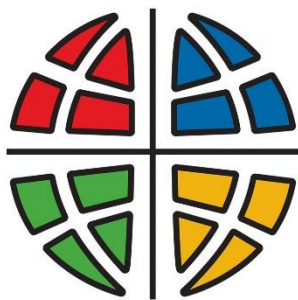


# 2024 Annual Report of the Congregation



ELCA

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# 2024 Council Members & Staff

## Congregation Council

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Brian Miller
Vice President	Jim Garrelts
Secretary	Mitch Neuenschwander
Treasurer	Alan Wondra
Worship/Music Chair	Juanita Freed
Human Needs Chair	Rosie Harder
Resource Chair	Nick Baden
Property Care Chair	Bobby Smyser
Parish Education Chair	Kelsey Helmick
Outreach Chair	Becky Dykstra
Youth Leader	Emily Pector

## Staff

Pastor	Chad Langdon
Office Secretary	Kali Mills
Cantor/Choir Director	Jared Pector
Organist	Margaret Dietz
Custodians	Judith & Ivan Gonzalez
Bookkeeper	Alan Wondra
Parish Nurse	Mary Garrelts
Choir Accompanist	Sylvia Schmidt

*Cover Photo: taken June 4, 2024 after Vacation Bible School*

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# Annual Meeting Agenda 2024

November 24, 2024

12:15pm

Call Meeting to Order

Opening Prayer

Welcome/Review Agenda

Minutes of Spring 2024 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, Property, Outreach

Election of members to the following committees:

Audit, 2025 Nominating, Endowment, and Synod Assembly Voting Members

Presentation and Approval of the 2025 Christ Lutheran Church budget

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Discussion and approval of Usage of Development Funds for 2025

Announcements & Introduction of Jody Helton, Parish Ministry Associate

Adjournment and closing with the Lord's Prayer

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Annual Spring Congregational Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2024

Our mission 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.**”

**Opening call to order:** President Miller called the congregational meeting to order at 1217

**Agenda:** Provided to the congregation on screen

- **Opening Prayer:** President Miller
- **Final approval of 2023 budget:** December was a bit disappointing, but giving was good first quarter, so overall remains positive. Motion to approve and seconded the 2023 financial report. Motion passed
- **1st quarter 2024 financials:** Brief discussion followed. No action
- **Election of 2024 Synod Assembly Members:** Floor opened for discussion. June 7-9 Registration due 5/1/24 in Kansas City. No interest at this time but the option remains open to the congregation.

### General Announcements

- **Justice Together:** No report
- **Vacation Bible School:** Scheduled for the first week of June 2024
- **Pastor Chad’s Vacation:** Pastor will have mini-sabbatical and coverage is planned to be provided during the month of June.
- **Stain glass windows:** A major project will be completed soon by the provider so our project is next to be completed. The first payment is made and there will be 2 more payments of \$8000 each.

Motion to adjourn seconded at 1227.

**Next Council Meeting: 5/13/24 @ 1800**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitch Neuenschwander

# Pastor Chad's 2024 Annual Report

From my perspective, this has been a fruitful and fulfilling year of ministry. There have been some changes around Christ Lutheran, but nothing like the prior few years that we went through during the pandemic. In a lot of ways, things kind of finally settled down after that tumultuous time and we have adjusted to a new normal. I feel like we were able to focus on strengthening and growing some of our newer ministries (like Justice Together and the Heights Outreach). We started some new initiatives like our Accessibility Team and we finalized some projects like our stained-glass windows. Perhaps most exciting for me was to see the growth in our lay leadership and involvement:

- Rosie Harder started a Creation Care Team and this team has done some exciting things this year like getting a recycling program going and maintaining a pollinator garden. I'm anxious to see what other steps they help us take in the future.
- Alan Wondra went all in on Justice Together, serving on the Board, on Research Teams, coordinating (with Donn Bischoff) our Justice Ministry Network Members, and making a huge impact on the overall organization.
- Some of our recently retired guys started a Men's Bible Study that quickly moved from meeting every two weeks to every week. I don't know if it was related or not, but the weekly Women's Bible Study also opened up for new members to attend.
- Kelsey Helmick started a Book Club that has been getting good response, even from people outside our congregation. She also compiled another cookbook for the congregation. And she started adding enhanced announcements to our Facebook page.

