

Wittenberg Lutheran Church

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2021 YEAR END REPORTS

INTERIM PASTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Mary W. Anderson, Interim Pastor
March 1 – December 31, 2021

In January of 2021, Wittenberg's pastor, The Rev. Emily Edenfield, resigned her position to accept a call to serve as Assistant to the Bishop in the South Carolina Synod. Her last Sunday was January 31st. During the month of February, Wittenberg was served on Sunday mornings by The Rev. Earl Schafer. We thank him for being with us and for being with us throughout the year as needed as a Sunday supply.

On March 1, 2021, I began as the appointed interim pastor at Wittenberg following an interview with the Executive Committee. It's been a joy to serve alongside you and to get to know so many of you! I have appreciated your openness to try new things, your trust in my leadership, and your amazing partnership as ministers in this place. What follows is a summary of how I have specifically worked to support Wittenberg's mission and have worked to fulfill the responsibilities the bishop's office expects of interim pastors. I and the Council have been guided by a detailed transitional document provided by the synod that covers a pastoral transition from the time the current pastor announces either their retirement or their acceptance of a new call to the time a new pastor is installed. The time of a pastoral vacancy is now understood to be a valuable opportunity for a congregation to evaluate its ministry, make needed changes, all the while maintaining its forward movement in mission. Gone are the days when a pastoral vacancy was a limbo time when a congregation subsisted on a variety of Sunday supplies and worked to find a new pastor as soon as possible.

The first thing the bishop's office asks interim pastors to do is work with the church council to determine what immediate concerns we want to work on together. We did establish those interim goals based on concerns of the Council and on my observations in my first six weeks with you.

Our Interim Goals for 2021

Of immediate concern to us were these three:

Confirmation Ministry – The effects of COVID shutdowns and other factors had caused our confirmation program (a program with around 15 youth) to be inconsistent in programming and communications. Stabilizing and renewing this ministry was Goal 1.

Pastoral Care and Visitation – Also effected by COVID isolations and other factors, the congregation felt that regular contact with those in physical, mental and spiritual difficulties needed to be renewed. While COVID concerns continued all through 2021, even with vaccinations being readily available by April of this year, we still had to discover some new ways of carrying out pastoral care. This was Goal 2.

Parish Register and Membership Roll – The church records at Wittenberg were in need of updating and organizing. Wittenberg's Parish Registers (the big book where for centuries we have hand-written our membership roll, recorded baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths, council leadership, pastors, and historical events) fell into neglect after Wittenberg switched to using a database system to replace the written record. Many congregations did this around 2003 onward and many have discovered it caused record-keeping difficulties. I brought this "hot mess" situation to the attention of Council. This became Goal 3.

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In the rest of this annual report, I'll indicate which of my activities related to the goals so you will see how we have worked to address them. At the end of 2021, I believe we have largely addressed the concerns about confirmation and pastoral care. The goal of updating our parish records has been partly achieved but the goal was too large to be accomplished in these past ten months. This will continue to be a goal we are working toward in 2022.



Worship Life

We have continued this year with our two Sunday services at 8:30am and 11:00am. My thanks to Dr. Mary Ann Shealy who serves as the regular pianist at 8:30 and to Ms. Henrietta Gill, Esq. who regularly supports our congregational singing as does Ms. Margaret Caughman when she is available. My thanks to Mrs. Rachel Young, our organist at the 11am and to Mr. Randy Fellers, our choir director. The constant uncertainty of how to worship in the midst of a continuing global pandemic created constant stress over the last two years, but our worship leaders persevered! I give thanks to all our partners in worship from those who are our technology assistants, acolytes, crucifers, ushers, lectors, altar guild members, choir members and instrumentalists, and certainly our Parish Administrator, Becky Hughes, who provides us with beautiful bulletins every week.

Our COVID protocols in worship were slowly walked back through the year at Council's direction. The choir returned to sing for the first time since March 2020 for Homecoming on November 7, 2021.

While our services have remained largely unchanged in style and format over this year, I have worked to introduce Wittenberg to some rituals and celebrations that can enrich our praise of God and that can capture the imagination and teach the faith to worshipers of all ages. Some special rituals/celebrations both traditional and new, included these:

- Palm Sunday presentation of the Passion Reading with voice and piano and organ.
- Maundy Thursday Washing of Feet in Preschool Chapel (wildly popular!)
- Maundy Thursday invitation to all in worship to assist in the Stripping of the Altar (instead of a few altar guild members only).
- Good Friday use of a large cross on a table where worshipers could come forward, light a votive candle, place it along the cross and offer silent prayers.
- Blessing of the Backpacks and Blessing of Students, Teachers, and School staff on August 15th.
- Blessing of the Animals on Sunday afternoon, October 4th.
- Homecoming Sunday on November 7th with Pastor Michael Price as guest preacher.
- Blessing of the Quilts on November 21st.
- St. Nicholas Festival during worship on December 5th.

Christmas Eve 2021 was a wonderful celebration, especially compared to its COVID cousin from 2020. Though still cautious, we gathered for the traditional 5:30 and 10:30 services. The Family Service at 5:30 was high on the participation of our children as bell ringers, pianists, saxophonists, and readers. They did so well! For 10:30, a full 30 minutes of beautiful and festive vocal and instrumental music by our members and a few guests filled our sanctuary. This year I introduced the idea of a 7:30 *Silent Night Service*". This simple service took place outside around our front yard nativity

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scene. Worshipers brought their own lawn chairs, Henrietta Gill provided music on guitar, we listened to the gospel of Luke 2, sang Silent Night, spoke our prayer concerns to one another, prayed, and closed with Joy to the World. It was an interesting experiment of how different worship opportunities appeal to different people. We did have fourteen people who came ranging from active members to very inactive members to non-members. It was a good signal that alternate worship experiences do touch different hearts.

Faith Formation

Confirmation Ministry – On the Sunday afternoon before my first day in the office, I came to Wittenberg to greet the confirmation class that was meeting and to say hello to parents as they picked their children up. We quickly established communications with each other, had in-person family meetings, and established a schedule of meetings (monthly ones with Faith Lutheran, separate ones with just Wittenberg youth, and established a time to go to confirmation camp). Because our 15-16 youth were at different places with their teaching/learning history, with their participation in church activities, and with their experiences with COVID isolation in 2020, I had to do some individual teaching to get us all on the same page. This all required high commitment on the part of confirmation families. I am so grateful to the dedicated parents and to the youth who have been very faithful and attentive. Campconfirmation at Lutherock was held on June 20-26th. We had 8 youth participate. We were in a cluster with four other Lutheran congregations. (This is work on Goal #1.)

Confirmation Mentors – While the practice of linking confirmation youth to an adult mentor in the congregation was something new to Wittenberg, I have practiced this as a pastor for many years. Each one of the second-year confirmation students were invited to choose an active adult member of the congregation as their Confirmation Mentor. This relationship provides a young person with another faithful adult in their lives to be a friend and an example of love and righteousness, The youth and their mentors, who were blessed and recognized in worship on December 19th were:

Jayden Banks with mentor Betsy McEwen
Wyatt Hendrix with Gregg Long
Pierce Kirby with Charlie Long
Cade Long with Jay Hendrix
Jase Long with Ervin Caughman
Gary Barnes with Ricky Frick
Smith Kirby with Otho Shealy
Susie Reed with Debbie Sawyer
Ethan Long with Brian Shealy
Zane Price with Chip Spradley
Jack Bouknight with Chris Taylor
Lily Price with Rebecca Reed
Jaycob Banks with Larry Dasher
Cooper Cannon with Gregory Dority
Grae McDonald with Torry Dickey

Confirmation Sunday was held on Reformation Sunday October 31st. The Rite of Confirmation was held for Patrick Swygert, Pierce Kirby and Smith Kirby. Congratulations to these young men as they affirmed their baptism into Christ.

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Coffee and Conversation – this Monday morning Bible study has been meeting on Monday mornings for about 20 years. When I arrived in March, it was being conducted by Zoom with Randy Fellers as the teacher. I picked up the teaching of it beginning in September when we resumed in-person meeting. Since September we have had a steadily growing group of about 14 people. We have studied other denominations and religions and are ending the year with a study of Revelation.

Nameless Women of the Bible -- This one-session Bible study was offered by Zoom on March 18th. While only five people participated, they came from three different congregations. A nice example of what is possible with teleconferencing technology as we move forward.

How Lutherans Interpret the Bible – This five-part zoom series was offered on Wednesday nights, May 19 – June 16th. Once again, we had people from different parts of the country participate live or who watched it on YouTube later.

Adult Vacation Bible School – Robert Epting and I co-led a five-night class called *Holy Conversations on Being a Post-COVID Church*. These nights included a wonderful video presentation by Dr. Susan McArver from the seminary on the history of Wittenberg and Lutherans in SC up until 1919. We watched presentations on being a hybrid church that were shared at the June synod assembly. We were able to welcome two staff members live from the ELCA's Office for Innovation to talk to us about what our denomination is doing to prepare for the future church. We watched a few videos by Pastor Cary Nieuwhof of Connexus Church in Ontario. It was a full week concluded by our conversation about how Wittenberg can better prepare for the days and for the ministry ahead.

