

THE WITTENBERG WITNESS

The Monthly Edition of Wittenberg Lutheran Church's Newsletter

May 2024

Greetings, Wittenberg family,

This month is a month of endings and new beginnings. Congratulations to our graduates and our children who are being Confirmed. In these regards, the Getz family has a lot to celebrate, because Caroline is graduating from Newberry College and Liam is being Confirmed this month. Both events greatly impact their future. For Caroline, her college degree in graphic design earned through her hard work, dedication and newly acquired skills (and natural talent) will enable her to get a career that is both rewarding and will allow her to be financially stable. For Liam, being Confirmed is the affirmation of his baptism, in which he is able to take on the baptismal promises made by his parents. It is a moving from understanding his faith to better understanding, from glory to greater glory. It is a movement into knowing Christ better, which means a greater love for Christ and a movement towards a deeper and more mature faith.

For all those graduating, this month will be a time to celebrate one's accomplishments and to move on to the next chapter in one's life. Their education has prepared and equipped them to move into their new life as young adults and towards a bright and successful future. Those being Confirmed can also celebrate their accomplishments in learning about their faith. They have been given the instruction and knowledge to move into a deeper faith, a deeper encounter with God, that will sustain them in this life and prepare them for the life to come. Both accomplishments are important. Our academic studies prepare us to function in the world and have a career that will provide for our basic needs to sustain our lives. Confirmation enables us to have a stronger faith, so we can put our trust in Christ, who redeems the world and us for a life moving closer to God, a life of self-giving love, a life that is stronger than death and has no end. It is our faith that sustains us in this world and enables us to see the world and others as God's beautiful good creation filled with his divine presence. In Christ, through faith, we have the joy and peace of God in our lives.

All this being said, our learning about the world, about ourselves, others, and God never ends. One of the great joys of life is that we are always learning, and I hope we never stop growing in knowledge, especially the knowledge of God. I encourage our graduates and Confirmants to continue to be fed by Word and Sacrament by worshiping in church. Every Sunday we have an opportunity to come to Sunday school to learn more about Christ and to be changed by our encounter with Him in the Scriptures. Being part of the life of the Church is a means of grace, in which we encounter Jesus in each other and are supported and loved in this life. Hope to see you all soon. Peace and all good be with you!

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,

Endowment Sunday is May 5th. Thankfully, Wittenberg was able to award \$6400 to four applicants this year, and they will be recognized at the 11am service. Afterwards the Endowment Committee will be serving first Sunday lunch. Come join us!

Our Food Pantry building project is still on hold, awaiting approval from DHEC before we can get started with construction. We're hopeful that approval will arrive soon so construction can begin. Gregg Long and his team will be taking down the handful of trees near the bus shelter.

As always, feel free to reach out to wlccouncilpres@gmail.com with any questions or ideas you may have for me or our Council members.

Respectfully,

Andrew Hendrix

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Food Ministries Update

For the month of March the Food Pantry served 170 families. The Soup Kitchen served 105 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: canned goods from Leesville Methodist; produce from Barry Speaks; monetary donation from Wayne and Linda Eastman; bread, peanut butter, jelly, bananas from Bob Hall. Blessings abound from our congregation and community.



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Wittenberg Lutheran Preschool Program

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April started off with a visit from the Lexington County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit visiting the preschool. We were able to see the dogs follow commands, learn about their training and how they are used in the field. The preschool celebrated the eclipse with a special snack of moon pies and sun chips! Mrs. Sherra Bowdler with Shoot for Celebrations came and took our spring pictures and pictures of our graduates in their cap and gowns. Ms. Lacye cooked a pancake lunch for the preschool one day. We cooked enough pancakes that the afterschool kids got to eat them for snack!

Our older class has been preparing for graduation by practicing their songs in the sanctuary. Our 2/3's class has been focusing on fine motor skills this month. We celebrated a couple of staff birthdays this month and look forward to our college students returning to help this summer.

If you would like to come and read with our classes one day please let us know! We love to have guest readers.





