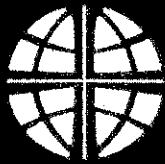


# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2025



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America



## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY

Dear friends in Christ,

As Lutherans, we are set free to love our neighbors and seek justice. In Colossians 2, we read: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (6-7).

I am abounding in thankfulness for you, church. You are an integral part of this mission as we envision a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. The ministries of congregations including yours, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together today and every day so more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. From providing food to people experiencing hunger, to helping train the next generation of leaders that will lead this church, your support is at work here at home and around the world.

Your generosity to each of the three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has made it possible for us to do this work

together. Your financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices are so valued.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to continue to walk in Christ, remembering you are rooted and established in faith, and free to love and serve your neighbors. Thank you, church, for the ways you connect with and support our siblings across the ELCA and in our communities.

In Christ,



The Rev. Yehiel Curry  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

—Colossians 2:6-7

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*St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Holstein, Iowa*

**Mission Statement of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*“As a family of God, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church by word and sacrament, celebrates God’s love in Christ Jesus, invites each person to eternal life through trust in Jesus Christ and shares God’s gifts with others through work and action.”*

**Agenda for Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 25, 2026 immediately following brunch**

**Call to Order** – Trey Else - Council President

**Opening Devotions** – Jim Kistenmacher

**Presentation of Agenda\*\***

**Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting, January 26, 2025\*\***

**Report of Nominating Committee** – Terri Schimmer

**Election of Officers / Committee Members \*\*** (see list of proposed nominees)

**Review Reports as presented in the Annual Booklet\*\***

**Endowment Report** – Rod Flogstad

**Financial Secretary’s Report\*\*** – Kelby Wulf

**Treasurer’s Report\*\*** – Kelby Wulf

**Sanctuary Project Recap Presentation** - Terri Schimmer

**Presentation of 2026 Proposed Budget\*\*** – Trey Else

**Unfinished Business**

**(A)**

**New Business**

**Adjournment\*\*** – Close with *The Lord’s Prayer*

**\*\*** Indicates action must be taken

**Minutes for Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**January 26, 2025 immediately following brunch**

**Call to Order** – Craig Peterson - Council President

**Opening Devotions** – Jim Kistenmacher

**Presentation of Agenda\*\***

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Susan Endrulat      Second:Reuben De Le O

Aye: x                              Nay:

**Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting, January 28, 2024\*\***

Moved: Kathy Vollmar      Second:Lori Volkert

Aye:x                              Nay:

**Report of Nominating Committee** – Terri Schimmer

**Election of Officers / Committee Members \*\*** (see list of proposed nominees)

Moved: Gary Jensen      Second:Janet Volkert

Aye: x                              Nay:

**Review Reports as presented in the Annual Booklet\*\***

- Parish Education Task Force Presentation

Moved:Terri Schimmer Second: Barb Stratton

Aye:x                              Nay:

**Endowment Report** – Terri Schimmer p34 (Ken Lamp-ill)

**Financial Secretary's Report\*\*** –Trey Else (Joni Schumann-ill)p35-37

Moved:Sandy Jensen      Second:Kyle Meyer

Aye:x                              Nay:

**Treasurer's Report\*\*** – Trey Else (Joni Schumann-ill)p36

Moved:Shanade Stevenson      Second: Amy Peuse

Aye: x                              Nay:

**Presentation of 2024 Proposed Budget\*\*** – Trey Else p39-42

Moved:Janet Volkert      Second: Deb Bagenstos

Aye: x                              Nay:

**Unfinished Business**

(A)

**New Business**

Properties Improvement Future Projects

Sanctuary Painting (\$7000) / Carpet (\$30000)

Windows

**Motion to Move \$10,000 out of the general fund for the Sanctuary Improvement.**

Moved:Doug Wesseling      Second: Ashley Trost

Aye:x                              Nay:

Call Committee / Intern Update – Craig Peterson

Internship committee formed to meet once a month with Intern Emily Anderson.

**Adjournment\*\*** – Close with *The Lord's Prayer*

Moved:Kyle Meyer      Second: Shanade Stevenson

Aye:x                              Nay:

\*\* Indicates action must be taken

## **2025 Nominations of the Nominating Committee**

The following persons have been nominated for positions of leadership in our Congregation.

### **Congregation Council:**

#### **Trustee**

Lane Volkert (3 years)

#### **Elder**

Renee AuMiller (3 years)

#### **Education**

\_\_\_\_\_ NEED \_\_\_\_\_ (3 years)

#### **Deacon - Voting Mbr**

Marvin Todd (3 years)

#### **Deacon - Non Voting**

John Walsh (3 years)

### **Congregational Committees**

#### **Nominating Committee**

Trey Else (2 years)

Connie Ludvigson (2 years)

Sandy Jensen (2 years)

#### **Audit Committee**

Trey Else (3 years)

#### **Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions Committee**

Bob Butcher (3 years)

Kathy Vollmar (3 years)

#### **Gifts and Memorials Committee**

Jackie Meyer (3 years)

Lori Volkert (3 years)

#### **Membership Committee**

Cleo Breyfogle (3 years)

Natasha De La O - Staff AD HOC

#### **Endowment Committee**

Kyle Krager (3 years)

Steve Meyer (3 years)

## **Task Forces**

### **Church Property Task Force**

Chad Foresman (3 years)  
Garrett Ogren (3 years)

### **Parish Education Task Force**

Kristine Garcia (3 years)  
           **NEED**            (3 years)  
           **NEED**            (2 years)

### **Evangelism and Stewardship Task Force**

Amy Bisenius (3 years)  
Sue Fitch (3 years)  
Deb Krager (3 years)

### **Personnel Task Force**

Vickie Heck (3 years)  
Kathy Breyfogle (3 years)

### **Delegate to WIS Assembly**

Emily Todd  
Natasha De La O

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Current Roster of Officers, Congregation Council, Boards, Task Forces, and Committees

(Year) indicates year of January annual meeting when term expires.

### **OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

*1 year term (2025)*

President – Trey Else

Vice-President – Tera Parks

Secretary – Justin Georg

Treasurer — Kelby Wulf

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

*Trustees—3 year term*

Trey Else (2026)

Kelby Wulf (2027)

Tera Parks (2028)

*Elders—3 year term*

Kyle Meyer (2026)

Libby Bagenstos (2027)

Dave Stevenson (2028)

*Deacons—3 year term*

Andrew Butcher (2026) Voting

Braden Else (2026)

Justin Georg (2027) Voting

Susan Endrulat (2027)

Mitchell Trost (2028) Voting

Reuben De La O (2028)

*Parish Education—3 year term*

Hillary Walsh (2026)

Jennifer Glawe (2027)

Natasha De La O (2028)

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **Executive Committee**

President – Trey Else

Vice-President – Tera Parks

Secretary – Justin Georg

Treasurer — Kelby Wulf

DYME — Jim Kistenmacher

#### **Nominating Committee**

*(Six congregation members, two year term, non-renewable. One outgoing Congregation Council member and two congregation members to be elected at the annual meeting. There is to be a chair and a secretary.)*

Laura Peuse (2026)

Mary Ruffridge (2026)

Terri Schimmer (2026)

Craig Peterson (2027)

Deb Krager (2027)

*OPEN*

#### **Audit Committee**

*(The three prior Congregation Presidents—3 year term, non renewable. There is to be a chair and a secretary.)*

Emily Todd (2026)

Terri Schimmer (2027)

Craig Peterson (2028)

#### **Intern Support Committee (New)**

Bonnie Stevenson

Valerie Georg

Lauren Meyer

Renee AuMiller

Jonah Kistenmacher

Kyle Meyer

#### **Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions Committee**

*(6 voting members, 3 year term with two members elected each year at the annual meeting. There is to be a chair and a secretary.)*

Deb Krager (2026)

Reuben De La O (2026)

Janet Volkert (2027)

Jeanne Freese (2027)

Jerry Sindt (2028)

Allen Fitch (2028)

#### **Gifts and Memorials Committee**

*(6 voting members, 3 year term with two members elected each year at the annual meeting. There is to be a chair, a secretary and a treasurer.)*

Jeannie Williams (2026)

Sue Fitch (2026) *Secretary / Treasurer*

Dixie Brueck (2027)

Karen Wessling (2027)

Michele Else (2028)

Connie Butcher (2028)

*Libby Bagenstos —Council Liaison*

#### **Membership Committee**

*(3 voting members, 3 year term with one member elected each year at the annual meeting. There is to be a chair and a secretary.)*

Cleo Breyfogle (2026)

Barb Stratton (2028)

Lori Volkert (2028)

