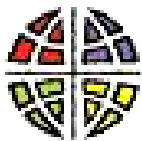


# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

## Saint Luke Lutheran Church



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**This 2022 Annual Report  
Is Dedicated  
In Loving Memory Of**

***Barbara Ellenberger***

*Passed away December 26, 2021*

***Jo Lammonds***

*Passed away January 8, 2022*

***Bonnie Buckner***

*Passed away January 13, 2022*

***Patrick Quinlan***

*Passed away April 13, 2022*

***Doris Zack***

*Passed away May 7, 2022*

***Connie Regan***

*Passed away July 17, 2022*

***Don Miller***

*Passed away August 24, 2022*



Saint Luke  
Lutheran Church

December 4, 2022

**Opening Prayer**  
Pastor Eichorn

**Opening Remarks**  
Marie Keating, Council President

**Election of 2023 Council Members**

**Election of 2023 Synod Delegates**

**Approval of 2023 Budget**

**Adjournment**

# 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*The following officers plus the pastor constitute*

*The Executive Committee*

President ..... Marie Keating  
 Vice President.....Alice Christiansen  
 Secretary .....Bob Moore  
 Treasurer .....Beth Grunewalder  
 Pastor .....The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn

## COUNCIL MEMBER / TERMS EXPIRE

2022	2023	2024
Alice Christiansen Joan Eccard Coral Mealia Bob Moore	Ron Clark Carolyn Gnam Marie Keating	Steve Kirby Jane Lanzillo Jeanne Parietti

## 2022 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PARISH

Altar Guild..... Marcia Shaw and Deanie Currey

Bibles and Bagels..... Sara Hart

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the Month @9:00 AM

Lutheran Men in Mission .....John Schmidt

Last Monday of the Month @ 6:00 PM

Women of Saint Luke ..... Elaine Kirby, Judy Drake

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month @ 5:30 PM

## 2022 STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Council ..... Marie Keating  
3rd Tuesday of the Month @ 1:00PM

Christian Education.....Ron Clark  
As Needed

Finance ..... Beth Grunewalder  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 AM                      Financial Secretary: Sherry Roseman

Nurture & Fellowship ..... Carolyn Gnam & Coral Mealia  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month @ 11:15 AM

Property ..... Steve Kirby & Gary Reynolds  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month @ 10:00 AM

Social Ministry .....Joan Eccard  
4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month @ 10:00 AM

Stewardship ..... Jane Lanzillo  
As Needed

Witness ..... Jeanne Parietti  
As Needed

Worship & Music .....Alice Christiansen  
3rd Thursday of the Month @ 3:00 PM

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**ST LUKE PASTOR'S MESSAGE**  
**Annual Report 2022**

*Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

I think I can safely say, that although COVID is still around, we definitely achieved a level of normalcy at Saint Luke during 2022. And so, I am almost through my first fully operational year at Saint Luke church! Worship went into full swing, with the voice choir every Sunday, the bell choir ringing, we even returned to passing the offering plates! The Adult Sunday School has been meeting every Sunday morning throughout 2022. We studied the letters of Paul, the prophet Isaiah and this fall began a study of the Lectionary scripture readings that we hear in church every Sunday. Over the summer I offered a weekly class to study our neighbor's faith, we learned about the Jewish and Muslim faith and looked at American grown Christian denominations. Also, this fall we began "flash Sunday School" which means we are ready with Sunday school whenever children attend worship. Thanks to Sue Dompkowski for coordinating this class. And we had a full range of fellowship events throughout this year from the Ladies Tea to a new Ice Cream Social. We welcomed more new members in 2022 and you can see who they are below this report. The long awaited third Columbarium wall arrived and was installed and dedicated. Our outreach to our surrounding community and beyond continues to amaze me, especially now with our Fifth Sunday offerings. Thanks to Becky Overcash and Mary Ann Watson in overseeing our outreach at the Lord's Food Pantry. St. Luke even won the first ever Community Impact award for nonprofit organizations from the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce. And that is only a fraction of all that happened here at St. Luke this year.

