

# Wittenberg Lutheran Church

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## 2022 YEAR END REPORTS

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Rev. Keith Getz, Pastor

Greetings, Wittenberg Family,

It has been a joy and blessing to serve as your pastor the past 7 months. What has stood out for me during our time together has been your infectious joy of serving the community and joy in having fellowship with one another. My family and I have enjoyed getting to know you all and look forward to getting to know you better as our relationship between us continues to grow. My family and I are also deeply moved by your generous hospitality towards us. It has certainly been a blessing to do ministry here in this place among God's people. Thank you very much for all you have done for the Getz family. Your love and support for us has touched our hearts deeply and mere words cannot fully express our appreciation. You have made us feel at home here. I also thank you for giving me the privilege of walking with you in your journey of faith.

### Worship

We have continued this past year with our two Sunday services of Holy Communion at 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. The 8:30 service is a little less formal service and has been a great opportunity for some of our folks who are not able to come to our later and longer 11:00 service. This has also been a great resource for those who usually come to the 11:00 service but couldn't because of other obligations. I am thankful we have both service for folks to be fed, nourished, and strengthened in Word and Sacrament. We will continue to have Holy Communion at both services each week. I have also added back the Order of Confession and Forgiveness from the Lutheran Book of Worship (the green hymnal).

Also, I have added back the Post Communion canticle (we have been singing the Nunc dimittis, which are based on the words of Simeon's words about Jesus when Mary and Joseph present him at the temple). These minor changes have been well received by members of the congregation. Thank you all for participating in the bulletin survey. The majority of people wanted to keep a bulletin that has the liturgy in it, instead of an order of service bulletin. The results also showed that there were slightly more folks that wanted to keep the bulletin the same as it is now, without any revisions. Therefore, we will continue to keep our usual bulletin format. I have also added the wearing of the chasuble when presiding at the Eucharist, which may not have been done since perhaps Rev. Butler. The fullness of the chasuble represents the abundance of the Eucharistic feast and its abundant grace of Jesus Christ's real presence of his body and blood is for all the baptized.

I especially want to thank all those who serve during worship: our organist/pianist, our choir director, our choir (including singing leaders of the early service and instrumentalists at both services), acolytes, crucifers, alms bearers, ushers, Communion assistants, altar guild, lectors, and technology assistants. I also want to thank all those who serve our church, including: our parish administrator, council, committee leaders, and all those who work behind the scenes to take care of us, our church building, and God's ministries.

Our St. Nicholas Day commemoration on December 4th and St. Lucia Day commemoration on December 11 were very meaningful to people, and they enjoyed some of the new additions to those services. Special thanks to Robert Epting for doing so well as St. Nicholas, and special thanks to Ellie Getz for being a great St. Lucia. Also, special thanks to Randy Fellers for adapting the music for my text for the St. Lucia hymn. Our Christmas Eve services were at 5:30 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. These services had many of our youth participating, which was wonderful and meaningful. Christmas Day was on Sunday. We had one service for Christmas Day and New Year at 10:00 A.M. I look forward to working with the worship ministry at Wittenberg for future services.

### Faith Formation

Confirmation: This year, we have four students: Ansley Gresham, Liam Getz, Kate Shealy, and Graham Watson. We have completed the Old Testament semester of this past year. We will be studying the New Testament in the New Year and have a year of Lutheran study. Our students have worked really hard, and we have had some great faith conversations. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents for their commitment and dedication to our student's Christian education.

## PASTOR'S REPORT, CONT.

**Coffee and Conversation:** Our bible study group meets at 9:00 A.M. on Mondays. We have studied Isaiah, Psalms, Jesus as Healer, Jesus's Parables, and Luther's Small Catechism. This is a fun group who hunger for God's Word and desire to grow in their faith, seeing how God shows up in their lives, and how God's story of love and salvation in the Bible connects with our story.

**Adult Vacation Bible Study:** We studied about Creation and New Creation in light of Jesus Christ.

The majority of the Christian educational curriculum design and resources have been developed and accumulated by me, so that I can offer the best educational experience that is in keeping with our Lutheran theology and the theology of the early church.

### Outreach

Preschool: We have chapel on Thursdays at 9:30 A.M. This has been a great opportunity to reach out to children in our community and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and hopefully, through the power of the Spirit, plant that seed of faith. This year we blessed the preschool, students, teachers, and backpacks. We have talked about shining the light of Jesus, preparing ourselves for Jesus at Christmas, we have talked about Christmons and saints Nicholas and Lucia. I have also tried to give spiritual guidance for the preschool ministry team.

### Food Pantry

Laura, some of our children, and I have enjoyed participating in the food pantry and soup kitchen ministry. This has been a powerful experience to connect with the community and see Christ in the face of those in need and in ourselves. We have also enjoyed the fellowship with other members.

In October, I had the privilege and joy of doing the invocation for the Batesburg-Leesville town council meeting, and I did a devotional for the B-L high school football team's dinner, which our Lutheran Men in Mission sponsored.

**Needs Based Assistance:** The parish administrator, Becky, and I have been working on a church policy for giving financial assistance to those in need.

### Ministerial Alliance

I have been working with pastors from other churches to see how we can join our efforts in helping our community. I also participated in an ecumenical Thanksgiving service this year.

### Pastoral Care

It has been a joy and honor to serve our homebound members and those who have come by my office for counseling. I have had many joyful and meaningful moments with our members (including those from Saluda, Aiken, and Lexington) as I have visited with them and brought them Holy Communion. I have also been to Aiken and Lexington, visiting folks in the hospital and praying with them.