Natasha De La O - Staff AD HOC

## **Endowment Committee**

*(6 voting members, 3 year term with two members elected each year at the annual meeting. Term limit of two consecutive terms. There is to be a chair, a secretary and a treasurer.)*

Roy Williams (2026)  
Rod Flogstad (2026)  
Nathan Vohs (2027)  
Steph Jacobson (2027)  
Dave Kistenmacher (2028)  
Mary Ruffridge (2028)

## **TASK FORCES**

*(Each Task Force has at least 6 members, appointed by the Congregation Council.)*

### **Church Property Task Force**

Mitch Trost (2026)  
Chad Foresman (2026)  
Kelby Wulf (2027)  
Doug Ruffridge (2027)  
Mike Glawe (2027)  
Ben Butcher (2028)  
Marc Meyer (2028)  
*Tera Parks —Council Liaison*

### **Education Task Force**

Amy Bisenius (2026)  
Angie Rasmus (2026)  
Abbi Ogren (2027)  
Mel Ebert (2027)  
Tammy Schumacher (2028)  
Jade Galvin (2028)  
*Hillary Walsh—Council Liaison*

### **Evangelism and Stewardship Task Force**

Danielle Martin (2026)  
Kathy Vollmar (2026)  
Joy Wulf (2026)  
Andrea Niemeier (2027)  
Shanade Stevenson (2028)  
*OPEN* (2028)  
*Dave Stevenson—Council Liaison*

### **Personnel Task Force**

Melissa Butcher (2026)  
Joni Hanson (2026)  
Bonnie Stevenson (2027)  
Deb Bagenstos (2027)  
Terri Schimmer (2028)  
Liz Kistenmacher (2028)  
*Trey Else —Council Liaison*

## **OTHER COMMITTEES AND SUPPORT TEAMS**

### **Delegates to the 2025 Living Waters Conference and Western Iowa Synod Assembly**

Emily Todd  
Natasha De La O

### **Decorating Committee**

Jackie Meyer  
Cheryl Meyer  
Deb Bagenstos  
Terri Schimmer

### **Finance Committee**

*Counts the offerings*  
Karen Dutler  
Susan Endrulat  
Cleo Breyfogle  
Cheryl Meyer  
Barb Stratton  
Jeannette Bruning  
Mary Ruffridge  
Deb Krager  
Joni Schumann *(Staff)* - Business Manager

### **NovemberFest Committee**

Dana Meyer  
Val Georg  
Kyle Meyer

### **Wedding Coordinators Committee**

Terri Schimmer  
Vickie Heck  
Natasha De La O *(staff)*

### **Congregation Historian**

Connie Ludvigson

## ***St. Paul Staff & Faculty Roster***

### **2025 Staff Members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Vicar ..... Emily Anderson (*February 2025 - present*)  
Directors of Youth, Music, and Education ..... Jim and Kris Kistenmacher  
Office Administrator ..... Natasha De La O  
Custodians ..... Karen and Doug Wessling  
Organist ..... Sharen Borchers  
Pianist ..... Kris Kistenmacher  
Business Manager ..... Joni Schumann (*January 2025 - October 2025*)  
Business Manager ..... Julie Brondyke (*October 2025 - present*)  
Handbell Choir Director ..... Vickie Heck  
Wee Wisdom Preschool ..... Kathy Mohr, Jane Breyfogle, Connie Synder

### **2025 Sunday School Teachers & Helpers**

Laura Burk	Hilary Walsh
Angie Rasmus	Melissa Butcher
Jade Galvin	Mel Ebert
Meagan Foresman	Darci Boling
Abbi Ogren	Brock Boling
Dana Meyer	Alicia Drury
Allyson Gebers	Nathan Drury
Amelia Werner	AJ Stevenson
Brianna Butcher	Kim Stevenson
Emily Christiansen	Shanade Stevenson
Lauren Meyer	Lex Jacobson
Cody Rasmus	Deb Bagenstos
Amy Bisenius	Abbie Otto
Phil Burk	Libby Bagenstos

## **2025 Children's Memorial Fund ~ Annual Report**

### **January 2026**

The Children's Memorial Fund was established in memory of Peter Douglass Kistenmacher, son of David and Liz Kistenmacher. Peter was born still on January 14, 2001. This fund is used to reach out to those who experience the loss of a child, especially during pregnancy.

Gifts given to this fund may be distributed to sources benefiting children. Some may include:

LOGOS Wee Wisdom Preschool    Vacation Bible School    Lutheran Social Services

We were not aware of a family needing our support this year.

A remembrance table for "God's Smallest Angels" has been established in the North Entry of the Church. A journal is available on the table for those who have been affected by the loss of a child during pregnancy; to include parents, grandparents, siblings, other family and friends of the child. Journal entries may include memories, prayers, or thoughts about their experience.

If you are aware of a family in our area that we may help during such a loss, please contact one of the committee members or the church office.

Committee Members:

Mikka Belson (712-368-5179)  
Liz Kistenmacher (712-229-1721)  
Jackie Meyer (712-210-6220)

## **Children's Memorial Fund Treasurer's Report 2025**

*There was no financial activity this year.*

Ending balance on 1/1/2025: \$296.16  
Ending Balance on 12/31/2025: \$296.16

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Kistenmacher

## **2025 CHURCH PROPERTIES REPORT**

Members: Mitch Trost, Chad Foresman, Doug Ruffridge, Mike Glawe, Ben Butcher and Marc Meyer. Council Liaison-Kelby Wulf.

### **2025 PROJECTS:**

Stumps from the trees taken down in 2024 were ground out, shavings removed and black dirt installed.

Two trees directly east of the church were cut down by 712 Tree Service. Many volunteers cleaned up the branches and hauled to the tree dump. Joel Wellendorf will grind out those stumps in Spring 2026.

A roof leak in the Kiel St parsonage upstairs bathroom was repaired. Drywall and a vent fan in the bathroom were repaired and replaced.

The Congregation voted to move forward with the Sanctuary remodel. Holland House of Orange City was hired as the contractor. On October 19, 2025 many volunteers from the congregation moved the pews and removed the red carpet and pad for work to begin the next day. Walls, ceilings and the ceiling beams were repaired and painted. New lighting and ceiling fans were installed by Power Solutions of Alta. New carpet and plank flooring was installed. Several volunteers also replaced ceiling tiles where needed. Work was nearly completed in December with just a few items to be addressed in January 2026.

A sincere thank-you to Terri Schimmer for working almost daily with the contractors, and especially to ALL members of Saint Paul for the help and generous donations that made this big project a reality.

### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

Don Ortner- summer mowing, sidewalk snow removal at the church and parking lot sanding.

Steve Koth- summer mowing and snow removal at the parsonage.

Shawn Lukins- parking lot snow removal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelby Wulf

## **2025 Congregation Council President Report**

Reflecting on the past three years as a trustee, it seems like not too long ago we were having our organization council meeting in the north side of the sanctuary with Pastor Bob leading the meeting, as a first-year trustee wondering where the Lord would take us. Soon came the light. In the fall of that year, I remember getting the word that Pastor Bob was taking a call and would be leaving St Paul, not what I was expecting, when I got home and opened the mailbox there was a letter from him informing us of his plans to head west. What are we going to do, how does this process work, how long it will take to find a replacement and the questions keep racing through your mind. Many prayers. A call committee of congregation members was formed, be patient, and our prayers were answered.

The process to find a new pastor to lead St. Paul began slow, there are a limited number of pastors, more retiring than graduating seminary school. Then we were presented with the opportunity to have an intern Pastor, the candidate was still in seminary school and would be part time, balancing school and church responsibilities. Recalling the meeting with the church council and call committee with Bishop Lorna and Judy, they told us the Synod had not ever placed an intern pastor but thought the candidate would be a good fit if we were interested. We would all learn through the process. The call committee met with the candidate, they recommended we offer the position to Vicar Emily, she accepted. We are blessed and thankful to have Emily and Jaden in our church family.

To the great staff at St Paul, THANK YOU for all you do.

Jim and Kris took on the extra responsibilities and arranging pulpit supply pastors for church services during the transition period, along with all their responsibilities as Director of Youth, Music and Education. Thank you for everything you have done for St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Natasha in the office, always willing to lend a hand when asked. Sharon playing the organ for church services. Karen and Doug Wessling keeping church building clean and presentable for all the activities in the church.

The Business manager position has transitioned from Donna and Jan to Joni and now Julie, lots of numbers to process and reports to prepare each month.

Wee Wisdom Pre-School led by Kathy Mohr and assistants Jane Breyfogle and Connie Snyder.

