



This week the **Stewardship Committee** is starting a series of informational articles about Trinity's budget, looking at income and expenses. Today we will start with the expenses.

Sooooo..... What does it cost to keep Trinity up and running? Our current expenses include salaries and wages, allowances, office costs, building costs, committee expenses, and Mission Support.

Salary and wages are the largest part of Trinity's expenses. This includes the Called staff and Lay staff. The Called staff are the current Interim Pastors. Our Lay staff includes the Director of Music, Health & Wellness Coordinator, Transitional Ministry Assistant, Office Staff, and Sextons. For the current year the amount that was budgeted was \$360,000.00.

Allowances include housing for the senior pastor, mileage, pensions, hospitalization and life insurance, FICA, and continuing education for both called and lay staff. For the current year \$100,333.00 was budgeted.

Office costs include an industrial appraisal, office equipment and supplies, postage, service contracts, advertising, and miscellaneous expenses. Expected office costs for this year is \$50,400.00.

Building expenses include utilities, insurance, maintenance, building supplies, and vendors' services. Total building expenses were budgeted for \$77,350.00.

Committee expenses are the expected costs from each committee for the year to offer those ministries. The 2022 budgeted amount for committee expense is \$27,718.00.

Mission Support includes the Synod Mission Support and Faith in Action. The budgeted amount for Mission Support is \$32,000.00. Two thousand is for Faith in Action and \$30,000.00 is for Synod Mission Support. This amount is less than the 10% or more which is usually given.

The total budget for 2022 was \$647,801.00. To date we are under budget for expenses primarily because we are currently not paying for a full time senior pastor.

Please note that every effort is made by all involved to keep all costs at a minimum.