Preschool

Wittenberg is the third congregation I have served that supports a community Preschool. I have always been dedicated to knowing the staff, the children, and the parents. I am also aware that for some families, our congregation is the closest thing to a faith community they have, making me the closest thing to a pastor they have. Each Tuesday at 9:30am, we have a chapel time with the whole school in the sanctuary. Becky Hughes, our Parish Administrator, and the Director of Music at Faith Lutheran, assists with this service by playing piano. I also regularly visit the school during the week, have occasional meet-and-greets with parents, and reach out to families when I know they are having personal difficulties.

I met with Mayor Shull and the Town Manager to converse about how to increase daycare programs in the Batesburg-Leesville community on two separate occasions.

Church Communication

To assist with both pastoral care and communication, I recommended to Council that they approve purchasing the service "Dial My Calls" which allows a robo phone call or robo text with up to 200 phone numbers. These numbers can be cell phones or landlines. We did purchase it in the Spring. I send out a general phone message once a week along with additional calls as needed. We have received good feedback on this service. At the end of the year, we reach 187 phone numbers through this service. (This helps us work on Goal #2)

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Outreach

COVID Pentecost Tree – On Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, we planted an oak tree in the front yard of the parsonage in memory of those we have loved and lost to COVID. Mayor Lancer Shull and I offered remarks and we read scriptures and offered prayers. A small granite marker was placed in front of it so generations to come will know its purpose.

Teaching Parish

The Spring Semester of 2021, Wittenberg served as a Teaching Parish site for the Continuing Education program at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary/Lenoir-Rhyne University. Mr. Mac Mullins was the student assigned to Wittenberg. He assisted with worship every Sunday, supported the Youth group, and assisted with Confirmation class. We thank him for his ministry with us!

Administration

Staff Meetings – I started weekly administrative staff meetings every Tuesday at 10am. These meetings consisted of myself, the Parish Administrator (Becky Hughes) and the Preschool Director (Cricket Leaphart) since we were in the building on a regular basis and supported each other in administrative tasks. I met individually for planning with the staff musicians.

Records and Archives Committee – We established a small team to assist with the work of maintaining our parish register and of organizing our archives. Our first task with the records is to establish who our current members are and make sure they are reflected consistently in our computer database and in our annual printed yearbook. When we have that accomplished, we will handwrite our roll into the big Parish Record book and keep all three records in sync moving forward. Regarding our archival records, artifacts, and papers; our first task is to inventory what we have and where it is currently being kept. We had a consultation with the Crumley Archivist at the seminary who helped us greatly in setting a course. Eventually, this team will make recommendations about what to do with various documents.

Pastoral Care

I maintain a confidential list of those with whom I make pastoral care visits or with whom I have a pastoral phone call or counseling session. Each month in my council report, I listed my home, hospital, and nursing home visits as well as significant phone calls or other contacts. For counseling or other confidential contacts, I simply report the number of those I had during the month without any names attached. In 2021, an amazing amount of pastoral care and counseling is accomplished with cell phone text messages. This is something I could not have imagined 20 years ago, but what a gift this is to connect with people on a regular basis, especially when COVID concerns make it difficult to meet in person. I don't keep a record of all these sorts of contacts, but I'm grateful for the way this technology has helped me be a better pastor.

Personal/Professional

Other Ministries Outside of Wittenberg: Beginning March 2021, I began serving as the volunteer chaplain at Transitions, the Homeless Recovery Center in Columbia. I do pastoral visits and prayer

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groups there once a week. I write a blog called *Ponder Anew* and co-host a podcast with my daughter, Elise, called *You're On Mute*.

Continuing Education (as a learner or as a teacher)

- Participated in the church leadership series on zoom called *Ignite the Church*. This was once a month.
- Participated in a monthly required training January - June for interim pastors through the synod on Family Systems Dynamics.
- Took days May 10-13th as Continuing Education days to create the podcast *You're On Mute* that explores the gifts and generational differences of Baby Boomer pastors and Millennial pastors while discussing current issues in the church.
- Served as guest preacher at Incarnation Lutheran, Columbia, SC for their 100th anniversary.
- A COVID-cancelled event that I was invited to lead in September was a retreat for interim pastors in the ELCA Southeastern Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia.
- I attended a synodically required Boundary Training offered through the NC Synod on July 1st. This is required training for pastors every 2-3 years.
- I was invited to be a presenter at a Women's Retreat at Lutheridge for St. Matthew's by the Lake in Kentucky.
- I attended a synodically required Racial Boundaries Training through the Metro DC Synod on November 16th.

Many Thanks!

I have so appreciated the partnership of the Wittenberg staff: for Becky Hughes whose dedication to this congregation, whose reliability, hospitality, kind manner and deep understanding to Lutheran worship are amazing gifts to our church; for Preschool Director Cricket Leaphart whose love of children and our school has been such a gift to our students, parents, and teachers; for all our faculty at the Preschool for the loving and demanding work they do every day; for Director of Music, Rachel Young whose dedication to worship preparation and her joy when our praise of God shines through with excellence is fun to see; for Choir Director Randy Fellers who endured this long "COVID Winter" and was able to bring the choir back after a long fast of choral singing with wonderful singing again; for our 8:30 Worship "staff" Mary Ann Shealy and Henrietta Gill who have been so faithful this year in preparing music for this smaller service while still giving God the glory.

My thanks to 2021 Council President Brian Shealy who was a faithful, caring, hard-working partner in ministry this year. What a gift it is to a pastor to have a Council president like Brian. Thanks also to the other officers and council members for their devotion to the mission of Christ. Well done, everyone!

Thanks to the entire congregation for the many and various ways you have lived out the call in your baptism to "let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven."

As we journey together into another year, keep your lamps trimmed and burning!
To God be the glory,
Pastor Mary Anderson

PASTORAL ACTS/PARISH RECORD FOR 2021

Deaths/Burials

Richard (Ricky) Howard Long April 7, 1953 – March 28, 2021
Graveside Burial at the Long Family Cemetery (off of Beulah Church Rd.) on April 12, 2021. Pastor Mary Anderson, officiating.

Sybil Inez Steele Ergle January 3, 1933 – April 4, 2021
Graveside Burial in the Ridge Crest Memorial Park on April 6, 2021. Pastor Mary Anderson, officiating.

Letha Daire Hendrix Long May 11, 1929 – May 23, 2021
Non-member, wife of WLC member, Gerald Long. Funeral and burial at her home congregation, St. Peter's Lutheran in Lexington, SC

William Rikard Swygert February 21, 1999 – May 31, 2021
Funeral Service at Wittenberg on June 4, 2021. Burial at the Batesburg Cemetery. Pastor Mary Anderson, officiating. Pastor Michael Sherman, preacher.

Robert Sewell Householder III July 11, 1977 – June 16, 2021. Funeral at Wittenberg LC on June 19, 2021. Burial at the Ridge Spring Cemetery. Pastor Mary Anderson, officiating.

Benjamin Preston Watson August 20, 1954 – July 4, 2021. Graveside service held on July 9, 2021 at the Ridge Crest Cemetery in Batesburg, SC. Pastor Mary Anderson, officiating.

Bobbie Metts Smith February 23, 1939 – July 6, 2021 Funeral July 10, 2021 at Wittenberg LC, Burial at Ridge Crest Memorial Park. Pastor Mary Anderson, officiating.

Lillie Carolyn Keisler Price May 28, 1927 - December 15, 2021. Funeral December 17, 2021 at Wittenberg. Burial at St. Paul's Lutheran, Gilbert, SC. Pastor Mary Anderson, officiating.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Alaric Todd Coleman on October 17, 2021. Alaric is the son of Jennie Marie Mazon and Adam Mark Coleman. He was born on August 18, 2021. His baptismal sponsors are Evelyn Davis and Brian Justice.

Koe Wilder Blankenship on December 19, 2021. Koe is the son of Aerial Samantha and Justin Lee Blankenship and brother to Cooper Cannon and Channing Blankenship. His baptismal sponsors are his grandparents, Gregg and Jan Long.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION

Patrick Swygert, Pierce Kirby, Smith Kirby on October 31, 2021

RITE OF MARRIAGE

Cambey Reep and Tim Roof Governor's Mansion, Columbia, November 14th.
Pastor Emily Edenfield, presiding.

Jesse Rauton and Rhiannon Williams on their home property, Johnston, SC, December 18th. Pastor Michael Sherman, presiding.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

Submitted by Brian Shealy, 2021 Council President

2021 Congregation Council Members: Emily Barnes, Ashley Bouknight, Pastor Emily Edenfield (through 1/31), Pastor Mary Anderson (beginning 3/1), Gregory Dority, Chancie Frick, Ricky Frick, Gerrie Gresham, Pam Humphries, Todd Long, Billy Rauton, Brian Shealy, Matt Shealy, and Patricia Tiffner.

