

2022 Annual Report of the Congregation



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Annual Meeting Agenda 2022

November 20, 2022

12:15pm

Call Meeting to Order

Opening Prayer

Welcome/Review Agenda

Minutes of Spring 2022 Congregation Meeting presented for approval

Pastor Chad's Annual Report

Treasurer's Report

Congregation Council Committee Reports:

Property Care, Human Needs, Outreach, Worship and Music, Parish Education, Youth and Resource

Elections of Congregation Council for the following positions:

Vice President, Treasurer, Human Needs Chair, Property Chair, and Outreach Chair

Election of members to the following committees:

Audit, 2023 Nominating and Endowment

Presentation and Approval of the 2023 Christ Lutheran Church budget

Old Business:

- Update on the Facilities Task Force

New Business:

- Discussion of the Alternate Energy Proposals

Adjournment and closing with the Lord's Prayer

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 24, 2022

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Bonnie Johnson, at 12:15 p.m.

A sign-in sheet was passed around for all attending to sign.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Agenda: The agenda, minutes of November's annual meeting and financial reports were given to all attending.

The minutes for the November 21, 2021 annual meeting were approved as written.

MOTION: was made to approve the 2021 yearend financial report. It was seconded.

Motion passed.

MOTION: was made to elect Melissa Stanton and Brian Miller as 2022 Synod Assembly voting delegates. It was seconded.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Report from the parking lot committee was given by Dwight Boyce. He made a power point presentation prior to making the following recommendation:

That the congregation approve the described parking lot repairs as shown in the presentation to include repairing existing areas of the parking lot, then complete a 2" to 2.5" thick surface overlay. Remove and replace the playground equipment described here-in and upgrade the sanctuary & narthex to LED lighting. The cost of these items shall not exceed \$60,000 and will be funded from the Building Development designated fund. • Note: the rock overflow parking is NOT included.

MOTION: was made as written above and seconded.

A MOTION TO AMEND: was made to include creating a rock overflow parking area • 4,514 square feet which adds approximately (18) stalls • Bid is \$4,266.00 • and not to exceed \$65,000 for the whole project. It was seconded.

The amendment passed.

The amended motion passed.

Bonnie Johnson gave the following **report for the Deep Task force:**

The DEEP Task Force has been meeting and learning about race relations over the last 5 months. We have learned that we need to continue learning. You may join us at future opportunities such as Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

The task force is not ready to make a financial recommendation today as we are still learning, but we hope to have a recommendation at our Fall Congregational meeting regarding monies from the Development Fund.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Bonnie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m. with Pastor Chad leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Wenner, Secretary

Pastor's Report

It has been about a year since the pandemic started winding down. I no longer think of it every day, but we will be living with the ramifications of it for quite some time. Consequently, this year has been a year full of rebuilding & restarting. It has been challenging knowing what we should restart, what we should restart in modified forms, what we should just let go and stop doing, and what new things we ought to be doing. Mixed with all of that, I recognize that people's capacity & energy for volunteering, for engaging, and for supporting church ministry is also at a lower point than it was before the pandemic. We are all a little tired and worn out, it seems... maybe even fragile. I think this means that we need to be very discerning in the future as to where and what God is calling us to do. I have no doubt that God has important ministry for us to do and there are interesting glimpses of that popping up lately. I think our job as a congregation, as the people of God, is to pray and listen closely to where God is leading us. And also, I think we need to be sure to care for each other, be gentle with each other, and go out of our way to keep making this a place where everyone belongs.

For my report, I'll review some of the most important things that have happened this past year. And then I'll offer some places where God may be calling us to deeper waters in ministry.

YEAR IN REVIEW

November (2021) – We spent much of this month talking about “The Next Big Thing.” I did seven identical presentations to try to engage as many people as possible with an opportunity I thought God might be offering us. It led to important conversation about race, racism, and the history of this congregation. At our annual meeting, I was proposing that we use our Development Fund money to do some church planting work in the neighborhood where our congregation was first planted (near WSU), a neighborhood that we left partly due to changing racial demographics. Through conversation, we ultimately decided to slow things down and not move so quickly, and to revisit these ideas at the spring meeting.

This month, the Girl Scout troop led by Becky Dykstra & Chandra Entwisle completed the new Prayer Labyrinth and this has been a wonderful addition to our property.

December (2021) – Our theme for Advent was “The Magnificat.” Due to lingering concerns about the pandemic, we did not have any Advent meals, but we did offer Wednesday worship services. Unfortunately, we did not have nearly as many people participate as in past years (before the pandemic). Our Christmas Eve worship attendance was also less than in years past.

A personal highlight this month was to host a wedding at our church for a Tanzanian couple. They are Lutheran and needed a church in Wichita to host them. It was a joy & delight to meet them and be part of their lives before they moved to Canada for his job.

January – Our theme for the Epiphany season was “Just Jesus.” We used Sunday mornings to focus on some of Jesus’ most important conversations in the gospel of John.

As a follow-up to our “Next Big Thing” conversations, this month I befriended the pastor of Grant’s Chapel AME and we began a monthly meeting together.