I hope you take some time to read through these reports and give thanks for all the ministry and good works you do here at St. Luke. And I hope that you, like me, give thanks to God for what we accomplished this year. I thank you all for your ongoing support to the mission and ministry of Christ that happens here at Saint Luke. Special thanks go to those who make sure worship is a meaningful experience for all of us - Jim Meyers and the ushers, the lectors and cantors, Deanie Curry and the Altar Guild, crucifers, Communion Assistants, and a big thank you to Emil and Bud. And special thanks to our AV teams (there are now five teams!) who make it possible to live-stream, thereby share, our worship services with members and visitors who view online. The thanks continue for the work of Karen Barnhart, Lori Schneider, and Karen Clark. Karen Barnhardt edits the Epistle, Lorie prepares our directories, and provides tech assistance,



and Karen Clark keeps our church records in good order. And thanks to our committed and hardworking Council members, led by President Marie Keating, they are a dedicated group who are committed to the mission of St. Luke. This year I asked them to commit to even more meeting times as we gathered for a couple of workshops to do some long-range thinking and planning. And thanks to all our committed and hardworking Property committee members and those who help them, who keep the building and grounds in good order, led by Gary Reynolds and Steve Kirby and thank you Jackie Valers who keeps our buildings clean. And thanks to our members who do the important work of keeping track of our finances, especially our Financial secretary Sherry Rosman, and treasurer Beth Grunewald. More thanks to Diana who keeps all the administrative tasks going and keeping me on task! And a personal thank you to my wife Pam without her support I'm not sure where I would be.

As you can see ministry is not a one person show, but it is all members working together, the church as St. Paul describes it has many parts working together. To God be the glory!

Pastor Eichorn

### Pastoral Acts

Funerals/Internments	New Members
Barbara Ellenberger (March 12)	William and Stephanie Lininger
Pat Quinlin, member's spouse (May 7)	Dave and Charlene Gizzi
Raymond Thompson (June 19)	Richard Wood
Doris Zack (July 23)	Christine Smith
Constance Regan (September 10)	Kate Landon
Donald Miller (October 1)	Patricia Shoda

## St Luke Church Council President 2022 Message

After two very shaky pandemic years, 2022 has been a better year. Slowly, we returned to our activities. Church attendance has begun to rise and is approaching pre-Covid levels. Our livestreaming of services adds to those attendance numbers, and we continue to welcome new members.

Nurture and Fellowship was able to hold their annual events and even introduce an Ice Cream Social. There were trips to the Planetarium and baseball games and a large group is now looking forward to our Christmas outing to the Alabama Theater with dinner.

Our congregation's volunteer efforts were highlighted each Sunday in October. Not surprisingly, just about every one of you participates in at least one activity in this church. Your dedication to the upkeep of this church is admirable. Your outreach to the community truly shows your commitment to the "least of our brethren."

Council has been busy with their individual committees and our monthly meetings. In addition to those commitments, Pastor led us through two days of long-range planning sessions. It gave Council a look toward the future of St. Luke, and we have already begun to implement some of the ideas that were formulated during those meetings.

We faced some significant financial issues this year. COVID and then the loss of our long-time Treasurer, Steve Plotz followed by a year without a Treasurer, caused us some sleepless nights as we worked to regain our financial footing. Your continued support and generosity over the year have pulled us through thus far. We still have some deficits, but we remain hopeful that we will end the year in the black. We are very grateful to Beth Grunewalder for taking on the enormous job of Treasurer, particularly under these difficult circumstances.

I want to thank all of you who have supported me during this first year of my Presidency. A special thanks to Pastor Eichorn and the entire Church Council. I couldn't have done it without all of your support and good work.

Onward to 2023!! We have proven that our family at St. Luke can withstand anything that is thrown at us. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Keating  
Council President

## **Christian Education 2022 Annual Report**

Ron Clark – Chairman & Adult Sunday School Liaison  
Sue Dompkowski – Children’s Sunday School Coordinator  
Katherine Moore – Listening Group  
Peggy Pollack – Librarian

In the aftermath of COVID, things are looking pretty good. Both Sunday Schools – Children’s Time and Adult – are prospering. The adult Sunday School is studying the lectionary series. Each Sunday they will discuss the readings of the next week’s church service; how the two readings, the psalm and the Gospel fellow a theme for that week’s service. This gives attendees a chance to be prepared for church a week in advance. Recently, 18 were in attendance, probably a record.