Serving in the Food Pantry this month:

Friday, May 3: Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 4: Mike & Virginia Nichols

Friday, May 10: Robert & Wendy Epting

Saturday, May 11: CLOSED

Friday, May 17: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, May 18: Debbie Black, Mike Nichols

Friday, May 24: Mike & Virginia Nichols

Saturday, May 25:

Friday, May 31: Rondoll Watson, JoAnn Williams

Saturday, June 1: Mike & Virginia Nichols

Serving In Worship This Month:

GREETERS: Justin & Samantha Trotter

ALTAR GUILD: Robin Taylor, Debbie Sawyer, Crissie Kirby

USHERS (8:30):

5..... Chris Taylor
 12..... Robert Epting
 19..... Harriet Householder
 26..... Debbie Black

USHERS (11:00): Jan & Sam Barnes

LAY READER: Chip Spradley

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Todd Long, Brenda Burkett

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING: Robert Epting

ACOLYTES:

5..... Mary Dority
 12..... Emma Kate Gresham
 19..... James Shealy
 26..... Jack Shealy

ALMSBEARER:

5..... Henry Bouknight
 12..... Ansley Gresham
 19..... Shayla Bedenbaugh
 26..... Kate Shealy

CRUCIFER:

5..... Pierce Kirby
 12..... Susie Reed
 19..... Zane Price
 26..... Jaycob Banks

ALTAR FLOWERS:

5..... By: Crissie Kirby
 12..... By: Mike & Virginia Nichols
 19..... By: Larry & Rebecca Dasher
 26..... By: Michael & Betsy Shealy

BBW:

5..... Ross & Sonya Cary
 12..... Sally Sherman
 19..... Betsy Dority
 26..... Last Sunday Breakfast

TELLERS:

5..... Patricia Tiffner, Justin Trotter
 12..... Debbie Black, Ross Cary
 19..... Betsy Dority, Wendy Epting
 26..... Jarrod Frick, Michael Guerette

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.



May is Mental Health Month

As I entered the day room of an admission unit, I found a young man pacing about in conversation with someone only he could hear; in recovery, I see this young man smile at himself in the mirror as he prepares for work. Another individual sits in a seat with his heart throbbing in his chest, with feelings of anxiety and dread; in recovery, he will feel at ease as he leaves to meet with friends. A young girl waits to be called. She feels hopeless and alone; in recovery, she is happy as she goes to volunteer to read to the elderly in a nursing home. Who are they?

These people are individuals with mental illnesses. As with many physical diseases, mental illnesses are treatable, largely due to research outcomes, pharmaceutical advances, and an improved healthcare support system. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

Parish Events & Announcements:

Soup Kitchen: The soup kitchen will be serving on Saturday, **MAY 25** 10:30am - 12n. Please contact Jennifer Spradley or Jennifer Patrick with any questions, donations, or volunteer times.

Coffee and Conversation will take place on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. **Please note: Coffee and Conversation is canceled on May 20 and 27.**

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, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Noisy Offering: Noisy Offering will take place on the third Sunday of each month (May 19).

First Sunday Lunch will take place on May 5 and will be sponsored by the Endowment Committee.

Tuesday Theology Brewed in a Lutheran Pot: Pastor Keith will be offering an evening class at 7:00 pm on May 14. Hope to see you there!

Taco Tuesday will meet on May 7 at 6:30 pm at Mi Rancho.

The Merry Widows will tour Woodrow Wilson museum and gardens on Wednesday, May 29 with lunch following. Meet at the church at 9:30 am. Please RSVP to Patricia Tiffner. Tickets will be approximately \$15.00 per person.

Bryan Center Clothing Drive: We are collecting children's, men's, women's clothing, shoes, etc. for the Bryan Center. Please put your donations in a strong bag or a box labeled "Bryan Center" either in the room off the Narthex or in the Ladies Lounge in the Educational Building. We will begin collecting donations in May. The donations will be taken to the Bryan Center on June 4. So please have your donations to the church by Sunday, June 2. If you have any questions please call Connie Kramer at 532-5558.

Attention Graduates! Please let the church office know if you are graduating this year! We will need your name, the school you are graduating from, a picture, and a short write up of what you plan to do after graduation.

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 or contact Kara at 843-826-1189 for more info.