### Parish Life and Youth

My family and I have enjoyed spending time with our new family at Wittenberg, including our parish life trip to Hendersonville, NC to get apples and our youth trip to Carowinds and Saluda, NC. The youth events have been wonderful for our children, especially our youngest two, and Laura and I have been glad to participate and help chaperone.

It has been an amazing experience since we have joined the Wittenberg family, and I look forward to partnering with you in doing ministry in the new year.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Keith



## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

Submitted by Gerrie Gresham, Council President 2022

**2022 Congregational Council Members:** Todd Long, Gregory Dority, Ashley Bouknight, Kayce Shealy, Wendy Epting, Ross Cary, Jarod Frick, Chancie Frick, Matt Shealy, Justin Trotter, Pam Humphries, Gerrie Gresham, Pastor Mary Anderson 5/2022, Pastor Keith Getz 6/2022

### **2022 Officers:**

Interim Pastor: Mary Anderson (thru 5/22)

Pastor: Keith Getz (beginning 6/22)

President: Gerrie Gresham

Vice President: Todd Long

Secretary: Chancie Frick

Financial Secretary: Connie Kramer

Treasurer: Brent Shealy

### **2022 Committees:**

Cemetery: Gregory Dority

Christian Education: Ashley Bouknight & Kayce Shealy

Endowment: Gerrie Gresham

Evangelism/Christian Care: Wendy Epting

Mutual Ministry: Executive Committee

Parish Life: Jarod Frick

Youth: Kayce Shealy

Preschool: Chancie Frick

Property: Ross Cary & Jarod Frick

Social Ministry: Wendy Epting

Stewardship & Finance: Gerrie Gresham

Strategic Planning: Matt Shealy & Justin Trotter

Worship and Music: Pam Humphries

We originally had our annual Council retreat scheduled but due to the ice storm we had to reschedule it to February. We held our retreat on February 6th which was the same day as the all committee night. Council set three goals for the 2022 year which are as follows: 1. Implementation of the facilities master plan for the church campus, 2. Launch a capital campaign, 3. Strategic Plan for faith formation and leadership development for Children and Youth. In addition to goal setting, the council enjoyed some team building exercises, and policies and procedure reviews. That same evening we enjoyed some pizza and met as individual committees to plan and set goals for 2022.

In March the call committee recommended Pastor Keith Getz for an interview. Council conducted that interview in March and unanimously passed to move forward in the call process and recommend Pastor Getz to the congregation. On April 10th we held a congregational meeting to vote on Pastor Getz as our next Pastor as well as the compensation package, both of which passed. On June 26th, 2022 we installed Pastor Getz as the new pastor of Wittenberg Lutheran Church.

We did make some progress towards goal number one, the playground was relocated to behind the church and new equipment and fencing were installed. The site plan was finalized for the food pantry and a task force was formed to help see this project through.

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT, CONT.

The council met monthly and items on the agenda included, devotions, voting of previous month minutes, Pastor's report, Treasury's Report, Financial Secretary Report, President Report as well as committee reports. We also reviewed and reported on the annual goals set by the congregation.

The annual congregation meeting was held December 11th, 2022 at both the 8:30 and 11:00 service. In this meeting we reviewed and voted on the 2023 budget as well as new council members for the 2023 year.

I have enjoyed my time serving as your President and want to thank the congregation of Wittenberg for all they do to make it such a special place. I appreciate all your support and everything you do!



## WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEES

Wittenberg Lutheran Church  
Rev. Keith Getz, Pastor  
Gerrie Gresham, 2022 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 2022 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.

## 2022 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Average/Sunday .....	63	81	98
Easter Attendance .....	N/A	147	196
Christmas Eve Attendance .....	N/A	250	206

## 2021 ATTENDANCE TRENDS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
First Quarter .....	125	64	92
Second Quarter .....	25	82	114
Third Quarter .....	34	73	84
Fourth Quarter .....	52	103	93



# 2023 BUDGET

## Wittenberg Lutheran Church 2023 Budget

	2023	2022	Difference	%
<b>Income</b>				
<b>A. Restricted Offerings</b>				
1 Altar Flower Offerings	\$ 3,120	\$ 3,120	\$ -	
2 Bequests - Designated	-	-	-	
3 Bus Fund Offerings	-	-	-	
4 Cemetery Fund Offerings	1,000	1,000	-	
5 Cemetery Plot Sales	-	-	-	
6 Endowment Fund Offerings	10,000	10,000	-	
7 Food Pantry Offerings (includes SCS)	29,000	25,000	4,000	16.0%
8 Lilly Offerings	1,100	1,000	100	10.0%
9 Music Fund Offerings	500	500	-	
10 Other Designated Offerings	1,000	1,000	-	
11 Poinsettia Offerings	1,100	1,000	100	10.0%
12 Preschool Offerings	3,500	3,500	-	
13 Restricted - Other	2,000	5,000	(3,000)	-60.0%
14 Vision 20 + 20 Offerings	21,000	20,000	1,000	5.0%
<b>Total Restricted Offerings</b>	<b>73,320</b>	<b>71,120</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>B. Unrestricted Offerings</b>				
1 Bequests - Undesignated	-	-	-	
2 Offerings	265,000	265,000	-	
<b>Total Unrestricted Offerings</b>	<b>265,000</b>	<b>265,000</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total Contributions Income</b>	<b>338,320</b>	<b>336,120</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>C. Other Income</b>				
1 150th Anniversary Promo	-	-	-	
2 REIMB from Preschool - Insurance	2,000	2,000	-	
3 REIMB from Preschool - Utilities	2,400	2,400	-	
4 Thrivent Choice Offerings	500	500	-	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 343,220</b>	<b>\$ 341,020</b>	<b>\$ 2,200</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>A. Christian Education and Growth</b>				
1 Church School	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	-	
2 Assembly Expenses	500	500	-	
3 Lutheran Subscriptions	400	400	-	
4 Youth Camps and Training	5,000	5,000	-	
5 KICS	500	500	-	
6 Youth Programs	500	500	-	
7 Background Checks	250	250	-	
	<b>12,150</b>	<b>12,150</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>B. Ministry of a Pastor</b>				

### Comments Income

\$60 per week Line A. 1.