And I got to take a mini-sabbatical for about 3+ weeks this summer! We had some folks step up to preach in my absence and the Council showed great leadership by keeping everything running smoothly while I was gone. I was able to completely walk away for several weeks and not worry at all what was going on at church (except for maybe a big broken down RV that someone abandon in our parking lot LOL). This is all thanks to the great lay leadership that we have in our congregation and I am so very thankful for everyone who pitched in to make that extended vacation for me happen. It was much needed and I was able to return refreshed and excited about ministry. Thank you for that opportunity! In addition to all of that, here are some ministry highlights from the previous year.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR**

**November (2023)** – We did a Beer & Hymns with the other ELCA churches in the area. · We had about 30 people attend the Community Problems Assembly where we voted on the name of our new justice organization, now called Justice Together. We also selected the two problems of injustice that we would focus on in the coming year: homelessness & mental health.

**December (2023)** – Our theme for Advent was, “Faith Traditions: Finding Meaning in the Past so we can have Hope for the Future.” We had several folks introduce us to their family & cultural Christmas traditions. · We put together an Advent devotional written by members of CLC. · Our youth had a successful Christmas party with the kids from Reformation & St. Paul's.

**January** – We took over as fiscal agents for Mision San Juan de Dios. · Our youth & some others from our congregation participated in a synodwide discussion about the ELCA Churchwide’s Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to help shape the future of our church. Our congregation had more people in attendance than any other Central States Synod congregation.

**February** – Our theme for Lent was “The Way of the Cross,” and we did some interesting things with it. Brian Pressnall & I created a large stained glass cross that we used during our Lenten services. · I took some of our youth on a retreat to Camp Tomah Shinga.

**March** – We had great Lenten & Holy Week services, with a strong attendance on Easter Sunday. · I was asked to participate in the Greater Wichita Ministerial League’s Good Friday service, which I considered a great honor.

**April** – Justice Together had a successful Solutions Rally. · Our series as we went through the Gospel of Mark in worship was called “The Way of Jesus.”

**May** – Justice Together’s Nehemiah Assembly was excellent. We had over 60 people from Christ Lutheran in attendance as part of the 1,300 people overall. I was asked to be one of the speakers for the event. We secured important promises from city & county leaders in the areas of homelessness & mental health. This was the culmination of a lot of work and I was very proud of everything that went into that event. · We hosted an outdoor Memorial Day worship service with Reformation & St. Paul’s. · I spent a day with the staff of Camp Tomah Shinga doing some staff training. · We wrapped up the school year with our Heights Outreach by connecting with about 80 kids every day.

**June** – Vacation Bible School was awesome and all about caring for creation. God blessed us with an unforgettable rainbow one of the nights. · I attended Synod Assembly. · Justice Together had their Celebration Event, and Christ Lutheran was recognized with the “Justice Seeker” award for having more than 50% of our average worship attendance at the Nehemiah Assembly. · I was trained as someone to solicit corporate donations for Justice Together. · We had a “Bring Your Bible to Church” Sunday. · We kicked off a summer series about Creation Care, which was mostly lay led because I started my mini-sabbatical in June!

**July** – I came back from my mini-sabbatical in early July. · Emily Pector & I took 6 of our youth to New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering, under the theme, “Created to Be.” We had a great time and our kids were amazing.

**August** – We went through series on 1 Corinthians that I called “Becoming Master Builders for Jesus” and we used Legos as a fun little theme. · We had “S’mores on Sunday Evenings in August” as a way to connect with folks outside of Sunday morning. It was a small, but faithful group that attended each week. · The Accessibility Team started their work in earnest and came up with some good recommendations for Council. · Jody Helton, PMA, started helping around Christ Lutheran, filling in for me when I missed a couple Sundays for vacation. She is a great asset to have in our congregation. · The church was struck by lightning and so I spent a lot of time getting things straightened out after that. · Heights started school again and we immediately had over 100 kids showing up every single day. That number quickly grew to about 130-140 kids every day.

**September** – Our theme in worship was “Stories that Shape Us.” · We started up our youth & regular fall activities again. · I joined a Synod team that is focused on planting new churches, and we’ve started some conversations about what that would look like in the Maize area.

**October** – I spent some time working on our Stewardship campaign this year. · I connected with a group called “Cure Violence” who can provide a little support for our Heights Outreach. · Our new stained glass windows were installed.