February – I spent a weekend with our youth at the Youth Quake. I also led a couples’ retreat at Camp Tomah Shinga and attended separate webinar trainings on trauma and diversity training through the synod.

In the late winter/early spring, I participated in a focus group for a doctoral student. Her project was exploring effective ways to talk about racial justice & reconciliation in preaching. The group consisted of 6 other ELCA pastors in the Central States Synod and we met every couple weeks to think deeply about ways to approach & address race in and through our sermons, teachings and conversations.

March – Our theme for Lent was “Its Ok to be Not OK,” as we explored and connected themes of trauma, somatics, and the Body of Christ. We used psalms of lament & introduced various prayer practices during our Wednesday night worship services. Again, we did not offer a meal, and I think this effected our Lenten service attendance. We also published a daily devotional written by members of Christ Lutheran and other ELCA Lutherans from around Wichita, and this was very well received.

April – Easter was well attended and a joyous celebration. April also had funerals, a baptism, a wedding, and we dedicated the Prayer Labyrinth. We also started up a Lunch-n-Learn, weekly lunchtime Bible study centered on racial reconciliation, using an ELCA resource called, “Now is the Time.” In my Potluck Theology Sunday school class, we had been talking about racial justice for most of the school year, and this was a nice way to expand that conversation to include people who weren’t attending the Sunday school class.

May – We recruited & trained a new Altar Guild team and they have been doing a great job at both services. We hosted a blood drive and it was successful (thank you, Kelsey Helmick!). I attended a webinar through the Veteran’s Administration on suicide prevention and awareness. And I attended Duke Divinity School’s Summer Institute for Reconciliation, a 3-day conversation about reconciliation regarding topics like race, guns, the environment, and disability ministry. (This event was a personal highlight for me this year.) Also in May, our secretary, Maria Contreras, resigned.

June – Our theme for the summer was “Basic Training for Following Jesus.” It was a lot of fun focusing on important, but different parts of discipleship each week. Each week I created a unique prayer station to highlight what we were talking about, and we even had t-shirts made up.

Our Synod Assembly’s theme this year was about creation care, and we have been encouraged this coming year to have conversations about LGBTQIA+ issues, as well as continuing to have conversations about racial justice and reconciliation.

Also in June, our new secretary, Kali Mills, started and she has been doing a great job.

July – We held a combined, outdoor July 3rd worship service with Reformation & St. Paul’s Lutheran churches. I spent a week with some of our high school kids at the ELCA Regional Youth Gathering held at Bethany College & Camp Tomah Shinga. (This event was held in place of a National Youth Gathering, which had been cancelled.) We also had a great week of Vacation Bible School, using the theme “Monumental,” while we learned the story of Joseph in the Bible. The new swing set & parking lot were installed just before VBS and they were a hit!

August – We hosted an evening gathering of the other ELCA churches and played games for a couple hours. And we wrapped up our “Basic Training for Following Jesus” series.

September – We began another year of the Narrative Lectionary. Sunday school, Confirmation, Youth Group all started again. And we re-started the choir! Jared Pector is the new choir director and we decided to make it an all-ages choir that would sing at both services.

October – We had a Blessing of the Animals, our annual Trunk-or-Treat, and 3 young people confirmed their faith. In October, I worked with a lot of people needed financial assistance, and our congregation was very generous in helping these folks by refilling the Pastor’s Emergency Fund (thank you!). I also have been working with Heights High School and our cadre of volunteers to re-start Falcon Fellowship, which will be happening in November 2022!

It has certainly been a busy year. I continue to serve on the Central States Synod Council as our Synod Secretary, and we’ve had plenty thorny church issues to deal with at that level. Once a month, I lead a worship service for a small group at Shepherd’s Crossing. I also have a monthly meeting with a spiritual director, which reminds me to look for and be aware of God’s presence around me.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we have re-established our footing after a couple of pandemic years, I think God continues to give us new opportunities for ministry. I see three potential areas for us to grow or expand our ministries over the next year that God may be placing before us:

- **Wichita Heights High School** – We have done Falcon Fellowship for over 25 years now, and I’m excited to see it restart this fall. But God seems to be opening some new doors for ministry to the high school as well. Because we now have picnic tables, a gaga pit, a basketball court, a couple swing sets, etc., we have become a very inviting place for students to hang out. We regularly have 5-20 kids come over to eat lunch at our picnic tables. On Wednesday afternoons, they have an early dismissal, but busses don’t leave until the regular time, giving the kids about an hour of unsupervised downtime. We have been getting about 50 kids coming over to enjoy our property, play basketball, and simply hang out. I have tried to engage these students as much as I can. I hand out chips & goodies. I talk with them, hear about their days. They are getting comfortable being here. I wonder how we can capitalize on that, build on that, and continue to show them

the love of Christ. They can certainly be intimidating, and yes, they do leave trash, and there have been a couple fights. But I continue to wonder and pray about how we can best show them the love of Jesus. I also know that the teachers & administration at Heights have been under an incredible amount of stress. I wonder how we can minister to them. Your thoughts & (more importantly) your willingness to engage in this ministry are certainly welcome.