On September 25, 2022, we held our first Sunday School and our first Children’s Sermon since pre-COVID. Two were in attendance, with more promising to attend in the near future. Sue Dompkowski remains the Children’s Sunday School Coordinator. Along with Judy Pusey and Emily Schoneweiss, we are hoping for others to step forward as instructors for Children’s Time each Sunday.

Sara Hart is still conducting the Bible and Bagels group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The group is still going strong and encourages any woman in the St. Luke congregation to join.

The Listening Group is under the leadership of Katherine Moore. It was started in 2015 as a grief workshop, but has changed over the years. It is now a group where all can learn to become better listeners: how to listen to God, how to listen to others and how to listen to oneself. They practice different types of prayer, they read aloud and study books of the Bible and study other books that deepen and enrich spiritual life.

The Listening Group meets for six to eight weeks, with different topics for each period. They then break to allow new participants to start fresh and not feel they have to “catch up”. There is a nucleus of long-time members but newcomers are always welcome.

Describing the Listening Group is not easy. It is actually an experience of spiritual growth. The Group meets at 10:30 on Tuesday mornings. For additional information contact Katherine Moore. Again, all are welcome.

The Church library has a variety of religious books, also books of a non-religious nature, that are appropriate reading for our congregation. Most books are available for checking out and members are encouraged to do so.

Christian Ed is still providing the "Christ in Our Home" devotional booklet to our members. It is published quarterly and is available in the Church Narthex or by contacting the Church office.

The Christian Ed budget for 2022 was \$900.00 (Sunday School - \$300.00; Devotional Booklets - \$600.00); however, in 2023 our budget will be \$700 (Sunday School - \$100.00; Devotional Booklets - \$600.00).

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Clark  
Committee Chairman

## **Finance Committee Annual Report 2022**

### Finance Committee Members:

Sherry Roseman - Financial Secretary

Bob Hart

Steve Miller

Glenn Christianson

Ed Keating

Beth Grunewalder - Committee Chair

It has been a busy year for the finance committee as we have transitioned to new software programs and developed new reports, in addition to assisting with the mortgage refinance. Monthly reports and ongoing budget issues are reviewed at monthly meetings. The activities of the finance committee for 2022 is as follows:

- Transitioned from old software to Faith Teams software for tracking of contributions.
- Transitioned from QuickBooks Desktop software to QuickBooks Online version.
- Developed monthly reports using QuickBooks Online version.
- Assisted with use of PayPal for online contributions.
- Transitioned Payroll to direct deposit.
- Ongoing review of monthly reports:
  - Financial Secretary Report/Faith Teams Contribution Report
  - General Ledger Report for Checking Account
  - Receipts and Expenditures vs Budget Performance Report
  - Dedicated Funds Report
  - Cash Flow Report
- Worked with Council to refinance mortgage at a lower interest rate.
- Preparation of proposed budget for 2023.
- Review of ongoing budget issues.

I would like to thank the members of the finance committee for their hard work and dedication this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Grunewalder  
Treasurer

## **Lutheran Men in Mission Annual Report 2022**

**January:** Moved furniture for Beverly Werner; replaced lightbulbs for Joan Zimmermann; held meeting without a speaker.

**February:** Held meeting without a speaker.

**March:** Held meeting without a speaker; moved items for Janet Vetrano to the dump; bought posters for food drive; \$25 donation received from Beverly Werner.

**April:** Work done at Florence Asmund's home; food drive held 4/23/2022 which yielded 2651 pounds of food and \$632 cash, both donated to The Lord's Food Pantry; held meeting without a speaker.