2021 Officers:

Pastor - Emily Edenfield (thru 1/31)

Interim Pastor - Mary Anderson (beginning 3/1) Secretary - Patricia Tiffner

President - Brian Shealy Financial Secretary - Connie Kramer

Vice President - Todd Long Treasurer - Brent Shealy

2021 Committees:

Cemetery – Gregory Dority

Preschool – Chancie Frick

Christian Education – Ashley Bouknight

Property – Billy Rauton

Endowment - Brian Shealy

Social Ministry – Emily Barnes

Evangelism/Christian Care – Patricia Tiffner

Stewardship & Finance – Gerrie Gresham

Mutual Ministry – Executive Committee

Strategic Planning – Matt Shealy

Parish Life – Ricky Frick

Worship & Music - Pam Humphries

Youth – Todd Long

In January 2021, Pastor Emily Edenfield announced that she would be stepping down as Pastor of Wittenbeg to accept a new job as Assistant to the Bishop at the South Carolina Synod office in Columbia, SC. Pastor Emily was recognized for her service as Wittenberg's Pastor during her last service on January 31st. The annual Council Retreat was held on January 23rd at Wittenberg and led by Pastor Emily. At the retreat, Council enjoyed team building exercises, policy and procedure reviews, visioning and goal setting, and our January Council meeting was held during the retreat. Goals set by Council include Goal 1: Implementation of the Facilities Master Plan for the Church Campus, Goal 2: Prepare to Launch a Capital Campaign, and Goal 3: Begin the Call Process for a new Pastor. Following our February Council meeting on February 21, Council members joined other committee members throughout the church for All-Committee night. The purpose of All-Committee night is to review our responsibilities as individual committees, set goals for the year, and plan calendar dates. On March 1, 2021 Interim Pastor Mary Anderson of Columbia, SC began her ministry at Wittenberg. After the installation of Interim Pastor Mary Anderson in March, objectives for her interim ministry were approved by Council and communicated to the Bishop.

Although many of our plans to implement our Master Plan were delayed, some progress was made. New playground equipment was ordered by the Preschool and plans to move the playground behind the Fellowship Hall will be implemented in 2022. A new fence was approved by Council and will be constructed after the playground equipment is installed. Moving the playground will make room for the planned new food pantry building and parking. Further development of plans for the new food pantry, parking, and exterior lighting are currently underway. No progress was made towards launching a Capital Campaign due to the delay of the Master Plan Implementation.

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On May 23, Council met with Bishop Ginny Aebischer to discuss our next steps in the Call Process. With the help of the Bishop and Assistant to the Bishop Rick Carter, our Congregational Vitality Survey was initiated. On July 18th, a Congregational meeting was held with the Assistant to the Bishop Rick Carter to discuss our Congregational Vitality Results and inform the congregation of the remainder of the call process. Bishop Aebischer was unable to make the luncheon and meeting after church, but was able to visit with us during our Sunday School opening that morning. On July 19th, the Call Committee was announced. The Call Committee was nominated by Congregation Council and includes Betsy Dority, Robert Epting, Andrew Hendrix, Crissie Kirby, Jennifer Spradley, and Robin Taylor. The Call Committee was officially installed at worship on August 8th. The Call Committee met with Bishop Aebischer and began work immediately on the Ministry Site Profile. Wittenberg's Ministry Site Profile was approved by Council and the Bishop on October 4th. The Call Committee met with the Bishop with a list of three candidates. After interviewing all three candidates, a primary candidate was selected. The Call Committee along with Council President Brian Shealy and Stewardship and Finance Chair Gerrie Gresham met with the primary candidate and agreed upon a financial package. The primary candidate, Call Committee, and Congregation Council met together on Sunday, December 19th following the 11 am worship service for an interview. Following the interview, Council voted unanimously not to recommend the candidate to the Congregation. After the first of the year, the Bishop will meet with the Call Committee to begin the interview phase again.

Monthly Council agenda items included devotions by members of Council, prayer concerns, approval of prior month's meeting minutes (vote via email), Pastor's Report, Treasurer's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, President's Report, Update and Discussion on Council Goals, and Committee Reports. Throughout the year, concerns about the health and safety of our Congregation due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. From January through August 2021, the COVID Renormalization Committee made recommendations to Council regarding these health and safety practices. After returning to most of our normal worship and daily practices at Wittenberg, the Renormalization Committee dissolved in August 2021 and the Executive Committee began meeting via email each Tuesday to review current conditions regarding the pandemic and making recommendations to Council on an as-needed basis. Thank you to the Renormalization Committee for your valuable time and efforts to help lead our congregation to healthy and safe practices during this difficult pandemic.

Each year, the Reverend Doctor and Mrs. James R. Crumley, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is offered by Wittenberg Lutheran Church to provide financial support for eligible candidates pursuing a career in pastoral ministry or professional lay ministry. The scholarship is made possible by the generous giving of Wittenberg parishioners and other donors. In July 2021, a \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Christine Vincent, a second year Master of Divinity student at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC.

The annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, December 12 at both the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services. The Congregation unanimously passed the 2022 Church & Preschool Budgets, unanimously approved four new Congregation Council members beginning 1/1/22 for a 3-year term - Ross Cary, Wendy Epting, Jarrod Frick, and Justin Trotter. The Congregation also approved Kayce Shealy to fulfill a 1-year term upon resignation of Council member Patricia Tiffner due to her new work obligations.

On behalf of the 2021 Congregation Council, I would like to thank you for your support and dedication towards the ministry of Wittenberg. Thank you for all you do!

WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEES

Wittenberg Lutheran Church
The Reverend Dr. Mary Anderson, Interim Pastor
Brian Shealy, 2021 Council President

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Christian Education: Coordinate SCS teachers/substitute teachers, SCS nursery keepers, SCS assembly leader, SCS assembly musician, Children's Church leaders, VBS teachers/helpers, SCS Christmas program leader/assistant, Promote Coffee and Conversation and other weekday Christian Education opportunities.

Property: Maintenance of building and grounds, Put up Christmas tree, Decorate Christmas tree.

Evangelism/Christian Care: Visit with members/prospective members, Sponsor new members, Invite people to attend worship, events, and activities, Serve as greeters at worship services, prepare meals, make home visits, make hospital visits when allowed, deliver bulletins, etc. to shut ins

Stewardship and Finance: *(from the church constitution)* Prepare a draft budget, Oversee the financial affairs of the congregation, Recommend to church council investments and insurance programs, Have annual audits of treasurer, financial secretary, accounts of the schools and organizations within the congregation, Evoke and promote the expression of Christian faith in daily living, Teach the Christian use of money, Diffuse information regarding local, national and world-wide ministries of the church, Lead all members to higher levels of proportionate giving for the Lord's work.

Social Ministry: Coordinate servers in food pantry & soup kitchen, deliver soup kitchen meals to shut-ins.

Parish Life: Plan trips for members, Help with OWLS luncheon, coordinate BBW (breakfast before worship), birthday cards, and receptions/community meals, Assist in church office.

Preschool: Support Director and Assistant Director in the operation of the preschool

Worship and Music: Promote and invite singers for chancel choir, Secure singers and instrumentalists for early service, Secure lay readers and worship assistants, Secure acolytes and crucifers, Promote and support Altar Guild, Provide for nursery during worship, Secure ushers. Work with pastor and musicians to plan worship on special occasions.

Audio Video & Technology: Operate sound system for services, Maintain equipment, Live-stream 11 o'clock service and funerals as needed, Assist with use of Fellowship Hall equipment.

Endowment: Promote contributions and planned giving opportunities, Oversee investments, Report to council. Promote applications and decide on recipients.

Cemetery: Maintain and improve the cemetery property and policies.

Mutual Ministry: Assist in the healthy welfare of the pastor, Make suggestions to the church council when needed.

Strategic Planning: Lead in planning strategies for growth by listening, analyzing, researching, and evaluating the needs and possibilities of our church

Youth: Coordinate all activities with the pastor and the youth worker, Communicate activities to appropriate persons.

Executive Committee: Handle business between meetings when necessary, Make recommendations to council as needed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In 2021 the Executive Committee met before each meeting of church council. Recommendations to church council were made when appropriate. The committee was composed of the officers of the council plus the treasurer and financial secretary.

