage areas need to be merged to a central designated location as our church & preschool has made an investment in these tangible and valuable educational supplies & tools.

Specific benefits of 2 additional large classrooms would lead to expansion of our preschool:

- a) Supporting additional AM classes as PM classes are challenging to fill due to children's nap times,
- b) mommy & me classes,
- c) 5 year-old only preschool (accommodating students who do not meet benchmark Aug 31),
- d) And toddler programs such as Kaleidoscope; scientific evidence based play & learn model supported by WA state

**Christ Lutheran Church
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Property Management**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Property Committee for their hard work and time spent this past year. Without them we would not have the quality worship place that we have. The members of the committee are; Darrel Behee, Joan Mueller (our secretary), Rick Strissel, Victoria Baum, and Pat Kuehnel (council rep). In addition there is Gary Jonson who mows the lawn all year, Bob Huber who does a lot of pruning and spraying, and Larry and Ida Blomquist who spent a lot of time weeding, pruning, and planting trees and shrubs around the property. I know that there are others that spend a lot time and effort working and maintaining our facility here and I thank you also. I would also like thank everyone who helped at the work parties and clean ups we have had throughout the year. Thanks and recognition are also due to our Custodian Letha Nungesser who does a great job of keeping our facility clean always looking good.

Our committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church and anyone is welcome to come and join in. We always have a list of to do items and if you have extra time on your hands you can always contact a committee member to get a project to work on alone or as a family.

Our year is normally busy enough with the usual things that we do all year long, such as the spring and fall clean ups, fixing toilets, repairing furnaces (we have five of them) and heat pumps (we have three of those) and trying to keep an aging electrical system patched together. This past year we have had to replace one hot water heater, a furnace blower, and an alarm system control panel.

We have an aging and in some cases a failing facility that requires a lot of care. We have many areas where the carpet needs to be replaced and many walls that need some repairs and painting. We have several double pained windows that have lost their seals and some that have cracks. In the older section of the building we have underground heating and plumbing systems that are rotting and failing. It is time to ask ourselves if we want to continue to dump money into this or replace it with a more modern building that is more functional for our present ministry.

As you can see it was another busy year. Again I would encourage anyone who would like to join in on the fun to join our committee at the above mentioned time and place.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Anderson
Chairman

Christ Lutheran Church 2016 Annual Report Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Committee members include Carol Gahm, Chair; Betty Behee, Secretary; Mike Isensee; Carol Mullan; Dave Schlack, Council Representative; and Louisa Underwood. The committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every-other month and coordinates the following activities:

Ferndale Community Meal: Christ Lutheran Church was instrumental in starting the FCM in September of 2003. Meals are served twice a month. CLC members have been very generous in supporting this valuable community outreach—both in financial support and volunteer hours. The FCM board meets at United Church at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every-other month. An offering for the FCM is taken four times a year. Hand-crocheted/knitted hats, mittens, and scarves were given to the clients at the December 17 meal. The people who attend these meals (those hungry for food as well as those hungry for fellowship) are treated with respect and are very grateful for this loving support. A total of \$3,853.18 was collected through the end of December from CLC members.

Ferndale Food Bank: Bins are provided in the narthex for donations of food which are delivered to the Ferndale Food Bank monthly. In addition to the food donated, designated offerings collected during the year totaled \$540.00. Thanks to all who helped deliver the food.

Other Bank: A bin is provided in the narthex for donations of hygiene and paper products for the Other Bank. These supplies are delivered regularly by Louisa Underwood, Coordinator. The Other Bank is open Tuesday mornings during the school year. During those ten months, a total of 651 families were served. These families included 1219 adults and 2271 children. That makes a total of 3490 individuals who were helped. These families are referred to the Other Bank by the Ferndale School District. A total of \$2,203.00 was collected by CLC members at the designated offering and the Christmas Eve offering. A total of \$5,849.89 was spent to purchase supplies during the year. Thank you to Lillian and Bob Huber who have done the shopping for supplies this year and to Karen Nippes who organizes the clothing shelves at the Resource Center.

Interfaith Coat Drive: Warm coats, hats, and scarves were collected during September and October and delivered to United Church of Ferndale for distribution.