Includes Soup Kitchen, Youth Group, etc. Line A.10.

Reimbursement from Preschool for Worker's Comp Insurance Line C.2.  
10% of budgeted utilities Line C.3.

Thrivent account holders: please choose Wittenberg for your "Choice" offerings Line C.4.

### Expenses

Confirmation Camp/Youth Synod/Novus Way Line A.4.

Youth Security Policy Line A.7.

## 2023 BUDGET *(continued)*

1 Auto Expenses	4,500	1,200	3,300	275.0%	Business Mileage
2 Phone Stipend	1,212	960	252	26.3%	
3 Pastor's Salary	50,690	60,937	(10,247)	-16.8%	reflects 2023 Synod Guidelines based on 15 years experience
4 Housing Allowance		10,590			
5 Pension & Health Ins.	45,434	15,137	30,297	200.2%	
6 Social Security Supplement	10,846		10,846		reflects 2023 synod guidelines
7 Preschool Scholarship	-	-	-		
8 Tax Deferred Compensation	-	-	-		
9 Pastor's Continuing Education	1,100	1,100	-		
	<u>113,782</u>	<u>89,924</u>	<u>23,858</u>	<u>26.5%</u>	
<b>C. Our Ministry to Others</b>					
1 Additional Outreach	2,700	3,800	(1,100)	-28.9%	
2 Apportionment	26,500	27,200	(700)	-2.6%	10% of budgeted undesignated offerings
3 Christian Care	500	500	-		
4 Dorcas Quilters	700	700	-		
5 Evangelism	250	500	(250)	-50.0%	
6 Food Pantry	29,000	25,000	4,000	16.0%	Equals Food Pantry Offerings
7 Crumley Memorial Scholarship	1,000	1,000	-		
8 Social Ministry	250	500	(250)	-50.0%	
9 SC 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	-		
10 Preschool Payments	3,500	3,500	-		Pymts made to Preschool through Preschool offerings
11 Other Designated Offering Payees	1,000	1,000	-		Pymts made to other designated offering payees (ex. Soup Kitchen, Music Fund)
	<u>67,200</u>	<u>65,500</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>2.6%</u>	
<b>D. Our Ministry-Devotional Life</b>					
1 Altar Flowers	3,120	3,120	-		\$60 per week
2 Annual Audit	-	-	-		
3 Choir Supplies	500	500	-		
4 Guest Pastors/Guest Organists	2,100	1,500	600	40.0%	(Pastors \$180 + mileage per occurrence)
5 Lilies	1,100	1,000	100	10.0%	Equals Lily Offerings
6 Parish Life	1,000	1,000	-		
7 Piano & Organ Maintenance	1,350	1,250	100	8.0%	
8 Poinsettias	1,100	1,000	100	10.0%	Equals Poinsettia Offerings
9 Worship Expenses	2,900	2,750	150	5.5%	
10 Seminar/ian Mileage	500	500	-		
11 Mutual Ministry	-	-	-		
	<u>13,670</u>	<u>12,620</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>8.3%</u>	
<b>E. Property Maintenance</b>					
1 Building Maintenance & Repairs	15,750	15,000	750	5.0%	
2 Bus Fuel	315	300	15	5.0%	
3 Bus Insurance	730	695	35	5.0%	
4 Bus Repair	1,050	1,000	50	5.0%	
5 Bus Expenses - Other	-	-	-		

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## 2023 BUDGET (continued)

