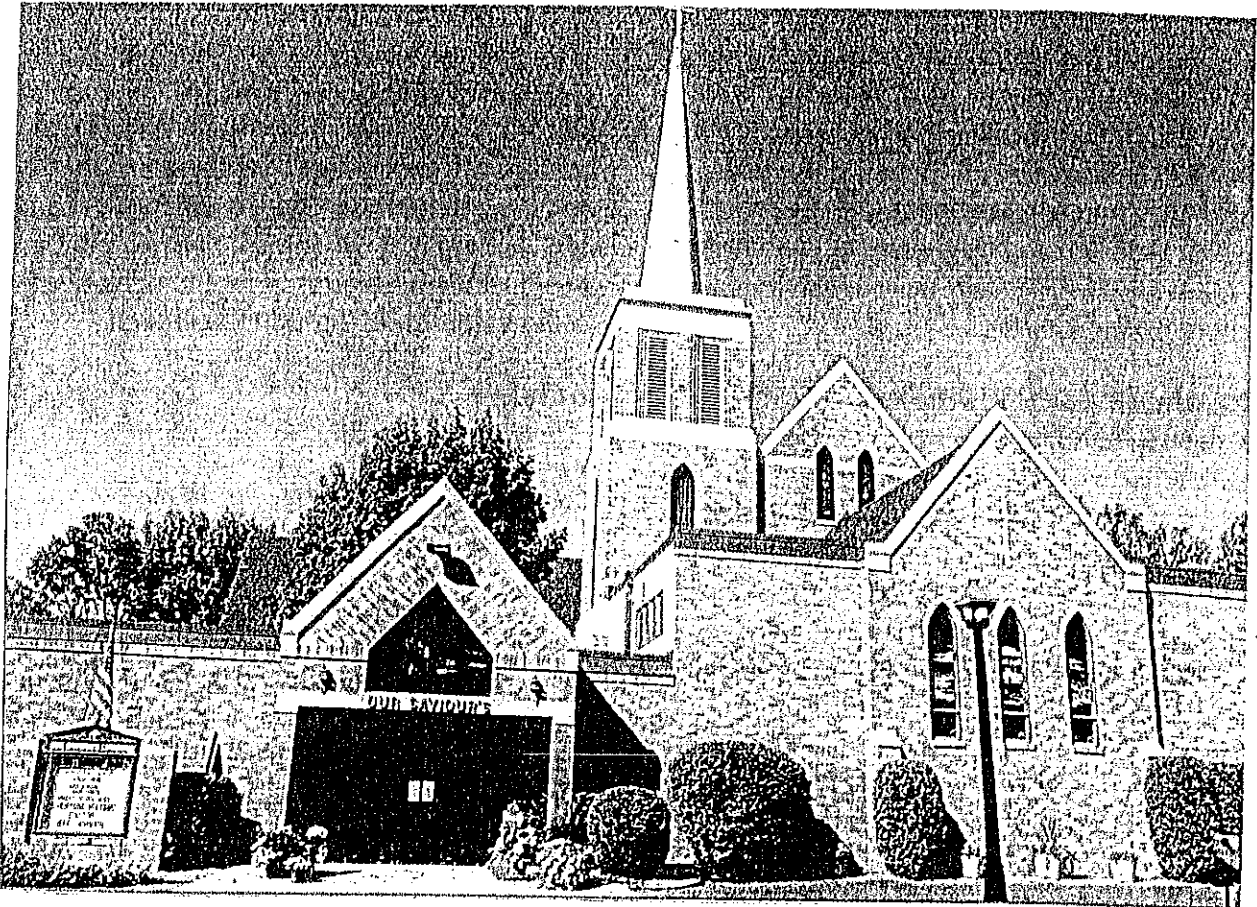




Our Saviour's Lutheran

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ANNUAL REPORT

2022

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

We have seen many changes throughout the years and throughout the world. Sometimes we've been left yearning for the days when things didn't feel so complicated. Other times, we have seen something new happen and have asked, "Why did this take so long?" The church has been through its own changes as well. Some of these have left us wishing for simpler times while others have us waiting for even more to come about.

But, dear church, God still is unchanging. God's love is still the foundation on which the church was built. While we have seen many changes, both in the world and at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the eternal love of God and the good news that dwells with Christ's death and resurrection continue to provide hope for everyone. This is why our mission remains steadfast, whether that is through our traditional mission work in places near and far or from new ventures and visions that encourage us to think of different ways to reach even more people.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (13:16). That could not be truer in the work we have been doing in each expression of the church. Your gifts continue to benefit the good work of spreading the good news throughout your communities, your synods and the whole church. We are all answering the call to continue to do good work with the help of your support, whether that is through your resources, your time or your talents.