Other than leading worship, preaching and doing pastoral care, my regular activities include:

- Leading weekly youth activities
- Teaching Sunday school
- Attending monthly church council meetings
- Attending other committee meetings
- Leading worship & preaching once every month for the Shepherd’s Crossing community
- Meeting monthly with a Spiritual Director
- Serving as the secretary for Justice Together, including serving on the Executive Committee, attending the monthly Clergy Caucus, attending monthly Board meetings, and helping with the Corporate Investment Drive
- Serving as the Central States Synod Secretary, including serving on the Synod Council and the Executive Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Chad Langdon



## President's Report

Quite a lot has happened this year and I would like to highlight a few of those things.

- Heights Fellowship has grown significantly this past year. From humble beginnings, we now have up to 100 kids per day that show up every day after school for fellowship and for snacks. We see this ministry as something God has called us to do here, and we ask you to consider this ministry as you give next year.
- Pastor Chad's mini-sabbatical, although not the official sabbatical we had hoped for, was a chance for Pastor to refresh and renew during the summer. Many of you stepped up to fulfill roles that were needed during Pastor Chad's sabbatical. I want to thank all those who helped out in that capacity.
- Our support of San Juan de Dios has allowed Pastor Ivan to more fully serve in his role as Pastor of that congregation. As we move into the new year, the council is proposing that we continue this support from our development fund.
- Justice Together continues to be an important organization that we support. Our support for this organization has led to tangible changes in our community. The council is also recommending that we provide funding for Justice Together from the development fund. We also ask you to support this organization through your own designated giving and through supporting meetings and listening sessions.
- The Accessibility Team was formed to help consider accessibility issues. This committee has provided recommendations to the council to improve accessibility, most significantly, openers for the front doors and bathroom doors. The council is recommending that we use development funds for these upgrades.

As I look at the last year, I see us being God's hands and feet for the kingdom. Let us continue to do so.