- **The church is changing** – As pastors & parishioners, bishops & leaders seek to discern God’s will and remain faithful to the gospel, the church is changing. The pandemic caused a significant shift in church participation throughout the country and across denominations. People used the time to rethink and re-evaluate their participation in their churches. Here at Christ Lutheran, we gained some incredible new families through this shift. We also lost some, and our weekly worship attendance is not what it was before the pandemic. The ELCA, in particular, has not been afraid to proclaim the inclusive nature of God’s love, but not everyone in the pews has been comfortable with this. (As we’ve talked about Lutheranism in the 20th century in my Potluck Theology class this year, I’ve realized that this is not a new phenomenon – there has always been a tension when the church has sought to be more inclusive.) I think we need to continue to be gentle with each other and work hard to love one another, especially if someone in the pew next to us tends to disagree with us.
- **Racial Reconciliation** – This continues to be an important issue in our world and in our context. Over the last few years, I have done a lot of reading and learning about racial justice, and I continue to believe that this is a defining issue for our time. I do not want us to stop having important (and potentially uncomfortable) conversations about race. I think the gospel of Jesus Christ compels us to talk about it and address it. As a church that is nearly all white, I think that addressing & thinking about racial justice is a growing edge for us and something that God wants us to explore further. As the pastor of Christ Lutheran, I think we still have work to do in the area of racial reconciliation, and I welcome you to join me in that work.

Thank you for continuing to allow me to be your pastor. The last few years have not been easy on any of us. But I cherish the fact that I get to do ministry with all of you, that we have been able to have some important and uncomfortable conversations, and that God continues to do amazing work in and through so many of you. Thank you for being my companions on this journey of faith. I look forward to seeing where God takes us in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Chad Langdon

President's Report

Thank you to this wonderful congregation for the opportunity to serve as Council President of Christ Lutheran Church for this year. Your church council and their committees strive to make your worship experience enjoyable and our mission work visible.

Our church family has been so supportive as we have made the transition from the “pandemic” era into a “normal” era. Hopefully, most of our congregation enjoys communing again at the altar rail and having the glass doors closed for a more meditative worship experience again. I am most thankful for Pastor reminding us this past summer on what it means to be a Christian and a Lutheran. His sermons were a wonderful reminder to be kind, loving, and forgiving.

The two taskforces established during last year's annual meeting have met. You will learn about the Facilities Task force at our annual meeting and in this report. The Deep/Staffing Task force presented their findings at the April meeting. Pastor continues to educate parishioners about racial justice issues in his Sunday School “Potluck” class.

This fall my husband and I volunteered our talents to photograph you for our new picture directory. It was fun to interact on a one-to-one basis with those of you willing to share this experience. I hope this is something that we can continue to offer every couple of years.

Together we will all continue our church's mission which is:

“to love the Lord with all our hearts, souls and minds and to love our neighbors as ourselves by reaching out to touch as many people as possible with the good news of Jesus Christ.”

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our church family and our Lord as Christ Lutheran Church Council President.

In Christ's name,

Bonnie Johnson
Congregation President
Christ Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-Date through September 2022

