

CLUSTER 5
Report to Assembly - 2018

Saint Andrew - Continues serving Meals for Meals on Wheels. We have grown from 10 recipients to around 35, the total changes as the need changes.

The ladies group is continuing to make quilts and blankets for Charities around town. We are supporting Paul Ozbun as he continues his journey in the TEEM program.

First - First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tulsa has made a focus of its building space as a ministry. Seeking to be good stewards of this property, the congregation maintains healthful relationships with interfaith congregations and outside ministries. FELC continues to seek new opportunities to form meaningful relationships with shared building partners. Throughout the week the First Lutheran Early Learning Center, a ministry of the congregation, provides an affordable childcare option to the Tulsa area. In 2017 and 2018, the church will be making small repairs and improvements to the building to better provide for this endeavor.

First Lutheran has also formed a unique partnership with Prince of Peace. Pastor Robert Martin provides pastoral care and presides over worship for both congregations. The congregations remain separate and individual but shared clergy has opened new doors for joint worship & ministry.

Fellowship – Partnering with Bethany Christian Church, Fellowship hosted "Shutdown Bible School" for the duration of the teacher's walkout in April. There were around 60 kids from 4 yrs. to 6th grade, 8:30am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday, to help the parents with what to do during this time of transition.

Joy - Joy is working with Fellowship and over a dozen other congregations to launch Family Promise of Tulsa County to address family homelessness. The search is on for an executive director, and then we'll be ready to open our buildings to families overnight. We've also been working with the Tulsa Boys Home, Jenks Schools' clothing closets and Jenks Community Food Bank. We'll send 9 youth to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Our Mission Endowment Fund gave large grants to the ELCA Fund for Leaders, Canopy NWA, Oaks Indian Mission, and several local community organizations this past year.

Servant's Table - Still an active part of Cluster 5, we continue with worship in restaurants and walk in service with others monthly. We also had our annual Christmas Carols in the Pub in December. We are currently working on starting a free community dinner with

other congregations in the cluster, but trying to pin down a location. We celebrated Reconciling in Christ Sunday (or Tuesday, actually) with a guest pastor and her wife from House Church Tulsa. Pastor Bonnie gave a wonderful message on grace. We participated in the I'm Sorry Campaign with other Cluster 5 congregations at the Tulsa Pride Parade. Warburg Seminary President Louise Johnson joined us for worship last year. Clips from our Living Lutheran video were featured on Bishop Eaton's video on Leadership, the 500th Reformation day in DC, and others.

Comunidad de Esperanza – No report submitted

Prince of Peace – No report submitted