

# THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

April 2024

Greetings, Wittenberg family,

This Easter, we heard the holy Gospel according to St. John, which is an alternative reading for Easter. The other Gospel reading for this year would have been from Mark. In Mark 16:1-8, the resurrection of Jesus is very stark. The angel tells them to proclaim the resurrection, to tell others that "Christ was dead, Christ is risen." Jesus will meet them in Galilee where he first called his disciples. Jesus invites them to be with him and to reach out into the darkness of the world, shining the light of the resurrection. And we, too, are to follow Jesus and do mission in the world, knowing that he always goes ahead of us and meets us there. "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Not exactly the triumphant shout of Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Fear is a powerful thing. It can isolate us from Jesus. It can keep us from following him. That is why it is so important that we take time out each and every day to be with Jesus. The more we are with him, the less our fear will paralyze us from doing his work and being with him. Even if the women failed Jesus, Jesus will not fail them.

So, take comfort in knowing that no matter how imperfect our faith may be, and no matter how many times we remain silent when we should testify to the gospel, we can always return to the Lord. None of us can get so far away from Jesus that we cannot be touched by God's healing presence.

Mark ends without a resurrection appearance from Jesus. Ironically, it ends with the women leaving in silent fear; although, we know that the story of Jesus' resurrection did not end with them. St. Mark brings us along the narrative journey only to leave us hanging in the middle of the story.

Why is this?

Because St. Mark wants to invite us to allow our own lives to be written into the ongoing story of the resurrection. He offers us an invitation to be more than beneficiaries and custodians of the story but also servants of Christ and God's costly outreach to the world. In truth, the gospel story really doesn't have an ending. It is still unfolding through the lives of Christ's followers, you and me. And it will continue to unfold until our Lord returns and we fully experience the power of Jesus Christ and the resurrection. Truly "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." Amen.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Keith



## **ELCA VISION:**

*Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living word by the power of the Holy Spirit;*

*Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's word and share Christ's supper;*

*Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.*

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Greetings everyone,

Being elected to Church Council last year has given me a deeper level of awareness of the myriad of activities, projects, and outreach that is constantly in motion here at Wittenberg Lutheran. Hearing our committee reports each month confirms the perpetual motion of this congregation. I offer my thanks to all of the things each of you do to help make this a worshipful and impactful place.

A new opportunity for impact arrived on our doorstep (literally) this past week. If you enter the Fellowship Hall from the north side facing the cemetery, you will notice a large blue donation bin from SOLE Stepping under the portico. You can read the announcement regarding our new partnership with them elsewhere in this newsletter, and I can't wait to see the bin start to fill up with either new or used shoes. They need new kids shoes in order to put them on the feet of lots of children across our communities, but they can also take old shoes and have them recycled. We placed the bin outdoors so folks from our community don't have to wait for Wittenberg's doors to be open – they can donate whenever they desire. It's been a few years since I shopped for elementary-aged kids shoes, but I'm looking forward to finding some deals and helping fill the bin. I hope you'll join me.

Applications for WLC's Endowment Grants will be reviewed in early April and awards will be presented on Endowment Sunday, May 5. Mike Nichols and I were recently elected by Council to join Pastor Getz in representing Wittenberg at the annual meeting of the SC Synod Assembly, and we look forward to representing our congregation.

As always, feel free to reach out to [wlcouncilpres@gmail.com](mailto:wlcouncilpres@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas you may have for me or our Council members.

Wishing everyone the best during this blessed Easter season.

Respectfully,

Andrew Hendrix

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# WLPP

## Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program

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March started off at the preschool with a big week! We participated in Read Across America to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. We dressed wacky, wore hats to school, wore red and blue and had PJ day. It is always one of our favorite weeks of the year.

We celebrated our dads with Donuts for Dads one morning. The children enjoyed donuts, fruit, and juice with their dad or grandad. Our dads had a special gift to take home made just for them.

Dr. Dan Leishman, a local dentist came and taught about dental health. All the students had a chance to practice brushing and flossing the big teeth, and wear gloves like the dentist does. Each student got to take home a goodie bag with a new toothbrush and toothpaste. We are so thankful that Dr. Leishman came and spent so much of his time teaching us about proper dental hygiene.

In April we are looking forward to the warmer spring weather, spring and graduation pictures and our pancake lunch! If anyone would like to help with the pancake lunch please reach out to me or Joy.