**May:** Received \$25 donation from Donna Cutsforth; held meeting without a speaker.

**June:** Held meeting without speaker.

**July and August:** Summer sabbatical.

**September:** Made donation to SBIC; held meeting without a speaker.

**October:** Held food drive on 10/15/22 which yielded 2519 pounds of food and \$790 in cash, both donated to The Lord's Food Pantry; approved a food drive for April 2023; held meeting without a speaker; held LMM Officer elections:

New President: Ron Clark

New Vice-President: Bill Mealia

Secretary: Steve Kirby

Treasurer: Gary Reynolds

**November:** Will be a meeting without speaker.

**December:** No meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Schmidt  
LMM President

## **Nurture & Fellowship Annual Report 2022**

The Nurture and Fellowship Committee has resumed its normal functions and schedule after a COVID disruption. The committee is one of the largest in the church. There are many willing members that make our programs run so smoothly. This year the committee has co-chairs, Coral Mealia and Carolyn Gnam.

First and foremost, every week we have after church Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Members check to be sure that someone has signed up for each Sunday. This year Lutheran Men in Mission, the Women of St. Luke along with various council committees have taken a Sunday. Usually, one, two or three people provide the refreshments for a Sunday. Our thanks to all who contribute.

Our first off premises event of the year was a trip to the Ingrahm Planetarium. The planetarium show was a private showing for St. Luke members. The program was A Trip to Mars. It was very interesting. Then most of the group went to Wings and Fish in Shallotte for lunch.

The Easter Breakfast returned to St. Luke this year after a two-year absence. Food is donated by members for the breakfast and was cooked by committee members. The breakfast is served buffet style in the kitchen. The Fellowship Hall was filled with diners.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> found about fifty members at a Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game. Tickets included a picnic dinner and the game. It was a great game with the Pelicans winning.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated our country's birthday with the annual church picnic, held in the Fellowship Hall (no bugs allowed). The committee provides the burgers and hot dogs. The congregation provides, salads, sides and dessert. What a feast. Thanks to the men who cook outside in the heat.

August 14<sup>th</sup> an Ice Cream Social was held to welcome new members. Due to Covid it was two years since we celebrated with our new members, including Pastor and Pam Eichorn. A variety of ice cream flavors, toppings and sauces were there to choose from. We plan to make this an annual event. Thanks to Pam Eichorn, Pam Wright and Ron and Karen Clark for planning the program.

We are having a Fall Fest this year on October.16<sup>th</sup>. Members are bringing pumpkin and apple dishes to be shared by the congregation. We are looking forward to this event and will probably add it to our annual calendar.

On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> a group from the church will be attending the annual Christmas Show at the Alabama Theater in Myrtle Beach followed by dinner at the Chestnut Hill Restaurant. This is always a well attended and fun event.

On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Christmas Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. This is an event in which the congregation celebrates the birth of Christ and the company of friends.

Respectfully submitted,  
Coral Mealia and Carolyn Gnam  
Co-Chairpersons



## Property Committee Annual Report 2022

First, I want to thank everyone (ladies included) who put time and effort into making our Property Committee a great success in 2022. A special thank you to Steve Kirby for being a co-chairman this year.

Next, the following list identifies the accomplishments that have made St Luke grounds and facilities a better place for all activities we undertake.

- **Columbarium:** The Columbarium Committee and its members include: Carl Currey, Ed Kilmon, Steve Kirby, Bob Regan, Gary Reynolds (chairperson), and Karen Reynolds (administrative assistant). The biggest project this year was the purchase of a new Columbarium. After a year of planning, the third column was delivered in mid-September. Thanks to everyone who helped the day of installation and special thanks to everyone who donated to the Columbarium fund to make this a reality. Note: If anyone wants to donate to this project you can still do so at any time. Donated funds are combined with the amounts paid by niche owners to ensure the area is well maintained and upgraded as needed. In Fall 2021, the price of a niche raised from \$900/unit to \$1200/unit (there are still several units available at this price in Column 2). In 2022, with the recent installation, the niche price increased to \$1500/unit in the third column.
- **Mulch:** New mulch was put down this year and going forward it will be done every two years. We used the money from last year's donation to property improvements to pay it forward.
- **Choir Loft Rail:** The choir loft was improved this summer with the addition of a safety rail/panel made to the choir loft by the organ. This not only gives the choir loft a nice, finished look, it's a safety feature as well.
- **HVAC/Air Handlers:** We have five air handler units for the heating/cooling needs of the three St Luke buildings: Church, Administration, and Fellowship Hall. These units are hardworking and growing older; getting to the point of needing replacement. We have replaced two this year which makes us keenly aware that others will need to be replaced at any time. An HVAC replacement fund has been started and progress is listed each week in the *For Your Information* section in the back of the Sunday bulletins. We continue to accept donations; whether large or small, every contribution makes a positive difference to the HVAC equipment that keeps us all comfortable. As of November 13,

2022, we have collected almost \$14,000, with just over \$3,000 still needed to cover the replacement of the two units this year.