6 Cemetery Maintenance	-	6,000	(6,000)	-100.0%	Proposed to be paid out of South State Cemetery Fund
7 Church Utilities	25,200	24,000	1,200	5.0%	
8 Cleaning Services	15,230	15,230	-		
9 Contract Landscape Services	9,660	9,660	-		
10 Office Supplies	16,000	14,000	2,000	14.3%	
11 Parsonage Utilities	3,600	3,600	-		
12 Property & Casualty Insurance	14,408	11,325	3,083	27.2%	
13 Workers' Compensation Insurance	3,100	3,100	-		Preschool reimbursement (Income C1) will help offset this expense
14 Archives & Records	1,000	-	-		New line item to budget
15 Security Camera Monitoring	2,400	-	-		
	<u>108,443</u>	<u>103,910</u>	<u>4,533</u>	<u>4.4%</u>	
<b>F. Staff Salaries &amp; Expense</b>					
1 Choir Director	3,658	3,524	134	3.8%	
2 Parish Musician	16,135	15,545	590	3.8%	
3 Parish Musician-Continuing Education	200	200	-		
4 Pianist - Early Service	-	1,200	(1,200)	-100.0%	
5 Secretary	17,236	16,605	631	3.8%	
6 Youth Coordinator	-	-	-		Utilizing volunteer youth leaders
7 Social Security Taxes	2,933	2,821	112	4.0%	
	<u>40,162</u>	<u>39,895</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>0.7%</u>	
<b>G. Financial</b>					
1 Bank Fees	-	-	-		
2 Interest Expense	-	-	-		
3 Vanco Online Fees	1,500	1,600	(100)	-6.3%	Fees paid to Vanco for online payment services and bank card fees
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>-6.3%</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 356,907	\$ 325,599	\$ 31,308	9.6%	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	\$ (13,687)	\$ 15,421	\$ (29,108)	-188.8%	
<b>H. Other Income/Expenses</b>					
1 Credit Card Rebates	\$ 750	\$ 600	\$ 150	25.0%	
2 Interest Income					
Cemetery Annuity	5,100	8,000	(2,900)	-36.3%	
Building Fund	200	1,500	(1,300)	-86.7%	
Checking	20	20	-		
HVAC Account	50	50	-		
Endowment	-	1,750	(1,750)	-100.0%	
WLC Annuity	7,000	7,000	-		
Total Interest Income	<u>12,370</u>	<u>18,320</u>	<u>(5,950)</u>	<u>-32.5%</u>	
3 Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	-	-	-		
Total Other Income	<u>13,120</u>	<u>18,920</u>	<u>(5,800)</u>	<u>-30.7%</u>	
4 150th Anniversary Promotional	-	-	-		
5 150th Anniversary Decorations	-	-	-		
6 Miscellaneous Expenses	1,575	1,500	75	5.0%	
Total Other Expenses	<u>1,575</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	
<b>Net Other Income</b>	\$ 11,545	\$ 17,420	\$ (5,875)	-33.7%	
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ (2,142)	\$ 32,841	\$ (34,983)	-106.5%	
<b>I. Non-Expenses</b>					
1 Transfer to WLC Annuity (Savings)	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ -		
2 Cemetery Annuity Transfer	6,500	6,500	-		
3 Transfer to Music Fund	500	500	-		
Total Non-Expenses	<u>13,500</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>-</u>		
<b>Cash Flow</b>	\$ (15,642)	\$ 19,341	\$ (34,983)	-180.9%	
	\$ 7,067	\$ 6,463	\$ 604	9.3%	Amount Needed Weekly

## 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

### 2022 Year End Report

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Contributions Income</b>		
<b>Restricted</b>		
Additional Outreach	0.00	100.00
Altar Flower Offerings	2,805.72	2,957.00
Bequests--Designated	0.00	0.00
Building Fund Offerings	295.00	0.00
Cemetery Offerings	16,321.00	5,750.00
Chrismon Offerings	5,463.75	0.00
Dorcas Quilters Offerings	0.00	10.00
Endowment Fund Offerings	9,238.26	10,780.00
Food Pantry Offerings	29,944.09	52,095.13
Lenten Offerings	0.00	1,468.61
Lilly Offerings	1,142.00	651.00
Music Fund Offerings	0.00	0.00
Other Designated Offerings	7,469.01	2,239.00
Poinsettia Offerings	1,232.48	993.00
Prayer Garden Offerings	0.00	1,400.00
Preschool Offerings	3,375.00	3,800.00
Soup Kitchen Offerings	1,670.00	4,821.16
Vision 2020 Offerings	21,152.19	28,400.00
Youth Offerings	280.00	935.00
<b>Total Restricted</b>	100,388.50	116,399.90
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Bequests-Undesignated	22,610.14	543,607.51
Regular Offerings	266,531.20	264,684.43
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	289,141.34	808,291.94
<b>Total Contributions Income</b>	389,529.84	924,691.84
<b>Other Income</b>		
Capital Gain Endowment	54.21	4,535.95
Dividend Income-Endowment	1,993.38	1,138.25
Gain from Loan Forgiveness	0.00	50,307.50
Reimbursements from Endowment F	0.00	0.00
Reimbursements from Preschool		
Preschool Tithe	4,320.00	4,000.00
Reimbsmt from PS-Insurance	1,927.00	1,676.00
Reimbsmt from PS-Utilities	2,160.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Reimbursements from Preschool</b>	8,407.00	7,676.00

## 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT *(continued)*

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21
<b>Thrivent Choice Offerings</b>		
Thrivent-Food Pantry	524.00	0.00
Thrivent-Regular Offerings	59.00	467.00
Thrivent Choice- Endowment	0.00	457.00
Thrivent Choice Offerings - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Thrivent Choice Offerings</b>	<b>583.00</b>	<b>924.00</b>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>11,037.59</b>	<b>64,581.70</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>400,567.43</b>	<b>989,273.54</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>400,567.43</b>	<b>989,273.54</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Christian Education &amp; Growth</b>		
Background Checks	374.93	234.75
Church School	1,973.59	1,953.04
Convention Expenses	287.17	0.00
Youth Camps & Training	987.00	5,138.42
Youth Programs	689.35	433.90
<b>Total Christian Education &amp; Growth</b>	<b>4,312.04</b>	<b>7,760.11</b>
<b>Endowment Grant</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ministry of Pastor</b>		
Auto Expenses	1,387.22	1,018.33
Housing Allowance-WLC	6,505.05	7,499.97
Pastor's Cell Phone Stipend	1,035.50	880.00
Pastor's Continuing Education	1,008.42	0.00
Pastor's Salary	57,256.09	49,997.95
Pension & Health Ins.	33,360.98	13,774.39
Social Security Supplement	5,731.64	1,597.66
<b>Total Ministry of Pastor</b>	<b>106,284.90</b>	<b>74,768.30</b>
<b>Our Ministry to Others</b>		
Additonal Outreach	2,620.02	2,984.63
Apportionment	27,199.56	27,199.56
Crumley Scholarship	0.00	1,000.00
Dorcas Quilters	179.03	821.19
Endowment Fund Grants	5,600.00	4,800.00
Evangelism	0.00	655.76
Food Pantry	41,180.55	28,152.23
Hare Bequest-Camp Kinard	22,500.00	0.00
Hare Bequest-Christ Comm.Luth.	11,000.00	0.00
Hare Bequest-ELCA Ukraine	3,333.33	0.00
Hare Bequest-Oliver Gospel Msn.	3,333.33	0.00
Hare Bequest-Transitions	3,333.33	0.00
Hare Bequest-WLC Preschool	15,108.00	0.00