The LOGOS program has great participation by the youth in our communities and takes many volunteers to lead and mentor our youth. The program has a positive impact on the kids and will remain with them for their lives. Also, thanks to our Sunday School and bible school staff for all you do.

In the summer of 2025, the church council presented to the congregation a proposal to make improvements to the Sanctuary. The project was well received and began in October; there are still a few items to finish but we were able to celebrate the Christmas season in the sanctuary.

Thank you to all the members as you were called to volunteer your time and talents to move furniture, pews, tear out carpet and/or whatever was asked, you were there in force to complete the task. To Terri Schimmer for leading the project, keeping in communication with the contractor, trustees and council. A job well done. The members have supported the church with your generous monetary gifts to the Sanctuary project and to the General operating. God Bless and thank you for your gifts.

A big thank you to the council members, attendance and participation was great.

We have a lot to be grateful for at St Paul, Sunday services are well attended, the participation of our youth is great, to see the number of young children go up for a children sermon is encouraging for the future of St Paul Lutheran Church.

Thank you to all members of St Paul for your support.

Trey Else  
St. Paul Council President

## 2025 Decorating Committee Report

This busy year started with just a few details to finish for the Fellowship Hall makeover. New stage curtains were hung and new window treatments were installed. Four beautiful gold framed coordinating pieces of artwork were purchased for the south wall.

Next came a big project. Decorating the entire church from front to back and top to bottom was our biggest project since the late 1990's. It took several months of talking, planning and shopping to get this project started. But it was just too big for us to get a vision and try to pull all parts of the project together. After having many different companies come to measure for carpets and provide various quotes for painting and needed wall repairs, some congregational members recommended that we work with Holland House designers out of Orange City, Iowa. The owners, Marie and Ray, came and got a feel for our vision and noticed some other much needed wall and sheetrock repairs as well as the beams which were plywood covered in a contact paper which was peeling. Marie thought the fans looked old and the light fixtures emitted a dark amber light. She quickly had a beautiful coordinated plan which included repaired walls, total wall area painted, the beams striped and stained, new carpet and coordinated plank flooring installed, new brighter light fixtures and updated fans. The important part was that she could give us a complete package quote on cost since she works as a team with her husband who is a professional contractor and painter.

Work began in September after dozens of our members met one afternoon to remove the pews, rip up the massive amounts of old red carpet, and move all furniture, bell choir equipment and hymnals to the basement. Much of the furniture was placed in Kelby Wulf's trailer and stored in his building which truly helped. Thank you to Joy and Kelby.

Lastly, the offices of Jim and Kris had carpet installed that matched the church and hallways and Leo Schimmer donated a new desktop for their large shared desk.

About 90 days later, volunteers again gathered to move the pews, furniture, bell choir equipment, hymnals, and art work back to their original places in a beautiful new area. And then two weeks later, the decorating committee, with the help of many members, met and put up the Christmas decorations.

This project completes the updates that our church, kitchen, offices, bathrooms, Fellowship Hall, High School Forum room, Preschool classroom and restroom and Sunday School areas have needed. It has taken a few years to complete this work and so many people have donated to the costs of these projects for which we members are extremely grateful. We now have a beautiful building to share with others for funerals and weddings, LOGOS, special programs and for our own families.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Bagenstos

## **Directors of Youth, Music, and Education** **2025 Report to Congregation**

God's richest peace and blessings to you, the wonderful congregation of St. Paul Lutheran! We rejoice with you in celebration and thanks for the accomplishments and experiences of this past year. God is at work among us and through us to make Christ known to our neighbors and to the world. Let us embrace our calling as we look forward with anticipation to future possibilities while looking back at God's activity in this place.

What a pleasure for us to be doing shared ministry with Vicar Millie. St. Paul staff and leaders have learned much through this process of internship. Millie has asked questions for which we hope to provide good information, and we have been inspired by her vision, interpretation of scripture, and energy for new and exciting opportunities to learn and grow. We appreciate her leadership and willingness to embrace all that parish ministry offers and expects, all while she carefully manages her time between church duties and seminary studies. God be praised for this unique opportunity for raising up a new leader in the church. Our thanks to the congregation for your understanding and patience as our duties fluctuate between worship, youth, education and administration.

As always, we are incredibly thankful for the countless volunteers who are involved in activities at St. Paul. You are the hands and feet of Jesus that help us respond in love to the work before us. We continue to expand the number of adults willing to share their faith with youth on Sunday mornings at Sunday School. This is rewarding work and there is always room for more leaders! In the Logos program you are prayer warriors, financial contributors, teachers, game leaders, worship coordinators, meal participants, kitchen professionals, laundry experts, decorators ~ the list goes on and on ~ who collectively love the youth of this community and commit to be involved so that intergenerational relationships in Christ are fostered. We hope you feel the impact being made on the lives of the 76 youth who attend Logos each week. It is difficult to count the number of adults needed to make this happen week to week; we know it is more than the youth in the program. Isn't that fantastic and heart-warming? Thank you all! While Logos is sufficiently staffed for the time being, there will need to be continued discussions about training, staff needs, and how to provide for leadership in the future as Logos grows.

Repeatedly, we hear how wonderful it is to have young children and families worshipping and learning alongside us. This is so true! It is a joy to be part of a welcoming community of faith that values all those who come together in God's name. From the exuberance of youth to the wisdom of those with many life experiences, our worship is enhanced through your participation. Let us continue to welcome all God's people within these walls, to learn God's call for each of us, and to reach out in love to the world as God desires. It is a blessing to be part of it with you!

In Christ,  
Jim & Kris Kistenmacher

## 2025 Gifts & Memorials Committee Report

Committee Members -	Sue Fitch ( TREAS )	( 2025 )
	Jeanne Williams ( PRES + SEC )	( 2025 )
	Dixie Brueck	( 2026 )
	Karen Wessling	( 2026 )
	Connie Butcher	( 2027 )
	Michele Else	(2027 )

*God's blessings to all who contributed.*

Balance on hand as of January 1, 2025		<b>\$ 39,219.73</b>
Income:	Memorials & Gifts	+ 54,196.08
	Interest	+ 10.89
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$54,206.97</b>
Disbursements:		
LOGOS	-	570.00
Basement Redecorating	-	1,709.76
Bell Choir	-	545.00
		<b>- 2,824.76</b>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2025		<b>\$ 90,601.94</b>

Sincerely, Sue Fitch ( treasurer )

## 2025 Historian Report

### **JANUARY**

The first Sunday of the calendar year and the Second Sunday of Christmas, January 5, Worship with Holy Communion was led by Pastor Del Olivier. At worship on the second Sunday of the year, January 12, The Baptism of Our Lord, we had the pleasure of meeting Vicar Emily Anderson and her husband Jaden. Vicar Emily will be starting February 2 and she and her husband plan to move to Holstein in March. This service also included the presentation of Lambs to our 3-year-olds as a visual reminder to each of their baptism and included **Esther Kistenmacher, Annison Rasmus, Dawsen Schneckloth, Forest Stevenson, Ronan Stevenson, Kameron Vohs, Eleanor Werner, and Knox Woodke**. And finally, following the church service, the Christmas greens were taken down and put away for another year. January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday after Epiphany, Worship with Holy Communion was led by Pastor Del Olivier. It was at this service and coffee hour following the service that with deep gratitude and appreciation we said 'Thank You' for the time and the leadership Pastor Del has shared with us. It was also at this service we were pleased to welcome the following new members to our church family: **Brent, Emily, Mason, Lucas, and Aubrey Christiansen, Nathan, Alicia, Nash, and Owen Drury, Kyle and Jordyn Lowe, Cole Norris and Lenita Nannenga, Lynette Pullen, John Walsh, Amelia, Abraham, and Eleanor Werner, and Nicholas Zobel**. Sunday, January 26th, the third Sunday in Epiphany, Worship was led by Rev. Dr. Melanie Hauser. Following worship, a tasty brunch was hosted by the St. Paul Youth. The Annual Congregation Meeting followed and included election of Council and Committee Members, review and presentation of committee reports, and presentation and passage of the 2025 proposed budget. New business included discussion of future sanctuary painting, carpet, and windows improvement projects. Council President, Craig Peterson, provided a call committee/ intern update. The Meeting then adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

### **FEBRUARY**

February 2, the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, worship with Holy Communion welcomed Vicar Emily Anderson with a Service of Beginning Ministry. Pastor Dave Kebeschull, Vicar Emily's intern mentor supervisor, was our guest pastor for this service. February 9, the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, worship with Vicar Emily Anderson leading service included Installation of Council members. February 16, the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, included worship with Holy Communion and Installation of New Task Force & Committee members. This service also included the Baptism of Jack Lynn Lowe, son of Kyle and Jordyn Lowe. February 23, the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, Deacon Lynn Egesdal was our guest pastor. LOGOS will be doing two service projects throughout Lent. They are seeking donations for The Warming Shelter and the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux City. For the Warming Shelter, youth will be putting together blessing bags for the homeless and include necessities to meet their basic needs. The youth will be collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House along with items to put together pediatric kits, mommy kits, and breakfast bags.