- **Inspections:** We have passed all safety and termite inspections.
- **Committee Support of St Luke Activities:** In the past year members of the property committee have also helped with other St Luke projects include the blood drive, LMM food drive, and the ladies' charity tea. Plus, we help with any other projects we asked for assistance.
- **Committee Acknowledgements:** Please join me in thanking those in ongoing property programs:
  - Those who mow all summer every two weeks to keep St Luke looking nice for our members and approachable for our visitors.
  - Those who handle the aluminum can recycle program.
  - Those who handle our trash maintenance which happens every week.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Reynolds  
Property Chairperson

## **Social Ministry Committee Annual Report 2022**

The Social Ministry Committee usually meets on the fourth Friday every month and has the privilege of implementing Jesus' command to serve the "least of these" by wisely donating funds from the church and by volunteering in our community.

The activities we have been involved with in 2022 include:

- Stocking the pastor's pantry at the church.
- Weekly delivery of food donated by the congregation to Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) in Shallotte.
- Collecting paper goods and toiletries for the South Brunswick Interfaith Council's (SBIC) weekly Lord's Food Pantry.
- Staffing the SBIC Lord's Food Pantry on the second Saturday every month. St. Luke coordinators order and purchase food, pack the food items, and organize workers from the church to manage traffic, do client intake, do the shopping for each family, and conduct data input.
- Supporting the SBIC Miniature Golf Tournament to benefit the Lord's Food Pantry.
- Supporting the CROP Walk to help alleviate hunger both locally and worldwide.
- Collecting used coats to be given out at St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte.
- Collecting school supplies for Union Elementary School.
- Sending appropriate greeting cards to members of our congregation.
- Supporting the BFA Christmas Gift Program by collecting money to purchase Christmas gifts for under-privileged children and seniors.
- Researching appropriate charities for our donations. Charities we donated to this year include Lutheran World Relief, Street Reach, Brunswick County Homeless Coalition, and Brunswick County Literacy Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Faye Arvonio  
Social Ministry Secretary

### **Social Ministry 2022 Donations**

Lutheran World Relief - \$1,000  
Street Reach - \$700  
Brunswick County Homeless Coalition - \$300  
Brunswick County Literacy Council - \$300  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund - \$300

**Stewardship Committee  
Annual Report 2022**

Once again St. Luke has had a very productive year. Our congregation has been faithful and generous! This could not have happened without everyone pulling together.

In 2022, we have continued to support all our ministries, as well as maintain all our buildings and grounds. It is steadfast financial generosity along with the commitment of members' time and talents that make this possible.

As we enter 2023, there is no doubt that our family at St. Luke will continue to support our church. Please know that this constant support is both extremely necessary and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all you do! God Bless You!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Lanzillo  
Stewardship Chairperson

## **Witness Committee Annual Report 2022**

The members of the Witness Committee are Lori Schneider, Karen Barnhart, Karen Clark and Jeanne Parietti.

This year the Witness Committee took on revamping our church membership files to be in accordance with the new government Privacy Law. Due to our broadcasting the Sunday service, it is imperative that everyone in the congregation be aware that there is a possibility of being on camera. We must be careful of photographs including those printed in the church directory, the Epistle, and public newspapers.

New information releases were signed and gathered by the committee in accordance with the new privacy law for all members.