CIRCLE INFORMATION:

<u>Circle</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader/Hostess</u>
Morning	May 1, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Hebrews Café	Sally Sherman
IV	May 8, 2024	10:00 a.m.	Church	Debbie Sawyer
L	May 13, 2024	6:00 p.m.	Mi Rancho	

Monthly Witness Reporting
as of 3/31/2024



Offering Report	March	YTD
Regular Offering	\$ 26,526	\$ 75,514
Food Pantry Offering	4,708	10,431
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations	\$ 31,234	\$ 85,945

Vision 20 + 20 Offering	500	1,428
Other Designated Offering/Income	\$ 3,299	\$ 11,819

Expense Report	March	YTD
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 35,185	\$ 91,481
Actual Expenses	34,604	92,600
Budget vs. Actual - Over/(Under)	\$ 581	\$ (1,119)

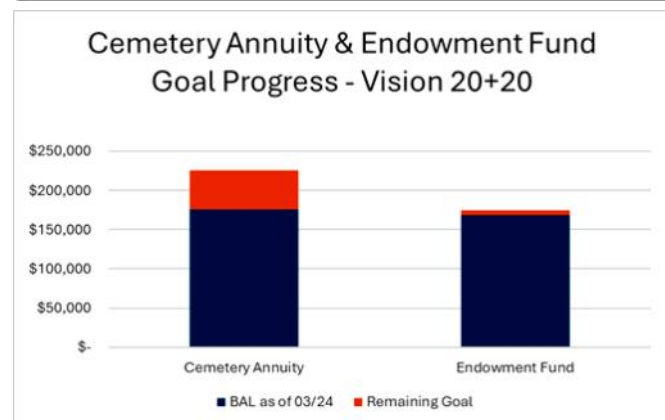
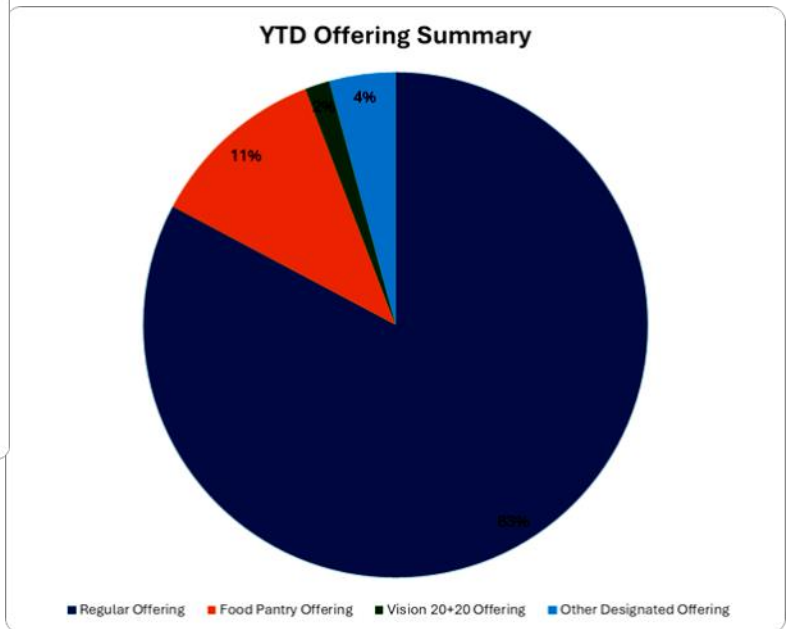
Food Pantry Report	March	YTD
Expenses	\$ 1,435	\$ 7,964
Balance	\$ 17,995	

Soup Kitchen Report	March	YTD
Balance	\$ 9,307	

Fund Report	BAL as of 03/24	BAL Last YTD	Vision 20+20 Goal
Cemetery Annuity	\$ 175,777	\$ 169,262	\$ 225,000
Endowment Fund	168,758	148,542	175,000
Vision 20+20 Fund	520,429	499,306	

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 summer. Check it out!

May 19 Confirmation Sunday @ 11 am Worship Service

May 19 Service Project + Outing to San Jose (5-7 pm)

May 25 Soup Kitchen Helpers (9-11 am)

June 2-4 VBS @ Wittenberg

June 16-21 Confirmation Camp

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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. Shareable Google Calendar link [here](#).

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY



Marvin Epting	5/2	Helen Dasher	5/20
Zane Price	5/2	Riley Walker	5/20
Courtney Shealy	5/2	Robin Watts	5/20
Emily Barnes	5/5	Michael Kramer	5/21
Smith Kirby	5/5	Lily Price	5/24
Allison Rawls	5/5	Perry Barnes	5/25
Ellee Quarles	5/6	Kim Ruff	5/25
Laura Rikard	5/6	Rachel Burns	5/26
Kate Shealy	5/6	Jennie Mazon	5/26
Jade Amodio	5/7	Davis Taylor	5/26
Rob McEwen	5/8	Caycee Shealy	5/27
Samantha Trotter	5/12	Edgar Hoover Jr.	5/28
Leanna Frick	5/13	Payton Quarles	5/30
Graham Watson	5/15	Sue Ruff	5/30
Tristen Brown	5/20	Susan Shealy	5/31