*Brian Miller, Congregational President*

# Treasurer's Report

*Year-to-Date through September 30, 2024*

OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES	MONTH	2024 CUMULATIVE	2024 BUDGET	BALANCE
<b>Outside Christ Lutheran Church</b>	<b>\$1,458.33</b>	<b>\$15,608.25</b>	<b>\$21,381.50</b>	<b>\$5,773.25</b>
ELCA Benevolence (.085)	\$1,458.33	\$15,608.25	\$20,806.50	\$5,198.25
Area Ministry (ELCA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
Synod Assembly Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Pastoral Services</b>	<b>\$10,249.49</b>	<b>\$94,231.21</b>	<b>\$129,277.30</b>	<b>\$35,046.09</b>
Salary	\$4,083.68	\$36,753.13	\$48,364.23	\$11,611.10
SECA	\$439.90	\$3,959.10	\$5,278.82	\$1,319.72
Housing & Utilities	\$1,666.66	\$14,999.94	\$23,689.92	\$8,689.98
Pension & Medical	\$4,059.25	\$36,533.21	\$45,294.33	\$8,761.12
Mileage Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$1,517.55	\$4,000.00	\$2,482.45
Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Bishop's Convocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Pastoral Hospitality & Outreach	\$0.00	\$220.51	\$500.00	\$279.49
Book Allowance	\$0.00	\$247.77	\$400.00	\$152.23
<b>Administrative Support</b>	<b>\$1,844.38</b>	<b>\$19,034.25</b>	<b>\$27,543.31</b>	<b>\$8,509.06</b>
Secretarial	\$588.04	\$5,482.64	\$7,680.00	\$2,197.36
Social Security	\$0.00	\$1,282.07	\$1,713.31	\$431.24
Office Supplies	\$1,051.34	\$7,356.42	\$10,000.00	\$2,643.58
Postage	\$0.00	\$272.00	\$300.00	\$28.00
Worker's Comp	\$0.00	\$462.75	\$700.00	\$237.25
Convention Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,320.06	\$1,500.00	\$179.94
Continuing Education (Staff)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Software Support	\$30.00	\$1,283.31	\$2,600.00	\$1,316.69
Book Keeper	\$175.00	\$1,575.00	\$2,800.00	\$1,225.00
<b>Worship</b>	<b>\$1,584.97</b>	<b>\$14,787.12</b>	<b>\$20,316.00</b>	<b>\$5,528.88</b>
Organist	\$360.16	\$3,506.55	\$4,680.00	\$1,173.45
Choir Director/Cantor	\$288.14	\$3,236.31	\$3,744.00	\$507.69
Supply Ministers	\$225.00	\$2,025.00	\$1,600.00	(\$425.00)
Music & Choir Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Contemporary Service Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Contemp. Worship Music Planner	\$618.91	\$2,150.88	\$2,704.00	\$553.12
Accompanist	\$70.20	\$930.70	\$3,588.00	\$2,657.30
Worship Supplies	\$22.56	\$2,937.68	\$3,000.00	\$62.32
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,944.78</b>	<b>\$6,489.55</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>	<b>\$610.45</b>
Publicity & Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Special Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Heights Outreach	\$1,898.28	\$6,350.05	\$5,000.00	(\$1,350.05)
Lutheran/CIOH	\$46.50	\$139.50	\$1,600.00	\$1,460.50
<b>Resource</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
Envelopes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Human Needs</b>	<b>\$709.13</b>	<b>\$2,898.54</b>	<b>\$4,450.00</b>	<b>\$1,551.46</b>
St. Paul's Breakfast	\$396.25	\$1,818.19	\$1,800.00	(\$18.19)
St Paul's Bus Tokens	\$262.50	\$612.50	\$1,200.00	\$587.50
Inter Relocation Comm	\$0.00	\$84.93	\$500.00	\$415.07
Lutheran World Relief Shipping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sandwich Saturday	\$50.38	\$382.92	\$450.00	\$67.08
<b>Parish Education</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,207.97</b>	<b>\$5,975.00</b>	<b>\$4,767.03</b>
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$702.10	\$900.00	\$197.90
Bible School & Mid-Week	\$0.00	\$452.31	\$1,500.00	\$1,047.69
Confirmation Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Adult Education	\$0.00	\$53.56	\$200.00	\$146.44
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Special Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Tomah Shinga Counslor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>Youth</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,273.36</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>\$2,476.64</b>
Camps / Youth Quake	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
High School Youth	\$0.00	\$273.36	\$500.00	\$226.64
Child Safety Policy Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Nat. Youth Convention - '23	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$3,030.44</b>	<b>\$28,097.26</b>	<b>\$39,800.00</b>	<b>\$11,702.74</b>
Custodian	\$525.00	\$4,725.00	\$6,300.00	\$1,575.00
Utilities	\$1,409.06	\$10,798.09	\$15,500.00	\$4,701.91
Maintenance	\$696.38	\$2,284.55	\$4,000.00	\$1,715.45
Building Insurance	\$0.00	\$7,053.75	\$8,500.00	\$1,446.25
Equipment (new/repair)	\$0.00	\$1,635.87	\$3,000.00	\$1,364.13
Emergency Facilities	\$400.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,500.00	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,821.52</b>	<b>\$184,627.51</b>	<b>\$260,643.11</b>	<b>\$76,015.60</b>