I am grateful for your generous support of each expression of the church. God calls all of us to continue to do the good work, and you continue to answer that call. We also continue to join you in that call and will remain true to looking toward God's unchanging promise. There is still much change and learning that will come before us, but God's steadfast love energizes us for the work God is still doing in the world through this church.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Eaton". The ink is dark and the background is light.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

“Do not neglect to do good and
to share what you have, for such
sacrifices are pleasing to God”
(Hebrews 13:16).



CHURCH TOGETHER

The word synod comes from a Greek word meaning "to travel a common road--to walk together." As an interconnected church with three expressions: Congregations, Synod, and Churchwide Organization- along with non-congregational ministries, we participate in God's mission and in the world as the church together, each with a specific role. Congregations are ministry rooted in local context. Synods are church rooted in collaboration. The Churchwide Organization is rooted in ecumenical and global realities. Together we seek to love our neighbor and proclaim God's message of grace in the world.

This fall the Synod Advocacy & Action Team launched the Global Farm Challenge in the synod to raise money for world hunger

The congregations in Hunter & Arthur joined the challenge in partnership with the Advcoacy & Action team and raised over \$7000 for ELCA World Hunger!

These funds are remitted to the Churchwide Organization and shared with global partners through international World Hunger Initiatives

DID YOU KNOW?

100%

TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

The Director for Evangelical Mission is a synod staff position fully funded by the Churchwide Organization? The role of the DEM is to steward new mission and support congregational vitality and ministry across the synod.

SHARED LEADERSHIP

The mission and ministry of the Eastern North Dakota Synod is the work of the church together:

Synod Leadership

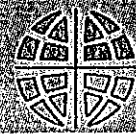
- Synod Staff
- Synod Council
- Conference Deans
- Synod Assembly
- Voting Members

Synod Committees

- Advocacy & Action
- Candidacy
- Consultation
- Discipline
- Global Mission

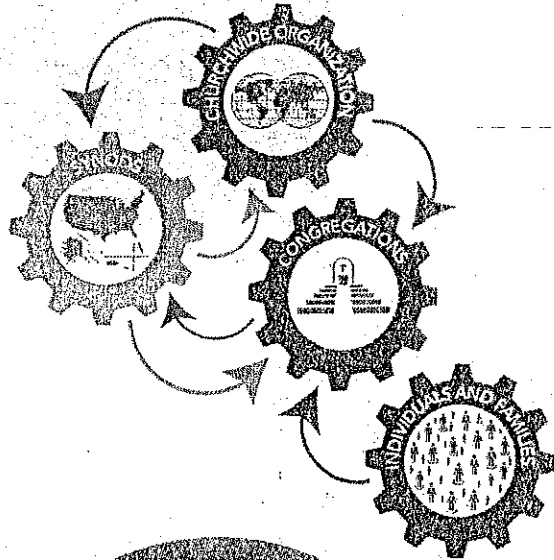
OUR MISSION:

Jesus Christ calls us to live in love as we serve, equip, and challenge God's people.



TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

STEWARDING OUR SHARED RESOURCES



MISSION SUPPORT

Each week, members of ELCA congregations across the synod give regular offerings to support ministry in their congregation and across the whole church. A portion of those offerings are shared with the Eastern North Dakota Synod as Mission Support. Mission Support is the primary way mission and ministry is funded across the synod. In turn, EaND Synod shares mission support with the Churchwide Organization to support ministry across the country and around the globe. The Churchwide Organization shares money back to synods and congregations in support of local ministry initiatives.

In addition to directly funding ministries, mission support allows us to gather as the church together for worship, retreats, and learning.

In 2022, Churchwide Grants supported the ministry of:

- Dacotah Oyate
- The Neighborhood Church
- St. Marks Fargo
- The Way
- Christus Rex
- Crossroads

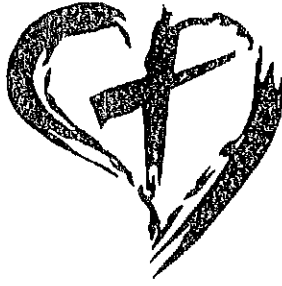
MISSION SUPPORT AT WORK IN THE SYNOD

- 50** Meetings of synod committees and teams
- 17** Candidates preparing for rostered ministry
- 185** Synod Staff visits to congregations and ministries
- 17** Synod and conference events
- 5** Ordinations
- 15** Installations
- \$73,500** Churchwide Grants to new and strategic ministries in EaND
- \$125,000** Campus Ministry Support

DID YOU KNOW?

58%

Approximately 58% of the Eastern North Dakota Synod budget, or mission plan, is dedicated to synod outreach and congregational support.



