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Dear Friends in Christ,

There is no doubt that 2023 will be a year that will have its own section in the next edition of Trinity's history book. I never imagined that I would be standing in the parking lot, not even a week after Easter, trying to find the right words to send to the congregation letting you all know that there had been a fire, and we would be out of the building for the foreseeable future. Less than 24 hours after the fire we gathered in the parking lot and had a church service that even included the baptism of a newborn baby. The events of that 24-hour period really sum up 2023 for us. We had incredible challenges and incredible blessings that came about during and because of those challenges.

In a troubled world filled with troubling situations, Christ's words in John 14 give us the proper understanding of where and how Jesus takes care of us. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Those words were in the email I sent out early that Saturday morning and they rang in our ears as we moved our school operations, worked to have services in the building again, and have made plans and begun the important work of returning to our sanctuary.

Your financial contributions in 2023 played a crucial role in supporting the work that our Lord has given us here at Trinity. I want to thank you for your gifts to Trinity and to tell you that I am grateful for the part you play in the life of our church. As we move into 2024, I want to encourage you in your life of Christian stewardship, as you give of your time, your talents, and your treasure.

Included with this letter is your 2023 contribution statement. If you have questions or concerns about your statement, please do not hesitate to call the church office. Also, please contact the church office if you would like access to Trinity's church information system, Breeze ChMS. This will give you basic directory information for the congregation as well as ongoing access to your contribution statement, which you may print at any time. If you would like to make a contribution toward the Sanctuary Project and have questions, please let us know.

In Christ,

Pastor Samuel Powell

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GIVING ONLINE IS A breeze

Click the **GIVE NOW** button at the bottom of the Trinity website.



Select an amount & payment method

A screenshot of a web browser showing the donation interface. The URL is trinityjc.breezechms.com/give/. The page features a header with "Give to Trinity Lutheran Church" and a "Show details" link. Below this, the amount "\$ 0.00" is displayed. There are three dropdown menus: "Give to General Operating", "Add Gift to Another Fund", "Give this One Time", and "Give by Credit/Debit Card". A blue "Continue" button is at the bottom.

Select a fund

A screenshot of a list of donation funds. Each item has a radio button to its right. The "Give to General Operating" option is selected, indicated by a blue dot in the radio button. The list includes: "Give to 150th Anniversary", "Give to Building Improvement", "Give to Calvary Lutheran HS", "Give to Capital School Improvements", "Give to Coupon Ministry", "Give to General Operating", "Give to Lenten Denials", "Give to National Youth Gathering", "Give to Student Assistance", and "Give to Tiger Tracks to Excellence".

Enter payment info & submit!

A screenshot of a web browser showing the payment information form. The URL is trinityjc.breezechms.com/give/. The form includes fields for "Your Name", "Email Address", "Card Number", "MM / YY", "CVC", "Street Address", "City", "State", and "Zip". There is a "Comments (optional)" section at the bottom. A checkbox is checked for "Add \$1.00 to cover the processing fee." A blue "Give \$25.00" button is at the bottom.