OPERA TING FUND BALANCE - AUGUST 31, 2024				\$17,509.14	
RECEIPTS		PREV. MONTH	THIS MONTH	2024 CUMULATIVE	2023 CUMULATIVE
Envelope		\$11,900.00	\$7,630.00	\$115,057.06	
Loose		\$190.00	\$250.00	\$1,956.00	
ACH/Tithe/Elect/Other		\$5,066.82	\$7,620.10	\$62,251.54	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$17,156.82</b>	<b>\$15,500.10</b>	<b>\$179,264.60</b>	<b>\$166,984.08</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$19,107.18</b>	<b>\$20,821.52</b>	<b>\$184,663.97</b>	<b>\$171,160.65</b>
OPERATING FUND GAIN/LOSS		(\$1,950.36)	(\$5,321.42)	(\$5,399.37)	(\$4,176.57)
OPERATING FUND BALANCE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024				\$12,187.72	\$136.67
<b>Designated Funds Recap Year 2024</b>					
DESIGNATED FUNDS		Begin Bal	RECEIPTS	EXPENSE	END BAL
<b>STARTING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$140,414.08</b>			
Emergency Assistance	Pastor	\$1,276.50	\$130.00	\$355.78	\$1,050.72
Pastor Continuing Education	Pastor	\$0.00			\$0.00
Building Development Tithe/ACH	Council	\$63,946.38	\$16,176.81	\$15,551.74	\$64,571.45
Partners Church - Future Building Fund		\$4,000.00	\$500.00		\$4,500.00
Partners Church Funds to CLC meant for Partners		\$0.00			\$0.00
Partners Church Portico Loan payment/refund		(\$2,700.00)			(\$2,700.00)
Church Sign	Council	\$7,129.06			\$7,129.06
Thrivent D. Deposit	Council	\$3,264.82			\$3,264.82
Dillons Dollars	Council	\$1,753.82			\$1,753.82
Combined Memorial Funds/Wish List	Council	\$5,765.74			\$5,765.74
Synod Assembly	Council	\$150.00			\$150.00
Emergency Building Fund	Council	\$17,603.69	\$400.00	\$3,109.90	\$14,893.79
Mission Trip / Border Trip	Council	\$1,060.00			\$1,060.00
Women of Christ Lutheran	Council	\$987.96			\$987.96
Funeral Meals/Misc	Council	\$1,399.34			\$1,399.34
Falcon Fellowship (Heights Luncheon)	Falcon Fell	\$2,127.57	\$9,598.00		\$11,725.57
International Relocation Committee	H. Needs	\$406.74			\$406.74
Human Needs / Sandwich Saturday	H. Needs	\$753.72	\$100.00		\$853.72
Borgandale Interest Fund	H. Needs	\$1,471.86		\$160.15	\$1,311.71
Crop Walk / Souper Bowl / Food for Kids	H. Needs	\$0.00			\$0.00
Habitat for Humanity/Bibles Children's Ho	H. Needs	\$101.13			\$101.13
St. Pauls Breakfast/ Bus Tokens	H. Needs	\$1,025.55	\$300.00	\$331.83	\$993.72
Noisy Offering	H. Needs	\$1,621.94	\$124.66		\$1,746.60
Extra Desig. Fund Line Item	H. Needs	\$0.00			\$0.00
Choir Robes	Worship	\$1,452.39			\$1,452.39
Paraments	Worship	\$1,303.59			\$1,303.59
Worship Comm/ Devotionals/Alter Guild	Worship	\$1,375.64			\$1,375.64
Music Worship	Worship	\$240.00			\$240.00
Disaster/Emerg. Response - Haiti Relief	Resource	\$0.00			\$0.00
Building Furnishings/ Kitchen Supplies	Resource	\$751.68		\$16.98	\$734.70
Lent / Advent Offerings	Resource	\$158.23			\$158.23
Organ Repair	Resource	\$949.00			\$949.00
Lawn Tractor	Property	\$91.71			\$91.71
Youth Fund	Youth	\$416.60			\$416.60
Vacation Bible School	Parish Ed	\$325.00			\$325.00
Tomah Shinga / Youth Quake	Parish Ed	\$240.00			\$240.00
CLC Youth/ Mission/ Natl Gathering	Youth	\$16,832.86		\$199.00	\$16,633.86
Area 5 Ministries Account	Area 5	\$794.06			\$794.06
Lutheran World Relief - Ukraine	H. Needs	\$0.00			\$0.00
Outreach Committee	Outreach	\$350.00			\$350.00
Building - Stain Glass Window Fund	Council	\$1,091.50	\$1,150.00		\$2,241.50
Heights Teachers	Council	\$271.00			\$271.00
Outside Key Card Usage		\$0.00			\$0.00
Justice Together		\$625.00		\$625.00	\$0.00
Extra Desig. Fund Line Item		\$0.00			\$0.00
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Extra Desig. Fund Line Item		\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$28,479.47</b>	<b>\$20,350.38</b>	
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>					<b>\$148,543.17</b>
Combined Ending Balance					<b>\$160,730.89</b>
Bank Statement					<b>\$160,730.89</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>					
<b>Mission Investment - General Fund</b>			<b>\$23,942.62</b>		
Mission Investment - Endowment			<b>\$68,188.59</b>	<b>Total Investment w/</b>	<b>Mission Investment</b>
Mission Investment - Borgandale			<b>\$15,494.04</b>	<b>\$107,625.25</b>	
Emergency Building Fund Allocations					
\$50 Sound System; Emerg. Build Fund	\$14,843.79	\$14,893.79			
Memorial Fund/ Wish List Recap					
Sally Hoyer		\$0.00			Moved to Stained Glass
Darrell Unruh		\$0.00	New Keyboard		Moved to Stained Glass
Eileen Dietz		\$0.00	Stained Glass		
Carol Hill		-\$70.06			
C. Boatwright		\$80.00			
B. Garrellts - Love offering		\$175.00	Mercy Ship		
Beth Shaw		\$3,091.97			
Sondergard		\$113.83	Banners		
G. Christenson		\$0.00			Moved to Stained Glass
Wes Nelson		\$0.00			Moved to Stained Glass
N. Langer		\$0.00			Moved to Stained Glass
R. Schmidt		\$1,255.00			
Art Wondra		\$0.00	Stained Glass		Moved to Stained Glass
Pat Durham		\$1,120.00			
					\$5,765.74
Total Donations for Projectors		\$16,455.00			