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT		September 30, 2022			
OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES	MONTH	2022 CUMULATIVE	2022 BUDGET	BALANCE	
Outside Christ Lutheran Church	\$1,116.59	\$14,696.04	\$19,837.77	\$5,141.73	
ELCA Benevolence (.085)	\$1,116.59	\$14,696.04	\$19,262.77	\$4,566.73	
Area Ministry (ELCA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	
Synod Assembly Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Pastoral Services	\$9,374.46	\$87,305.06	\$118,983.79	\$31,678.73	
Salary	\$3,242.90	\$29,186.10	\$41,664.80	\$12,478.70	
SECA	\$451.14	\$4,060.26	\$5,413.79	\$1,353.53	
Housing & Utilities	\$1,974.16	\$17,767.44	\$23,689.92	\$5,922.48	
Pension & Medical	\$3,706.26	\$33,356.34	\$42,065.28	\$8,708.94	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$1,296.88	\$4,000.00	\$2,703.12	
Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$1,121.67	\$1,000.00	(\$121.67)	
Bishop's Convocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Pastoral Hospitality & Outreach	\$0.00	\$181.39	\$500.00	\$318.61	
Book Allowance	\$0.00	\$334.98	\$400.00	\$65.02	
Administrative Support	\$1,727.65	\$17,232.18	\$22,962.18	\$5,730.00	
Secretarial	\$547.17	\$4,633.50	\$7,411.70	\$2,778.20	
Social Security	\$0.00	\$733.48	\$1,000.48	\$267.00	
Office Supplies	\$974.38	\$7,414.25	\$8,400.00	\$985.75	
Postage	\$0.00	\$116.78	\$650.00	\$533.22	
Worker's Comp	\$0.00	\$486.00	\$750.00	\$264.00	
Convention Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,114.20	\$1,000.00	(\$114.20)	
Continuing Education (Staff)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Software Support	\$56.10	\$1,383.97	\$1,200.00	(\$183.97)	
Book Keeper	\$150.00	\$1,350.00	\$2,300.00	\$950.00	
Worship	\$1,004.66	\$11,363.97	\$21,096.95	\$9,732.98	
Organist	\$268.44	\$3,016.54	\$6,666.95	\$3,650.41	
Choir Director/Cantor	\$166.23	\$2,135.92	\$3,000.00	\$864.08	
Supply Ministers	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$930.00	\$380.00	
Music & Choir Supplies	(\$1,561.00)	\$179.71	\$1,000.00	\$820.29	
Contemporary Service Expenses	\$1,561.00	\$1,877.24	\$500.00	(\$1,377.24)	
Contemp. Worship Music Planner	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	
Worship Supplies	\$569.99	\$3,604.56	\$6,400.00	\$2,795.44	
Outreach	\$42.00	\$126.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,974.00	
Publicity & Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Special Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Lutheran/CIOH	\$42.00	\$126.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,474.00	
Resource	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	
Envelopes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Nursery Staff/Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Facilities Team Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	
Human Needs	\$488.33	\$2,945.55	\$4,700.00	\$1,754.45	
St. Paul's Breakfast	\$0.00	\$857.22	\$1,800.00	\$942.78	
St Paul's Bus Tokens	\$100.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	
Family Promise	\$288.33	\$288.33	\$500.00	\$211.67	
Partners for Wichita	\$100.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	
Parish Education	\$335.50	\$4,166.07	\$5,475.00	\$1,308.93	
Sunday School	\$335.50	\$564.61	\$900.00	\$335.39	
Bible School & Mid-Week	\$0.00	\$953.04	\$1,500.00	\$546.96	
Confirmation Program	\$0.00	\$148.42	\$250.00	\$101.58	
Adult Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Special Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Tomah Shinga Counslor	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	
Youth	\$0.00	\$4,250.92	\$6,750.00	\$2,499.08	
Camps / Quaker	\$0.00	\$3,764.03	\$2,000.00	(\$1,764.03)	
High School Youth	\$0.00	\$449.89	\$500.00	\$50.11	
Child Safety Policy Support	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$250.00	\$213.00	
Nat. Youth Convention - '22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
High School Mission Trip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Facilities & Equipment	\$2,456.78	\$24,523.59	\$38,000.00	\$13,476.41	
Custodian	\$500.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	
Utilities	\$1,243.69	\$10,703.76	\$15,500.00	\$4,796.24	
Maintenance	\$687.85	\$3,136.17	\$4,000.00	\$863.83	
Building Insurance	\$0.00	\$5,912.25	\$7,000.00	\$1,087.75	
Equipment (new/repair)	\$25.24	\$271.41	\$3,000.00	\$2,728.59	
Emergency Facilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$16,545.97	\$166,609.38	\$240,605.69	\$73,996.31	