Todd & Cher Davis	5/4
Nevin & Santania Rodgers	5/7
Theo & Liz Walker	5/14
Jon & Julie Rogers	5/16
Jason & Kimberly Feaster	5/19
Keith & Nancy Wiley	5/21
Michael & Linda Guerette	5/23
Tom & Debbie Sawyer	5/23
Morgan & Debbie Reynolds	5/24

LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Mary Cook	Freida Banks
Helen Dasher	Henrietta Gill
Marvin Epting	Doris Freeze
Rondoll Watson	Heather Gresham
Debbie Reynolds	Sandy Spradley
Sue Ruff	Steven Humphries
Diane Spradley	

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 Fricks*)
 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 & Gates Meadows (*friends 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 Epting*)
 Roy Wilson (*friend of Jarrod Frick*)
 The Hurst Family (*friends of the Dasher family*)
 Tammy Reep (*aunt of Cambey Roof*)
 Jeffrey Davis (*friend of Robert & Wendy Epting*)
 Elliot Collier (*son-in-law of Brenda Burkett*)
 Helene Porter (*friend of Mona Henderson*)

ARMED FORCES:

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

WE REMEMBER:

Charles Nichols
 P.L. "P-Nut" Smith
 Tissy Price
 Lex Boozer (*friend of the Cary family*)
 Evelyn & George Sawyer (*family of Tom & Debbie Sawyer*)

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



On Sunday, April 14 we welcomed through the waters of baptism, Timothy Baker Roof, son of Tim & Cambey Roof. Welcome to the Wittenberg family, Baker!



On Sunday, April 21 we welcomed Cassidy Bedenbaugh as a new member. Welcome to the Wittenberg family, Cassidy!



Join us for Endowment Sunday on May 5! The Endowment Committee of Wittenberg Lutheran is happy to announce the recipients of our 2024 grants. We received eight applications and have prayerfully chosen the following to receive grants from our available funds this year. Representatives from these organizations will be present at worship and then to join us for First Sunday Lunch. We are excited to support these ministries:

B-L Summer Literacy Program: Summer 2024 program *Because I Can*. 2024 will mark the sixth year for this community, faith-based learning environment for 4/5K through rising 3rd grade students held over five weeks at Faith Lutheran Church. The program is aligned with SC state standards and strives to meet the needs of the students by focusing on a growth mindset which assumes that intelligence and other qualities, abilities and talents can be developed with effort. More info/Point of contact: Dr. Doris Hicks, Program Coordinator at 843-599-1841 or Lynn Goodman at 813-368-8173.

Reformation Lutheran Church (Columbia): Safe Space Dinners is a ministry where on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, homeless and housing-insecure LGBTQIA+ youth (14-23 years old) are offered a safe space, a home-cooked meal, and time to gather for a time to rest and recharge, as well as a backpack of items they will find helpful in their day-to-day life. There is no preaching, no conversion therapy attempts; only support and comfort. This is a ministry of giving – nothing more. More info: reformationcae.org/safe-space-dinners Point of contact: Ben Bullock

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Walterboro): Our ministry mission is to provide nutritious food to those in need and to show Christ's love to all of our guests. We operate our food pantry twice a month and serve approximately 75 guests each time. We distribute food, plus pet food, books and magazines that are donated. Through this ministry we are answering God's call to serve those in our community. We are extremely grateful to Wittenberg Lutheran for this generous gift. More info: walterborolutherans.com. Point of contact: Kevin Wicker

Our Place of Hope (Cayce): Filling the Gap for Mental Illness aims to provide adults with severe mental illness with a stable, inviting learning environment where they can participate in activities that will allow them to pursue meaningful work and personal relationships, rebuilding their ability to live within their communities without feeling like outcasts. Jeremiah 30:17 states, "For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord, because they have called you an outcast." Our Place of Hope restores our members' mental health so they can be a productive member of the community, staying out of hospitals and the criminal justice system. Point of contact: Kerry Allen at kerry@ourplaceofhope.org or 803-727-8898

Approved Council Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2024:

Members present: Andrew Hendrix, Pastor Keith Getz, Robin Taylor, Brent Shealy, Ross Cary, Betsy Dority, Connie Kramer, Patricia Tiffner, Wendy Epting, Betsy McEwen, Justin Trotter and Debbie Black.

Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Betsy Dority shared of memory of growing up at Wittenberg and read a devotion on planting seeds.

Prayer Concerns – Jim Young, Mike and Virginia Nichols, Josh Quattlebaum and Ann Nichols. Congratulations to Lane & Cassidy on their wedding and Congratulations to Tim & Cambey Roof on Baker's Baptism.

Pastor's Report

-Pastor Getz reported that attendance is trending well. In March we averaged 22 in the 8:00 service and 92 in the 11:00 service. Our average attendance combining both services for last year was 91. Lenten service attendance was up. We had 171 at Easter service.

-Ross made a motion allow a local AA group to meet at our church on Friday evenings and to authorize a key to a church member to open and close the church for these meetings. Betsy M. seconded. All were in favor.

-Ross made a motion to accept the Pastor's report. Debbie seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

-Brent reported we ended February with a checking balance of \$23,654.

-We ended with a slightly larger restricted funds deficit of \$10,961 over February.

-We paid several large bills in March that include:

Property and Casualty Insurance quarterly installments \$3,770.50

Jason Feaster for vent work in Parsonage \$875. (this came out of Vision 20+20)

Lexington Co \$2,290 in permit fees for the food pantry

Kendall Elevator \$2,133 to fix the lift for the basement

Confirmation Camp \$2,250

-Betsy M. asked about Preschool reimbursements. Brent answered the Preschool normally reimburses WLC for utilities at the end of the year. We had discussion on if they should reimburse for a portion of the cleaning services and/or Employee liability insurance?

-We have a 25% increase in regular offerings and a 17% increase in total support.

-Food Pantry offering for the year totals \$10,430.

-Additional Outreach offerings have been strong and are up compared to last year.

-Endowment balance is \$168,758, an increase of \$20,216 over last year.

-Ross made a motion to accept Brent's Treasurer's report. Wendy seconded. All were in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report

-Connie reported we continue to receive money periodically for the Prayer Garden.

-The Lenten Project offerings collected at meals and services totaled \$856.79. This money was designated for the Food Pantry.

-Debbie made a motion to accept Connie's Financial Secretary's report. Ross seconded. All were in favor.

President's Report

-Andrew reported we received a request last Sunday for use of our fellowship hall for a meal for the family of Virgil Leapart on Tuesday. Andrew approved.

-Andrew read a letter from Mt. Hebron with a \$220 contribution to our Food Pantry.

-Ross made a motion to accept Andrew's President's Report. Patricia seconded. All were in favor.

VIII. Committee Reports

-A/V&T: Betsy D. reported Brian has adjusted the microphone volumes to try to help the volume of the choir when watching online. They are going to be quieter since the microphones are up higher. Betsy has had one comment the adjustment was better.

-Cemetery: Michael emailed a report in his absence: This past month I met with Landis Price and his son who gave me some additional information and a copy of the newest layout, they don't have info on the older ones that included 2-3 other congregations, I also talked with Gregg Long who has a lot more information and additional current layouts which he will forward to me in the next few weeks. Mike N. will bring the chemicals to Church and store them in the basement so we can prepare for the monument's clean-up.

-Christian Education: Betsy M. reported Kayce is making plans for VBS 6/2-6/4. We had 11 at Easter Egg Hunt on 3/30. The children's choir is practicing for a prelude on Pentecost.

-Endowment: Andrew reported 4 recipients have been selected for the 2024 Endowment Grants- B-L Summer Literacy Program, Good Shepard Lutheran (Food Pantry) in Walterboro, Reformation Lutheran in Columbia (monthly meals and fellowship for homeless young people) and Our Place of Hope in Cayce. We are looking forward to Endowment Sunday Meal & Fellowship on May 5th.

-Evangelism & Christian Care: Wendy reported they provided 8 meals/visits to members in need in March. They also gave homemade bread and visited to new members.

-Mutual Ministry: Andrew – no report

-Parish Life: Robin reported the trip planned to the State Farmers market is cancelled due to no one signing up. She is considering a Mother's Day celebration – possibly cake after church or flowers to Mothers? There will be more to come on that event.