In general, the committee is responsible for the following on an ongoing basis:

- Weekly posting of the church service bulletin
- Weekly posting of the church service into the archived church services
- Updating the church website
- Posting of special announcements to the website
- Updating the on-line church photo directory every 4 months
- Updating the church database as needed
- Compiling the annual church telephone directory for publication
- Updating the church phone directory for church personnel & council every four months
- Updating and maintaining member records in both the membership book and Faith Teams press releases to the Brunswick Beacon as the opportunities arose to publicize church activities
- Update the church history timeline and the church picture books that are housed in the library
- In addition, this year we transferred and created a congregation data base into our new software system. The new software system allows us to have more complete records on our members, past and present.

Member church photos for the church directory were updated to coordinate with the new software photo lay-out.

We created an on-line giving option on our church website as well as a church bulletin scan option in the weekly bulletin.

Karen Clark reorganized the Fellowship Hall bulletin boards with a more unified and updated posting process. Karen also maintains the Veteran Honor Board and Prayer list updating it annually and periodically as needed. Lori Schneider implemented and set up the new office software “Faith Teams.”

Karen Barnhart gathered information and photos and produced the Epistle each month. The Epistle content has increased in size over the years, including articles about our members and short biographies of new members. It is an important source of information for our members.

Karen Clark has written and submitted several articles in the Epistle. Lori Schneider updates the St. Luke Facebook page with photos and information on church events. Lori and Karen Clark can be seen taking the photos that are in the Epistle and on the Facebook page.

The committee members are presently working on contacting all church members to make appointments to have photos taken for the new church directory. Lori Schneider is taking photos each Sunday in the fall. Karen Clark is also assisting with the “SignUpGenius” appointment bookings for the congregational photos and will be helping to obtain privacy consent forms.

The committee also prepares the welcome bags given out when new members join the church. They include a wooden cross, picture & phone directories, the church constitution, name tags, giving envelopes, and other useful St. Luke information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Parietti  
Chairperson

## **Women of St Luke Annual Report 2022**

Meetings are held the third (3rd) Monday of the month from September through June at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall of the church. All women of the church are welcome to attend these meetings. No meetings were held in January and February due to COVID issues. Volunteer hostesses from the group prepare and serve dinner following devotions. A business meeting follows the meal along with programs about community outreach and wellness/safety issues.

The group also organizes luncheons for funerals at the request of the families.

This year we were able to have our annual tea in May organized by Diane Jewell. Many members donated their time and talent to this fundraiser. We were able to donate \$3,500 to the Lord's Food Pantry. We also had 2 other fundraisers selling Miracle cloths and Rada knives.

In June new officers were elected for the 2022/2023 year. Sue Dompkowski and Karen Drakulic as co-presidents, Karen Reynolds as secretary and Sara Hart as treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Dompkowski & Karen Drakulic  
Co-Presidents

## Treasurer's Report for the WOSL and the Lord's Food Pantry 2022

### WOSL credits for 2022

Balance from 2021	\$ 441.50
Offering	\$ 568.00
Ultimate Cloth sales	\$ 56.00
Funeral Donations	\$ 685.00
Angels, Trees, Candles sales	\$ 560.00
Annual Tea	<u>\$3,650.00</u>
Total credits	\$5,960.50

### WOSL debits for 2022

Postage	\$ 18.00
Gift Card	\$ 100.00
Cakes for Fellowship	\$ 73.00
St Luke HVAC	\$ 56.00
Ukraine Donation	\$ 200.00
Lutheran Men in Mission-Tea	\$ 100.00
Pew Pads & Guest Books	\$ 59.00
Lutheran Disaster-Ian	\$ 200.00
Grateful Giving	\$ 100.00
Lord's Food Pantry-Tea	\$ 3,528.00
Reimbursements-Tea	<u>\$ 122.00</u>
Total Debits	\$ 4,556.00

Total for WOSL \$1,404.50

### Lord's Food Pantry credits

Balance from 2021	\$3,043.50
Congregational Donations	\$1,500.00
Lutheran Men in Mission-Food Lion	\$1,397.00
WOSL-Tea	<u>\$3,528.00</u>
Total credits	\$9,468.50

### Lord's Food Pantry debits

Lord's Food Pantry	\$7,328.00
Reimbursements	<u>\$ 621.00</u>
Total Debits	\$7,949.00