### **MARCH**

March 2, the Transfiguration of Our Lord, worship with Holy Communion welcomed Pastor Scott Egbers. During Jim's Children's Message, the "Alleluia's" were placed in the Altar Chest until Easter. March 5, Ash Wednesday, like many other area churches, evening services were canceled due to dangerous weather and road conditions following a winter blizzard. On Saturday, March 8, Parish Education sponsored a Wellness Day at the Cherokee Regional Medical Wellness Center where those attending enjoyed the pool and other amenities. March 9, the First Sunday in Lent was pleased to welcome the Holstein Girl Scouts as they celebrated Girl Scout Sunday. Our service opened with Imposition of Ashes as Ash Wednesday services had been cancelled due to the weather. This Sunday was also the start of the Our 'Noisy Lenten Offering' collected weekly by the Sunday School children throughout Lent. On Wednesday, March 12, at 6:15 PM, a well-attended soup and sliders dinner was held before the Lenten Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. On Saturday, March 15, at 1:00 PM, a St. Paul Free Movie at the Holstein State Theatre was open to both adults and children. Sunday, March 16, the Second Sunday in Lent, worship included Holy.

Communion and the 'Noisy Lenten Offering' collected by the Sunday School children. Wednesday, March 19, once again, like other area churches, evening services were canceled due to a winter blizzard, March 23 and 30, the Third and Fourth Sundays in Lent, the Sunday School children continued to collect the "Noisy Offering". On Wednesday, March 26, First Communion Instruction began. At 6:15 PM, all were welcomed for a Casserole buffet dinner before the Lenten Evening Prayer Service which featured the Holden Evening Prayer Service.

## **APRIL**

On Wednesday, April 2, once again, all were welcomed at 6:15 PM for a Tavern & Sides meal before the 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Pray Service featuring the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Sunday, April 6, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, worship included Holy Communion, the 'Noisy Lenten Offering' collected by the Sunday School children, and Special Music of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* presented by the Sounds of Celebration Bell Choir. On Wednesday, April 9, once again, all were welcomed at 6:15 PM, this time for a Spaghetti Dinner before the 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Pray Service featuring the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Sunday, April 13, the Sunday of Passion/ Palm Sunday worship included the Procession of the Palms and a reading of *The Passion of Our Lord* according to Luke 22:14-23:56 with participation of the whole congregation. On Wednesday, April 16, a Seder Meal for First Communion students and their families was hosted and included **Charlie Butcher, Paisley Galvin, Warren Modrell, Elin Otto, Clayton Trost, Blakely Walsh, Nash Drury, Greeley Modrell, Emmett Modrell, Liam Roberts-Garcia and Chloe Roberts-Garcia**. April 17, Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion was offered. Friday, April 18 Good Friday worship was held with and at the Holstein United Methodist Church. There was a service of Tenebrae and the offering was designated for the Holstein Ministerial Association Fund. Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday held two Worship Services with Communion. The 7:00 AM service was led by our youth and the second 9:00 AM service included the Jelly Bean story during the Children's service, the release of the Alleluia's from the Altar Chest, Special Music provided by Jonah and Jim Kistenmacher and *'Lift High the Cross'* provided by the Celebration Bell Choir. Also, our altar was graced with beautiful Easter Lilies provided by congregation members in memory of loved ones. Sunday, April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter, opened with a presentation by Rod Quanbeck, Executive Director of Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, and also included the reception of five (5) new members: **Renee AuMiller, Kristine Garcia, Chloe Roberts-Garcia, Liam Roberts-Garcia, and Austin Wood**.

## **MAY**

May 4, the Third Sunday of Easter, Worship with Holy Communion and Special Musical Offering of *Kum Ba Ya* provided by the Sounds of Celebration Bell Choir with Christina Hanson on the flute. This was followed by the Sunday School students using the Noisy Offering collected during Lent to go grocery shopping locally for donation to the Community Basket. Sunday May 11 was the Fourth Sunday of Easter. At the end of the service, the WELCA women handed out carnations to all women of the congregation in honor of Mother's Day. In addition, carnations were taken to the Good Samaritan Nursing Home and Holstein Senior Living for the women residing there in honor of Mother's Day. Sunday, May 18, was the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Worship with Holy Communion was held and it was Senior Recognition Sunday. The four graduating seniors from our church included Brody Bisenius, Kyle Burk, Gavin Vohs, and Austin Wood. In addition to the prayers and best wishes from the congregation, each received the traditional gift of a hand-made quilt designed and sewn by Donna Wittrock and Jeanette Bruning with the quilting done by Donna Bremer. Sunday, May 25, the Sixth Sunday of Easter welcomed Lynn Egesdal to lead our worship services.

## **JUNE**

June 1, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Worship with Holy Communion included a celebration and thank you to all Sunday School teachers and helpers for their help and dedication to St. Paul throughout the year. The service included the Blessing of the Bikes and following service, there was a short bike ride and snacks which was enjoyed by all participants. Sunday, June 8, the Day of Pentecost, was celebrated with members looking resplendent with their wearing red.

The service included the VBS Staff Blessing and 6:00 PM that evening, the VBS staff supper was enjoyed by all attendees. On Monday, June 9, Day Camp VBS began. Our staff teamed up with Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp staff where all attending encountered a week packed with Christ-centered activities, games, arts and crafts, songs, skits, and Bible-based lessons. The theme this year was CAPTIVATED (based on Psalm 121:1-2) with the four days themes being God With Us, Grace, Distraction, and Fully Captivated. The week concluded on Thursday with a VBS program and meal. On Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14, the Western IA Synod Assembly was held at Nativity Parish Center in Sioux City. We were represented by delegates Emily Todd and Natasha De La O. June 15, the Holy Trinity, Worship with Holy Communion welcomed Pastor Scott Egbers. Emily Todd gave a report on the Western IA Synod Assembly she and Natasha De La O had attended. At the end of the service, candy treats were available for all the men of the congregation in honor of Father's Day. On Sunday, June 22, the Second Sunday after Pentecost, a Congregational Meeting was held immediately following worship to vote on the Sanctuary Project. The project includes painting the walls, updating the lights and fans, replacing the carpet, and updating the ceiling beams. Following the presentation about the project activities, the funding for the projects, and questions and answers on the project, voting passed the Sanctuary project with 68 yes votes to 7 no votes. June 29, the Third Sunday after Pentecost service, Bennett Lawrence Wetherell, the son of Ben and Sara Wetherell, was welcomed by Holy Baptism into our church family. July 6, the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship with Holy Communion was held. July 13, the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship was held. July 20 the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship with Holy Communion was held. The message for the day was "Extreme Life Makeover" a skit presented by Vicar Millie Anderson; Renee AuMi11er, Brody Bisenius, and Cecily Jacobson. July 27, the Seventh Sunday Pentecost, Worship was held and also welcomed two (2) new members, **Larry and Lisa Franco**. July 29 and 30, under the able leadership of Jan Grell and Audrey Dittmer, 117 layettes were assembled and boxed for shipment to Lutheran World Relief in St. Paul, Minnesota.

## **AUGUST**

August 3, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship with Holy Communion was held. August 10, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, welcomed Pastor Scott Egbers to lead worship service. August 17, the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship with Holy Communion was held with special music beautifully provided by Cecily Jacobson and Brody Bisenius. Following service, a Pizza and Pool Party at the Holstein Pool was held at noon. A good time was had by the many folks who attended. August 24, the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost included Blessing of the Backpacks for teachers, students, and families as the new school year begins. August 31, the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship was held.

## **SEPTEMBER**

September 7, the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship with Holy Communion was held. Following worship, the members of the congregation participated in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday activities which included packing 88 quilts, 162 child care layettes, 80 school kits, and 51 personal care kits for shipment to Lutheran World Relief in St Paul, Minnesota, cleaning windows in the Wee Wisdom Room, working on a service project at the Holstein movie theater while youth and families completed sidewalk art at the Holstein Good Samaritan Center and the Holstein Senior Living facility. This was followed by a Congregational Meal. September 9, at 6:30 PM, our first Painting Through Liturgy, where those attending have the opportunity to experience the gravity and meaning behind the liturgical colors in the seasons of the Church was held and was led by Vicar Millie. September 14, the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, was Rally Sunday with Parish Education providing fun activities for the kick off of the Sunday School year. At 11:00 AM, the church hosted a benefit meal for the Layla Peterson family. The meal was delicious and the turnout was heartwarming. September 21, the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship with Holy Communion and Installation of Sunday School Staff was held. Tuesday, September 23, at 6:30 PM, our second Painting Through Liturgy with Vicar Millie and was held.