-Pre-School: Debbie reported they are discussing whether this is a Board or a Committee. She has been meeting with the Mary Ann who is head of the Preschool Committee. Crissie Kirby volunteered to be the committee's secretary. Debbie and Betsy M. met with Vickey to go over financials. Vickey will start grant accounting to keep track of our grant money and expenditures. Once we look at open grants, they will start to look at how much they can move to CD's. They are looking to purchase a new Storage Building to house their materials that is currently being stored in the WLC Storage Building and in classrooms. It will be 14x24, brick red with a white roof and have a single door for main use with a double door on the side. It will be ready for electrical. This storage building will total \$10,500. \$10,000 will come from Materials & Safety Grant and \$500 from Preschool Checking. Debbie made a motion for approval for the Preschool to purchase and place this new storage building by our existing storage building. Ross seconded. All in favor. Graduation is scheduled for 5/22/24 at 6:30. A new bench was placed in the playground area by Girl Scout Troop 1951 that meets here at WLC. This bench was earned through a recycling project they participated in by collecting plastic bags for 5 months.

-Property: Ross reported they are waiting on DHEC to approve the Food Pantry building. Gregg will start to take the trees out and stake off where the building will be. They hope to receive approval within the next week or two. The elevator is still waiting on parts to be fixed. He will resend the information on the Termite estimates through Corder and Terminix. Please review and be ready to take action at the May Council Meeting on whether to continue with Terminix or switch to Corder Pest Control.

-Social Ministry: Wendy reported the Food Pantry served 170 families in March and 105 meals from the Soup Kitchen. We received donations of canned goods from Leesville Methodist, a monetary donation from Wayne and Linda Eastman and loaves of bread, peanut butter, jelly and bananas from Bob Hall.

-Stewardship & Finance: Andrew reported Brent and Connie have already referenced a few things from our meeting that was held previously at 5:00.

-Youth: Jarrod - no report

-Worship & Music: Patricia reported the Lenten Service music went over well. The Alter Guild Committee did an excellent job during Lent.

Ross motioned to accept all Committee Reports. Betsy M. seconded. All were in favor.

IX. New Business - Betsy M. addressed problems with the doors being locked during worship. We discussed possible solutions to this issue and will table further discussion to May's meeting.

X. Old Business – Please remember the adjusted date for May Council meeting to Sunday 5/19.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16. Debbie made a motion to adjourn. Wendy seconded. All were in favor.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Dority

May 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>28 Youth Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:35 AM BBW 11:00 AM Worship</p> 	<p>29 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation</p>	<p>30 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>1 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 10:00 AM Morning Circle 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>5 Endowment Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:35 AM BBW 11:00 AM Worship First Sunday Lunch Sponsored by the Endowment Committee</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation</p> 	<p>7 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Taco Tuesday</p>	<p>8 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 10:00 AM Circle IV 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Spring Into Action Service Event 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>11 Spring Into Action Service Event 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>12 Spring Into Action Service Event 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:35 AM BBW 11:00 AM Worship</p> 	<p>13 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation 6:00 PM Circle L</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday Theology</p>	<p>15 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 10:00 AM Dorcas Quilters 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>18 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 2:00-4:00 PM Drop-In for Caroline Getz</p>
<p>19 Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday 8:30 AM Worship/Noisy Offering 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:35 AM BBW 11:00 AM Worship/Noisy Offering 12:00 PM Reception for Confirmands 5:00 PM Stewardship & Finance 6:00 PM Preschool 7:00 PM Council 5:30-7:30 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>20 Pastor Keith off Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation 7:00 PM Lutheran Men</p>	<p>21 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry</p>	<p>22 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 6:30 PM Preschool Graduation 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 7:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 10:30 AM Soup Kitchen/Youth Volunteers</p> 
<p>26 Holy Trinity 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Opening 10:35 AM BBW 11:00 AM Worship</p> 	<p>27 Memorial Day Office Closed 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation—canceled</p> 	<p>28 10:00 AM Staff Meeting Becky-vacation</p>	<p>29 Bulletin Deadline 10 a.m. 9:30 AM Merry Widows 7:30 PM Choir Practice Becky-vacation</p>	<p>30 Becky-vacation</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open 7:00 PM AA Meeting Becky-vacation</p>	<p>1 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open</p>

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Worship - 8:30 or 11:00am

-In person OR

-Live Stream at 11:00 a.m. on our YouTube Channel

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YouTube videos on our website wittenbergleesville.org, or follow

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-Request a recorded copy of the worship service via DVD disc from

the church office. A limited number of portable DVD players are

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