## **Human Needs Committee**

*The following is a brief summary of human needs projects for January 2024 – December 2024.*

January--Bags of Blessing

February--Food 4 Kids

March--Camp Tomah Shinga (items and offerings for new hot water heaters)

April--Finals care packages for CLC college students

May--Baby care kits for LWR (Lutheran World Relief)

June--Diapers & wipes for the IRC (International Rescue Committee)

July& August--LWR school supplies & school kits

September--ICTSOS (requested items for victims of human trafficking) and God's Work, Our Hands--we put together personal care kits for LWR with a grant from Thrivent

October--Items requested by Stepstone in support of domestic violence survivors

November--St. Paul's food pantry

December--Winter welcome for new families at the IRC: coats, blankets, hats, gloves, etc

We hosted the LWR truck ingathering of kits and quilts from this area of Kansas on Oct.22.

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

*Rosie Harder, Chairperson Human Needs Committee*

## Outreach Committee

This year has been a busy for the Outreach Committee.

The Heights Outreach has grown to include Fridays beginning with the 2024/25 school year. This has been going well with an average of over 125 kids each day. The church is forming a relationship with a local group, Cure Violence, and they have been assisting at lunchtime a couple times per week alongside the regular daily volunteers from the congregation. Because of the extra day and increased number of students involved, the expense has also increased. You'll notice an increase in the budget for the additional costs associated with this important ministry.

Falcon Fellowship has changed slightly to improve the reach of the program. The committee met in May and July to discuss the program for the 2024/25 school year, it was decided to restructure FF so the students would not need a permission slip to attend and would also only include Juniors/Seniors since they already have an open lunch period. The change has proven to be successful and there's been an increase in number of students from 10-15 in 2023/24 to ~100 students so far in September and October. The budget line for Heights Outreach and FF has been combined since these programs are so closely related.

Falcon Fellowship Trivia night was a nice evening in September and again raised a large amount of funds to support the Heights Outreach programs.

Sandwich Saturday this year has been a little bit trickier since the number of guests has varied so greatly. The congregation has done a very good job of volunteering to help make and serve the sandwiches several times per year. This is a still a needed service for the community and helps close to 100, or more, people each day we serve.

St Paul's Breakfast continues to grow this year. There continues to be a core group of volunteers with a lot of others who have been helping when and where they can. It is such a good time to have fellowship and work toward a common goal of improving people's lives through a hot yummy meal.

Justice Together is just beginning the next cycle of sessions to determine the next issues in our community that will be addressed. I am excited to see how CLC and other community members work together to address these important issues. I hope everyone can get involved at some level!

The Lord is definitely working in our small church and in each of our lives to do big things. It has been an honor to serve as the Outreach committee chairperson for the past 2 years. I look forward to continuing to serve as a member on the committee in subsequent years.

*Becky Dykstra*

*Outreach Committee Chair*

## Worship and Music Committee

The Worship and Music Committee continues to appreciate the many talents our musicians have brought to worship services in the past year. A talented praise band, organist, a wonderful choir that has young and older people, great cantor and accompanists enhance worship every week. We also appreciate all our volunteer altar guild, ushers, greeters, powerpoint, soundboard, worship leaders, readers, meal prep individuals for advent and lent, goodies people, the dedicated individuals behind the scenes that do all the extras. Each individual makes our Worship go very smoothly. Our church has an amazing pastor that leads us.

I would love to have more volunteers, we welcome anyone.

God Bless,

*Juanita Freed*

## Parish Education Committee

We have a younger class consisting of preschoolers in the downstairs room 6. The older kids use the upstairs space for Sunday School. These classes are led by a team of volunteers to teach our kiddos about the present week's story. Every adult volunteer is either up to date or working on their background checks.