On Thursday, September 25, at 2:00 PM, the first of our new Women's Bible Study, Twelve Women of the Bible, was held with Eve being the first woman studied. September 28, the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost welcomed Deacon Lynn Egesdal who shared information about her trip to Tanzania with the DLC's Companion Network both during her sermon message and after church. At the after-church discussion, she shared pictures of both the people and projects in Tanzania with whom we are companioned.

## **OCTOBER**

October 1, Vicar Emily met with the incoming class of confirmands and their parents. October 2 the Women's Bible Study group met with the focus on Rebekah. October 5, the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Worship with Holy Communion was held. Joy Wulf provided information on the annual Family Time and Talents survey, encouraging all to prayerfully consider how to best use/ share our time and talents. Special Musical Offering of The Word provided by the Sounds of Celebration Bell Choir. The 3-year-olds who received a Bible this Sunday included **Lilly Ebert, Jones Hanson, Esther Kistenmacher, and Ayrton Stevenson**. Wednesday, October 8, 2025 LOGOS kickoff for students and families was held starting with a worship service and included a family meal. October 9 the Women's Bible Study group met with the focus on Leah. October 12, the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, worship service started with a message from Val Georg and Dana Meyer (co-chairs) about our upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> annual Novemberfest. The service then included 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students receiving their Bibles. The students were **Charlie Butcher, Paisley Galvin, Warren Modrell, Elin Otto, Clayton Trost, and Blakely Walsh** accompanied by their parents. Following the sharing of Bible passages about using our individual gifts for God's work, we viewed the video " Your Light". We then had the Commissioning of LOGOS staff and volunteers. Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 PM, our third Painting Through Liturgy with Vicar Millie was held. October 16, the Women's Bible Study group met with the focus on Hannah. October 19, the nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, worship service started with a message from Max Breyfogle representative the Ridge View Student Senate. He invited the congregation to support their project of collecting 'comfort items' and sending the soldier care kits to our military personnel . The service also included Holy Communion and presentation of Bibles to the 7th grade students **Beau Butcher, Kelby Butcher, Emmett Modrell, Brynn Nedved, Lincoln Rasmus, Olivia Stevenson, and Kaleb VanHouten**. Following service, the Confirmation students met with the council members to present their Statements of Faith. When this was completed, work began on 'moving the Sanctuary' as Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> , the carpentry work of Sanctuary Update by Holland House began. In addition to the Sanctuary Update, with the able leadership of Kelby Wulf, the outside church properties have undergone improvement/ updates. Nine (9) dead and/or dying trees were removed the with the three remaining trees being trimmed. Much of the work was done by church members. A small amount of the tree removal project was done by hired professionals. October 23, the Women's Bible Study group met with the focus on Abigail. Sunday, October 26, Reformation Sunday, we had our first worship service in the fellowship hall while our Update Project is in progress. Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM, our fourth Painting Through Liturgy with Vicar Millie was held and October 30, the Women's Bible Study group met the focus on Gomer, an unknown woman of the Bible for most all attendees, but one who held an insightful lesson about her faith. Our Women's Study Group will now break until after the holidays.

## **NOVEMBER**

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> , All Saints Sunday, Worship with Holy Communion was again held in the fellowship hall. This year we remembered and honored five (5) departed Saints with a Bell being rung after each name was read aloud. We also had Recognition of First Communion Youth which included:

**Charlie Butcher**-child of Andrew and Melissa Butcher  
**Paisley Galvin**-child of Andrew and Jade Galvin  
**Warren Modrell**-child of Mike Modrell and Kaite Vohs  
**Elin Otto**-child of Kelly and Abbie Otto  
**Clayton Trost**-child of Mitchell and Ashley Trost  
**Blakely Walsh**-child of John and Hillary Walsh  
**Nash Drury**-child of Nathan and Alicia Drury

**Greeley Modrell**-child of Mike Modrell and Kaite Vohs

**Emmett Modrell**-child of Mike Modrell and Kaite Vohs

**Liam Roberts-Garcia**-child of Kristine Garcia

**Chloe Roberts-Garcia**-child of Kristine Garcia

Following Coffee & Fellowship and Sunday School, with Council Members providing leadership, we set up for our 30th Annual Novemberfest Pork Loin Dinner, being held at the St. Paul Church with carry out service only being offered. The Novemberfest Auction had begun on Monday, October 27 and closed Monday, November 3. In addition to the many donations from members, items from the Sanctuary Project Update were also available and included the old cathedral lights, 2 Queen Anne Chairs, a Patriotic Bundle and various metal Bible signs and/or plates. \$2,200 was raised by the auction this year. Thank you to everyone who helped at the Carry Out Dinner and/or donated items for the Dinner or for the Online Auction. Sunday, November 9, Confirmation Sunday included Worship, Holy Communion, the musical offering of *El Shaddai* by the Sounds of Celebration Bell Choir and Affirmation of Baptism, (Rite of Confirmation) for **Tregg Bagenstos, Brock Bisenius, Maxwell Breyfogle, Viktor Brunelle, Laney Georg, Vada Martin, Wyatt Modrell, Leo Nedved, Trinity Stevenson, and Aiden Stevenson**. Each confirmand presented their Scripture Verse and Faith Statement. Their families, sponsors, and the members of the congregation promised to continue support these young people in their faith and life. Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 PM, our fifth Painting Through Liturgy with Vicar Millie was held. This year, in cooperation with other community congregations, Shepherd's Table Free Meals will be offered with the first one being offered at the Holstein United Methodist Church on Thursday, November 13. Sunday, November 16, the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, the Worship Service was led by the Logos 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students with guidance of Jim and Kris Kistenmacher. At this service, Sue Fitch explained how we could be a part of Holstein's local churches 'Adopt-A-Family' project and Hillary Walsh shared how we could be a part of the Parish Education project, each having a tree designated for collecting items intended to help others in our community be included in our Christmas celebration. November 18, was November Day of Prayer. From 10:30 AM-2:00 PM, the church was open for a come-and-go prayer time. A prayer guide prepared by Vicar Millie was available along with candles which one could put in a sand basin as prayers were being offered. On Wednesday, November 19, the Shepherd's Table Free Community Meal was served at Faith Lutheran Church. Sunday, November 23, Christ the King Sunday, Worship with Holy Communion was once again held in the Fellowship Hall. On Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day, a turkey dinner with all the trimmings (as a part of the Shepherd's Table Free Community Meal) was held and enjoyed by all attending here at St. Paul's. November 30, The First Sunday of Advent, like other community and area churches, worship services were cancelled due to the winter snow storm and the cold wind chill conditions. This month we were also pleased to welcome Julie Brondyke as our new business manager, thanking Joni Schumann for the dedicated service she provided during her time with us.

## **DECEMBER**

Tuesday, December 2 through Saturday December 13, Sunday School Christmas Program Practices were scheduled. Sunday, December 7, the Second Sunday of Advent included Worship with Holy Communion. On Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 PM, our sixth Painting Through Liturgy with Vicar Millie was held.

Wednesday, December everyone was invited to join in Christmas Caroling at the Good Samaritan at 5:00 PM. At 6:00 PM a soup supper was offered and was followed by an Advent Evening Prayer Worship at 7:00 PM which featured the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Sunday, December 14, Worship was the Children's Christmas Program in our new beautifully updated Sanctuary followed at 10:00 AM with a brunch. On Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM, a soup supper as a part of the Shepherd's Table Free Community Meal was held followed at 7:00 PM with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Evening Prayer Service again featuring the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Sunday, December 21, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Worship with Holy Communion and the Musical Offering of *I Wonder as I Wander* by the Sounds of Celebration Bell Choir was held.