TREASURER'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2022					
OPERATING FUND BALANCE - AUGUST 31, 2022				\$59,526.30	
RECEIPTS	PREV. MONTH	THIS MONTH	2022 CUMULATIVE	2021 CUMULATIVE	
Envelope	\$8,798.34	\$10,123.13	\$116,453.54		
Loose	\$114.00	\$280.00	\$1,491.00		
ACH/Tithe/Elect/Other	\$4,224.06	\$4,977.52	\$41,769.21		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$13,136.40	\$15,380.65	\$159,713.75		\$170,865.01
EXPENSES	\$18,286.18	\$16,545.97	\$166,609.38		\$156,911.33
OPERATING FUND GAIN/LOSS	(\$5,149.78)	(\$1,165.32)	(\$6,895.63)		\$13,953.68
OPERATING FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022				\$58,360.98	\$136.67
Designated Funds Recap Year 2022					
DESIGNATED FUNDS	Begin Bal	RECEIPTS	EXPENSE	END BAL	
STARTING BALANCE	\$121,485.66				
Emergency Assistance	Pastor \$854.79	\$800.00		\$1,654.79	
Pastor Continuing Education	Pastor \$0.00			\$0.00	
Building Development Tithe/ACH	Council \$50,706.93	\$2,387.36	\$5,226.70	\$47,867.59	
Church Sign (\$2,965.00)	Council \$8,871.00			\$8,871.00	
Thrivent D. Deposit	Council \$2,112.02	\$45.00		\$2,157.02	
Dillons Dollars	Council \$2,455.04			\$2,455.04	
Combined Memorial Funds/Wish List	Council \$18,945.53			\$18,945.53	
Synod Assembly	Council \$150.00			\$150.00	
Emergency Building Fund	Council \$11,982.00			\$11,982.00	
Mission Trip / Border Trip	Council \$1,060.00			\$1,060.00	
ELCA World Hunger	Council \$0.00			\$0.00	
Alter Guild	Council \$225.36			\$225.36	
Outside Key Card Usage	Council \$11.99			\$11.99	
Funeral Meals/Misc	Council \$1,253.49		\$46.42	\$1,207.07	
Falcon Fellowship (Heights Luncheon)	Falcon Fell \$4,739.88			\$4,739.88	
International Relocation Committee	H. Needs \$0.00			\$0.00	
Human Needs / Sandwich Saturday	H. Needs (\$244.80)			(\$244.80)	
Borgandale Interest Fund	H. Needs \$321.39			\$321.39	
Crop Walk / Souper Bowl / Food for Kids	H. Needs \$1,088.14			\$1,088.14	
Habitat for Humanity/Bibles Children's Ho	H. Needs \$101.13			\$101.13	
St. Pauls Breakfast/ Bus Tokens	H. Needs \$959.39			\$959.39	
Noisy Offering	H. Needs \$1,666.74	\$134.71		\$1,801.45	
Family Promise	H. Needs \$281.41		\$281.41	\$0.00	
Newton Safe House	H. Needs \$0.00			\$0.00	
Dear Neighbor	H. Needs \$0.00			\$0.00	
Choir Robes	Worship \$1,452.39			\$1,452.39	
Paraments	Worship \$1,457.72			\$1,457.72	
Worship Comm/ Devotionals/Alter Guild	Worship \$659.13			\$659.13	
Music Worship	Worship \$240.00			\$240.00	
Disaster/Emerg. Response - Haiti Relief	Resource \$555.00			\$555.00	
Building Furnishings/ Kitchen Supplies	Resource \$882.10			\$882.10	
Lent / Advent Offerings	Resource \$1,874.23			\$1,874.23	
Organ Repair	Resource \$949.00			\$949.00	
Lawn Tractor	Property \$1,087.00			\$1,087.00	
Food for Kids	H. Needs \$100.00			\$100.00	
Youth Fund	Youth \$100.00			\$100.00	
Vacation Bible School	Parish Ed \$0.00			\$0.00	
Tomah Shinga / Youth Quake	Parish Ed \$0.00			\$0.00	
Youth Mission/ Natl Gathering	Youth \$1,349.73	\$550.00		\$1,899.73	
Parade Awards	Youth \$13.43			\$13.43	
Area 5 Ministries Account	Area 5 \$3,214.50		\$253.67	\$2,960.83	
Lutheran World Relief - Ukraine	H. Needs \$10.00			\$10.00	
Extra Desig. Fund Line Item	\$0.00			\$0.00	
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Totals		\$3,917.07	\$5,808.20		
ENDING BALANCE					\$119,594.53
Combined Ending Balance					\$177,955.51
Certificate of Deposit					(\$20,000.00)
Total Check Book Balance					\$157,955.51
Bank Statement					\$0.00
INVESTMENTS					
BORGANDALE FUND BALANCE			\$15,000.00		
SNB Certificate of Deposit			\$20,000.00		
Emergency Fund Allocations					
\$50 Sound System; Emerg. Build Fund \$11,932		\$11,982.00			
Memorial Fund/ Wish List Recap					
Sally Hoyer		\$150.00			
Gene Moravec		\$1,140.00			
Walter Dietz		\$3,887.45			
Donna K \$15, Ansbaugh \$287.45		\$302.45			
Darrell Unruh		\$1,292.02			
Chris Freed		\$2,791.49			
R. Schlatter \$20, N Langer \$1520.50		\$1,540.50			
Eileen Dietz		\$1,488.92			
Carol Hill \$189.07, Chris Ward \$483.60		\$672.67			
B Garrells - Love offering		\$450.00			
L. Schmidt - Sign		\$2,965.00			
Beth Shaw		\$3,091.97			
S Freed \$20 / A Burdine \$1203.06		\$1,223.06			
Sondergard		\$915.00			
		\$21,910.53			
W/Out L. Schmidt memorial Fund		\$18,945.53			

Property Care

Russ Banta

- 5/13/2022 Expanded Parking lot to south with rock parking area.
Vendor: Pave The Way
Total Cost \$46,739.00
- 6/1/2022 New Playground Equipment.
Vendor: Ways To Play
Total Cost \$4,679.00
- 8/31/2022 Expanded Parking lot to south with rock parking area.
Vendor: B&B KLASSEN ENTERPRISES INC
Total Cost \$5,800.00
- 9/2/2022 AC repair.
Vendor: All Pro Plumbing, Heating & Air Inc.
Total Cost \$254.97
- 10/29/2022 LED Conversion.
Vendor: Kansas Lighting and a stage lighting firm.
Main floor conversion complete other than sanctuary spotlights.
Total Cost about \$6000.00

Odds and ends done throughout the year:

Replaced emergency lighting batteries, light switches, toilet rings, and other standard maintenance items.

Human Needs Committee

The following is a brief summary of human needs projects for January 2022 – December 2022.

January: We sent \$1000 to be matched with \$500 from Thrivent to aid in tornado relief through Lutheran Disaster Response. We were thankful for funds from the endowment committee and donations from the congregation!

Collection: Bags of Blessing (bags of personal hygiene articles for those in need in the Wichita area.)

February collection: Food 4 Kids

March: We sent about \$1500 to LWR and they reported that they sent quilts, personal care kits and baby care kits as their first response to the crisis in the Ukraine.