2021 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Average/Sunday	126	63	81
Easter Attendance	265	N/A	147
Christmas Eve Attendance	204	N/A	250

2021 ATTENDANCE TRENDS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
First Quarter	133	125	64
Second Quarter	131	25	82
Third Quarter	111	34	73
Fourth Quarter	127	52	103

2022 BUDGET

	2022	2021	Difference	%Comments
Income				
A. Restricted Offerings				
1Altar Flower Offerings	\$ 3,120	\$ 3,120	\$ -	\$60 per week
2Bequests - Designated	-	-	-	
3Bus Fund Offerings	-	-	-	
4Cemetery Fund Offerings	1,000	2,000	(1,000)	-50.0%
5Cemetery Plot Sales	-	-	-	
6Endowment Fund Offerings	10,000	5,000	5,000	100.0%
7Food Pantry Offerings (includes SCS)	25,000	25,000	-	
8Lilly Offerings	1,000	750	250	33.3%
9Music Fund Offerings	500	500	-	
10Other Designated Offerings	1,000	3,500	(2,500)	-71.4% Includes Soup Kitchen, Youth Group, etc.
11Poinsettia Offerings	1,000	750	250	33.3%
12Preschool Offerings	3,500	3,500	-	
13Restricted - Other	5,000	1,000	4,000	400.0%
14Vision 20 + 20 Offerings	20,000	20,000	-	
Total Restricted Offerings	71,120	65,120	6,000	9.2%
B. Unrestricted Offerings				
1Bequests - Undesignated	-	-	-	
2Offerings	265,000	265,000	-	
Total Unrestricted Offerings	265,000	265,000	-	
Total Contributions Income	336,120	330,120	6,000	1.8%
C. Other Income				
1150th Anniversary Promo	-	-	-	
2REIMB from Preschool - Insurance	2,000	2,000	-	Reimbursement from Preschool for Worker's Comp Insurance
3REIMB from Preschool - Utilities	2,400	2,400	-	10% of budgeted utilities
4Thrivent Choice Offerings	500	500	-	Thrivent account holders: please choose Wittenberg for your "Choice" offerings
Total Other Income	4,900	4,900	-	
Total Income	\$ 341,020	\$ 335,020	\$ 6,000	1.8%
Expenses				
A. Christian Education and Growth				
1Church School	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	-	
2Assembly Expenses	500	1,000	(500)	-50.0%
3Lutheran Subscriptions	400	500	(100)	-20.0%
4Youth Camps and Training	5,000	4,000	1,000	25.0% Confirmation Camp/ Youth Synod/Novus Way
5KICS	500	500	-	
6Youth Programs	500	500	-	
7Background Checks	250	900	(650)	-72.2% Youth Security Policy
	12,150	12,400	(250)	-2.0%

2022 BUDGET (continued)

B. Ministry of a Pastor

1Auto Expenses	1,200	4,500	(3,300)	-73.3%	Business Mileage
2Phone Stipend	960	960	-		Cell Phone Stipend
					5.9% cost of living raise over
3Pastor's Salary	60,937	44,803	16,134	36.0%	current actual salary
					5.9% cost of living raise over
4Housing Allowance	10,590	-			current housing allowance
5Pension & Health Ins.	15,137	26,792	(11,655)	-43.5%	Portico Benefits - Gold plan
6Social Security Supplement	-	9,586	(9,586)	-100.0%	
7Preschool Scholarship	-	-	-		
8Tax Deferred Compensation	-	-	-		
9Pastor's Continuing Education	1,100	1,100	-		
	89,923	87,741	2,182	2.5%	

C. Our Ministry to Others

1Additional Outreach	3,800	3,000	800	26.7%	
2Apportionment	27,200	27,200	-		10% of budgeted expenses
3Christian Care	500	500	-		
4Dorcas Quilters	700	700	-		
5Evangelism	500	500	-		
6Food Pantry	25,000	25,000	-		Equals Food Pantry Offerings
7Crumley Memorial Scholarship	1,000	1,000	-		
8Social Ministry	500	500	-		
9SC Synod Institutions & Agencies	-	-	-		
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers	300	300	-		
Lutheran Homes of SC	300	300	-		
NovusWay Ministries	300	300	-		
Newberry College	300	300	-		
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary	300	300	-		
Lutheran Services Carolinas	300	300	-		
10Preschool Payments	3,500	3,500	-		Pymts made to Preschool through Preschool offerings
					Pymts made to other designated offering payees (ex.
11Other Designated Offering Payees	1,000	3,500	(2,500)	-71.4%	Soup Kitchen, Music Fund)
	65,500	67,200	(1,700)	-2.5%	

D. Our Ministry-Devotional Life

1Altar Flowers	3,120	3,120	-		\$60 per week
2Annual Audit	-	1,300	(1,300)	-100.0%	
3Choir Supplies	500	500	-		
					(\$180 + mileage per occurrence)
4Guest Pastors	1,500	1,500	-		
5Lilies	1,000	750	250	33.3%	Equals Lily Offerings
6Parish Life	1,000	1,000	-		
7Piano & Organ Maintenance	1,250	1,250	-		
8Poinsettias	1,000	750	250	33.3%	Equals Poinsettia Offerings
9Worship Expenses	2,750	2,750	-		
10Seminar Mileage	500	2,123	(1,623)	-76.4%	
11Mutual Ministry	-	500	(500)	-100.0%	
	12,620	15,543	(2,923)	-18.8%	

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2022 BUDGET (continued)

E. Property Maintenance

1Building Maintenance & Repairs	15,000	15,000	-	
2Bus Fuel	300	300	-	
3Bus Insurance	695	1,100	(405)	-36.8%
4Bus Repair	1,000	1,000	-	
5Bus Expenses - Other	-	-	-	
6Cemetery Maintenance	6,000	5,640	360	6.4%
7Church Utilities	24,000	24,000	-	
8Cleaning Services	15,230	13,000	2,230	17.2%
9Contract Landscape Services	9,660	8,955	705	7.9%
10Office Supplies	14,000	11,000	3,000	27.3%
11Parsonage Utilities	3,600	3,600	-	
12Property & Casualty Insurance	11,325	12,500	(1,175)	-9.4%
				Preschool reimbursement (Income C1) will help offset this expense
13Workers' Compensation Insurance	3,100	3,500	(400)	-11.4%
	103,910	99,595	4,315	4.3%

F. Staff Salaries & Expense

1Choir Director	3,524	3,328	196	5.9%
2Parish Musician	15,545	14,679	866	5.9%
Parish Musician-Continuing Educa-				
3tion	200	200	-	
4Pianist - Early Service	1,200	1,200	-	\$25 weekly x 48 weeks
5Secretary	16,605	15,679	926	5.9%
				Utilizing volunteer youth leaders
6Youth Coordinator	-	11,700	(11,700)	-100.0%
7Social Security Taxes	2,821	3,564	(743)	-20.8%
	39,895	50,350	(10,455)	-20.8%

G. Financial

1Bank Fees	-	-	-	
2Interest Expense	-	-	-	
				Fees paid to Vanco for online payment services and bank card fees
3Vanco Online Fees	1,600	1,250	350	28.0%
	1,600	1,250	350	28.0%

Total Expenses \$ 325,598 \$ 334,079 \$ (8,481) -2.5%

Net Ordinary Income \$ 15,422 \$ 941 \$ 14,481 1538.9%

H. Other Income/Expenses

1Credit Card Rebates	\$ 600	\$ 700	\$ (100)	-14.3%
2Interest Income				
Cemetery Annuity	8,000	6,450	1,550	24.0%
Building Fund	1,500	450	1,050	233.3%
Checking	20	20	-	
HVAC Account	50	50	-	
Endowment	1,750	1,750	-	
WLC Annuity	7,000	6,300	700	11.1%
Total Interest Income	18,320	15,020	3,300	22.0%

2022 BUDGET (*continued*)

3Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	-	-	-	
Total Other Income	18,920	15,720	3,200	20.4%
4150th Anniversary Promotional	-	-	-	
5150th Anniversary Decorations	-	-	-	
6Miscellaneous Expenses	1,500	1,500	-	
Total Other Expenses	1,500	1,500	-	
Net Other Income	\$ 17,420	\$ 14,220	\$ 3,200	22.5%
Net Income	\$ 32,842	\$ 15,161	\$ 17,681	116.6%

I. Non-Expenses

1Transfer to WLC Annuity (Savings)	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ -	
2Cemetery Annuity Transfer	6,500	6,500	-	
3Transfer to Music Fund	500	500	-	
Total Non-Expenses	13,500	13,500	-	

Cash Flow	\$ 19,342	\$ 1,661	\$ 17,681	1064.5%
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				Amount Needed
	\$ 6,463	\$ 6,578	\$ (115)	-1.7%Weekly

2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

2021 Year End Report

	Dec 31, 21	Dec 31, 20
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
South State Cemetery Fund	20,940.39	21,690.39
South State Checking	596,505.74	27,963.61
South State HVAC CD	16,952.74	16,851.98
South State Music Fund	3,377.83	3,377.83
South State Vision 2020 CD	63,915.09	63,046.41
South State Vision 2020 CD #2	50,810.95	50,140.22
South State Vision 2020 Fund	60,646.79	32,394.36
Total Checking/Savings	813,149.53	215,464.80
Other Current Assets		
Credit Card Rebates Receivable	68.97	0.00
Online Deposits	-1,752.80	-1,955.20
Thrivent Cemetery Annuity	145,660.27	140,788.67
Thrivent WLC Annuity	161,604.29	137,504.60
Total Other Current Assets	305,580.73	276,338.07
Total Current Assets	1,118,730.26	491,802.87
Fixed Assets		
Art Work & Other Furnishings	748.10	748.10
Bus	32,905.32	32,905.32
Caughman Property	34,800.00	34,800.00
Frances St. Property	12,882.75	12,882.75
New Building 2008		
Architect Fees	81,199.52	81,199.52
Building 2008	1,337,780.76	1,337,780.76
Equipment	9,173.24	9,173.24
Furniture and Fixtures	23,849.90	23,849.90
Total New Building 2008	1,452,003.42	1,452,003.42
Other Buildings	12,060.00	12,060.00
Sanctuary Equipment	50,648.70	50,648.70
Total Fixed Assets	1,596,048.29	1,596,048.29
Other Assets		
Edward Jones Endowment	140,865.75	120,098.62
Reserve-Old Lease Payments	0.00	-882.09
Total Other Assets	140,865.75	119,216.53
TOTAL ASSETS	2,855,644.30	2,207,067.69
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		