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## 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT *(continued)*

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21
<b>SC Synod Institutions/Agencies</b>		
Lutheran Homes of SC	0.00	600.00
Lutheran Services Carolinas	0.00	600.00
Lutheran Theo. So. Seminary	0.00	600.00
Newberry College	0.00	600.00
NovusWay Ministries	0.00	600.00
SC Lutheran Retreat Centers	0.00	600.00
<b>Total SC Synod Institutions/Agencies</b>	0.00	3,600.00
<b>Social Ministry</b>	175.00	864.70
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	2,821.12	1,235.44
<b>Total Our Ministry to Others</b>	138,383.27	71,313.51
<b>OurMinistry-Devotional Life</b>		
Choir Supplies	120.20	72.86
Chrismons	825.18	0.00
Flowers	4,328.23	4,643.38
Guest Organist	300.00	0.00
Guest Pastors	916.00	2,330.15
Lillies	1,126.39	0.00
Parish Life	680.62	575.68
Piano & Organ Maintenance	6,156.35	1,727.66
Seminarian Mileage	0.00	513.00
Worship Expenses	2,775.22	1,677.33
<b>Total OurMinistry-Devotional Life</b>	17,228.19	11,540.06
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Property Maintenance</b>		
Archives	0.00	10.89
Building Maintenance & Repairs	11,639.90	13,126.77
Bus Expenses		
Bus fuel	138.00	157.43
Bus Insurance	704.00	695.00
Bus Repair	277.22	76.90
<b>Total Bus Expenses</b>	1,119.22	929.33
Cemetery Maintenance	6,000.00	5,640.00
Church Utilities	23,115.88	18,889.42
Cleaning Service	13,775.10	16,882.01
Contract Landscape Services	9,660.00	8,955.00
Liability Insurance	200.00	0.00
Office Supplies	18,627.71	14,909.47
Parsonage Repairs/Maintenance	3,458.78	275.00
Parsonage Utilities	3,589.05	2,165.43
Property & Casualty Insurance	12,311.00	12,971.75
Vision 2020 Improvements	7,978.00	0.00
Workers' Compensation Insurance	3,690.00	3,535.00
<b>Total Property Maintenance</b>	115,164.64	98,290.07

## 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT *(continued)*

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21
<b>Staff Salaries &amp; Expense</b>		
Choir Director	3,524.04	3,327.96
Parish Musician	15,545.04	14,679.00
Pianist- Early Service	1,272.00	1,100.00
Secretary	16,605.00	15,678.96
Social Security Taxes	2,826.38	2,668.78
Staff Salaries & Expense - Other	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Staff Salaries &amp; Expense</b>	<b>39,772.46</b>	<b>37,554.70</b>
<b>Unbudgeted Expenses</b>		
Bank Fees	48.00	0.00
Designated Offering Payees	6,977.87	2,062.33
Other Expense		
Miscellaneous	2,417.93	2,306.71
Other Expense - Other	0.00	329.40
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>2,417.93</b>	<b>2,636.11</b>
Vanco Online Fees	1,323.51	1,406.60
<b>Total Unbudgeted Expenses</b>	<b>10,767.31</b>	<b>6,105.04</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>431,912.81</b>	<b>307,331.79</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-31,345.38</b>	<b>681,941.75</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
Other Income		
Credit Card Rebates	880.22	641.85
Interest Income		
Cemetery Ann. Interest Income	5,098.11	4,871.60
Interest Income--Endowment Acct	1,779.22	1,545.72
Interest Income--HVAC account	39.86	100.76
Interest Income-Checking	102.47	114.33
Interest Income-V2020 Ed. Jones	102.06	0.00
Interest Income-Vision 2020 Fun	21.79	4.50
Interest Income V2020 Cds	136.44	1,539.41
WLC Annuity Interest Income	5,031.97	4,599.69
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>12,311.92</b>	<b>12,776.01</b>
Realized Gain (Loss)-Endowment	1,812.86	992.03
Unrealized Gain (Loss)-Endowmnt	-23,052.58	6,328.18
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>-8,047.58</b>	<b>20,738.07</b>
Other Expense		
Preschool Payments	3,375.00	3,800.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>3,375.00</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-11,422.58</b>	<b>16,938.07</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-42,767.96</b>	<b>698,879.82</b>



## 2022 FINANCIAL SECRETARIES REPORT

### Receipts:

Current Offering	260,271.44
Loose Offering	9,867.09
1st Sunday Lunch	144.00
Bingo	400.00
 Sub-total	 270,682.53
 Altar Flowers	 2,805.72
Cross Flowers	80.25
Easter Lilies	1,142.00
Poinsettias	1,232.48
Food Pantry	28,275.89
Food Pantry Memorials	675.00
Food Pantry Building Only	1,000.00
Preschool	2,500.00
Preschool Withholding	38,042.65
Preschool Memorials	550.00
Preschool Utilities	2,160.00
Preschool Tithe	4,320.00
Endowment Fund	4,142.76
Endowment Fund Memorials	4,970.50
Endowment Grant Money	5,600.00
ELCA Piggy Banks	741.15
Office Supplies	200.00
C & C Books	38.00
Nursery, TV & Mount	453.49
Funeral Bulletins	50.00
ELCA World Hunger	814.11
Sole Stepping	10.00
Youth	280.00
Lutheran Men	50.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	475.00
Cemetery Fund	12,081.00
Cemetery Memorials	4,240.00
Thrivent Refund	5,000.00
Souper Bowl	606.23
Soup Kitchen	1,595.00
Soup Kitchen Memorials	100.00
Solutions Refund	75.23
Ukraine	375.00
Pastor's Gift	330.00
Undesignated Bequest	18,055.01
Archives	100.00
Flagpole	2,047.00
Chrismons Fund	4,913.75