On December 24, a special 25-minute musical prelude was provided by the Sounds of Celebration Bell Choir, Abbie Otto, Elin Otto, Hadley Bagenstos, Tregg Bagenstos, Liz Kistenmacher, Vickie Heck, Chris Jerke, Christina Hanson, and the Kistenmacher family prior to the 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service with Communion. Our newly updated Sanctuary was made even more beautiful dressed by the Christmas Poinsettias lovingly shared by church families. The closing of the service included each person sharing their candle's flame with the person seated next to them, all while singing *Silent Night*, with the first verse being sung in German, our heritage language. On Thursday, December 25, the 10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship featured lessons, carols, and a traditional Table Communion with all attendees standing in a circle in unison at the front of the church. This style of communion and the singing of the first verse of *Silent Night* in German on Christmas Eve were each an example of replicating long-practiced traditions making these services a truly meaningful celebration of Christmas for all who attended. December 28, the first Sunday after Christmas and the last Sunday of the 2025 calendar year, Worship Service included the presentation of "Awes and Wonders" by Jake and Max Breyfogle. This delightful skit told the story of the Shepherds' memories and insights of the night they were visited by the Heavenly Hosts and their trip to the Manager to see the Baby Jesus.

## **Junior Luther League Financial Report for 2025**

**Checking Account Balance on 1/1/25 .....\$4,208.65**

### **Income:**

St. Paul for ceramics reimbursement .....\$492.77

**Total Income.....\$492.77**

### **Expenses:**

Camperships disbursed to families (2 students, 3 events) \$617.00

Ceramic Nativity sets .....\$492.77

**Total Expenses .....\$1,109.77**

Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/25 \$3,591.65

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Kistenmacher

## St. Paul Sr. Luther League Financial Report for 2025

**Checking Account Balance on 1/1/25.....\$2,674.55**

### Income:

Meals Served.....\$833.00  
Gifts Received.....\$500.00

**Total Income.....\$1,333.00**

### Expenses:

Activities and Food.....\$56.34  
Meals Supplies.....\$221.65

**Total Expenses.....\$277.99**

**Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/25.....\$3,729.56**

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## Senior Luther League Savings Account

**Savings Account Balance on 1/1/25.....\$5,242.50**

### Deposits:

Interest.....\$1.15  
Gifts Received.....\$750.00  
Budget Money from St. Paul....\$2,500.00

**Total Deposits.....\$3,251.15**

### Withdrawals:

None.....\$0

**Total Withdrawals.....\$0**

**Savings Account Balance as of 12/31/25.....\$8,493.65**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Kistenmacher

# 2025 NOVEMBERFEST ANNUAL REPORT

Meals Served	2023	2024	2025	2025 Notes
Dining In	0	0	0	
Carry Out	948	949	930	
Shut In Delivery	43	67	18	
Holstein Senior Living	25	35	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>930</b>	
<b>Income</b>				
Presales-Tickets	\$ 11,985.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,235.00	
Cash at Door	\$ 3,130.00	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 2,495.00	
Holstein Senior Living Meals	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	
				Included in Presales & Cash at Door
Donations	\$ 420.00	\$ 207.00	\$ -	
Salad Donations	---	---	---	
Loin Sales	---	\$ 400.00	\$ 940.00	26 Loins
Pie/Salad Sales	---	\$ 95.00	\$ 40.00	
Auction Income	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 2,350.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,635.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,372.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,060.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Catered Salad	---	---	---	
HSM-Potatoes, Butter, Sour Cream, Oreo Salad, Corn Casserole	\$ 1,129.85	\$ 1,288.25	\$ 1,267.21	
Advertising	\$ 96.50	\$ 212.00	\$ 305.80	
Supplies-Sam's Club	\$ 303.12	\$ 443.69	\$ 565.30	
Paper-Tickets, Envelopes, Color Printing	---	---	---	
Back Draft-Use of Cooler/Sinks	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	
Darrin Schmidt-Grill Use	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Committee	---	---	---	
Misc. Expenses	---	---	---	Signs
Pork Loin, Buns, Mac Salad, Pies	Donated	Donated	Donated	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,279.47</b>	<b>\$ 2,693.94</b>	<b>\$ 2,638.31</b>	
Thrivent Cards	---	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	Used for Groceries & Advertising
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 18,355.53</b>	<b>\$ 19,428.06</b>	<b>\$ 15,921.69</b>	

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Novemberfest Pork Loin Dinner was served at the St. Paul Lutheran Church for the first year, on Sunday Nov. 2nd. Meal prices for 2025 remained at \$15.00. We feel this location worked best, with a few changes in the setup next year to improve efficiency, we feel this has been a smooth transition with our new church kitchen.

Thank you to those that agreed to take a ticket packet and what an excellent job you all did! The drive through activity was nonstop and brisk from start to finish with over 900 meals served this year. Food was plenty and we were able to donate leftovers to local nursing homes and sell leftover loins. Auction items were generously donated by members and always help to boost income for this event. Allison Kistenmacher has shown interest in taking over the auction for next year as Terri & Vickie transition out. A post Novemberfest review is always done and meal planning for 2026 will see similar numbers.

Dana Meyer  
Valerie Georg

**Parish Education Task Force**  
**2025 Annual Report**

What a fabulous year we have had at St. Paul! It is true when they say it takes a village and I am so thankful for the Parish Ed Task Force village of 2025. Without all hands on deck nothing would run smoothly. With 8 women on the task force whom all have jobs, and children/grandchildren in multiple activities sometimes it feels like there is never enough time and some how it always got done even if it doesn't seem smooth! So thank you to the ladies on the committee for you continued dedication to this task force.

Some of the highlights that Parish Ed helped with in 2025 were:  
(and excuse me if these are not in order of in which they occurred)

- First Communion instruction/Seder Meal
- 2 free movie nights at the theater
- Cherokee wellness center fitness/swimming day
- Pool Party at Holstein Aquatic Center
- VBS prep and decorating
- Chalk and art drawings at Good Sam on “God’s Work, Our Hands” day
- Nativity Scene glazing/pizza party for the 6th graders
- Presented lambs to 3 year olds
- All Sunday school classes went grocery shopping for the community basket with the noisy offering money
- Present Bibles to 3 year olds, 3rd graders, and 7th graders
- Jen Glawe spear headed a “12 Women of the Bible” women’s bible study with outstanding attendance!
- Helped Jim and Kris with the annual Christmas program with a brunch following
- Parish Ed teamed up with Mid-Sioux and all of you to provide an amazing Christmas for a family in need.
- We helped kids purchase gifts from the Santa store at the upper and lower elementary schools by providing the funds if they didn’t have them the day of their shopping day.

I would like to thank the entire congregation for your support and attendance to the events that are offered. I don’t think we sometimes realize how lucky we are to be part of such an amazing church family. A lot of you watched me grow up in this church, and to be a part of St. Paul is truly a blessing that I am so honored to be a part of. I have enjoyed my time on Parish Ed and on Council learning how much REALLY does go into making it all work. It doesn’t just happen, it takes us all.

Jennifer Glawe will be your new 2026 Parish Ed Leader so I leave you in terrific hands!

Thank you,

Hillary Walsh

**Vicar Millie Anderson**  
**2026 Annual Meeting Report**

This year has been one of great change and rich learning. I owe so much to the staff, the people, and the committees at St. Paul who have welcomed Jaden and I with open arms into the community. We are so grateful for the hospitality and support we have received.

Throughout the year I have been learning so much about myself and about what it means to be a pastoral leader. One of the most important things I have learned is how much love, commitment, and soul goes into sustaining a healthy church. I've been so awed by how the St. Paul community comes together and gets things accomplished. From teaching, to preparing food, to cleaning up—the amount of people willing to devote their time to Logos is incredible. The ladies who help Natasha fold midweeks, who make quilts, and prepare food for funeral luncheons inspire me with their dedication and devotion. I am so grateful God brought Jaden and I to Holstein and so excited for what the future holds. I pray that the relationships I am building with you all will continue to deepen so that I can grow in my role as your pastoral leader.

I have been very proud of all that we've been able to accomplish this past year. I'm grateful to all who have come to Painting through Liturgy and always look forward to getting to learn, paint, and eat together. Although we will be taking a break from painting while I am on my maternity leave, I will look forward to coming back together again in late April!

Thank you to all who have come to our community Shepherd's Table meals and who have helped prepare food! It's such an incredible gift to be able to eat together and to build connections with folks in the community. I look forward to continuing these monthly meals and seeing how they can make an impact!

I have experienced so many “firsts” in the last eleven months. My first baptism, my first funeral, my first blessing of a trumpet. In so many ways you all are teaching me about myself, my relationship with God, and why the church is so precious. Thank you. Thank you for offering my family a place here and thank you for all you've done to help me on my journey.

-Vicar Millie

**Sounds of Celebration Handbell Choir**  
**2025 Annual Report**

***“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”***

***Colossians 3:16***

Oh, how we love to ring those bells!!! Sounds of Celebration choir continues to add to Sunday morning services and special services throughout the year. We get together to practice, not because we have to, but because of the love each of us has in music. We had to make some “space accommodations” to our ringing this year as the sanctuary began its facelift, but we discovered that if you just give us enough space – we can play anywhere!!! Some faces in the choir have changed over the years since we began in 2000, but the dedication to our craft of ringing bells remains faithful.