There are also additional Sunday School classes for adults.

Vacation Bible School was a great time this year! We had a great turn out. Some of the older kids helped our adult volunteers with a rotation of activities. The younger children would rotate to different activities throughout a 2 hour-ish time frame each night during the first week of June. After VBS we offered family activities and some who stayed late even witnessed a beautiful double rainbow after one heck of a rainstorm! Thanks to all the new adult volunteers who helped this year!

During the beginning of the year our council set some goals for the following year. This year I set a personal goal to increase our web presence. I have helped put our events on Facebook and updated the CLC Website. I have seen some people come to our church as a result and I'm hoping this continues.

Finally, we will be starting work on our youth Christmas pageant in the month of December.

Best,

*Kelsey Helmick*

*Parish Education Chair*



## **Resource Committee**

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the church in this capacity and thank you for your continued financial support of the church and its ministry.

In 2024, we were able to utilize those gifts to install new stained-glass windows, assist Justice Together on important justice issues, and minister to hundreds of high school students through Heights outreach, just to name a few.

In 2025, we look forward to continuing these important ministries and focusing our development fund on ELCA ministry in the Wichita area.

*Nick Baden*

*Resource Committee Chair*

## **Youth Committee**

*Emily Pector*

No report submitted.

## **Property Care**

*Bobby Smyser*

No report submitted.

## Membership Activity

(November 1, 2023 – November 4, 2024)

### Baptisms 1

Mason Callison

### Confirmations 2

Paige Gibbs

Clara Miller

### Deaths 2

Rosalie Schmidt

Patti Durham

### Removals

By Transfer (ELCA) (0)

By Transfer (other) (0)

By Inactivity or Other (3)

### New Members 6

Mason Callison

Susie Lindsey

Jody Bures-Helton

Greg Helton

Brady Helton

Mallory Helton

### Membership

11-1-23 members.....246

Removed by death.....2

Removed by transfer.....0

Removed by inactivity or other...3

New members & baptisms.....+6

**11-4-2024 Total Members.....247**

## Average Weekly Attendance

	THIS YEAR (2024)			LAST YEAR (2023)		
	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
January	101	41	62	100	40	60
February	101	40	62	107	39	66
March	125	49	76	102	36	66
April	119	54	66	126	57	70
May	64	40	54	106	41	65
June	90	36	54	94	41	53
July	87	35	52	104	44	60
August	94	35	59	97	37	61
September	99	38	63	105	46	59
October	99	40	59	100	44	56
November				82	44	48
December				122	64	68
<b>Annual Avg:</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>61</b>

**Removals by Transfer (ELCA)      0**

**Removals by Transfer (LCMS)      0**

**Removals by Transfer (other denomination)      0**



**Removals by Inactivity or Other** **3**  
*(haven't been here in at least 2 years)*

- Jody Nelson
- Judy Parsons
- Trinity Leonard

**Move from Active to Inactive Status** **6**  
*(haven't been here in at least 1 year)*

- Grant Stucky
- Michelle Stucky
- Alleigh Stucky
- Aspyn Stucky
- Beth Wenner
- Bill Wenner

## Staffing Report

- **Margaret Dietz** started in 1965 and has now been doing this for 59 years.
- **Alan Wondra** started under contract as bookkeeper in March of 2009. He has now been doing this for 15 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 13 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 13 years.
- **Mary Garrelts** started as Parish Nurse in October of 2018. She has now been doing this for 6 years.
- **Judith & Ivan Gonzalez** started as custodians in August of 2021. They have now been doing this for 3 years.
- **Jared Pector** started as Cantor in September 2021. He started as Choir Director in September 2022. He has been on staff for 3 years.
- **Kali Mills** started as church secretary in June 2022. She has now been doing this for over 2 years.
- **Sylvia Schmidt** started as Choir Accompanist in September 2022. She has been doing this for 2 years.