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Sunday Worship 10 am

Pastor Kay Hill

Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda Sunday, January 22, 2023

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report-Minutes January 23, 2022 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Pastor's Report

Committee Reports-Review/Answer Questions

Old Business

New Business

A) 2023 Proposed Budget

B) 2023 Elections

Thank You and Acknowledgements

Adjourn

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting

January 23, 2022

With a quorum present, the annual meeting of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church was called to order at 11:15 by Council Vice President Aaron Kjelland. Pastor Kayla Hill opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Patty Dahlen read the 2021 meeting minutes. Larry Gaarder/Lori Clemetson M/S/C to approve the 2021 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Dori Helgeson gave the 2021 treasurer's report. The total operating income was \$195,684.67 and the total operating expenses were \$170,565.82 leaving a net income of \$27,813. She thanked the congregation for their generous support and pointed out that \$76,260 of the income was from Simply Giving alone. Susan Degner/Barb Collins M/S/C to approve the 2021 Treasurer's Report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Kayla's report was printed in the annual report so she just highlighted a few items. She thanked the congregation for the support and help her family has received with the smooth transition to make Park River their home.

Committee reports were printed in the annual report.

New Business:

First reading of the changes and revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws. Highlighted items included;

- *Reducing the number of council members from 12 to 9
- *Combining Youth and Children's committees
- *Cleaning up redundancy between the Constitution and Bylaws and taking out items from the model that had not been removed or a choice made.

Molly Flaten/Susan Degner M/S/C to approve the first reading.

2022 Proposed Budget:

The budget presented by Dori Helgeson includes total revenue of \$200,000 and total expenses of \$192,649. John Blair/ Susan Degner M/S/C to approve the budget for 2022.

Elections:

On the 2022 ballot:

*Church Council: Jordan Hollingsworth, Dennis Koubat, Larry Gaarder and Jenny Holand

*EaND Synod Assembly Voting Members: Sharon Laaveg, Char Myrdal

*Nominating Committee: Nathan Kjelland

*Endowment Committee: Ross Hagen

*PRBC Voting Members: Susan Degner, Aaron Kjelland, Lorie Clemetson

*Sunset Home Representatives; Wanda Ludke, Linda Seim

*Cemetery Board: Gary Greicar

Britt Jacobson/Eugene Bossart M/S/C to approve the entire 2022 election ballot as presented.

Council VP Aaron Kjelland thanked the outgoing council members for sharing their talents and their service especially Dori Helgeson for continuing with the treasurer's duties and Barb Collins for agreeing to fill the last remaining year of an open term on council. Aaron closed the meeting with 1 Corinthians 14: Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

Larry Gaarder/Jim Johnson M/S/C to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Dahlen
Council Secretary

Our Saviour's Lutheran

Statement of Activity
January - December 2022

	TOTAL
Revenue	
Non-Operating Income	
Memorials	1,887.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	252.13
Total Non-Operating Income	2,139.13
Operating Income	
After School Program	645.00
Envelope Offerings	63,596.54
Fundraisers	2,956.10
Hospitality	479.25
Interest Earned	122.70
Miscellaneous Income	1,301.37
Mission Offerings	1,691.73
Non-Envelope Offerings	42,695.75
Other Seasonal Offerings	268.50
Simply Giving General Offerings	80,815.00
Sunday School/VBS Offerings	651.74
Total Operating Income	195,223.68
Total Revenue	\$197,362.81
GROSS PROFIT	\$197,362.81
Expenditures	
Non-Operating Expenses (deleted)	
Memorials Paid (deleted)	815.65
Total Non-Operating Expenses (deleted)	815.65
Operating Exp - Church Home	
Bank Service Charges	698.96
Cleaning Service	3,296.17
Fundraising Expense	
Fundraiser Exp - Syttende Mai	355.41
Total Fundraising Expense	355.41
Improvements	1,714.70
Insurance Expense	9,780.00
Maintenance - Church	5,822.55
Maintenance - Parsonage	1,172.86
Office Equipment (lease)	1,897.80
Technology	1,711.12
Utilities - Church	17,551.83
Utilities - Parsonage	6,759.92
Total Operating Exp - Church Home	50,761.32

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Statement of Activity
January - December 2022

	TOTAL
Operating Exp - Home Missions	
After School Program	182.92
Convention	981.04
Hospitality	813.38
Miscellaneous	285.00
Organist	3,200.00
Parish Secretary	4,556.25
Pastoral Continuing Education	482.00
Pastoral Ministry	46,562.60
Pastoral Pension/Insurance	23,578.96
Pastoral Travel	745.00
Pulpit Supply	2,031.90
Sound Board	2,700.00
Youth Director	500.00
Youth Director Travel	800.00
Total Operating Exp - Home Missions	87,419.05
Operating Exp - Payroll O/H	
FICA Tax Expense	10.00
Workers Compensation	250.00
Total Operating Exp - Payroll O/H	260.00
Operating Exp - World Missions	
Eastern North Dakota Synod	6,600.00
Miscellaneous Missions	690.00
Park River Bible Camp	3,300.00
Total Operating Exp - World Missions	10,590.00
Operating Exp - Worship/Service	
Christian Education/VBS	2,144.59
Cong Life/Outreach	1,681.16
Miscellaneous Expense	604.07
Office Supplies	2,368.14
PRBC Scholarships	-440.00
Worship Supplies	2,124.66
Total Operating Exp - Worship/Service	8,482.62