2020 TREASURER'S REPORT *(continued)*

	Dec 31, 21	Dec 31, 20
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Credit Cards		
Chase Credit Card Payable	873.62	869.33
Total Credit Cards	873.62	869.33
Other Current Liabilities		
PPP Loan--South State	0.00	50,307.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	50,307.50
Total Current Liabilities	873.62	51,176.83
Total Liabilities	873.62	51,176.83
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	801,050.94	801,050.94
Retained Earnings	1,354,839.92	1,317,466.59
Net Income	698,879.82	37,373.33
Total Equity	2,854,770.68	2,155,890.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,855,644.30	2,207,067.69

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2021 TREASURER'S REPORT *(continued)*

	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Calendar Fundraiser	0.00	176.00
Contributions Income		
Restricted		
Additional Outreach	100.00	2,300.00
Altar Flower Offerings	2,957.00	3,180.00
Bequests-Designated	0.00	0.00
Building Fund Offerings	0.00	0.00
Cemetery Offerings	5,750.00	12,460.00
Dorcas Quilters Offerings	10.00	0.00
Endowment Fund Offerings	10,780.00	6,300.00
Food Pantry Offerings	52,095.13	33,267.86
Lenten Offerings	1,468.61	0.00
Lilly Offerings	651.00	654.00
Music Fund Offerings	0.00	200.00
Other Designated Offerings	2,239.00	3,705.43
Poinsettia Offerings	993.00	661.00
Prayer Garden Offerings	1,400.00	0.00
Preschool Offerings	3,800.00	3,575.00
Soup Kitchen Offerings	4,821.16	2,745.21
Vision 2020 Offerings	28,400.00	33,664.00
Youth Offerings	935.00	700.00
Total Restricted	116,399.90	103,412.50
Unrestricted		
Bequests-Undesignated	543,607.51	0.00
Regular Offerings	264,684.43	269,439.25
Total Unrestricted	808,291.94	269,439.25
Total Contributions Income	924,691.84	372,851.75
Other Income		
150th Anniv. Promo Revenue	0.00	13.00
Capital Gain Endowment	4,535.95	1,417.78
Dividend Income-Endowment	1,138.25	827.74
Gain from Loan Forgiveness	50,307.50	0.00
Lng Trm Capital Gain-Endowment	0.00	0.00
Reimbursements from Endowment F	0.00	4,200.00
Reimbursements from Preschool		
Preschool Tithe	4,000.00	0.00
Reimbsmt from PS-Insurance	1,676.00	0.00
Reimbsmt from PS-Utilities	2,000.00	0.00
Reimbursements from Preschool - Other	0.00	1,500.00
Total Reimbursements from Preschool	7,676.00	1,500.00
Thrivent Choice Offerings		
Thrivent-Building Fund	0.00	35.00
Thrivent-Cemetery	0.00	934.00
Thrivent-Food Pantry	0.00	60.00
Thrivent-Regular Offerings	467.00	18.00
Thrivent Choice- Endowment	457.00	0.00
Total Thrivent Choice Offerings	924.00	1,047.00
Other Income - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	64,581.70	9,005.52
Total Income	989,273.54	382,033.27
Gross Profit	989,273.54	382,033.27
Expense		
Christian Education & Growth		
Background Checks	234.75	18.00
Church School	1,953.04	2,913.65
Lutheran Subscriptions	0.00	358.00
Youth Camps & Training	5,138.42	0.00
Youth Programs	433.90	1,950.00
Total Christian Education & Growth	7,760.11	5,239.65

2021 TREASURER'S REPORT *(continued)*

Endowment Grant	0.00	0.00
Endowment Grant Projects	0.00	4,200.00
Ministry of Pastor		
Auto Expenses	1,018.33	0.00
Housing Allowance-WLC	7,499.97	0.00
Pastor's Cell Phone Stipend	880.00	960.00
Pastor's Continuing Education	0.00	1,355.41
Pastor's Salary	49,997.95	43,710.00
Pension & Health Ins.	13,774.39	22,524.39
Social Security Supplement	1,597.66	9,351.96
	74,768.30	77,901.76
Total Ministry of Pastor		
Our Ministry to Others		
Additional Outreach	2,984.63	3,897.12
Apportionment	27,199.56	27,199.56
Crumley Scholarship	1,000.00	5,000.00
Dorcas Quilters	821.19	205.02
Endowment Fund Grants	4,800.00	4,200.00
Evangelism	655.76	303.83
Food Pantry	28,152.23	28,169.95
SC Synod Institutions/Agencies		
Lutheran Homes of SC	600.00	0.00
Lutheran Services Carolinas	600.00	0.00
Lutheran Theo. So. Seminary	600.00	0.00
Newberry College	600.00	0.00
NovusWay Ministries	600.00	0.00
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers	600.00	0.00
	3,600.00	0.00
Total SC Synod Institutions/Agencies		
Social Ministry	864.70	0.00
Soup Kitchen	1,235.44	1,076.33
	2,099.14	1,076.33
Total Our Ministry to Others	71,313.51	70,051.81
Our Ministry-Devotional Life		
Annual Audit	0.00	1,300.00
	0.00	1,300.00
Choir Supplies	72.86	290.94
Flowers	4,643.38	2,867.60
Guest Organist	0.00	150.00
Guest Pastors	2,330.15	2,047.74
Lillies	0.00	690.77
Parish Life	575.68	0.00
Piano & Organ Maintenance	1,727.66	594.20
Seminarian Mileage	513.00	201.25
Worship Expenses	1,677.33	739.41
	11,540.06	8,881.91
Total Our Ministry-Devotional Life		
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00
Property Maintenance		
Archives	10.89	0.00
Building Maintenance & Repairs	13,126.77	22,024.09
Bus Expenses		
Bus fuel	157.43	0.00
Bus Insurance	695.00	1,053.97
Bus Repair	76.90	0.00
	929.33	1,053.97
Total Bus Expenses		
Cemetery Improvements	0.00	1,791.80
Cemetery Maintenance	5,640.00	5,170.00
Church Utilities	18,889.42	19,600.56
Cleaning Service	16,882.01	11,695.18
Contract Landscape Services	8,955.00	8,955.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	500.00
Office Supplies	14,909.47	13,315.44
Parsonage Repairs/Maintenance	275.00	0.00
Parsonage Utilities	2,165.43	3,566.81
Property & Casualty Insurance	12,971.75	9,019.25
Workers' Compensation Insurance	3,535.00	3,352.00
	98,290.07	100,044.10
Total Property Maintenance		

2021 TREASURER'S REPORT *(continued)*

	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20
Choir Director	3,327.96	3,246.96
Parish Musician	14,679.00	14,321.04
Planist- Early Service	1,100.00	0.00
Secretary	15,678.96	15,297.00
Social Security Taxes	2,668.78	2,514.17
Staff Salaries & Expense - Other	100.00	0.00
Total Staff Salaries & Expense	37,554.70	35,379.17
Unbudgeted Expenses		
Advertising	0.00	56.00
Bank Fees	0.00	-33.00
Designated Offering Payees	2,062.33	1,840.43
Investment Management Fees	0.00	3.00
Other Expense		
150th Anniversary Events	0.00	175.00
Miscellaneous	2,306.71	0.00
Other Expense - Other	329.40	599.81
Total Other Expense	2,636.11	774.81
Preschool Payroll Support	0.00	5,249.62
Preschool PR Support-PPP	0.00	50,307.50
Vanco Online Fees	1,406.60	1,337.86
Total Unbudgeted Expenses	6,105.04	59,536.22
Total Expense	307,331.79	361,234.62
Net Ordinary Income	681,941.75	20,798.65
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Credit Card Rebates	641.85	694.42
Interest Income		
Cemetery Ann. Interest Income	4,871.60	4,326.09
Interest Income-Endowment Acct	1,545.72	1,959.93
Interest Income-HVAC account	100.76	27.86
Interest Income-Checking	114.33	24.16
Interest Income-Vision 2020 Fun	4.50	2.17
Interest Income V2020 Cds	1,539.41	324.84
WLC Annuity Interest Income	4,599.69	4,215.04
Total Interest Income	12,776.01	10,880.09
Realized Gain (Loss)-Endowment	992.03	-63.47
Unrealized Gain (Loss)-Endowmnt	6,328.18	8,638.64
Total Other Income	20,738.07	20,149.68
Other Expense		
Preschool Payments	3,800.00	3,575.00
Total Other Expense	3,800.00	3,575.00
Net Other Income	16,938.07	16,574.68
Net Income	698,879.82	37,373.33

2021 FINANCIAL SECRETARIES REPORT

Receipts:

Current Offering	258,648.72
Loose Offering	6,170.71
Sub-total	264,819.43
Altar Flowers	2,957.00
Easter Lilies	651.00
Poinsettias	993.00
Food Pantry	45,650.13
Food Pantry Memorials	1,495.00
Food Pantry Building Only	5,000.00
Preschool	3,800.00
Preschool Withholding	36,373.07
Preschool Bonus Checks	207.41
Preschool Utilities	2,000.00
Preschool Tithe	4,000.00
Endowment Fund	2,630.00
Endowment Fund Memorials	8,150.00
Endowment Grant Money	4,800.00
Lenten Project	1,468.61
Office Depot Refund	7.48
Dorcas Quilter's	10.00
VANCO Chargeback Reversal	-135.00
Video Conferencing Equipment	500.00
Prayer Garden	1,400.00
Communion Veil Memorial	258.40
Youth	860.00
Youth Memorial	75.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	200.00
Cemetery Fund	5,250.00
Cemetery Memorials	600.00
ELCA Piggy Banks	200.60
Soup Kitchen	4,196.16
Soup Kitchen Memorials	625.00
Confirmation	150.00
Additional Outreach	100.00
Pastor's Gift	930.00
Gift to Wittenberg from the Hare Estate	543,607.51
Sub-total	943,829.80
Interest	114.33
Total	943,944.13

2021 Vision 20+20

Vision 20+20	27,510.00
Vision 20+20 Memorials	890.00
Interest	4.50
Total 2020	28,404.50

2021 GIVING TRENDS

GIVING TRENDS FOR 2021

Amount Given 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 Number of Units Giving this Amount

\$10,000 & Above.....	10
\$9,000 – 9,999.....	2
\$8,000 – 8,999.....	1
\$7,000 – 7,999.....	2
\$6,000 – 6,999.....	2
\$5,000 – 5,999.....	2
\$4,000 – 4,999.....	2
\$3,000 – 3,999.....	10
\$2,000 – 2,999.....	2
\$1,000 – 1,999.....	17
\$900 – 999.....	3
\$800 – 899.....	3
\$700 – 799.....	2
\$600 – 699.....	1
\$500 – 599.....	2
\$400 – 499.....	2
\$300 – 399.....	3
\$200 – 299.....	5
\$100 - 199.....	2
\$50 – 99.....	1
\$1 – 49.....	2

2020 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

DATE	ENDOWMENT	GENERAL	
2/8/2021	247.00	247.00	
3/8/2021	210.00	210.00	
4/8/2021	467.00		467.00
TOTALS 2021		457.00	467.00
TOTAL 2021	924.00		

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Billy Rauton, Property Chair

- Completed Spring Gutter Cleaning at church sanctuary, fellowship hall and parsonage
- Updated landscape and cleaning services contracts for 2021 with Burkett Landscaping and Chris Derrick
- Resumed study of master plan for the church campus with an emphasis on moving the pre-school playground to the rear of fellowship hall and construction of a new building for the food pantry
- Finalized food pantry needs with architect. Architect will begin development of plans for the new food pantry.
- Worked with Pre-School on purchasing new playground equipment.
- Sited new play ground, secured a fencing contractor and worked with Gregg Long on grading needs for new playground.
- Installed and removed Chrismon tree including adding lights

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Our Christian Education (or Faith Formation) ministry continued faithfully at Wittenberg this year. Several parts of this ministry, such as the Coffee and Conversation program on Monday mornings, the Confirmation program, several one-event studies or series are detailed in the “Faith Formation” section of the Interim Pastor’s Report.

Sunday School Classes in 2021

Children’s Sunday School is taught regularly by Betsy Dority and Kayce Shealy using the LifeWay curriculum, “Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills.” There are eight children who participated during the year in K-Grade 5.

Youth Sunday School is taught by Brian Shealy and is designed for middle and high school youth. They use the on-line ELCA resource called “Faith Lens” that connects the gospel for the Sunday to current events. This year they averaged about 10 participants each week.

The Young Adult Class is a smaller group of 3-4 participants who engaged in book study, conversation, and lectionary study.

The Middle Adult Class is taught by Robert Epting, and has guided conversation on the lectionary texts. They have 15 participants.

The Lectionary Class is taught by Brent Shealy with 12 participants who discuss the scripture texts for the Sunday.

The Senior Adult Class is taught by Tom Sawyer with 15 participants who use the Augsburg Bible Study series.

Our average Sunday School attendance was 37 for this year.

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers and to all the participants who give themselves to go deeper into the Word of God each week.

Vacation Bible School

This popular event was held during the evenings of July 11-15th. Kayce Shealy served as Director aided by a crew of 16 volunteers. The curriculum used came from Cokesbury (United Methodist) publishers called *Discovery Island Adventure*. We had 33 students registered who came from our congregation, the preschool, and the community. Pastor Anderson and Robert Epting led an adult class with 20 participants called *Holy Conversations on Being a Post-COVID Church*. See the Interim Pastor’s Report for more details on this class.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

Submitted by Tom Sawyer, Lutheran Men Secretary

The Lutheran Men of Wittenberg invite all men to join and attend meetings which are held the fourth Monday of each month in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Meetings typically begin with a song under the direction of our Parish Musician, Mrs. Rachel Young. This song is then sung as the offertory anthem when the Lutheran men serve as the choir. In addition to serving once a month in the choir, the Lutheran men take a highly active part in Men's Sunday activities.

The Lutheran men of Wittenberg continue to contribute to Boy Scout Troup 29, which they have supported for approximately 70 years. Lutheran Men contribute to the work of South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission which has as its primary mission to "strengthen the spiritual development and witness of men and to provide financial and other support to mission congregations in the South Carolina Synod." South Carolina Lutheran Men provide financial support for mission congregations through three programs: Gift Fund, Loan Fund and New Mission Start Program.

With your help and participation, the Lutheran Men of Wittenberg look forward to increased activities and mission support.

Wittenberg Lutheran Men in Mission Contributions In 2021

South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission	\$845
Boy Scout Troup 29 Re-charter Fee	\$900
Boy Scout Hut Electricity Bills	\$413
Bibles for Graduates	\$ 99
Camp Kinard	\$200
Boys Farm	\$200
Oliver Gospel	\$200
Total	\$2857

YOUTH REPORT

Submitted by Todd Long, Youth Committee Chair

The dawn of 2021 held promises that we all hoped would materialize as the Youth from Wittenberg began preparation for a busy year of activities, spiritual growth, and community service. We were still governed by limitations imposed on us as a result of the previous year's pandemic, but were getting out and involved a little more each month.

When Spring rolled around, the Wittenberg Youth donned their work clothes, gloves, orange vests, and trash picker upper sticks to join all of Batesburg-Leesville for their annual Spring Clean. It only took a few hours, but good ol' B-L looked brighter and happier after the pick up effort ended. Bravo!

The Summer not only brought warmer weather, but it also allowed us to venture farther away from home as we traveled to Kentucky to tour the Ark Experience. Oh, what an experience it was! Our Chartered bus whisked us away for several days to the Bluegrass State where we toured the Ark compound for an entire day! On our getaway day, we zipped on over to Louisville to get an up-close look at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Giddyup!!!

In August, we said thank you and goodbye to Todd and Cher Davis. Not really goodbye, but, after many years of service to Wittenberg's Youth, Todd and Cher stepped down as Co-Directors and set out to enjoy their empty nest. The Youth presented them with an engraved service platter at a special ceremony during a Sunday morning worship service.

As September drew to a close, the Youth said goodbye to Summer at a Swim and Eats party held in the beautiful setting at the home of Brenda Burkett and Todd Long. All the guys showed up and ate, swam, and drank all the soda they could hold!

The closing months of the year were busy ones as the Youth continued to be hard at work with meetings, volleyball, drive-in movies, bonfires, marshmallow roasts, and bowling parties.

2021 was capped off in championship fashion as the Wittenberg Youth captured a second place finish in the B-L Christmas Parade float contest.

With all the momentum gained in 2021, this next year is certainly going to be a great one for the Wittenberg Youth!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Pam Humphries, Worship and Music Chair

The Worship and Music Committee supports areas associated with the congregational worship at Wittenberg Lutheran Church. Among its responsibilities are scheduling worship assistants, lectors, greeters, and altar guild. Also, the committee selects and provides assistance to the Order of Saint John and head usher. The Worship and Music Committee provides and supports services by caring for the paraments, musical instruments, hymnals and the choir. The committee performs its work with consultations from the pastor, the church musician, and the choir director.

Worship and Music Committee activities included:

- ◆ Meetings as needed to discuss planning/modification of worship services
- ◆ Ash Wednesday/Lenten services
- ◆ Palm Sunday/Maundy Thursday/Good Friday services
- ◆ Easter services held at 9:00 and 11:00
- ◆ Return of OSJ acolyte and crucifer Easter Sunday
- ◆ Communion was revised to Pastor serving wafers and congregation receiving wine from communion trays on table Easter Sunday.
- ◆ Youth Sunday
- ◆ Pentecost Sunday a tree was planted in the parsonage front yard and a marker was placed to remember "The Known and Unknown Victims of Covid".
- ◆ September 5 began serving communion every Sunday.
- ◆ Blessing of the Backpacks
- ◆ Blessing of the Animals
- ◆ Reformation Sunday/Confirmation
- ◆ All Saints/Homecoming service
- ◆ Chrismon tree was decorated and removed.
- ◆ Easter lilies and poinsettias were ordered for Christmas and Easter services.
- ◆ Began using two worship assistants for communion November 28.
- ◆ St. Nicholas Festival
- ◆ Christmas Eve services held at 5:30, 7:30, and 10:30.
- ◆ Lessons and Carols service

Thank you to all who have served on this committee or who have helped support our worship services in any way this year, especially given the continuing challenges of 2021. The committee could not function without the help of those that serve as ushers, greeters, readers, worship assistants, choir members, altar guild members, and the members and advisors of the Order of St. John. If any members are interested in helping with any functions of the Worship and Music Committee they are encouraged to do so.