## **2024 Nominations for Election**

*The Nominating Committee offers this report of people they are nominating to serve in positions of leadership in our congregation. At the Annual Meeting, you will have a chance to vote for these people or write-in another person.*

### 2025-2026 Congregation Council Nominees (2 year terms):

Julie Stiebner	Vice President (1 year VP, 1 year President)
Alan Wondra	Treasurer
Beverly Krasselt	Human Needs Committee Chair
Alan Schmidt	Property Committee Chair
Mary Garrelts	Outreach Committee Chair

### Other Nominees for Offices & Committees:

Paula Rader	Audit Committee (3 year term)
Forrest Ehmke	Staff Relations - Pastor Representative (3 year term)
Jo Doerneman	Endowment Fund Committee (3 year term)
Christie Hentzen	Endowment Fund Committee (3 year term)
Taylor Cook	2025 Nominating Committee (1 year term)
Larry Cross	2025 Nominating Committee (1 year term)
Dionne Becker	2025 Nominating Committee (1 year term)
Jim Garrelts	2025 Synod Assembly Voting Member
Mary Garrelts	2025 Synod Assembly Voting Member

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

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

President	<b>Brian Miller</b>
Treasurer	<b>Alan Wondra</b>
Human Needs Chair	<b>Rosie Harder</b>
Property Chair	<b>Bobby Smyser</b>
Outreach Chair	<b>Becky Dykstra</b>
Endowment Committee	<b>Jo Doerneman &amp; Jean Beal</b>
Nominating Committee	<b>Mallory Fowler, Deb Bischoff, Robin Pressnall, Jim Garrelts, and Alan Wondra</b>

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES	2025 Proposed Budget	2024 Budget	Increase/Decrease	Comments
<b>Outside Christ Lutheran Church</b>	<b>\$22,729.66</b>	<b>\$21,381.50</b>	<b>\$1,348.16</b>	
ELCA Benevolence	\$22,154.66	\$20,806.50	\$1,348.16	Estimate (8.5% of last year's budget)
Area Ministry (ELCA)	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	
Synod Assembly Offering	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
<b>Pastoral Services</b>	<b>\$131,061.95</b>	<b>\$129,277.30</b>	<b>\$1,784.65</b>	
Salary	\$53,495.23	\$48,364.23	\$5,131.00	
SECA	\$5,622.39	\$5,278.82	\$343.57	
Housing & Utilities	\$20,000.00	\$23,689.92	-\$3,689.92	
Pension & Medical	\$45,294.33	\$45,294.33	\$0.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
Continuing Education	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Bishop's Convocation	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Pastoral Hospitality & Outreach	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
Book Allowance	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	
<b>Administrative Support</b>	<b>\$27,593.31</b>	<b>\$27,543.31</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	
Secretarial	\$7,680.00	\$7,680.00	\$0.00	
Social Security	\$1,713.31	\$1,713.31	\$0.00	
Office Supplies	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
Postage	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$50.00	
Worker's Comp	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	
Convention Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Continuing Education (Staff)	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Software Support	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	
Book Keeper	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	
<b>Worship</b>	<b>\$20,316.00</b>	<b>\$20,316.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Organist	\$4,680.00	\$4,680.00	\$0.00	
Choir Director/Cantor	\$3,744.00	\$3,744.00	\$0.00	
Supply Ministers	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	
Music & Choir Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
Contemporary Service Expenses	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
Contemp. Worship Music Planner	\$2,704.00	\$2,704.00	\$0.00	
Accompanist	\$3,588.00	\$3,588.00	\$0.00	
Worship Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	

<b>Outreach</b>		<b>\$10,100.00</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
Publicity & Outreach		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Special Projects		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Heights Outreach		\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
Lutheran/CIOH		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
<b>Resource</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>-\$50.00</b>
Envelopes		\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
<b>Human Needs</b>		<b>\$5,150.00</b>	<b>\$4,450.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
St. Paul's Breakfast		\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$200.00
St Paul's Bus Tokens		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
IRC (International Rescue Committee)		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Lutheran World Relief Shipping		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Lutheran World Relief Kits		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Sandwich Saturday		\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
<b>Parish Education</b>		<b>\$5,850.00</b>	<b>\$5,850.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Sunday School		\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Bible School & Mid-Week		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Confirmation Program		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Adult Education		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Tomah Shinga Counselor		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Youth</b>		<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Camps / Youth Quake		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
High School Youth		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Child Safety Policy Support		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Nat. Youth Convention		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>		<b>\$42,300.00</b>	<b>\$39,800.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Custodian		\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00	\$0.00
Utilities		\$16,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$1,000.00
Maintenance		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Building Insurance		\$9,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$500.00
Equipment (new/repair)		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Emergency Facilities		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Creation Care		\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$269,850.92</b>	<b>\$260,518.11</b>	<b>\$9,332.81</b>