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Statement of Activity

January - December 2022

	TOTAL
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	796.07
ND Unemployment Tax	0.00
Total Taxes	796.07
Total Payroll Expenses	796.07
Total Expenditures	\$159,124.71
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$38,238.10
NET REVENUE	\$38,238.10

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Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking - General Fund	55,323.95
Endowment Fund - Thrivent	43,430.33
Memorial Fund - MMDA	10,655.33
Parking Lot Fund - MMDA	0.00
Petty Cash	0.00
Savings Account - MMDA	55,711.03
Thrivent Saving Account	50,000.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$215,120.64
Total Current Assets	\$215,120.64
Fixed Assets	
Property	278,165.65
Total Fixed Assets	\$278,165.65
TOTAL ASSETS	\$493,286.29
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
First United Visa	0.00
Total Credit Cards	\$0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Direct Deposit Payable	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	34.68
Federal Income Tax Payable	0.00
Federal Taxes (941/944)	168.62
FICA Tax Payable	0.00
FSA Payable	0.00
Health FSA	733.54
ND Income Tax	11.40
ND State Income Tax Payable	-9.95
ND Unemployment Tax	0.00
Ret W/H	7,325.65
Term Life Insurance	365.74
Total Payroll Liabilities	8,629.68
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$8,629.68
Total Current Liabilities	\$8,629.68
Total Liabilities	\$8,629.68

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Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	367,110.05
Unrestricted Net Assets	79,308.46
Net Revenue	38,238.10
Total Equity	\$484,656.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$493,286.29

Pastor's Report - 2022

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Something I have appreciated about your congregation since I arrived is that you are a community that comes together to support one another. There are many different opportunities to get involved and many of the ministries we have here are very much vibrant and alive, regardless of how many we grieve the loss of in the last decade. Some weeks are very quiet and the only people through the doors during the week are Linda and I, but other weeks, the church is busy and alive with multiple age groups and events. It takes a village to pull it all off.

Church is much more than just that hour on Sunday morning. In fact, most of what happens in the church happens behind the scenes, unnoticed and unnoted. And while yes, much of that is the role of the pastor and staff, not all of it is. In fact, there is much that goes on in our churches that need to be done by our members.

So in saying that, I have to say thank you to all of you who have done some of that behind the scenes work this year. Thank you for **being** the church at work in the world, for participating rather than just watching or consuming.

- Thank you to those who give of their time to serve in leadership positions even though meetings are long, numerous, and not always the most exciting of times.
- Thank you to step up to be faith and care group leaders, making endless phone calls and constant asks. You keep us running with a steady flow of communication and volunteers.
- Thank you to those who upkeep our buildings. Those who turn on the heat, mow the lawn, shovel the snow, clean the church, fix the little things and call people to fix the big ones. Your work allows us to have well kept places to live out our ministry.
- Thank you to those who reach out to the community, who bring the church beyond these walls. Whether that's through service projects, community events, fundraisers, delivering devotionals, visiting members, or just building relationships and inviting people to church.
- Thank you to those who help make worship happen. Whether that's in leading, reading, playing music, choosing hymns, running the sound board and video, setting up communion, ushering, or even just making sure the lights are on and candles are lit.
- Thank you to those who take time to prepare meals and goodies for fellowship, special events, and funerals. You not only feed us all but give us reasons to gather - for what really happens in church without food?
- Thank you to those who call and ask for a visit or inform me of others in the hospital or in need of pastoral care – you keep me informed and busy! I always enjoy visiting our members who are unable to join us on a regular basis, so please keep calling, texting, and keeping me informed.
- Thank you to those who lead and show up for Bible studies - who take the time and energy to dig deeper in faith and help others do the same.

- Thank you to those who teach, lead, and mentor our young people through youth group, Sunday school, Connect, Kid Connection, and VBS. Your leadership inspires lives of faith for years to come.
- Thank you to those who ask "what if?" and are dreaming of how we can experiment and try new things to better serve God and one another in this place and time. Thank you for your openness to change, your creativity, and your willingness to speak up.
- And on a personal note, thank you to everyone who takes time to check in and support me in this ministry. Those who take time for lunch or coffee, send cards, drop off pastor appreciation gifts and garden produce, volunteer to take the girls during worship, and are willing serve alongside me in various roles.