Total for the Lord's Food Pantry \$1,519.50

Grand Total \$2,924.00

Respectively submitted,  
Sara Hart  
WOSL Treasurer



## WOSL Treasurer's Report for Amazon Smile 2022

### Amazon Smile Credits

Balance from 2021	\$ 51.64
Electronic Deposits	<u>\$ 99.45</u>
Total	\$151.09

### Amazon Smile Debits

HVAC	\$125.00
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<u>Total</u>	\$ 26.09
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Respectively Submitted,  
Sara Hart  
WOSL Treasurer

## Worship and Music Committee Annual Report 2022

It was with great relief that 2022 began with a sense of normalcy at St. Luke. Social distancing was no longer required, online signup for church service attendance was discontinued, and masks were no longer mandated. More participants joined the vocal and bell choirs and we were happy to welcome many new members to St. Luke.

To eliminate any chance of infection at the communion rail, a modified communion process was initiated in which members can come to the front of the church to receive the wafers and then take individual wine glasses. This has been very successful.

Another return to normal was the passing of the offering plates during the church service. This was accomplished because 18 members volunteered to serve as ushers.

On Palm Sunday the choir performed an inspirational cantata, In My Place, to commemorate Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. Seven readers also played roles during the cantata and members also dropped nails in a bucket to signify their guilt over Jesus' death.

To ensure the safety of the choir members, a side wall was installed onto the choir risers after a choir member accidentally fell off the platform. A new Sunday bulletin cover was designed by Lori Schneider for all successive bulletins, and the font size was increased to 14. Prayers of intercession were eliminated to conserve space.

Because the church has many old green hymnals that are no longer being used, the committee decided to give them away to any members who wanted one, and to also repurpose them to make angels and Christmas trees out of them.

**This year Christmas Day is on a Sunday. For all who would like to attend, St. Luke will be holding a Christmas Day church service, as has been done in the past. The service will have a simple but meaningful format, including the singing of familiar Christmas hymns and a celebratory sermon.**

As our church membership continues to grow we are grateful for all of God's blessings.

Many thanks to the Committee members: Karen Clark, Deanie Currey, Joan Eccard, Emil and Carolyn Gnam, John Grunewalder and Jim Meyer, for their participation, and to Bud Esper for providing inspirational music during worship and for directing the St. Luke choirs. And special thanks to Diana Black, for her countless support of worship at St. Luke.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Christiansen  
Worship and Music Chairperson

## 2023 Proposed Budget and 2022 Budget

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>(Footnote)</b>
Altar Flowers	Dedicated Funds	\$4,000	<b>(A)</b>
Current - Envelopes	\$320,000	\$305,000	
Dedicated Mortgage Principal Payment	Dedicated Funds	\$4,000	
Loose	\$10,000	\$6,000	
NC Sales Tax Refund	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Other Receipts	\$2,000	\$2,000	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$333,000</b>	<b>\$322,000</b>	
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>BENEVOLENCES</b>			
NC Synod	\$2,400	\$6,000	
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCES</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	
 <b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>			
Devotional Booklets	\$600	\$600	
Sunday School	\$100	\$300	
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$900</b>	
 <b>EXECUTIVE &amp; OFFICE</b>			
Copier Lease	\$4,655	\$3,192	<b>(B)</b>
Copier Service	\$2,400	\$1,800	<b>(B)</b>
Faith Teams-Membership/Contributions	\$480	N/A	
Office Equipment M&R	\$600	\$600	
Office Supplies	\$3,000	\$4,400	
<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE &amp; OFFICE</b>	<b>\$11,135</b>	<b>\$9,992</b>	
 <b>FINANCE</b>			
Envelopes	\$500	\$400	
Finance Supplies	\$150	\$120	
PayPal Fees	\$100	N/A	
Quickbooks- license	\$960	\$960	
<b>TOTAL FINANCE</b>	<b>\$1,710</b>	<b>\$1,480</b>	
 <b>NURTURE AND FELLOWSHIP</b>			
Kitchen Supplies	\$360	\$360	
<b>TOTAL NURTURE &amp; FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$360</b>	