## 2022 FINANCIAL SECRETARIES REPORT, CONT.

Chrismons Memorials	550.00
Christian Ministry Center	1,010.77
Brotherhood Mutual Overpayment	2,931.00
Sub-total	425,301.52
Interest	102.47
Total	425,403.99

### 2022 Vision 20+20

Vision 20+20	#####
Vision 20+20 Memorials	70.00
Interest	21.79
Total 2020	#####

## 2022 GIVING TRENDS

Amount Given 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022    Number of Units Giving this Amount

\$10,000 & Above.....	10
\$9,000 – 9,999.....	2
\$8,000 – 8,999.....	3
\$7,000 – 7,999.....	1
\$6,000 – 6,999.....	2
\$5,000 – 5,999.....	0
\$4,000 – 4,999.....	1
\$3,000 – 3,999.....	12
\$2,000 – 2,999.....	10
\$1,000 – 1,999.....	18
\$900 – 999.....	2
\$800 – 899.....	2
\$700 – 799.....	1
\$600 – 699.....	3
\$500 – 599.....	1
\$400 – 499.....	3
\$300 – 399.....	0
\$200 – 299.....	3
\$100 - 199.....	1
\$50 – 99.....	1
\$1 – 49.....	4

## 2022 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

DATE	FOOD PANTRY	GENERAL
3/8/2022	343.00	284.00
4/8/2022	240.00	240.00
TOTALS	524.00	59.00
TOTAL 2022	583.00	

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**Submitted by Ross Cary & Jarrod Frick, Property Co-Chairs**

2022 was a busy one concerning the church property. Some of the major events were:

1. Completion of the new pre-school playground fence in January
2. Removal of three trees on the cemetery side of the church and paving the area
3. Replacement of 19 windows in the church parsonage
4. Starting the new electrical service replacement for the main church building
5. Finalizing plans for the new food pantry and forming a committee to move from planning to reality
6. Replacement of damaged ceiling tiles in the commons area
7. Cleaning of the range hood in the kitchen
8. Cleaning and waxing the floors in the dining area and kitchen area
9. New siding on the rear of the church areas that lead to the basement and elevator
10. Securing an new cleaning service for the church
11. Replacement of the sheet metal at the top of the elevator shaft
12. Monthly safety checks on the church elevator\
13. Completion of repair on ceiling in parsonage study

There were also many small projects that were addressed as the need arose. Many thanks to all volunteers who have helped with the many service projects around the church.

Respectfully submitted

Ross A. Cary  
Jarrod Frick

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

### *Sunday School Classes in 2022*

Children's Sunday School is taught regularly by Betsy Dority and Kayce Shealy. There was an average of four children who participated during the year in K-Grade 5.

The Confirmation class is taught by Pastor Keith and had 4 students. They studied the Old Testament this year.

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 8 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 Harriet Householder, and has guided conversation on the lectionary texts. They have 12 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 10 participants who use the Augsburg Bible Study series.

Our average Sunday School attendance was 39 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 17-20. Kayce Shealy served as Director aided by a crew of about 20 volunteers. The curriculum used came from Augsburg called *Tree of Healing*. We had 35 students registered who came from our congregation, the preschool, and the community. Pastor Keith led an adult class with 20 participants and studied Creation and New Creation in light of Jesus Christ.

## 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 2022

South Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission	\$ 845
Boy Scout Troup 29 Re-charter Fee	\$1008
Cub Scout Troup 29	\$700
Boy Scout Hut Electricity Bills	\$470
Gifts for Graduates	\$ 53
Camp Kinard	\$100
Boys Farm	\$100
Oliver Gospel	\$100
Costs Associated with Feeding B&L Football team	\$180
Flags for Cemetery	\$100
Purchase Handicap Ramp	\$1500
Total	\$5156

## YOUTH REPORT

**Submitted by Kayce Shealy, Youth Committee Chair**

2022 was a busy year for the youth of Wittenberg. We continued the momentum and enthusiasm from the year before. We focused on activities that fostered spiritual growth, fellowship, and serving others.

We fostered fellowship through joint events with KICS and youth groups from other churches throughout the year. All ages enjoyed a joint bowling event in January with Mt. Hebron and Faith Lutheran. Later in the year, youth of all ages from these churches gathered at Camp Kinard for an end of the school year celebration that included water slides, games, and ice cream. Again these groups gathered in fellowship with a trip to sCarowinds in October.

Each month we found ways to serve others, in our community and in others. Our youth helped to prepare and deliver meals at our Soup Kitchen, and helped to beautify the Batesburg-Leesville community during the town's annual spring cleaning event. We spread mulch at Transitions Homeless Shelter in Columbia over Spring Break and helped with yard work and other cleanup at the Polk County Outreach in North Carolina during our summer trip. We also welcomed the Getz Family and helped to clean around the parsonage.

Of course, participating in the youth group wasn't all work and no play. We enjoyed numerous activities throughout the year to relax and have fun, including game night at church and an outing to Frankie's Fun Park in Columbia. Our summer trip to the mountains was filled with kayaking, zip lining, and hiking.