Collection: Requested baby items for the IRC. We were able to buy a crib with monetary donations and a second one with a donation from a member of our congregation. We were thanked and told "no one donates cribs!"

April collection: Care packages for finals for our college students

May collection: Baby care items for LWR

June collection: Requested items for Camp Tomah Shinga

July & August collection: School supplies for LWR kits

Noisy offering money to buy \$50 gift cards for the teachers in our congregation

September collection: ICTSOS

October collection: Stepstone in support of domestic violence victims

November collection: Dear Neighbor (food & paper goods)

December collection: Refugee needs

We bought a twin and later a queen size mattress for 2 different families graduating from Family Promise who needed them. We also helped to support a summer family fun water day for all the children in Family Promise (\$100)

We sent \$400 from the Dillon's Dollars fund for shipping for LWR.

We hosted the LWR truck ingathering of kits and quilts from this area of Kansas on Nov. 1.

Thanks to all of you who support Human Needs through table donations and/or noisy offering!

Rosie Harder, Chairperson Human Needs Committee

Outreach Committee

The Outreach team at Christ Lutheran Church continues to be affected by the Covid pandemic limiting opportunities outside of Christ Lutheran for participation and spreading the Word of our Father.

Members continue to contribute to the monthly Human Needs that many non -profits, organizations and neighborhoods are requesting to assist those less fortunate. Blessings to all who continue to support these causes!!

Our church is partnering with Northridge Friends Church to provide in caring for the Family Promise participants in any area they request assistance with such as meals, transportation, overnight supervisors.

We also continue to serve breakfast at St Paul's Lutheran Church and provide sack lunches on Sandwich Saturdays quarterly during the year.

Christ Lutheran offered Trunk or Treat goodies on Halloween Eve. It was a success with many stopping by in costumes and some clever trunk décor!!

Resuming Falcon Fellowship for our Wichita Heights student body interested in attending is pending due to frightening situations at schools. Further discussion will be scheduled regarding serving lunches.

The number of volunteers needed to successfully manage these outreach programs is dwindling. More hands means less work for all involved. Do we need to discontinue serving the community due to shortage of help? Your participation is welcome and much appreciated. Thank you.

Deborah Bischoff

Worship and Music Committee

The beautiful choir anthem “It Is Well with My Soul,” performed Oct. 23, might make a better year-end report for the Worship and Music Committee than any written words. What a gift to the congregation from our talented musicians. We are excited that the choir is in full swing again and will include the youth as well.

We look forward to restarting fellowship meals before Advent services this year. Last year we were still under Covid restrictions, so we didn’t have meals before Advent or Lenten services. Without that opportunity for fellowship, turnout was low. Please join us this year for a wonderful worship experience leading up to Christmas.

We are grateful for Margaret’s continued faithfulness as organist extraordinaire, Jared’s expanded role as choir director, and the many gifts of Sylvia, our new choir accompanist. I appreciate the leadership of Pastor Chad and all the friendly people in our remarkable congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Stanton

Youth Committee

We had a full year of activities, which happened mostly on Wednesday evenings. Each Wednesday we gathered for a meal (provided by parents) and then an activity led by Pastor Chad. Some Wednesdays were Youth Group nights, which were for grades 6-12. Other Wednesdays were Confirmation nights for grades 6-8. We regularly had 8-12 participate each Wednesday. When the choir started in the fall, we adjusted our schedule and now that is part of our normal Wednesday activities.

In February, we took a group to the Youth Quake for the first time in a long time. The kids had a great time hearing speakers, worshipping with loud music, and meeting kids from around the country.

In July, we took a group to the ELCA Regional Youth Gathering held at Bethany College & Camp Tomah Shinga. This replaced the ELCA National Youth Gathering that was cancelled this year (mostly due to the pandemic). At the regional gathering, we spent one day in service, one day at camp, and one day at the college. We met with other youth from Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, and Oklahoma.

Perhaps most important, our youth are a regular part of our life together. They serve on Sunday mornings as ushers, musicians, worship leaders, powerpoint & sound operators, readers, and are always ready to fill in for anything. They also serve in the community at St. Paul's Breakfast and Sandwich Saturday. And recently, they are helping connect us to other kids at Heights High School.

In the summer of 2023, we are looking forward to going on a youth mission trip to Colorado, something we haven't done for a number of years. We also plan to send a bunch of kids to church camp like we always do.

Parish Education Committee

It's great to be back to Sunday School! We were able to restart our Sunday School program for the 2021-2022 year. Everything has gone off without a hitch for the 2022-2023 season. We have a younger class consisting of 3-7 year olds and another with older kids. These classes are led by a team of volunteers to teach our kiddos about the present week's story. Every adult volunteer is up to date on background checks.

On Sundays between services, there are also two additional Sunday School classes for adults. These classes are led by Jon Snow and Pastor Chad.

We were also able to restart Vacation Bible School this year. We had a great turn out! Some of the high school kids helped our adult volunteers with a rotation of activities. The younger children would rotate to different activities throughout a 2 hour time frame each night during a week of July. Everyone had a great time and the kids were excited to help break in the new playground equipment that was installed just before VBS.