## Serving in the Food Pantry this month:

**Friday, April 5: Robert & Wendy Epting**

**Saturday, April 6: Mike & Virginia Nichols**

**Friday, April 12: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams**

**Saturday, April 13: Debbie Black & Volunteer Needed**

**Friday, April 19: Volunteers Needed**

**Saturday, April 20: Debbie Reynolds, Marti Burns**

**Friday, April 26: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams**

**Saturday, April 27: Volunteers Needed**

## Serving In Worship This Month:

**GREETERS:** Patricia Tiffner, Andrew Hendrix

**ALTAR GUILD:** Wendy Epting, Laura Getz, Pam Humphries

**USHERS (8:30):**

7..... Chris Taylor  
 14..... Robert Epting  
 21..... Harriet Householder  
 28..... Debbie Black

**USHERS (11:00):** Robert Epting, Tom Sawyer

**LAY READER:** Robert Epting

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**  
 Jarrod Frick, Michael Kramer

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING:** Brent Shealy

**ACOLYTES:**

7..... Ellie Getz  
 14..... Kai Trotter  
 21..... Carson Dority  
 28..... Benjamin Barnes

**ALMSBEARER:**

7..... Liam Getz  
 14..... Kate Shealy  
 21..... Skyler Frick  
 28..... Gary Barnes

**CRUCIFER:**

7..... Jaycob Banks  
 14..... Lily Price  
 21..... Cade Long  
 28..... Smith Kirby

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

7..... By: The Hendrix Family  
 14..... By: Jeffrey & Jan Shealy  
 21..... By: Jan & Sam Barnes  
 28..... By: Betsy & Gregory Dority

**BBW:**

7..... Wendy Epting  
 14..... Brian & Kayce Shealy  
 21..... Larry Dasher  
 28..... Last Sunday Breakfast

**TELLERS:**

7..... Betsy Dority, Wendy Epting  
 14..... Jarrod Frick, Michael Guerette  
 21..... Andrew Hendrix, Betsy McEwen  
 28..... Mike Nichols, Robin Taylor

*If for some reason you can not do the duty you were assigned, please let the church office know ASAP so a substitute can be arranged. Thank you.*

# Parish Events & Announcements:

**Soup Kitchen:** The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **APRIL 27** 10:30am - 12n. Please contact Jennifer Spradley or Jennifer Patrick with any questions, donations, or volunteer times.

**Coffee and Conversation** will take resume on Monday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m.

**Dorcas Quilters:** Dorcas Quilters group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00am on the 3rd floor of the educational building. You do not need prior experience with sewing nor quilting to join us.

**Lutheran Men:** The monthly Lutheran Men meeting will take place on Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**Noisy Offering:** Noisy Offering will take place on the third Sunday of each month (April 21).

**First Sunday Lunch** will take place on Sunday, April 7 and will be hosted by the Lectionary Sunday School Class.

**Tuesday Theology Brewed in a Lutheran Pot:** Pastor Keith will be offering an evening class at 7:00 pm on April 23. Hope to see you there!

**Taco Tuesday** will meet on April 16 at 6:30 pm at Mi Rancho.

**The next quarterly meeting of the Western Conference LMM** will be on Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 at Wittenberg, Leesville. The meal will be a low country boil at a cost of \$15.00 per person. All men are invited whether your congregation has an active men's group or not. Also bring some young folks with you! Please let me know how many from your congregation will attend by Sunday evening, April 7 via email: [repting35@gmail.com](mailto:repting35@gmail.com) or via text/call: 803-553-1888. Hope to see a good crowd there!

**Parish Life invites you to The Midlands Plant and Flower Festival Outing** at the SC State Farmers Market on April 11, 2024. Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. You are welcome to carpool with each other or drive yourself. Lunch at the Farmers Market is available. Come join the fun of shopping for Spring plants and flowers or just enjoy looking around. The bus will become available if we get a driver. Please sign up in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall by April 7th.

**The Merry Widows** will be going to Aiken for shopping and lunch on April 26. Plan to meet at church at 10am and ride together. Please RSVP Patricia Tiffner if you u are able to go and/ drive.