Thank you for your time, energy, ideas, and presence in this ministry we are called to do together. I look to the next year as yet another opportunity to serve together, support one another, and continue asking "what is our mission?" How can we do ministry together with joy, hope, peace, and optimism? I hope and pray that next year, the list of thank yous may be even longer and that new people may step up and try new roles within the church. That those who have been carrying the weight of this ministry for many, many years may be able to take a break and step away without frustration or negativity toward the future. That we may truly look to the years to come with open minds, open hearts, and with great grace. May we all continue to seek God in our lives and our communities, wondering how we can best bring our faith alive and how we can bring the kingdom of heaven to earth, here, now, in the places we dwell, work, and worship.

In Christ,
Pastor Kayla

Pastor Kayla Hill

Pastoral Acts 2022

Baptisms

Evalyn Sophie Loftsgard – May 1
Declan Michael Eidenschink – July 31
Mila Rose Malone – September 25

*denotes non-member

Funerals

Rose Lauer – July 9*
Aneta Vejtasa – February 24*
Darlene Monson – May 5
Don Jensen – April 29
Inez Laugtug – July 11
Earl Weisz – July 14
Don Oppegard – October 20
Joyce Torgerson – August 12
Lydia Kelly – November 7
Karyn Waslaski – November 17
Irene Espelien – December 17

Council President's Report

2022 is in the books and 2023 has begun. The New Year is always time for reflection on the previous year and goal setting for the next year. Individually and sometimes collectively we evaluate how the year gone by went and make plans for change in the coming year. Our Saviour's goes through this process as well. We end December with the birth of Jesus and the excitement and energy that brings. We come out of the holiday season then arrive back at the beginning of the church business cycle. A new council is elected and new leaders chosen. A new budget full of changing priorities about how to use the church's monetary resources is passed. New members are chosen for committees who will do the work of the church. Each of these things allows us the opportunity to evaluate what we have done/are doing and potentially make changes and improve things. Here is a look back at the highlights of this past year as well as a preview of upcoming priorities.

I would like to start by thanking those who go above and beyond the ordinary participation of congregation members and work so hard to make our church function - Pastor Kayla, Linda, Dori, Sheryl, members of council, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, sound technicians, song leaders, ushers, speakers, welcomers, coffee leaders, those who serve on committees, WELCA, those who serve meals, those who work at funerals, and so many others I'm sure I'm forgetting. Each of these people and so many more go out of their way to provide opportunities for the congregation and make church happen each week. I am so thankful for each and every one of you who is willing to share your time and your gifts to make us stronger. If you have gifts that aren't currently being utilized please consider sharing them with us! Consider stepping outside of your comfort zone – serve on a committee, volunteer to teach Sunday school, or be a reader in church. Many hands make light work and we truly are better and stronger together!

The physical spaces of our church continue to be a focus of council. We are working on fixing some water damage in the balcony. We have completed multiple projects at the parsonage ranging from adding lights in the livings space to getting new flooring from sewer backup. Recently while doing roof repairs we also were informed that we are likely closer than expected to needing to address the roof of the church. Obviously any sort of construction is quite expensive. Balancing trying to update things and addressing issues that arise is a tough task. I am very thankful for those on buildings and grounds committee and the work that they do. Thank you!

Youth programming continues to be an emphasis. Sunday school has been reimaged to address staffing issues and the number of students we have. Confirmation has been revamped into a meaningful experience that is doing a wonderful job of teaching our kids about their faith and the church. Youth group got to go on an amazing service trip to Seattle this summer and continues to meet regularly. Again thank you to those of you giving your time and efforts to that. Continuing to focus on the next generation of our church is essential to our future and our present.

Finally, looking ahead to this coming year perhaps our biggest project will be trying to establish a food pantry in our church. The need for a food pantry was brought forward to all of the churches in our town. The consensus was many were interesting in helping but finding someone to commit to running it and providing the space was a big challenge so council voted to take on that project in our church. This is a massive undertaking in monetary resources, time, and manpower. It will take many committed individuals working together to make it happen and have a chance of it being successful but think about the extraordinary good it can do for those in need in our community. The opportunity to help others is well worth it but it will take significant resources to get it started and then perpetuate it. Those efforts have begun – we are working on preparing a space, donations are being collected, and a plan/procedures are being developed. If you value this effort and are willing to help in anyway (whether it be donating money or helping work) please let a member of council or the outreach committee know.

Undoubtedly as we enter a new year we will face unforeseen challenges, experience unpredicted joys, and have the opportunity to evaluate what we are and what we want to be as a church. I am so proud to be a member of our congregation and to have had the opportunity to help lead it this past year. I hope that we all – from council to pastor and staff to congregation – are able to further grow in our faith and work together to improve our church, our community, and the lives of not only those who worship with us but those who do not as well. Thank you again for another wonderful year and may God bless you and yours!

Best Wishes,

Jordan Hollingsworth

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS 2022

Our Saviours Lutheran Church Buildings and Grounds is a committee in place to assist the congregation in facilitating the repair, maintenance, improvement, safety and aesthetics of our church properties and to help make our church an inspiring and welcoming place for everyone.