Looking forward to another year of learning and fun,
Kelsey Helmick
Parish Education Chair

Resource Committee

Resource Annual Report Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the church this year in this capacity & for your continued financial support. In 2022, we were able to utilize our Development Fund to upgrade the parking lot, the playground, and the lighting in our facility. I am looking forward to continuing to serve next year.

- *Melanie Barnhill*

Membership Activity Report

(November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2022)

Baptisms 4

Lucas Lechner
Steve Peacock
Josephine Hysell
Matilda Spicer

Confirmations 3

Casey Dykstra
Annabel Entwisle
Pete Wallman

Deaths 4

Chris Ward
Walter Dietz
Gene Moravec
Sally Hoyer

Removals 7

By Transfer (ELCA) (4)
By Transfer (LCMS) (0)
By Transfer (other) (2)
By Request (1)
By Inactivity or Other (0)

New Members 14

Chris Harris
Cortney Harris
Creighton Harris
Bobby Smyser
Rebecca Smyser
Tim Smyser
Dean Smyser
Dale Smyser
Lucas Lechner
Steve Peacock
Jared Pector
Emily Pector
Josephine Hysell
Matilda Spicer

Membership

11-1-21 members.....270
Removed by death.....4
Removed by transfer.....6
Removed by inactivity or other...1
New members & baptisms.....+14

11-1-2022 Total Members.....273

Average Weekly Attendance

	THIS YEAR (2022)			LAST YEAR (2021)		
	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
January	72	37	35		<i>virtual only</i>	
February	99	45	54		<i>virtual only</i>	
March	105	52	53		<i>virtual only (except Mar 28)</i>	
April	137	71	66	109	42	67
May	97	43	54	82	34	48
June	99	43	56	103	42	61
July	88	38	50	87	31	56
August	101	43	58	106	36	70
September	97	42	55	96	40	56
October	112	46	66	113	52	61
November				106	45	61
December				96	48	48
Annual Avg:	101	46	55	100	41	59

Removals by Transfer (ELCA) 4

Darla Steinert Matt Steinert
Terry Steinert Hannah Steinert

Removals by Transfer (LCMS) 0

Removals by Transfer (other denomination) 2

Ted Balzer
Janet Balzer

Removal by Request 1

Jan Clark

Removals by Inactivity or Other

(haven't been here in at least 2 years)

Move from Active to Inactive Status 44

(haven't been here in at least 1 year)

Note: Because of the pandemic, we stopped keeping track temporarily. Most of the people on this list have not worshipped with us in-person (or maybe just a few times) since the pandemic started over 2 ½ years ago. We recognize that some of you may be worshipping with us online and we don't have a way to track that. If you find yourself on this list in error, please let us know and we will return you to Active status immediately, and we regret the mistake.

- Kris & Clay Zecha, Joshua, Natasha, Charles
- Mary & Buddy Martin, Tiffany & Thane
- Scott & Sheila Schul, Alex & Trevor
- Dick & Gail Hahn
- Carol & Jerry McDaniel
- Nick Weyers
- Greg & Pam Nanney
- Lisa Boyce, Stephanie Nolt
- Rhonda Moravec
- Jack Bastow
- Phoenix Flowers
- Alex & Stephanie Haile, Ariannah
- Grant & Michelle Stucky, Alleigh & Aspyn
- Laurie Anderson
- Ryan & Erica Ballard
- Dave & Jodi Basart
- James & Lauren McMullin
- Kevin & Judy Smith
- John & Kathy White, Ryan

Staffing Report

- **Margaret Dietz** started in 1965 and has now been doing this for 57 years.
- **Alan Wondra** started under contract as bookkeeper in March of 2009. He has now been doing this for 13 years.
- **The Praise Band** (currently Brian Miller, Sylvia & Alan Schmidt, Jim Garrelts, Michael Clouse, Lynde Langdon, Julie Stiebner – or a variation of this crew) has been leading weekly worship as Volunteer Staff since the June of 2011. They have been doing this for 11 years.
 - In January 2022, Brian, Sylvia & Lynde started getting paid to select the songs.
- **Pastor Chad Langdon** started in October 2011. He has now been at Christ Lutheran for 11 years.
- **Mary Garrelts** started as Parish Nurse in October of 2018. She has now been doing this for 4 years.
- **Judith & Ivan Gonzalez** started as custodians in August of 2021. They have now been doing this for 1 year.
- **Jared Pector** started as Cantor in September 2021. He started as Choir Director in September 2022. He has been on staff for 1 year.
- **Kali Mills** started as church secretary in June 2022. She has now been doing this for about 6 months.
- **Sylvia Schmidt** started as Choir Accompanist in September 2022. She has been doing this for 2 months.