## CIRCLE INFORMATION:

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader/Hostess</u>
Morning	April 3, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Hebrews Café	Dottie Mullins
IV	April 10, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Church	Connie Kramer
L	April 8, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Root Cellar	

Monthly Witness Reporting  
as of 2/29/2024



Offering Report	February	YTD
Regular Offering	\$ 25,913	\$ 48,988
Food Pantry Offering	3,311	5,722
<b>Total Offering to Budgeted Operations</b>	<b>\$ 29,224</b>	<b>\$ 54,711</b>

Vision 20 + 20 Offering	425	928
Other Designated Offering/Income	\$ 1,018	\$ 8,520

Expense Report	February	YTD
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 28,148	\$ 56,296
Actual Expenses	28,785	57,996
<b>Budget vs. Actual - Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ (637)</b>	<b>\$ (1,700)</b>

Food Pantry Report	February	YTD
Expenses	\$ 3,642	\$ 6,529
Balance	\$ 14,528	

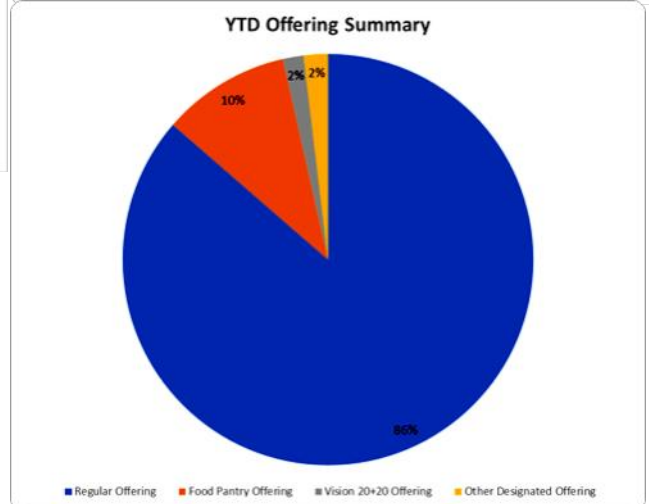
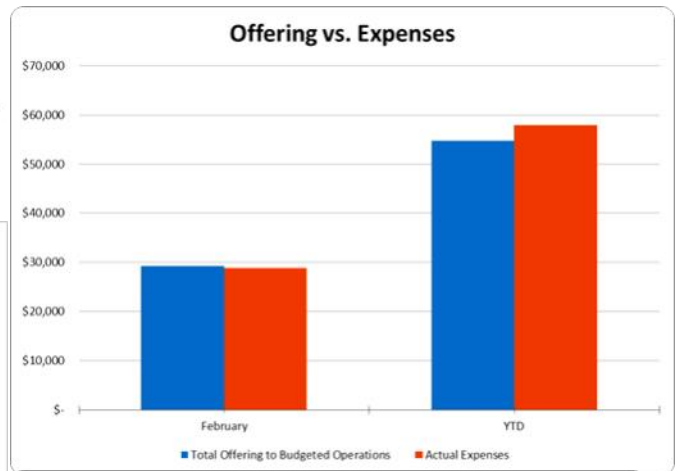
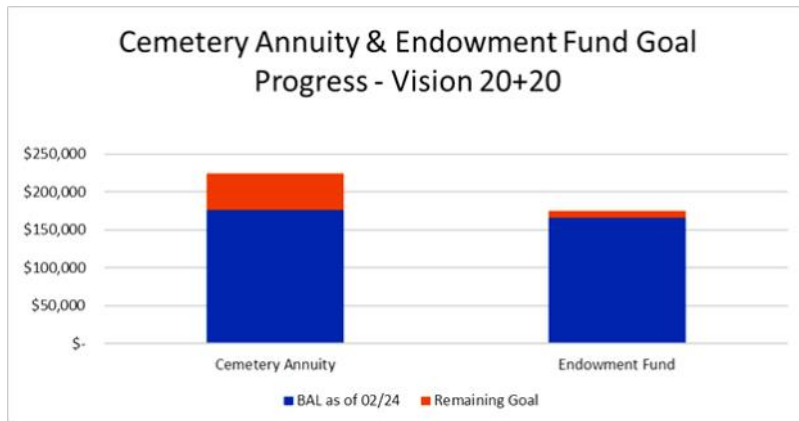
Soup Kitchen Report	
Balance	\$ 9,088

Fund Report	BAL as of 02/24	BAL Last YTD	Vision 20+20 Goal
Cemetery Annuity	\$ 175,777	\$ 169,262	\$ 225,000
Endowment Fund	165,380	144,252	175,000
Vision 20+20 Fund	522,218	518,990	

Preschool Report	February	YTD
Offerings	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Income	18,515	34,028
Expenses	15,559	28,961
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 2,956</b>	<b>\$ 5,067</b>

**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

Your financial gifts and your gifts of time and talent are the fuel for our ministry here at Wittenberg. Not only do you support our local congregation, but our synod, the ELCA, and the church around the world. Your gifts have global reach. Thank you for making a difference!