*This spring our parsonage home had sewer back up flooding into the basement. Many volunteers responded and removed the furniture and carpeting. The basement was sanitized and new carpet was installed. Sump pump hoses were extended away from the house. Gutters, downspouts and extensions were inspected.

*The wood fence along the south side of the parsonage property was repaired and painted.

* Leveled and placed a paver edging along the east side of the church landscaped bed.

* Tilled and reseeded new grass on the south lawn of the church as well as along the east side landscaped bed where needed.

*Our committee met for a safety walk though inspection of fire extinguishers and circuit breakers. Along with assessing other areas of need for our church.

*We have had continual need of repair on the church shingles, both entry and west roofs.

*Lawn care and snow removal for the side walks and parking lot have been arranged.

*A new condensation pump was needed for the church furnace.

*Church basement carpets have been cleaned with a plan to clean the entry, stairs and upstairs carpet in 2023.

*Approved by council for repair this year and into 2023 is the damage that was caused by a leaking roof and bell tower in the balcony several years ago.

There have been many small repairs and maintenance issues addressed throughout the year. In planning for the future, we work from a prioritized list of identified needs for our church properties. Please contact a committee member if you see something that needs our attention.

Thank you to everyone that has supported these improvements both prayerfully and financially. Thank you to all of you that do the work to keep our church home and property in good repair. We greatly appreciate the willingness of so many who give of their time and talent.

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee,

Barb Collins, Larry Gaarder, Max Samdahl, Gary Paulson, Brian Larson, Orville Kjelland and Eugene Bossart

Children's Ministry/Youth & Family Ministry

In 2022, 14 families registered their children for Sunday School. We have a total of 20 children Prek - 4th grade signed up to attend classes on Sunday mornings. We are conducting in person lessons as one large group. We study the same Bible story for three weeks, working through different activities to enhance and deepen understanding. The large group format allows for relationships to build between different ages, and makes it easier to find teachers each week. Once a month, the Sunday School kids join Coffee Hour for an activity and to share their learning and build relationships with members of the church. This summer, we partnered with Zion Lutheran Church to host a 3 day Vacation Bible School program. We had a great turnout and with help from church members, we were able to provide a sack lunch for each child to take with them. This winter, the students in Sunday School did a great job in leading worship through our Christmas Program on December 18. We continue to look for individuals who would like to lead lessons for Sunday School. It is a small commitment that offers fun, relationship building, and more time spent in worship.

Youth Committee Report:

- Samantha Lee continued leading the youth group. There has been consistent attendance (around 10 kids in grades 9 to 12) including some youth from outside of our church at the monthly meetings. 8th graders have also been invited to attend. The group meets in the church basement once a month. They share a meal, have a bible study, and do activities related to it. They have also done activities outside of the church like trick-or-treating for canned goods for the food pantry. New furniture and other items were purchased for the youth room downstairs. The youth group's big event this year was a trip to Seattle. They spent a lot of time fundraising doing everything from making and selling pizzas to serving a meal at the farmer's market. They took the train to Seattle and were able to serve, see new sights, and enjoy fellowship. They got to go white water rafting, go to the Seattle Zoo and Aquarium as well as the Space Needle and Pikes Peak Market. Their service projects included packing food, cleaning up and organizing donations at Operation Night Watch. Upon returning they presented about their experience to the congregation following church one day.

- Connect, our group for middle school aged kids, continues to meet on Wednesday nights. They have averaged around 8 kids a night. It is one of two options for students of this level to participate in as they may also be in confirmation. Davis Thompson, Britt Jacobson, Jim Johnson, and Sara Freeman have been leading this group. They usually cover a devotional or lesson that takes around 30 minutes and ends with a fun activity.

Submitted by -

Molly Flaten & Jordan Hollingsworth

Music & Worship Committee

2022

Met monthly to plan the worship services for the seasons by choosing hymns that go along with the Gospel Readings.

Started using bread instead of the wafers for Communion days. Please let Pastor Kayla know if you would be willing to make bread for any of the Communion Days.

Lenten Services were held downstairs with meals served before the service. The outdoor service was done out at the Homme Dam, followed by a meal served by the Council Members. Animal blessings were done and even though no animals were brought it was a nice service. Backpack Blessings were done before the school year started. Potluck for Harvest Sunday was, a great event followed by decorating the Church for Advent. Advent Services were held downstairs with meals served before the service by Families or Individuals who signed up for each week.

Christmas Day Service was come in your pajamas or comfortable clothes and bring your own mug to drink your hot cocoa during church along with cookies.