Sounds of Celebration members for 2025 were:

Vickie Heck – Director	Bonnie Stevenson	Mary Ruffridge
Lauren Meyer	Kathy Breyfogle	Tera Parks
Terri Schimmer	Val Georg	Sharen Borchers
Jackie Meyer	Amy Peuse	Joy Wulf
Allison Kistenmacher		

We thank our valued substitutes who help out to ensure we have that full choir sound. Substitute ringers available to help out:

Ashley Volkert	Jim Kistenmacher	Dixie Brueck	Laney Georg
Kris Kistenmacher	Jonah Kistenmacher	Adam Dreeszen	

A shout out to our members who accompany us on other instruments:  
Kris Kistenmacher - piano    Christina Kjar-Hanson - Flute

**Handbell Choir Treasurer’s Report for 2025:**

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2025	\$ 882.08
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Income:

Cookbook	\$ 15.00
Gifts and Memorials	<u>\$ 545.00</u>
(for table cover purchase)	
Total Income:	\$ 560.00

Expenses:

Memorial (Niemeier)	\$ 85.60
Schulmerich (table covering)	<u>\$ 580.00</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 665.60</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 776.48</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie Heck, Temporary Secretary/Treasurer

**STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM TASK FORCE**  
**2025 Annual Report**

Members: Andrea Niemeier, Joy Wulf, Kathy Vollmar, Shanade Stevenson and Danielle Martin. Council Liaison-Dave Stevenson.

In February the Task Force met to re-organize the table decorations in the storeroom and change out the dining room.

In May, six military boxes were sent out for Armed Services Day. A Thrivent card was used to purchase items for the boxes.

A Thrivent card was used to purchase school supplies for the August Fellowship Hall table decorations. These supplies were then donated to Ridge View School for student use.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> Stewardship along with help from the congregation, hosted a benefit for Layla Peterson who was injured in an accident this past summer.

October is Stewardship month! Time & Talent sheets were sent out in the Mid-Week and handed out at church-- THANK YOU to everyone who will be sharing your many talents in the upcoming year!

All Saints Day Sunday was observed on November 2, 2025. A memorial table was set up and candles were placed to remember 5 departed saints.

For Thanksgiving this year our Stewardship group, with help from members of our congregation, put together a traditional meal for members of the community. 40 people and helpers attended the 12:30 lunch. Plenty of good food and fellowship was shared by all. Many thanks to Kathy Vollmar for the homemade pie, Andrea Niemeier, Lori and Lane Volkert, Bonnie and Dave Stevenson, Jim Sorenson, Susan Endrulat and Karen Breyfogle for helping on prep day. And to Kathy, Randy and Emily Vollmar, JD Scholten, Rod, Audrey and Brad Flogstad, Renee AuMiller and Kelby for cooking and serving the Thanksgiving meal--it was a blessed day~

At year end \$300 for 2026 expenses by our Task Force was requested of the Trustees. The Task Force deferred to the Trustees for distributions to 2026 Benevolence accounts. Coffee Hosts, Greeters and Lector schedules are being prepared for 2026.

In December we voted to split the annual \$1000 gift from VanTop Industries -\$500 to Mid-Sioux for heating assistance and \$500 to the Community Basket Food Pantry.

We extend a big THANK YOU to Natasha De La O, Jim Kistenmacher and Karen Wessling for all their help this past year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Wulf

## **WOMEN OF WELCA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT** **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship to Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith. Affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action and promote healing and wholeness in our church, the society and the world.

WELCA no longer holds monthly meetings but we find many ways to be an active part of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**QUILTING;** This year 85 quilts were assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief and 6 quilts were sent to the Bible Camp for their auction. Our sewing group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. We are blessed with donations of fabric, sheets and batting, but could use many hands to help us enjoy a pot-luck dinner and good fellowship as we tie our quilts. All are welcome!

**KITS:** In 2025 we put together 162 Baby Care Kits, 80 School Kits, 51 Personal Care Kits, 4 Blankets, bandages and 25 pillow cases. Quilts and Kits were packed on "God's Work, Our HANDS" Sunday. Rod Flogstad loaned us his pick-up, trailer and time to deliver our gifts to Sioux City. They are then sent to Minneapolis to LWR to be sent all over the world where there is a need for these items.

**SERVING FUNERALS;** Three serving committees helped serve at 6 funerals this year.

**WEEKLY BULLETINS;** We helped Natasha prepare mid-week bulletins to be mailed to all members of our congregation.

**MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS;** Carnations were presented to all women attending services on Mother's Day and to members at local care centers. Thanks to everyone who donated time and supplies for these projects that will help make life better around the world.

**2025 OFFICERS:** Chairman....Jan Grell

Treasurer.....Audrey Dittmer

Action Growth....Jan Grell and Audrey Dittmer

"To mobilize women to act to apt boldly on their Faith in Jesus Christ"  
is the MISSION STATEMENT OF WOMEN OF WELCA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Grell

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**  
**TREASURER ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025**

Balance on hand January 1, 2025	\$919.95
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**Income:**

Serving Funerals	\$950.00
Rent of dining hall and kitchen	\$455.00
Sale of Cookbooks	\$30.00
Donations	\$115.00

Total Income for 2025	\$1,550.00
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**Expenses**

Spirits and Stogies (Mother's Day)	\$130.56
Back Pack Supplies	\$94.58
Wisco	\$20.00
Layla Peterson Benefit	\$100.00
Child's movie ticket	\$30.00

Total Expenses for 2025	\$375.14
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**Donations:**

Western IA Synod	\$500.00
LSI	\$250.00
New Hope	\$250.00
Casa	\$250.00
Gospel Mission	\$250.00
Orphan Train	\$100.00

Total Donations for 2025	\$1,600.00
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Balance on Hand December 31, 2025	\$394.81
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## 2025 Annual Report of the Membership Committee

### **During the year, 2 children were baptized:**

Jack Lynn Lowe ..... February 16th, 2025  
Bennett Lawrence Wetherell ..... June 29th, 2025

### **And 1 adult baptism:**

Lacey Roberts ..... December 3rd, 2025

### **There were 10 young people confirmed on November 9th, 2025:**

Tregg Bagenstos	Vada Martin
Brock Bisenius	Wyatt Modrell
Maxwell Breyfogle	Leo Nedved
Viktor Brunelle	Trinity Stevenson
Laney Georg	Aiden Stevenson

**There were no weddings held at St. Paul in 2025.**

**There were 7 funerals, 1 non-member and 1 associate member; and 2 member deaths with no burial or service**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Dennis E. Sorensen	March 15th, 2025	Non-member
Vickie J. Zahner	June 4th, 2025	
Kathleen "Kay" L. Goettsch	August 27th, 2025	
Heidi L. Howard	October 13, 2025	
Carla K. Eidenshink	October 26th, 2025	
Henry G. Brueck	October 30th, 2025	Associate Member
Wayne D. Albers	November 10th, 2025	Member death - no service
Norman R. Buenger	November 23rd, 2025	
Patsy A. Huenecke	December 14th, 2025	Member death - no service

**The following students received First Communion Instruction on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**

Charlie Butcher	Elin Otto	Nash Drury	Liam Roberts-Garcia
Paisley Galvin	Clayton Trost	Greeley Modrell	Chloe Roberts-Garcia
Warren Modrell	Blakely Walsh	Emmett Modrell	

**We affirmed 26 new members in 2025:**

Brent, Emily, Mason, Lucas, & Aubrey Christiansen; Nathan, Alicia, Nash & Owen Drury; Kyle & Jordyn Lowe; Cole Norris & Lenita Nannenga; Lynette Pullen, John Walsh; Amelia, Abraham, & Eleanor Werner; Nicholas Zobel, Renee AuMiller; Kristine Garcia, Chloe and Liam Roberts-Garcia; and Larry & Lisa Franco

**We had 8 members in 2025 that transferred, moved, or chose to leave the church:**

Rex and Mary Reisdorph; Patrick, Mary, Elijah, Isaiah, & Ezra Miller; and Gretchen Harris