Holiday Giving Store: Many wonderful gifts along with \$75.00 were donated to the Ferndale Holiday Giving Store to provide a merry Christmas for the less fortunate children in Ferndale.

Needy Family Fund: A “Noisy Sunday” offering is taken each month that has a fifth Sunday. During 2016, a total of \$1,109.44 was collected for the Needy Family Fund. This fund is used to help families in our congregation and/or community with one-time payments for utility bills, rent, etc.

Lutherwood: In March a representative from Lutherwood Camp spoke to the congregation and a designated offering of \$605.00 was collected.

Lutheran Campus Ministry: On Youth Sunday in June a designated offering was taken for Lutheran Campus Ministry. The total collected was \$446.00.

Interfaith Coalition: A total of \$500.00 was donated for “Our House” during the year. In addition, \$560.00 was collected in the spring for a congregational gift for the Interfaith Coalition Auction and several CLC members attended the auction and made donations during the auction. Thanks once again to Linda Luke and Linda Anderson for arranging for the gift and selling the tickets.

Quilting: The “Piece Makers” quilting group meet regularly on Monday mornings. A total of 123 quilts were shipped to Lutheran World Relief in May and October. Special quilts were given to Preston Bellville, Nathan Cleator, Nicholas English, and Jonathan Osgood, who graduated from high school in June and to children who were baptized during the year. Stop in and join us on Monday mornings—all are welcome and no special skills or talents are needed!

World Hunger: A special offering was taken on Easter Sunday for World Hunger; a total of \$801.75 was collected.

“God’s Work, Our Hands”: Several CLC members took part in the ELCA weekends of service in September. On September 10, thirteen members worked at the Ferndale Community Meal. On September 18, several individuals and families worked pulling weeds and pruning bushes at the River Walk.

As you can see, the Social Concerns Committee is very active in sharing God’s love in the Ferndale community. Each year the members of our committee are amazed at the generosity of our awesome church members. So many needy people in our community as well as throughout the world experience God’s love through your monetary donations and volunteer work. Thank you all so much!

Carol Gahm
Social Concerns Committee Chairperson

**Christ Lutheran Church
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Stewardship Committee**

Committee Members: Kevin Wolter

The Stewardship Committee is dedicated to the work and mission of Christ Lutheran by educating the congregation about financial, time, and talent management of the church resources and of personal resources.

Reviewing the past year of Stewardship Committee activities and accomplishments marks a first for the church. We successfully rolled out electronic giving. The sign up for this service was less than what the research suggested we should have. Further work needs to be done in 2018 supporting electronic giving.

We were not able to find any members willing to join the Stewardship Committee again this year. We have used sign-up sheets, bulletin announcements, as well as asking during worship services for volunteers.

The annual stewardship drive took a new a new approach. Many council members shared stories about their personal blessings with the congregation.

My recommendation is that we look to change the Stewardship Committee to be the Mission Support Committee. We need to fundamentally change how we work as the current committee has rarely been active for over a decade. Changing the definition of the committee and expanding its role will allow it to grown and better meet the needs of the congregation.

Thank you,

Kevin Wolter

Christ Lutheran Church 2016 Annual Report Worship and Music

Worship and Music committee consists of Linda Anderson, Joanne Donnellan, Sue Gault, Sam Blanton, Ariel Lennon, Pastor Jana, Erin Carampot, Rachel Wulff, Matt Springer, and Lillian Huber

The committee had a very good year. In the summer we learned that Matt Springer our contemporary music director would be able to stay on board for another year. Rachel Wulff was hired by the Mount Vernon schools for music teacher at LaVenture Middle School, thus may continue to be our choir director. We are indeed fortunate to have two such dedicated and hard working musicians, who bring life and enthusiasm to all their rehearsals. They are very talented individuals, who bring humor and energy to our music program at Christ Lutheran. We are very proud of all our musicians, and volunteer singers who faithfully serve each week. Our Lenten, Holy Week, Easter, summer, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas services bring a variety of meaningful chances for all to worship.

We are hoping to bring more voices to our choir and worship band, and more student musicians to share their musical gifts with our worship teams. We invite singers or players to commit for even a short term, if they cannot be available for the entire year. We enjoy representing CLC at the Interfaith Coalition Choir fest in February, singing for our own church then joining 200 plus voices for the combined special selections. This was held at First Congregational Church in Bellingham.