The Worship Committee

Pastor Kayla
Susan Phelps
Lorie Clemetson
Sheryl Kjelland

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2022

The Outreach Committee was directly involved in the following activities this past year:

- Senior Sunday: We planned, decorated, and served the reception for the graduating members of Our Saviour's on Sunday May 22nd. Graduates were presented with quilts made by our quilting group.
- Outdoor Worship: We assisted with the meal for the outdoor service held at Homme Dam in July.
- Food Pantry: The Outreach Committee was charged with the responsibility of getting the Food Pantry up and running. We have met several times to work on policies, and have taken the lead in preparing the room, purchasing needed equipment, etc. Though it seems like it should be a straightforward task, there is considerable planning and preparing needed to make it a successful endeavor. We have accomplished a lot and hope to have the pantry up and running in the near future.

We would welcome any suggestions from the congregation regarding ways that the committee could reach out, not only to our members, but to others in the community. Currently we have two members from the Council and one WELCA representative on the committee. We would like to expand it to include more members from the congregation at large. Please contact one of the current members if you are interested in joining us.

Committee Members: Jenny Holand, Patty Dahlen, and Linda Seim

WELCA REPORT

2022

We have enjoyed monthly Bible studies at WELCA this year. We would love to have more people join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. for Bible Study!

Quilting is another project that we work on together. We would love to have more people involved in quilting with us! You don't have to be a sewing expert to be a part of this activity. Tying quilts is something that we spend much time doing and we encourage you to join us!

In 2022 we gave 15 quilts to Grand Forks Mission, 7 quilts and 12 lap robes to Good Samaritan Society, 8 quilts and 6 lap robes to First Care Health Center, 5 quilts and 5 crib quilts to the Pregnancy Help Center. 3 quilts to Park River Bible Camp, and 5 quilts to our high school graduates.

We made lefse in May for Syttende Mai, in September for the Park River Bible Camp Fall Dinner, and in November for fund raising event. We have a wonderful lefse crew and are always welcoming more people to join us!

We were pleased that we met our budget and we were able to donate to many charities.

2023 WELCA Officers will be: President – Lorie Clemetson, Vice President – Sheryl Kjelland, Secretary – Phyllis Loftsgard, Treasurer – Susan Phelps.

Submitted by Sheryl Kjelland

**OUR SAVIOUR'S WELCA
BUDGET FOR 2022**

ANN CARLSON CENTER FOR CHILDREN	100.00
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC PROJECT	100.00
E ND WELCA (SCHOLARSHIP FUND) (SAVINGS ACCOUNT)	25.00
GIDEON'S INTERNATIONAL	150.00
GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER AUXILIARY	200.00
LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY (ND CAMPUS')	150.00
GREAT PLAINS FOOD BANK	200.00
MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP ELCA MISSION	1000.00
OUR SAVIOUR'S CAMPERS (FINANCIAL HELP)	600.00
OUR SAVOUR'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	400.00
CAR EDUCATION FOR A GIRL	200.00
PARK RIVER BIBLE CAMP	400.00
PREGNANCY HELP CENTER	150.00
PROJECT FUND (TRIENNIAL CONVENTION ETC)	150.00
QUILTING SUPPLIES	200.00
RESCUE MISSION	200.00
SYNODICAL OFFERING(GLOBAL ED & ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND)	100.00
TEEN CHALLENGE	150.00
TRIENNIAL OFFERING (TO PROJECT FUND)	50.00
WALSH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY	300.00
TOTAL BUDGET PAID OUT	4825.00

**2022 ANNUAL REPORT
OSLC WOMENS ORGANIZATION (WELCA)**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/22		334.19
RECEIPTS:		
JAN - DEC BIBLE STUDY (OFFERINGS)	887.00	
LAUER, LAUGTUG, WEISZ, TORGERSON, OPPEGARD, WASLASKI, ESPELIEN FAMILIES	2775.00	
LENTEN SERVICE MEAL OFFERING	325.00	
MISC DEPOSITS	9.00	
JULY CAUSE OF THE MONTH (WC FOOD PANTRY)	327.00	
LEFSE SALES AND STARTING CASH	2327.00	
INTEREST	0.22	
TOTAL RECEIPTS AS OF 12/31/22	6650.22	
GENERAL FUND INCOME AS 12/31/22		6984.41
EXPENDITURES:		
JIM'S SUPER VALU	-103.61	
WAYNE'S VARIETY	-19.77	
2021 CK TO LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY REISSUED	-150.00	
JULY CAUSE (WC FOOD PANTRY)	330.00	
EAND SWO (CLUSTER MEETINGS)	-100.00	
EAND SWO (CLUSTER OFFERING)	-100.00	
STARTING CASH FOR LEFSE SALES	-150.00	
OSLC ORNAMENT IN HONOR OF PASTOR KAYLA & LINDA SEIM	-50.00	
WOMEN OF THE ELCA (1ST, 2ND, 3RD & 4TH QUARTERLY)	-443.50	
TRANSFER TO MEMORIAL FUND	-80.00	
2022 BUDGET ITEMS	-4825.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AS OF 12/31/22	6351.88	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 12/31/22		632.53
QUILTING FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/22		773.83
BUDGET ITEM	200.00	
INTEREST	0.12	
OKLEE QUILTING (BATTING)	-132.69	
MEMORIAL	20.00	
QUILTING FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/22		861.26
MEMORIAL FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/22		185.37
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	80.00	
MEMORIAL	20.00	
MEMORIAL FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/22		285.37
PROJECT FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/22		1583.54
BUDGET ITEM	200.00	
INTEREST	0.97	
PROJECT FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/22		1784.51
KNITTING FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/22		488.08
SOLD ITEMS	111.00	
INTEREST	0.36	
KNITTING FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/22		599.44
SUSAN PHELPS TREASURER		
AMOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD INCLUDES CHECK FROM 2021 NOT CLEARED, SO REISSUED IN 2022		