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
Custodial Services	\$4,360	\$4,360	
Music Director/Organist	\$25,972	\$24,525	
Parish Administrator	\$16,640	\$16,640	
Parish Administrator Extra Hours	---	\$860	
Substitute Organist	\$600	\$600	
Supply Pastor - Honorariums	\$1,800	\$1,800	
<b>PERSONEL SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,372</b>	<b>\$48,785</b>	
<b>PASTOR</b>			
Base Salary	\$40,093	\$36,000	(C)
Social Security Allowance	\$5,620	\$5,307	(D)
Housing Allowance	\$33,370	\$33,370	
<b>PASTOR DEFINED COMPENSATION</b>	<b>\$79,083</b>	<b>\$74,677</b>	
Pension/Health Insurance	\$39,355	\$39,630	
<b>TOTAL PASTOR</b>	<b>\$118,438</b>	<b>\$114,307</b>	
Pastor Conferences/Workshop/Trips	\$200	\$200	
Pastor Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$3,000	
Pastor Supplies	\$100	\$100	
<b>Payroll Tax Expense (Employer)</b>			
FICA/Medicare Expense	\$3,400	\$3,000	
Insurance Workers Comp	\$900	\$900	
<b>Total Payroll Tax Expense (Employer)</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>	
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$174,410</b>	<b>\$170,292</b>	
<b>PROPERTY</b>			
Building Maintenance and Repairs	\$8,500	\$8,000	
Equipment Replacement	\$1,000	\$1,500	
Generator	\$900	\$900	
Grounds and Landscape M&R	\$4,000	\$5,000	
Insurance- Liability/Wind & Hail	\$23,156	\$13,000	(E)
Mortgage Interest Payment	\$33,500	\$42,000	(F)
Property Supplies	\$600	\$600	
<b>PROPERTY SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,656</b>	<b>\$71,000</b>	

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>PROPERTY UTILITIES</b>		
Electric	\$15,000	\$15,000
Water	\$600	\$500
Propane	\$2,500	\$2,500
Telephone	\$2,400	\$3,900
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>	<b>\$21,900</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$92,156</b>	<b>\$92,900</b>
<b>SOCIAL MINISTRY</b>		
Interchurch Council -SBIC	\$250	\$250
Programs	\$2,500	\$2,500
Social Ministry- Other	\$100	\$0
<b>TOTAL SOCIAL MINISTRY</b>	<b>\$2,850</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>		
Mailing Expenses	\$200	\$200
Supplies		\$0
<b>TOTAL STEWARDSHIP</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>WITNESS</b>		
Advertising	\$725	\$825
Photo Directory	---	\$0
Witness Supplies-Website	\$675	\$675
<b>TOTAL WITNESS</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
<b>WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b>			
Altar Flowers	Dedicated Funds	\$4,000	<b>(A)</b>
Altar Supplies	\$1,000	\$500	
Choral Music/Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,500	
Cantatas	\$400	\$500	
Musician	\$400	\$400	
Music Equipment M&R	\$2,000	\$800	<b>(G)</b>
One License	\$400	\$400	
Other Worship & Music	\$150	\$0	
Audio/Video System M&R	\$800	\$300	
Sundays and Seasons License	\$700	\$700	
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP &amp; MUSIC</b>	<b>\$6,850</b>	<b>\$9,100</b>	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$294,171</b>	<b>\$295,474</b>	
<b>OPERATING REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$38,829</b>	<b>\$26,526</b>	
<b>Mortgage Principal (capital expense)</b>	<b>\$36,320</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>	<b>(H)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$330,491</b>	<b>\$328,474</b>	
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,509</b>	<b>-\$6,474</b>	

**FOOTNOTES**

- (A) Not expense, pass-through cost
- (B) Copier lease expired, new copier lease (39 months)
- (C) Contractual Base salary of \$36,000 entered as \$30,000
- (D) Omitted from 2022 budget
- (E) Wind & Hail/Liability policies increased ~\$10,000 due to Wind &Hail policy
- (F) Refinanced mortgage at 4.25% for 10 years, closing costs donated
- (G) Bells require restoration/tuning
- (H) Underbudget in 2022

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