AUDIO, VIDEO, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT (AVT)

Submitted by Brian Shealy, AVT Chair

The Audio, Video, and Technology (AVT) Committee consists of Brian Shealy (chair), Gregory Dority, Chris Smith, Todd Davis and Todd Long. Established in 2014 by Congregational Council, the committee focuses on improving communications through audio, video, and technology resources.

Some of our main weekly tasks include operation of the audio and video equipment during worship services. The 11 am worship services were livestreamed throughout the year as well as select special services and select 8:30 worship services. The livestreamed services were also recorded to our YouTube channel as well as USB drive and transferred to DVD copy. Special thanks to Ethan Long, Chris Smith, Jack Shealy, Pierce Kirby, Smith Kirby, Gregory Dority, Randy Fellers, Todd Davis, and Becky Hughes for assisting with these weekly tasks. Funeral services are available for live streaming and recording upon request. The AVT committee also provides tech support for various groups and members upon request.

The AVT committee is also responsible for management of content on our Facebook page @WittenbergLeesville, Twitter page @Wittenberglc, YouTube page @WittenbergAV, and Wittenberg's Google My Business page listing. Special thanks to Pastor Anderson, Parish Administrator Becky Hughes, Preschool Director Cricket Leaphart, and other members who help contribute content and relative information to our social media pages.

In February 2021, Wittenberg enlisted the assistance of Elliott Cox of Watermark Web Design to help design a new website for Wittenberg. With the input of administration, Council members, and leaders of various Wittenberg groups, the website was officially launched in April 2021. The new website provides an up-to-date look and current information. The site is managed weekly with the help of our Parish Administrator Becky Hughes.

In October 2021, a quote from Gattis Pro Audio was approved by Council to add conferencing equipment to the Fellowship Hall to enable better video conferencing capabilities. The equipment included microphones, camera, and a new mixer. Gattis began installing the equipment at the end of December and will complete installation at the beginning of the year.

A monthly social media report was provided to Council each month regarding social media growth and activity. Here are a few highlights for the year 2021:

YouTube: 173 subscribers (+8 from 2020), over 4,000 views, 712 hours of video watched. Top YouTube videos include Session 1 of How Lutherans Interpret the Bible, Preschool Graduation Ceremony, and the 11 am Easter Sunday worship service.

Facebook (public page): 10,142 people saw content from our page, 1,351 page visits, 211 people followed our page (+42 new page likes).

Facebook (public group): 195 members, over 250 posts.

Twitter: Over 11,500 impressions, 46 followers.

Over 1,000 web page visits.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, CONT.

Submitted by Brian Shealy, Endowment Committee Chair

2021 Committee Members: Wendy Epting, Charlie Long, Gerrie Gresham, Barbie Rodgers (Secretary), and Brent Shealy (Treasurer).

Non-voting, Advisory Members: Pastor Emily Edenfield (through 1/31), Pastor Mary Anderson (beginning 3/1), Council President Brian Shealy

The mission of the Wittenberg Endowment Fund is to provide additional resources to support and enhance ministries of Wittenberg Lutheran Church. The intent is to maintain the principal and use the income from the principal to fund additional ministries not supported by our normal operating budget. The Endowment Committee is responsible for managing and growing the fund and reports to the Congregation Council. The Endowment Committee meets on a quarterly basis or more frequently as necessary.

Some of our accomplishments in 2021 are:

1. Reviewing the financials on a monthly basis.
2. Reviewing the Endowment Fund investments and seeking financial advice from our financial advisor, Andy Shumpert (Edward Jones).
3. Recommended and Council approved \$4,800 in grant monies made possible by our Endowment as follows:
 - The Journey Ahead Grief Retreat - \$1,250
 - End of Life Care Support, Lutheran Homes of SC - \$1,000
 - 2021 Summer Camp Staff recruitment and training, Novus Way - \$1,000
 - eLead Website Overhaul project, SC Christian Action Council - \$500
 - Jesus Way Trail, South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers - \$1,050
4. Reported committee activities and Treasurer's reports to Council and Stewardship and Finance Committee on a monthly basis.
5. Bring awareness of the Endowment Fund to promote long-term growth.

As of 12/31/21, the total assets of the Endowment fund were \$140,866, up 17.3% over the previous year.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Gerrie Gresham, Stewardship & Finance Chair

Committee Members: Gerrie Gresham (Committee Chairperson), Betsy Dority (Committee Secretary), Connie Kramer (Council Financial Secretary), Brent Shealy (Council Treasurer), Charlie Long and Steve Humphries

The Stewardship and Finance Committee directs and reviews the financial well-being of our church.

We currently meet monthly at five o'clock in the afternoon on the days of council meetings, and we invite anyone who would like to attend to join us.

Some of this year's accomplishments and projects going forward are:

- 1) Succeeded in obtaining forgiveness of the PPP loan
- 2) Prepared and recommended the 2022 Budget to Council.
- 3) Reviewed the 2022 Preschool Budget
- 4) Reviewed the Treasurer's prior month financial statements each month.
- 5) Reviewed the Preschool's prior month financial statements each month.
- 6) Reviewed the Endowment Financial Statements and approved the Endowment Board recommendations for disbursement.
- 7) Reviewed monthly restricted funds reporting outlining food pantry, soup kitchen and prayer garden contributions and balances.
- 8) Successfully shopped and moved our Property & Casualty insurance resulting in \$5000 of annual savings.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Emily Barnes, Social Ministry Chair

Food Pantry

Our Wittenberg Food Pantry continued to operate every Friday and Saturday morning from 9-12pm throughout 2021. The Food pantry served an average of 155 families per month, made possible by the donations of the congregation and community members. Several congregations and community organizations held food drives to benefit the pantry as well as provided monetary donations to include the Rotary International and the Batesburg-Leesville Rotary Club, The Lexington Blowfish, and the VFW of Lake Murray. Our many volunteers also purchased, put together, and distributed over 1,500 boxes throughout the year. We are deeply thankful to our congregants who volunteered throughout the year.

Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen also remained active and throughout 2021 served between 100-150 individuals per month on the last Saturday of the month. We continued to have volunteers that put together plates to deliver to our shut in members as well as other local neighborhoods. The Soup Kitchen continued serving bagged lunches on the other Saturdays which served around 50 per week. In addition to our congregation members, our youth and KICS groups continued to be actively involved in serving in the Soup Kitchen. Other community and faith groups including Faith Lutheran and First Baptist of Batesburg Women's Circle also helped serve throughout the year. We again graciously thank our wonderful volunteers for their service throughout the year.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Gregory Dority, Cemetery Chair

The cemetery committee received the drawings for the new plots on the Frances St. side of the cemetery. Plans to start with the paving of the cemetery will hopefully be starting soon in 2022. We also continue to welcome any ideas for improvements to the cemetery.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Matt Shealy, Strategic Planning Chair

The Strategic Planning Committee consists of Matt Shealy (chair), Brian Shealy, Marti Burns, Wendy Epting, Randy Fellers, Betsy McEwen, Stephen Humphries, Michael Reed, and Todd Davis.

The Strategic Planning committee focuses on long-range planning to strengthen our mission: Wittenberg Lutheran Church is united by Christ in baptism, fed through worship, learning and fellowship and sent out to care for the needs of our members, community and the world.

Some of our activities in 2021 are:

- Quarterly meetings as permitted due to Covid-19
- Working with council and committees to keep Vision 20+20 moving forward in 2021.
- Updated members with Vision 20+20 revisions, accomplishments, and progress via the monthly newsletter.
- Reported revisions and updates to Council monthly.
- Discussed plans for a future Capital Campaign kickoff once Master Plan is ready
- Encouraged Christian leadership through the distribution of the Crumley Memorial Scholarship.
- Discussed and provided feedback to council and Executive committee on how to use our Strategic Plan as a basis for allocation to best utilize the Hare Bequest Funds
- Playground moved to new location to make room for new Food Pantry and parking as part of our Vision 20+20 plan.

WELCA REPORT

Submitted by Connie Kramer, WELCA Chair

Women of Wittenberg take an active role in all areas of Wittenberg's ministry. Women serve on the Congregational Council, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir and lead many committees, just to name a few. All women at Wittenberg are considered members of WELCA and are appreciated as an integral part of our mission – Action, Community and Growth. The three active circles, which are open to all for membership, continue to do a number of projects. Even though we are still dealing with COVID the circles have continued to do a number of projects as listed below.

Circle L: ~ sent Valentine cards in February to older people in our church

~ donation to the VFW for food for families at Thanksgiving

~ donation to a preschooler's family with a sick child

~ fruit baskets at Christmas for shut-ins

Circle IV: ~ \$472.50 given by Circle IV to the Joint Morning & Circle IV account – WLC-WELCA

~ In April the ladies of Circle IV and Dorcas Quilters put together 55 Personal Care Kits. These were sent to Lutheran World Relief. We also sent a check to Lutheran World Relief to cover the cost of shipping the kits.