Our committee took all the findings of the Learning Team and the Facilities Task Group to heart, and tried to plan services to bring quality worship and musical experiences for our people and those who visit. We represent the Altar Guild, wedding planning, hymn selection, choir, team leaders choosing all the assistants for worship duties each week, worship planning for both services. We are excited to begin a new year with Pastor Jana now having a definite fee schedule for different services, and receptions and a list of suitable scriptures and musical selections for funerals and weddings.

We planned a special outside service in the Labyrinth area on August 7. We were indeed fortunate that the rented tents from our Ferndale Uncorked event were still available, and were put to good use as the sun at ten o'clock was bright! We even used the keyboard, very graciously loaned by Roger Quiggle, for Carolyn to play. It was a success, the service was wonderful, and all present got to see up close the beautiful work done by Mclain Schapler and his family on the labyrinth. It helped that a great potluck followed to make it a memorable day!

A highlight of our year was to sing with all choir members and additional friends, and musicians at the Haggen Sing from the Heart on December 11 for an hour. We love this time together, the staff as told us many times they really look forward to us performing, and this year employees even asked for requests! It definitely put all of us in the holiday spirit, plus the store donated \$50 to the Food Bank in our name!

We were offered a series of Christ Centered Yoga this fall by Sarah Willet for three Saturdays this past fall. It has been a difficult year for many of our members, this

different way to relax and hear God's word was well received by not only our members but by several in our Ferndale community.

We look forward to another rewarding year, providing meaningful worship experiences for all our members. We hope to find more musicians to regularly aid in the music accompaniment and singing for the 11:15 a.m. service. We boldly go forth and plan two services through the school year, with child care service available for both services. It is with hope and joy that we support the ministry through our committee, reaching out to all who enter our doors.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Anderson

**Christ Lutheran Church
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Youth Committee**

Kids For Christ nights:

- 7 MS KFC nights
- 8 HS KFC nights
- 2 Elementary KFC nights
- 9 Middle School (MS)/High School (HS) combined KFC
 - 1 dessert potluck and Parent v Kid kickball game to kick off the year
 - 1 Halloween party and Trick-or-treating for the Other Bank
 - 1 Christmas party and White Elephant gift exchange
 - 1 Amazing Servant Race through Bellingham and Ferndale
 - 1 All girl KFC
 - 1 All guy KFC
 - Harvest Dinner
 - All – you – can – eat at Dairy Queen for all ages
 - Agape concert
 - Faith Urban Plunge for Confirmands in March
 - Good Friday service; Filled and hid Easter eggs

3 overnights:

- 1 Lock-in at CLC
- 1 synod GO! Night in Kirkland
- 1 Whatcom GO! Night within the county youth cluster

Fundraisers

- Rummage Sale
- Cookie Dough sales
- Butter Braids
- 2 Bunco Blasts

1 Youth Minister Extravaganza in Anaheim, CA

- Networking with youth leaders all over the countries
- Synod meetings
- YM workshops

Monthly meetings with Pastor Jana

8 Youth committee meetings

Whatcom youth cluster meetings

8 synod youth planning meetings

8 synod Children Youth and Family meetings

3 Ferndale Community Coalition meetings

Workshops:

- 2 Suicide prevention workshops
- Youth safety and resiliency
- Youth: engage, inspire, energize, empower them
- Abusive Childhood Experiences and how to help

Monthly newsletter articles updating congregation

Summer 2016:

- 1 week leading confirmation camp at Camp Lutherwood
 - 4 meetings with confirmands in the mornings
 - Leading/chaperoning/documenting Kids in activities, games, high ropes course
- KFCers were an integral part of Vacation Bible School Day camp
- Old Settler's Parade entry

New Implementations or changes for 2016:

- Started an elementary KFC group
 - Mini – Lock – in
 - Movie Night
- Kids/parents were feeling overwhelmed come June 2016, so no silent auction this year
- Moved to one high school KFC each month for 2 ½ hours, which includes a dinner
- Assistant to the Youth Minister:
 - Kaleb Ode