2022 Nominations for Election

After prayerful consideration, the 2022 Nominating Committee nominates the following people for election to offices and positions at Christ Lutheran Church:

2023-2024 Congregation Council (2 year terms):

Vice President (1 year VP, 1 year President)	Brian Miller
Treasurer	Alan Wondra
Human Needs Chair	Rosie Harder
Property Care Chair	Bobby Smyser
Outreach Chair	Becky Dykstra

Other Offices & Committees:

Audit Committee (3 year term)	Wanda Unruh
Staff Relations - Council Representative (3 year term)	Mallory Fowler
Endowment Fund Committee (3 year term) – need 2 people	Bill Wenner
	Margaret Kaufman
2023 Nominating Committee (1 year term) – need 3 people	Sylvia Schmidt
	Michael Clouse
	Shannon Banta

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

As their terms are expiring, we thank the following people for their faithful service:

President	Bonnie Johnson
Treasurer	Carol Dooley
Property Care Chair	Russ Banta
Outreach Chair	Deb Bischoff
Endowment Committee	Christie Hentzen
Nominating Committee	Paul Shaw, Ben Gibbs, Robin Pressnall

2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2023 Proposed Budget	2022 Budget	Delta \$	Delta %	Comments 23 v 22 Budget
OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES					
Outside Christ Lutheran Church	20,829	20,050	779	3.88%	
ELCA Benevolence	20,254	19,475	779	4.00%	Estimate (8.5% of last year's budget)
Area Ministry (ELCA)	275	275	-	0.00%	
Synod Assembly Offering	300	300	-	0.00%	
Pastoral Services	124,141	116,448	7,693	6.61%	
Salary	44,933	41,665	3,268	7.84%	5.0% (Salary/H&U Combined)
SECA	5,841	5,414	427	7.90%	
Housing & Utilities	23,690	23,690	-	0.00%	5.0% (Salary/H&U Combined)
Pension & Medical	43,027	39,529	3,498	8.85%	Increase in plan pricing
Mileage Reimbursement	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%	
Continuing Education	1,500	1,000	500	50.00%	Increase \$500 based on this year's spending
Bishop's Convocation	250	250	-	0.00%	
Pastoral Hospitality & Outreach	500	500	-	0.00%	
Book Allowance	400	400	-	0.00%	
Administrative Support	31,504	22,962	8,541	37.20%	
Secretarial	11,700	7,412	4,288	57.86%	Increased secretarial costs due to market
Social Security	2,574	1,000	1,574	157.28%	
Office Supplies	10,000	8,400	1,600	19.05%	
Postage	200	650	(450)	-69.23%	
Worker's Comp	1,580	750	830	110.60%	
Convention Expenses	1,500	1,000	500	50.00%	
Continuing Education (Staff)	250	250	-	0.00%	
Software Support	1,400	1,200	200	16.67%	
Book Keeper	2,300	2,300	-	0.00%	
Worship	21,080	21,097	(17)	-0.08%	
Organist	4,500	6,667	(2,167)	-32.50%	
Choir Director/Cantor	3,600	3,000	600	20.00%	
Supply Ministers	930	930	-	0.00%	
Music & Choir Supplies	500	1,000	(500)	-50.00%	
Youth Choir	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Contemporary Service Expenses	500	500	-	0.00%	
Contemporary Workshop Music Planner	2,600	2,600	-	0.00%	
Worship Supplies	5,000	6,400	(1,400)	-21.88%	Decrease due to pandemic ending, less individual cups needed for communion
Accompanist	2,625	-	2,625	#DIV/0!	
Advent and Lenten Accompanists	825	-	825	#DIV/0!	
Outreach	2,100	2,100	-	0.00%	
Publicity & Outreach	200	200	-	0.00%	
Special Projects	300	300	-	0.00%	
Lutheran/CIOH	1,600	1,600	-	0.00%	

Resource	50	700	(650)	-92.86%
Envelopes	50	50	-	0.00%
Nursery Staff/Supplies	-	500	(500)	-100.00%
Facilities Team Supplies	-	150	(150)	-100.00%
Human Needs	5,150	4,700	450	9.57%
St. Paul's Breakfast	1,800	1,800	-	0.00%
Crop Walk	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
St Paul's Bus Tokens	1,200	1,200	-	0.00%
Family Promise	500	500	-	0.00%
Partners for Wichita	1,200	1,200	-	0.00%
Sandwich Saturday	450	-	450	#DIV/0!
Parish Education	5,475	5,475	-	0.00%
Sunday School	900	900	-	0.00%
Bible School & Mid-Week	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
Confirmation Program	250	250	-	0.00%
Adult Education	200	200	-	0.00%
Library	50	50	-	0.00%
Special Events	75	75	-	0.00%
Tomah Shinga Counselor	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
Youth	4,750	6,750	(2,000)	-29.63%
Camps / Quake	2,000	2,000	-	0.00%
High School Youth	500	500	-	0.00%
Child Safety Policy Support	250	250	-	0.00%
Nat. Youth Convention - '23	1,000	3,000	(2,000)	-66.67%
High School Mission Trip	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
Facilities & Equipment	39,000	38,000	1,000	2.63%
Custodian	6,000	6,000	-	0.00%
Utilities	15,500	15,500	-	0.00%
Maintenance	4,000	4,000	-	0.00%
Building Insurance	8,000	7,000	1,000	14.29%
Equipment (new/repair)	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
Emergency Facilities	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	254,078	238,282	15,796	6.63%