Hey, Middle and High School Youth!  
You are all invited to join in these activities of faith formation, fun, and service this winter. Check it out!

April 3 – Service Project Outing (Spring Break)

April 27, 9-12 – Soup Kitchen Helpers

April 28 – Youth Sunday

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Youth Faith Formation Activities occur every week in Sunday School @ 9:50am. Confirmation Youth have a complimentary program along with this calendar of fun and service activities.

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Summer Trip Opportunities:

- [NovusWay Camps](#) (Wittenberg pays 50% registration)
- Summer Youth Service & Fun Trip to Coastal SC TBD

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Additional detail will be published about each event as it gets closer. For now, please mark your calendars!!

Update contact information [here](#) or email [wittenbergyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wittenbergyouth@gmail.com). Shareable Google Calendar link [here](#).

# WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



<b>Ansley Gresham</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>Justin Howard</b>	<b>4/15</b>
<b>Debbie Sawyer</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>Zane Bedenbaugh</b>	<b>4/16</b>
<b>Brayden Patrick</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>Jeff Shealy</b>	<b>4/16</b>
<b>Jase Long</b>	<b>4/6</b>	<b>Sandy Cary</b>	<b>4/18</b>
<b>Grace Hendrix</b>	<b>4/8</b>	<b>Reynolds Rawls</b>	<b>4/20</b>
<b>Sarah Hendrix</b>	<b>4/8</b>	<b>Scarlett Connolly</b>	<b>4/21</b>
<b>Cloe Taylor</b>	<b>4/8</b>	<b>Wendy Epting</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Ervin Caughman</b>	<b>4/10</b>	<b>Ernestine Sharpe</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Steven Humphries</b>	<b>4/10</b>	<b>Sheryl Price</b>	<b>4/23</b>
<b>Johnny Powell, Jr.</b>	<b>4/10</b>	<b>Carson Dority</b>	<b>4/25</b>
<b>Kai Trotter</b>	<b>4/10</b>	<b>Billy Long, Jr.</b>	<b>4/27</b>
<b>Debbie Black</b>	<b>4/11</b>	<b>Alicia Powell</b>	<b>4/27</b>
<b>Violet Lawson</b>	<b>4/11</b>	<b>Ben Barnes</b>	<b>4/29</b>
<b>Ella Frick</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>Chancie Frick</b>	<b>4/29</b>
<b>Flora Ann Kaiser</b>	<b>4/13</b>	<b>Chip Spradley</b>	<b>4/30</b>

## LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Mary Cook	Mona Henderson
Helen Dasher	Freida Banks
Marvin Epting	Henrietta Gill
Rondoll Watson	Doris Freeze
Debbie Reynolds	Heather Gresham
Sue Ruff	

## LET US PRAY FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Kiersten Ray (*friend of Jarrod Frick*)  
 Tommy Epting (*brother of Robert Epting*)  
 Charlie Clamp (*friend of Pierce Kirby*)  
 Nancy Jordan (*cousin of Pam Humphries*)  
 Matt Derrick (*son-in-law of Henrietta Gill*)  
 Natalie Derrick (*stepdaughter of Henrietta Gill*)  
 Erwin Drafall (*friend of the Guerette family*)  
 Ann Cameron (*friend of the Guerette family*)  
 Billy Cockrell (*friend of Tracy & Dawn Bedenbaugh*)  
 Cheryl Lybrand Smith (*friend of Sonya Cary*)  
 Jim Aaron (*brother-in-law of Robert & Wendy Epting*)  
 Hope Wheeler (*sister of Donice Frick*)  
 Janie Kay Hallman (*friend of the Frick family*)  
 Yonaton & Tamar David-Kattevan (*friends of the Nichols*)  
 Selena Player (*sister of Elwanda Lorick*)  
 Cooper Baker & Family (*friends of Sonya Cary*)  
 Jesse Wade Watts (*father-in-law of Robin Watts*)  
 Myra Davenport (*friend of Betsy McEwen*)  
 Earl Holley Bobbit (*friend of Sonya Cary*)  
 Aiden Alexander & Family (*friends of Toshia Banks*)  
 Beth Asbill (*friend of Diane & Sandy Spradley*)  
 Chris Smith (*son of Walter Smith*)  
 Cason Smith (*friend of the Cary Family*)  
 Michael Branham (*friend of Mary Ann Shealy*)  
 Larry Shuman & Family (*brother of Sally Sherman*)  
 Jim Young (*husband of Rachel Young*)  
 Beverly Meadows (*friend of the Hendrix family*)  
 Jeannie Sweeney (*aunt of Virginia Nichols*)  
 Debbie Cole (*cousin of Virginia Nichols*)  
 Jane Albright (*friend of Jarrod Frick*)  
 Gary Keeler (*friend of Robert & Wendy Epting*)  
 Roy Wilson (*friend of Jarrod Frick*)  
 The Hurst Family (*friends of the Dasher family*)  
 Tammy Reep (*aunt of Cambey Roof*)