These fun activities incorporated devotions to foster spiritual growth, and provided opportunities for us to identify how Christ was working in and through each of us. We greatly appreciate the support from our Wittenberg family, and couldn't have accomplished so much without the help of the youth parents, Council, and our leaders. We expect 2023 to be just as exciting and we look forward to another great year of fostering fellowship, spiritual growth and serving others.



## 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
- Candlemas Celebration
- Ash Wednesday/Lenten services
- Palm Sunday/Maundy Thursday/Good Friday services
- Easter service held at 11:00
- Youth Sunday
- Installation of Pastor Keith Getz
- Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Blessing of the Animals
- Reformation Sunday
- All Saints/Homecoming service
- Chrismon tree was decorated and removed.
- Easter lilies and poinsettias were ordered for Christmas and Easter services.
- St. Nicholas Festival
- St. Lucia Day
- Christmas Eve services held at 5:30 and 10:30.
- Lessons and Carols service
- The Chrismon Ministry was formed to make new Chrismons to replace those beyond repair.

Thank you to all who have served on this committee or who have helped support our worship services in any way this year. 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Humphries, Worship and Music Committee Chairperson

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, CONT.

### Submitted by Gerrie Gresham, Endowment Committee Chair

Gerrie Gresham, Chairperson

2022 Committee Members: Wendy Epting, Harriet Householder, Gerrie Gresham, Barbie Rodgers (Secretary), and Brent Shealy (Treasurer).

Non-voting, Advisory Members: Pastor Mary Anderson (ending 5/22), Pastor Keith Getz (beginning 6/22) Council President Gerrie Gresham

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 2022 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 \$5,600 in grant monies made possible by our Endowment as follows:
  - Parroquia El Mesias - \$1,500
  - Sole Stepping- \$750
  - Mission of Hope - \$500
  - B&L Summer Literacy- \$1500
  - Novus Way - \$1,350
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.
6. As of 12/31/22, the total assets of the Endowment fund were \$141,950.01

Respectfully submitted,

Gerrie Gresham, Chairperson

## 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.) Prepared and recommended the 2023 Budget to Council.
- 2.) Reviewed the 2023 Preschool Budget
- 3.) Reviewed the Treasurer's prior month financial statements each month.
- 4.) Reviewed the Preschool's prior month financial statements each month.
- 5.) Reviewed the Endowment Financial Statements and approved the Endowment Board recommendations for disbursement.
- 6.) Reviewed monthly restricted funds reporting outlining food pantry, soup kitchen and prayer garden contributions and balances.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerrie Gresham, Chairperson

## SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Wendy Epting, Social Ministry Chair

### FOOD PANTRY

Our Wittenberg Food Pantry continued to operate every Friday and Saturday morning from 9-12pm throughout 2022. The Food Pantry served an average of 158 families per month made possible by the donations of the congregation and community. Our many volunteers also purchased, put together and distributed 1892 food boxes throughout the year. The Food Pantry was also able to provide 80 hams at Thanksgiving and 100 hams at Christmas along with the usual food box. This was made possible in large to the monetary donations given. We are deeply thankful for all our volunteers who gave of their time to support this important ministry. We received donations from the following in our community in 2022:

BLMS Beta Club  
Lake Murray VFW Post 6740  
Andy Shumpert and Staff @ Edward Jones  
Western Conference Lutheran Men In Mission  
Radius Church Small Groups  
Boy Scout Troop #29  
Economy Furniture Employees  
Leesville United Methodist Church  
B&L Study Club  
KJ's Market  
Christian Ministry Center  
First Calvary Baptist Church  
King Academy  
Burch Antley  
Our Friend Barry  
Big Moon Farms  
Kim Hendrix

### SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup Kitchen also remained active and served 1452 meals for the year ending 2022 and continues to operate 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 bags lunches on the other Saturdays which averaged serving 30-40 per week. In addition to our congregation members, our youth and KICS groups continued to be actively involved in serving the soup kitchen. We again graciously thank our wonderful volunteers for their service throughout the year. We also want to thank the Women's group of Faith Lutheran Church for sponsoring and assembling bag lunches at various times during the year.

The committee also sponsored the following:

Cookout at Camp Kinard to thank the food ministries volunteers  
Collection of 16 pairs of eyeglasses donated to Lions Club  
Lenten project- Distributed and Collected ELCA World Hunger pig banks; 21 banks were collected totaling \$726.05 to provide a pig to needy families around the world  
Lenten offering collected for ELCA World Hunger Appeal- \$814.11 collected  
Food Pantry Advent calendar food item collection.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

**Submitted by Gregory Dority, Cemetery Chair**

The cemetery has seen a new flag pole put in and has started to put the lights in for the flag pole. We hope to get some plans for paving and cutting a new drive in on the Frances street side of the cemetery. We also are looking to get some quotes on a columbarium.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Submitted by Matt Shealy & Justin Trotter, Strategic Planning Co-Chairs**

2022 Strategic Planning Committee Report

The Strategic Planning Committee consists of Justin Trotter (co-chair), Matt Shealy (co-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 2022 are:

- Working with council and committees to keep Vision 20+20 moving forward in 2022.
- 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.
- Worked with council and Executive committee to finalize allocation of approved funds from Hare Bequest toward the Strategic Plan
- Playground moved to new location to make room for new Food Pantry and parking as part of our Vision 20+20 plan.
- Final Food Pantry plans approved and process to build started.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Shealy and Justin Trotter