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
PROPOSED BUDGET 2023**

Our Saviour's Lutheran
Proposed Budget for 2023

	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Revenue			
Non-Operating Income			
Endowment Fund Gain			
Memorials	\$ 1,887.00		
Parking Lot Offerings			
Special Project Offerings			
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 252.13		
Total Non-Operating Income	\$ 2,139.13		
Operating Income			
After School Program	\$ 645.00		
Envelope Offerings	\$ 63,596.54		
Fundraisers			
Cookbooks	\$ -		
Misc	\$ -		
Groundhog/Syttende Mai	\$ 2,956.10		
Hospitality	\$ 479.25		
Interest Earned	\$ 122.70		
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,301.37		
Mission Offerings	\$ 1,691.73		
Non-Envelope Offerings	\$ 42,695.75		
Other Seasonal Offerings	\$ 268.50		
Simply Giving General Offerings	\$ 80,815.00		
Sunday School/VBS Offerings	\$ 651.74		
Total Operating Income	\$ 195,223.68		
Uncategorized Income			
Total Revenue	\$ 197,362.81	\$ 225,200.00	\$ 213,000.00
Expenditures			
Non-Operating Expenses			
Memorials Paid	\$ 815.65		
Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$ 815.65		
Operating Exp - Church Home			
Bank Charges	\$ 698.96	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00
Cleaning Service	\$ 3,296.17	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Fundraising Expense			
Fundraiser Exp - Syttende Mai	\$ 355.41		
Groundhog Day Expense			
Insurance Expense	\$ 9,780.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Improvements	\$ 1,714.70	\$ -	\$ 1,714.70
Maintenance - Church	\$ 5,822.55	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Maintenance - Parsonage	\$ 1,172.86	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Office Equipment (lease)	\$ 1,897.80	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Technology	\$ 1,711.12	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Utilities - Church	\$ 17,551.83	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 18,000.00
Utilities - Parsonage	\$ 6,759.92	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Total Operating Exp - Church Home	\$ 50,761.32	\$ 66,720.00	\$ 68,434.70
Operating Exp - Home Missions			
After School Program	\$ 182.92		\$ -
Choir Director/Accompanist		\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Convention	\$ 981.04	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Hospitality	\$ 813.38	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 285.00		

Organist / Pianist	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Organ Lessons		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Parish Secretary	\$ 4,556.25	\$ 7,440.00	\$ 5,580.00
Pastoral Continuing Education	\$ 482.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Pastoral Ministry + social security	\$ 46,562.60	\$ 45,639.29	\$ 47,904.00
Pastoral Pension/Insurance	\$ 23,578.96	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Pastoral Travel	\$ 745.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Pulpit Supply	\$ 2,031.90	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,500.00
Sound Board	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
Youth Director	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Director Travel	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Total Operating Exp - Home			
Missions	\$ 87,419.05	\$ 92,829.29	\$ 99,734.00
Operating Exp - Payroll O/H			
FICA Tax Expense		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Total Operating Exp - Payroll O/H	\$ 260.00		
Operating Exp - World Missions			
Concordia Scholarships		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Eastern North Dakota Synod	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00
Synod Support (Student Aid)	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Missions	\$ 690.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Park River Bible Camp	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Total Operating Exp - World			
Missions	\$ 10,590.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 13,900.00
Operating Exp - Worship/Service			
Christian Education/VBS	\$ 2,144.59	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Cong Life/Outreach	\$ 1,681.16	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Food Pantry			\$ 12,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 604.07	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 2,368.14	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
PRBC Scholarships	\$ (440.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Worship Supplies	\$ 2,124.66	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Total Operating Exp -			
Worship/Service	\$ 8,482.62	\$ 18,700.00	\$ 30,700.00
Taxes (941)	796.07		
Reconciliation Discrepancies			
Total Expenditures	\$ 159,124.71	\$ 192,649.29	\$ 212,768.70
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 38,233.10	\$ 32,550.71	\$ 231.30

THANK YOU FOR COMING!