## ARMED FORCES:

Jon Rogers	Karl Smith
Ross Shealy	Capt. Will Cary
Elijah M. Sherman	Abigail Sherman

## WE REMEMBER:

Tissy Price  
 Lex Boozer (*friend of the Cary family*)  
 Gates Meadows (*friend of the Hendrix family*)  
 Evelyn & George Sawyer (*family of Tom & Debbie Sawyer*)  
 Melissa Layton (*friend of Barbie Rodgers*)



<b>Michael &amp; Connie Kramer</b>	<b>4/2</b>
<b>Matt &amp; Angela Shealy</b>	<b>4/9</b>
<b>Sam &amp; Jan Barnes</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Michael &amp; Rebecca Reed</b>	<b>4/24</b>

If you have corrections, please email or the church office.





**We rejoice** in the receiving of Stuart and Sandy Rheingold and Jeffrey and Janice Shealy as new members on Sunday, March 10. Welcome to Wittenberg! Their contact information will be included in the new pictorial directory.

### New Community Outreach Opportunity

Do you know that 1 in 5 children in America lives in poverty? And that a child's shoes can often be the most visible sign of their situation? The simple gift of a new pair of shoes can positively change a child's world. With this knowledge, Wittenberg is proud to begin a new partnership with SOLE Stepping. A previous recipient of a Wittenberg Endowment grant, SOLE Stepping is the brainchild of Kara Jefferson of Batesburg. Since 2016, they have provided more than 12,000 pairs of new shoes to elementary school children in the Midlands of SC. You will soon see a SOLE Stepping donation box show up under the portico of our Fellowship Hall entrance. Feel free to drop off a new pair of sneakers and/or athletic socks (or old/unwanted shoes for their recycling program) as we help SOLE Stepping meet the needs of children in our community. You can visit [www.solestepping.com](http://www.solestepping.com) or contact Kara at 843-826-1189 for more info.



### Food Ministries Update

For the month of February the Food Pantry served 169 families. The Soup Kitchen served 140 meals as well as providing bag lunches to the Food Pantry patrons each remaining Saturday of the month. Thanks to all our many volunteers who keep these important ministries running smoothly and to our congregation for their continued financial support. We received the following donations from the community: \$900 from the South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission; milk, cabbage and pantry staples from Lexington School District 3; bread for Soup Kitchen bag lunches from Bob Hall. Blessings abound from our congregation and community!

Caroline Getz's graduation party will be on Saturday, May 18th, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Please drop by to celebrate with the Getz family. No need to bring a gift, your attendance will be gift enough.



# Approved Council Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2023:

Members Present: Robin Taylor, Wendy Epting, Mike Nichols, Brent Shealy, Pastor Keith Getz, Ross Cary, Connie Kramer, Betsy Dority, Michael Guerette, Debbie Black, Betsy McEwen, Justin Trotter and Andrew Hendrix.

Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Special Presentation:** Kara Jefferson with Sole Stepping

Kara is asking to put a donation bin (25"W x 17"D x 15"H) in our church. It will be a wooden box with the Sole Stepping logo and painted to match the décor of the area that it is placed. This bin will be used to collect new shoes, socks and used shoes. They collect toddler to adult sized athletic shoes. Sole Stepping currently has over 60 schools waiting to be served by this ministry.

Betsy McEwen offered a memory of moving to B-L and joining Wittenberg. She shared a devotion on knowing joy.