~ Christmas cards were sent to the shut-in members of Wittenberg

~ A \$250 check was sent to Lutheran Disaster Response for the Tornado victims

Morning Circle: ~ supported WLC-WELCA - \$330

~ Gave memorials to the Endowment Fund for Sybil Ergle -\$25, Wills Swygert- \$25 and Louise Derrick - \$25

~ Flowers for member's 100th Birthday - \$73

~ Flowers to member - \$61

~ Haiti Hurricane Relief - \$100

~ Lutheran Disaster Relief - \$20

~ Lutheran Good Gifts (Goat + 1) - \$50

Service Groups ~ Groups I-V provided snacks for Vacation Bible School

~ Group I provided a meal for Bobbie Smith's funeral

~ Group III provided food for Wills Swygert's funeral

~ Group IV provided food for Robert Householder III funeral

~ Group V provided food for Benjy Watson's funeral

We sincerely thank all of the women who have taken on the leadership of these groups and the women who work to prepare and serve these meals.

Dorcas Quilters ~ sent 30 quilts to Lutheran World Relief

This group of women began on January 20, 2010. Since that time the women have made and sent off a total of 542 quilts. We thank everyone who has contributed to this group, especially Annette Caughman, Connie Kramer, Pam Humphries and Virginia Nichols who help put these quilts together.

PRESCHOOL REPORT

Submitted by Cricket Leaphart, Preschool Director

The preschool has had a busy year! With Covid still in our midst, we continued to try to make things as normal as possible. At the beginning of the year, we had a short closing due to Covid. Then in August we had to close the preschool classes for a short time and the afterschool program in September. Our parents have been very helpful in making sure their children are checked for any signs of Covid and keeping their children home when exposed. They also have been very supportive in providing proper documentation from their doctors. The preschool has continued our cleaning procedures, hand washing, and limited entrance into the preschool area.

January, we learned about winter animals, snow, Eskimos, and hot chocolate! February was the month of love and we used hearts to count, crafts and fine motor skills. We loved going over the old story book tales like "The Three Little Pigs", "Jack and the Beanstalk", "The Little Red Hen", "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", and "The Ugly Duckling". Plus, we had our annual Valentine Tea Party dressed in our best! March was a celebration of Dr. Seuss and we celebrated St. Patrick's Day! We had a week about space and the last week was about Easter. April brought out the bugs! We studied about the life cycles of insects and had a butterfly garden where we were able to witness the process of a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. The preschool also learned about recycling, earth, pollution, and trees. In May we started off making things for Moms. We also set up a table outside for our moms to pick up a cup of coffee and a muffin or two for the road. The weather had started warming up and with the warmer weather we learned about the life cycle of flowers, parts of the flower, and foods that start out as a flower. Then we enjoyed a week of cowboys and Indians, that included cactuses, horses, and a wild west day. On the 27th we were able to have our graduation! We limited our visitors, and the children didn't go out in the crowd. Last year due to Covid, we were not able to have our annual event, so it was wonderful for our children to have this experience again. June started off with us learning about sea life. We celebrated Father's Day with lots of crafts and a Donuts for Dads with coffee and donuts on the go! School was out and we enjoyed several water days and mud days, plus Friday ice cream treats! In July, we celebrated the 4th of July and enjoyed a Disney week that ended with a PJ and Disney movie day. We learned about different construction trucks, dinosaurs, and even had a Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony and an Olympic game day. August winded down our summer calendar with watermelon day, water balloon day and camping. Back to school came all too soon as we geared back up on learning skills. We welcomed new students as we learned about our new friends. A lot of our graduates who headed off to school came back to our afterschool program. It is a blessing for us to be able to continue to see their growth and maturity! September started off with the alphabet along with us getting ready for Grandparents' Day. We made sure there was plenty of crafts to put on the fridge at our Grandparents' houses! The children also learned about apples and nature as we started into the fall season. In October, we had a visit from the fire truck. As they were teaching us about stop, drop, and roll and letting us inspect the truck, they received a call about a fire they had to attend. Needless to say, it was an exciting visit in more ways than one! Of course, this month was about pumpkins, ghosts, and goblins. But the most exciting was the Trunk or Treat. As usual, our kiddos went home with more than enough candy! Plus, we enjoyed a Halloween party and games! In November, we collected food for the food pantry.

PRESCHOOL REPORT, CONT.

Our children and staff supplied the pantry with three hand truckloads of food to share with those in need. They filled up our blessing box several times this month. We learned about turkeys, pilgrims, the Mayflower, Indians, teepees, and what we are thankful for. The children also made poppies for our Veterans here at Wittenberg. We closed the month with a Clemson vs. Carolina Day. December had us walking into Candyland. The preschool hallway was turned into a Candyland adventure that the children loved! We heard about Mary and Joseph, Baby Jesus, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men. We had a week of Christmas clothing and enjoyed a Christmas Party. We also enjoyed Christmas games and a PJ and movie day.

The after schoolers enjoyed several visits to the park this year and walks for ice cream at Faith-Full Café. They also painted several rocks and placed them up and down main street with instructions to send us a picture if they found them. We loved getting responses from those who stumbled across our rocks! Pastor accompanied the kids and staff to the Newberry splash pad where they got to enjoy a day wet! They loved the trip to Chinaberry Soapworks to make their own soap. Also, each month they had a visit from the book mobile to pick out their own books to read.

Every Tuesday the children look forward to Chapel Tuesday! They have established blessing buddies that they bless each week. Some of us are lucky! We get several blessings from the kids. We pray for those in need, our earth, and those we love. The children love singing with Pastor Anderson! The preschool and the church have also touched those in our midst who are going through a troubled time in their lives. Our quilters here at Wittenberg supplied quilts to the children of one of our families and several of you have given financial support. Thank you for everything you do for these little ones. You never know if you are the only face of God they get to see and what spark you may be starting in their own lives. Thanks be to God!

Matthew 23:11 The greatest among you will be your servant.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Ricky Frick, Parish Life Chair

Covid still plagued events in 2021 at Wittenberg.

In May, we sponsored a luncheon for our 2021 graduates and their families. Garden flags were given to each graduate. Congratulations to Taylor Davis, Camby Reep, Dr. Rhiannon Williams, Emily Davis, Sarah Hendrix, and Grace Hendrix.

The Youth and the Parish Life members enjoyed a trip to The Art Encounter and Churchill Downs in July. Wilshires Restaurant welcomed us on Friday evening for dinner. We also visited several Chick-Fil-As during our adventure.

On October 6, we traveled to Hendersonville, NC for apple picking. Stepp Orchard welcomed us even though the weather was rainy. We then proceeded to The Hare and Hound for a delicious lunch and dessert in Landrum, SC.

We welcomed the Batesburg-Leesville Band to Wittenberg and served them lunch before their participation in the lower state band competition. They won this competition and then went on to win the State Competition. Congratulations!

In November, we celebrated Homecoming. We enjoyed a covered dish luncheon.

The OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Servants) luncheon was held on November 28. The lunch was catered by Dawn Bedenbaugh. Shayla Bedenbaugh entertained us on the piano. Everyone received a gift.

We provided fruit baskets for each family at the 11 am service on December 19.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Submitted by Patricia Tiffner, Evangelism Chair

Completed: 12-15-2021

Members: Patricia Tiffner, Wendy Epting, Robert Epting, Mary Ann Shealy, Lynn Rauton and Jennifer Spradley helped at times.

Projects started in 2020 and continued in 2021

Prayer Chain

Visitor Bags in foyer

Coin and Candy bags to local laundromat users

1st Sunday Lunch Meal restarted – List updated.

Communion with Mona Henderson and Jerry and Tissy Price, Ann Shealy, Mary Cook. Pastor Mary took over majority of these when started. Earlene Swygert started coming back to church every other Sunday at times.

Poultry Festival – cancelled – No diaper changing table needed

New Projects done in 2021

Table at Hwy 23 Garage Sale (Started June 2021)- Prayer requests accepted. Water cookies, and Church informational brochures and cards given out to all participants. (Prayer requests received from young and old. Pastor included these in special prayer time the following Sunday.) Received very well.

Vacation Bible School (Started July)– Members participated and assisted during week.

Benevolent Bags (Started September)- Bags filled with Paper Items to be taken to home of deceased family members by Preacher on visitation.

Cards and calls being made to “bulletin Member Prayer List” monthly

Pastor Mary began “Robo Calls” weekly and for special occasions (like deaths)

Assisted with Christmas Parade card/candy handouts for parade attendees.

Gifts and goodies for Preschool Directors, teachers and children for Christmas

Participated in brainstorming for the designation of the Hare Bequest. Added the Lutheran Church in Charleston to list.

Gift cards, visits, meals, etc. provided and/or assisted with at different times during year as needed. 1) Family (Nichols/Burns) given money for gas with snack bag for road trip to visit sick son and brother. 2) Food and paper products provided for family of Wills Swygert. 3) Visitation and rides to MD office, errand runs for Ms. Ann Shealy. 4) Visits to Ms. Frieda Banks periodically. 5) Visits and a meal and little snacks for Larry Lorick 6) Cards and phone call to Mike and Sally Sherman after surgeries. Declined meal.