## 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.

- Circle L:**
- ~ Valentines for shut-ins and elders of the church
  - ~ Donation to a preschooler family in time of need
  - ~ Donation to the VFW
  - ~ Fruit baskets for shut-ins
  - ~ Donation to Grace Taylor for African mission trip
  - ~ Paid postage for Midlands Blue Star Moms to mail gifts to military personnel
  - ~ Donation to Nina Hendrix after she and her 3 children were put out of their home after a fire

- Circle IV:**
- ~ Gave half of our monthly offerings to the Joint WLC - WELCA account
  - ~ Donated to the Newberry College Nursing Endowment
  - ~ Donated to the Chrismos Fund
  - ~ Donated to Vision 20+20 in memory of Jim Tiffner
  - ~ Donated to Lutheran World Relief
  - ~ Donated to ELCA Good Gifts for the safe water project
  - ~ Christmas cards were sent to the shut-in members of Wittenberg

- Morning Circle:**
- ~ Supported WLC-WELCA
    - ~ Gave memorials to the Endowment Fund for Carolyn Price, Anne Shealy and Hazel Cooper
    - ~ Shealy's Gift Card for Pastor's Welcome
    - ~ Meal for a member
    - ~ Donated to Eastern European Disaster Response
    - ~ Donated to Lutheran World Relief
    - ~ Donated to ELCA Good Gifts for a pig

## WELCA REPORT, CONT.

**Service Groups** ~ Provided 5 Lenten Meals

~ Provided 4 Vacation Bible School Meals

~ Provided Funeral Meals for Merlyn Watkins,

Dean Ergle, Anne Shealy, John Watkins

and Hazel Cooper

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 619 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.

## RECORDS AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

**Submitted by Todd Long, Records and Archives Chair**

2022 Annual Report: Records and Archives

Members: Mary Ann Shealy, Sally Sherman, Otho Shealy, Becky Hughes, Pastor Keith Getz, Susie Hendrix, and Todd Long

The year 2022 marked the first full year of existence for the Records and Archives Team, where we achieved full, permanent committee status as approved by the Church Council. Our annual budget currently stands at \$1000.

We have two main and ongoing projects at this time. The first task is to assist in cleaning up the Wittenberg Church membership records so that they are as accurate and up to date as possible. Becky has done tons of work already on this project with lots more to go. The second project entails organizing the library space upstairs while preserving and displaying historical documents and objects that we uncover. We have been busy on both projects during the past year.

The Records and Archives Team has recently (January 2023) begun preliminary plans to mark the 50th anniversary of our pipe organ which was first used in August of 1973. It is our desire to hold an organ recital one Sunday afternoon in August 2023, complete with special guests and musicians. Please stay tuned for more information on that special event.

Any and all members of the Wittenberg family who share an interest in preserving the history of our church are invited to join this excited team. We'd love to have you! Please contact a current member and we'll get you on the email list.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Long

Records and Archives Team Member



## PRESCHOOL REPORT

Submitted by Layce McLees, Preschool Director

The preschool was able to minister to a family who lost a child. The board and staff members gave to the family financially.

We had 10 students graduate and Mayor Shull was a guest speaker.

We celebrated the Week of the Young Child through NAEYC by having the B-L band perform for us, we were in the Twin City news, and Starbucks provided snacks for the teachers. We also picked up trash in the church yard.

During Easter out students had an easter egg hunt and the afterschool students did an egg hunt at the Leesville park.

Our summer was full of fun! The students had a karate camp, participated in rainy mud days where they played with worms, and our afterschool went out to lunch and explored the Gully Washer water park in Newberry. We wrapped up the summer with an inflatable obstacle course, face painting and a pizza party.

The school year was started with the Blessing of Backpacks by Pastor Getz and an Open House to meet our families and new students.

Throughout the school year we were able to invite our families in to be a part of our day and recognize our parents and grandparents with Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, and breakfast for Grandparents Day.

The preschool made some improvements to its program through being accepted in the ABC Quality Program and hiring new staff including a new director.

## PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

**Submitted by Jarrod Frick, Parish Life Chair**

During the year of 2022, Parish Life Committee organized several events:

- Spring Fling for young adults
- Spring Bingo Night-Donation collected went to Sole Stepping
- OWLS Luncheon
- Apple Picking at Grandad's Apples in Hendersonville N.C.
- Lunch at the Hound and Hare Landrum S.C.
- Shopping at Hamrick's
- Lunch at Cracker Barrel
- Fall Bingo Night- Donation collected went to Wittenberg Lutheran Church General Fund
- We also helped organize all the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunches.

We would like to thank everyone for helping set up, providing dinners, and participating in all our events. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions for our upcoming year.

Respectively submitted,

Jarrod Frick

Parish Life Council Chairman

## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

**Submitted by Wendy Epting, Evangelism Chair**

Members: Tom and Debbie Sawyer, Mary Ann Shealy, Michael Kramer, Patricia Tiffner and Robert Epting

- The Evangelism/Christian Care Committee sponsored and supported the following:
- Handed out visitor bags to all visitors (Bags consisted of a Wittenberg mug, mints, hand sanitizer, tea bags, church brochure and current newsletter.)
- Sent handwritten notes to visitors thanking them for worshipping with us and inviting them to worship with us again
- Sent cards to members on our prayer list as needed
- Delivered DVDs and bulletins of our 11:00 worship service to shut-in members
- Handed out bereavement bags to families of deceased members filled with paper products
- Sponsored a baby changing station at the 2022 Poultry Festival and handed out water, VBS flyers and church brochures (This had been discontinued due to the pandemic.)
- Handed out laundromat bags to patrons of area local laundromats (Bags consisted of \$2 in quarters, candy and church business card.)