**Prayer Concerns**

Jerry Price and family of Tissy Price. Charles Nichols- he is at home but eating and drinking very little. Please keep Ann in your prayers. Chris Smith is doing better- he has been moved to a rehab facility (Encompass Health) and is progressing well. Brent suggested to send a welcoming card to the new members who joined today. Andrew will send these to the new members on behalf of council.

**Pastor's Report for March**

Our average attendance is up to 100 compared to 91 last year. We have had good attendance at our Wednesday night Lent Services with 40 to 45 in attendance.

Synod Assembly is 6/8/24. It is a one-day meeting all done online. Andrew and Mike volunteered to be representatives. Ross motioned to accept Andrew and Mike as representatives to attend. Debbie seconded. All in favor.

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary is moving to Lenoir-Rhyne in Hickory, NC.

The AA group that meets in town is asking if they can meet at Wittenberg once a week. Their current location is not in good shape. Pastor is suggesting offering Wittenberg on Saturday mornings so the Food Pantry will be able to open the church and lock the church back.

However, the AA group would like to stick to Friday evenings. We have a church member that has stepped forward and is willing to open and lock up the church on Friday evenings for them. This has been tabled for more discussion in April's meeting.

Ross motioned to accept the President's report. Mike seconded. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**

Our deficit for operations is smaller this month at \$5,429. Our regular offerings are up 24.1% over last year.

Designated offerings are down a little bit from last year. However, we remain at good surpluses for the Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen.

Endowment Fund- February was a good month in the markets. We will have Endowment grants coming up to distribute in May.

Brent misclassified \$1200 in Evangelism in February and this was reclassified to Food Pantry.

Ross motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Debbie seconded.

**Financial Secretary's Report**

Connie reported the Food Pantry had a good month in February and we also had the largest amount collected in Noisy Offering. 42 lilies have been ordered. Next Sunday is the last day to order lilies. Thrivent Choice money has come in and will have more coming in in May.

Ross motioned to accept the Financial Secretary's Report. Debbie seconded. All in favor.

**President's Report**

**Facility Use Request** - Pastor Getz is requesting use of the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 2-4 pm for Caroline's graduation party. Andrew proposed to accept the request for the use of the Fellowship Hall for the Getz Family on 5/18/24 from 2-4. Ross motioned to accept the proposal. Debbie seconded. All in favor.

**Sole Stepping** - We had discussion where we could put the donation box. Ross made a motion that we will participate as a receiving location and we will put the box outside the covered entrance on the cemetery side. Wendy seconded. All in favor.

Ross motioned to accept the President's Report. Wendy seconded. All in favor.

**Committee Reports**

**A/V&T:** Betsy Dority - no report. Wendy reported problems hearing the choir online. The Pastor's volume is fine. The mic near the piano and organ are loud but you cannot hear the choir singing. Possibly adjust the mics down on the organ and piano. Betsy will look into this.

**Cemetery:** Michael Guerette reported he took a walk through the cemetery. The grass starting to overgrow on flat markers. There is also a lot of green moss and growth growing on markers. Mike said he has a chemical to apply on the marker and then you can scrape it off. Are there ways to encourage families to clean the markers? It is not the church's responsibility to keep these clean. Andrew suggested talking to Landis for his advice as to how to handle this.

**Christian Education:** Betsy McEwen announced "Camp Callout" VBS will be June 2, 3, 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. Kayce has ordered material and is working on volunteers.

**Endowment:** Andrew Hendrix reported they met on all committee night. They voted to offer the 4% of the fund for disbursement which totals \$6400. They changed the application that recipients must be present on Endowment Sunday to accept the check and speak a few words about their group.

**Evangelism & Christian Care:** Wendy Epting reported they met on all committee night. They decided to continue with newborn basket program, laundry mat bags and visitor bags. They will also continue to take meals to members with health concerns. They delivered 7 meals to members/families in February. They will also continue with diaper changing station at The SC Poultry Festival.

**Mutual Ministry:** Andrew Hendrix - no report

**Parish Life:** Robin Taylor reported April lunch is Lectionary Sunday School class. They have a trip planned to the Farmers Market 4/11 for the spring flower market.

**Pre-School:** Debbie Black reported they met 2/11. Debbie and Betsy are planning to meet with Layce on 3/18 and then with Vicky. Ross and Steve got some information on the storage building. Steve is meeting with Layce tomorrow morning at 10:00 with that information.

**Property:** Mike Nichols reported Jason Feaster is working to put in an exhaust system in the Parsonage's bathrooms where there is currently no exhaust. Steam is causing problems with paint. We are looking for someone who is able to change the light bulbs in the ceiling of the sanctuary. Please let Mike or Ross know of any volunteers. Ross Cary reported the Property Committee met 2/18. They hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch in March. They sent back incorrect drawings for the new food pantry building and are waiting on the response. Ervin has fixed the lift in the basement. However, the elevator broke today. Preschool would like to put a white board in the classroom closest to the Fellowship Hall. Ross motioned to allow the Preschool to install a white board in the classroom closest to the Fellowship Hall. Debbie seconded. All in favor.

**Social Ministry:** Wendy Epting reported the Food Pantry served 169 families and the Soup Kitchen served 140 meals. We received donations from SC Lutheran Men in Mission and Lexington School District 3 donated cabbage, milk and pantry staples.

**Stewardship & Finance:** Andrew Hendrix - no report

**Youth:** Jarrod Frick emailed report that the Youth will participate in the Town Clean-Up on 3/23 and the Easter Egg Hunt 3/30. They will host Easter Breakfast 3/31. They have a service project planned for 4/3 during spring break.

**Worship & Music:** Justin Trotter reported they have had good feedback on Wednesday Services. A Purple cloth has been cut and hung on the cross. Patricia is working on a white cloth.

Ross motioned to accept committee reports. Betsy M. seconded. All in favor.

**IX. New Business-** Church e-mail update/options - Andrew reported we have received recommendation from one group. They are in the process of seeking a second opinion.

Ross made a motion that we adjourn. Justin seconded. All in favor.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Dority

# April 2024

**EARLY SERVICE—8:30 A.M. + SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:50 A.M. + WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:00 A.M.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 <b>Easter Sunday</b>  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening  <b>10:10 AM</b> Easter Breakfast  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship</p> 	<p>1 <b>Easter Monday-Office closed</b>            Pastor Keith—vacation  <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation—<b> canceled</b></p>	<p>2 Pastor Keith—vacation  <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel <b> canceled</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b> canceled</b></p>	<p>3 <b>Youth Service Project Outing</b>            Pastor Keith—vacation            Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m.  <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Circle            Choir Practice—<b> canceled</b></p>	<p>4 Pastor Keith—vacation</p>	<p>5 Pastor Keith—vacation  <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open</p>	<p>6 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>7 <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening  <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship  <b>First Sunday Lunch Sponsored by Lectionary Sunday School Class</b></p>	<p>8 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation — <b> canceled</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> Circle L</p>	<p>9 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel  <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting</p>	<p>10 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m.  <b>10:00 AM</b> Circle IV  <b>7:00 PM</b> LMM Western Conference            Choir Practice—<b> canceled</b></p>	<p>11 <b>8:00 AM</b> Parish Life to Plant &amp; Flower Festival</p>	<p>12 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open</p>	<p>13 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>14 <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening  <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/ Baptism  <b>5:00 PM</b> Stewardship &amp; Finance  <b>6:00 PM</b> Preschool  <b>7:00 PM</b> Council</p>	<p>15 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation</p>	<p>16 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel  <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:30 PM</b> Taco Tuesday</p>	<p>17 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m.  <b>10:00 AM</b> Dorcas Quilters  <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice resumes</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open</p>	<p>20 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>21 <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship/Noisy Offering  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening  <b>10:35 AM</b> BBW  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/ Noisy Offering  <b>5:30-7:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts</p>	<p>22 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation  <b>7:00 PM</b> Lutheran Men</p> 	<p>23 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel  <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>7:00 PM</b> Tuesday Theology</p>	<p>24 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m.  <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open  <b>10:00 AM</b> Merry Widows</p>	<p>27 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry  <b>10:30 AM</b> Soup Kitchen/Youth Volunteers</p> 
<p>28 <b>Youth Sunday</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School Opening  <b>10:10 AM</b> Last Sunday Breakfast  <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship</p> 	<p>29 <b>9:00 AM</b> Coffee and Conversation</p>	<p>30 <b>9:30 AM</b> Preschool Chapel  <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting</p>	<p>1 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m.  <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Circle  <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open</p>	<p>4 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Open</p>

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