**There was 1 baby born this year:**

Eden Beverly Werner ..... September 21st, 2025

Respectfully Submitted Barb Stratton, Cleo Breyfogle, & Natasha De La O

Endowment Foundation

2025 Annual Report

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

FUNDS-CHECKING	Avalla Bank	Balance 12/31/24	\$16,125.90
Earned Interest from Avalla CD-2 transfers to checking			
6/18/25	\$4,072.08		
12/18/25	\$4,116.00		\$ 8,188.08
Interest earned on Pastor moving fund CD			\$ 90.50
Balance 2025			\$24,404.48
Allocation Disbursements 2025			\$(23,450.00)
Balance 12/31/25 after Allocation disbursements			\$ 954.48
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS			
(CD) Certificate of deposit (Avalla Bank)			\$195,000.00
Renewed 12/17/25 3 months @ 4 %			
CD earned interest 2025			\$ 8,188.08
Auto transfer to Avalla Checking Account			
American Equity Annuity (#1) beginning balance 2025			\$ 54,081.26
Initiated 2/10/21 Accrued interest 2024 /2025			\$ 1,433.15
American Equity Annuity (#2) beginning balance 2025			\$ 52,020.01
Initiated 4/13/22 Accrued interest 2024/2025			\$ 1,040.42
TOTAL 2025 INVESTMENT INTEREST EARNED			\$ 10,661.65

## ALLOCATION OF FUNDS 2025

2024 Senior Scholarships payout	\$( 2,000.00)
Ben Todd, Shae Dutler	
2025 Senior Scholarships payouts	\$(4,000.00)
Gavin Vohs, Kyle Burk, Brody Bisenius, Austin Wood	
CD permanent pastor moving fund	\$(5,000.00)
Initiated 4/16/25 13 month @ 3.65% renews 5/16/26	
Church Council	
Building fund and roof deductible	\$(5,000.00)
Church Council	
Benevolence goals	\$(1,950.00)
Ministerial Fund	\$(2,000.00)
Holstein State Theatre	\$(2,000.00)
free movie sponsorship /operating expense	
The Gospel Mission	\$(1,500.00)
Total Disbursements 2025	\$23,450.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Flogstad

Endowment Committee Treasurer

**St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
**2025 INCOME**

**CURRENT**

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 265,259.78
Loose Plate	\$ 4,661.50
Initial Offerings	\$ 110.00
Gifts of Grain	\$ 16,530.71
Communion	\$ 166.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 55.00
Lent	\$ 1,123.00
Maundy Thursday	\$ 575.00
Good Friday	\$ 30.00
 Easter	\$ 1,725.00
Novemberfest	\$ 18,135.00
Pentecost	\$ 45.00
Reformation	\$ 25.00
Palm Sunday	\$ 518.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 190.00
Christmas	\$ 2,225.00
Luther League	\$ 750.00
Checking Account Interest	\$ 21.60
Other Interest Income	\$ 2.09
VBS Fees/Donations	\$ 3,401.77
CD Interest	\$ 9,804.35
Sanctuary Paint/Carpet	\$ 38,767.25
WIS 2025 PIG Project	\$ 500.00
Misc Current	\$ 3,452.06
Kiel Parsonage Rent/Rent Deposit	\$ 1,000.10
LOGOS Table Parent Fees	\$ 1,260.00
LOGOS Student Fees	\$ 7,290.00
LOGOS Donations - Lutheran	\$ 4,995.00
LOGOS Donations - Methodist	\$ 30.00
Thrivent Income	\$ 763.00
Wee Wisdom Fees	\$ 14,200.00
Wee Wisdom Donations	\$ 192.00
Wee Wisdom Grant	\$ 1.03
 <b>Total Current</b>	<b>\$ 397,804.24</b>

**BENEVOLENCE**

**Local**

OLBC / Ingham	\$ 1,385.00
Sioux City Gospel Mission	\$ 930.00
Community Basket	\$ 725.00
Heavenly Beds	\$ 480.00
St Dysmas Prison Ministry	\$ 420.00
VT Industries	\$ 1,000.00
Lala Peterson Benefit	\$ 9,776.00

**Iowa**

Western Iowa Synod / ELCA	\$ 2,560.00
Lutheran Services in Iowa	\$ 1,280.00

**Global**

ELCA Global Missions	\$ 335.00
ELCA World Hunger	\$ 3,995.00
ELCA Disaster Relief	\$ 3,225.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 200.00
Companion Synod	\$ 300.00
Tanzania Girls School	\$ 400.00

**Total Benevolence** **\$ 27,011.00**

**Building Fund**

Building Fund	\$ 4,275.00
Building Fund Interest	\$ 4.73

**Total Building Fund** **\$ 4,279.73**

**Sunday School**

Sunday School Offerings	\$ 1,846.89
Sunday School Interest	\$ 1.32
<b>Total Sunday School</b>	<b>\$ 1,848.21</b>

**TOTAL INCOME 2024** **\$ 430,943.18**

Respectfully submitted by  
Julie Brondyke

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**2025 CASH ACTIVITY STATEMENTS**

**GENERAL FUND Summary for 2025**

Cash Balance - Beginning January 1, 2025	\$458,494.68
2024 Gain/Loss Other Bank Accounts	(\$22,035.42)
2024 Accounting Error	(\$300.00)
 2025 Income	 \$430,819.19
<b>Total Cash Available for 2025</b>	<b>\$430,819.19</b>
 2025 Benevolence disbursements	 \$28,766.00
2025 Operating Expenses	\$403,552.60
2025 Gain/Loss Othe Bank Accounts	\$4,048.72
<b>Total Expenses for 2025</b>	<b>\$436,367.32</b>
<b>2025 difference of income and expense</b>	<b>-\$5,548.13</b>
 Cash Balance - Ending December 31, 2025	 <b>\$430,611.13</b>
 General Checking Account	 \$99,508.14
Money Market Availa Bank	\$73,549.67
CD 2 at Availa Bank	\$104,174.75
Other Assets	\$51,106.48
Prior Period Adjustements not recognized	\$99.05
Gain/Loss other Bank Accounts	(\$4,048.72)
Retained Earnings	\$106,221.76
<b>Cash Balance - Ending December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$430,611.13</b>

**BUILDING FUND Summary for 2025**

Cash Balance - Beginning January 1, 2024	\$21,724.24
 Building Fund Income for 2025	
General Bldg	\$4,275.00
Interest	\$4.73
<b>Total Building Income 2025</b>	<b>\$4,279.73</b>
 Building Fund Expenses for 2025	
Building	\$570.00
<b>Total Building Expenses 2025</b>	<b>\$570.00</b>
<b>2025 difference of income and expense</b>	<b>\$3,709.73</b>
 Balance December 31, 2025	 <b>\$25,433.97</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL Summary for 2025

Cash Balance - Beginning January 1, 2025

**\$7,175.37**

### Sunday School Income

Noisy Offering	\$200.00
Sunday School Offerings	\$1,646.89
Interest	\$1.32
<b>Total Income for 2025</b>	<b>\$1,848.21</b>

### Expenses

Other expenses	<u>\$3,211.15</u>
Total expenses 2025	<u>\$3,211.15</u>
<b>Difference of income and expenses</b>	<b><u>-\$1,362.94</u></b>
<b>Balance December 31, 2025</b>	<b><u>\$5,812.43</u></b>

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Audit Committee Statement  
For the year ended December 31, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Auditing Committee of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, have checked the following groups and find these reports to be correct, to the best of our knowledge:

- General Fund Statement of 2025 and 2025 Actual Expenses
- Building Fund Account
- Sunday School Account
- Bells
- WELCA
- Children's Memorial Fund
- Sr. Luther League Savings
- Sr. Luther League Checking
- Jr. Luther League Checking
- Gifts and Memorials
- Endowment Fund

Respectfully Submitted,

January 18, 2026

Emily Todd 1/19/26  
(Name) (Date)

Terri Schumacher 1/19/26  
(Name) (Date)

Cruff Bots 1-21-26  
(Name) (Date)

St. Paul Audit Committee, 2025

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**2025 Actual Expenses**  
**and 2026 Proposed Goals / Budget**

<b>Benevolence</b>				
<b>CHRISTIAN SERVICE &amp; BENEVOLENCE</b>				
LOCAL	2025 Goal	2025 Actual	Difference	2026 Proposed
Ingham/Okoboji Bible Camp	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 1,000.00
Logos - Genon Ministries	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 500.00
EPIC & Pact Scholarships	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)	\$ 500.00
Sioux City Gospel Mission	\$ 500.00	\$ 955.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 1,000.00
Community Food Basket	\$ 500.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 700.00
Adopt a Family	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
St. Dysmas Prison Ministries	\$ 500.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 500.00
Sleep In Heavenly Peace Beds	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
Misc Other Designated	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)	\$ 500.00
<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,475.00</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,700.00</b>
<b>IOWA</b>				
ELCA Gen. Mission/Western IA Synod	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,740.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 2,000.00
WIS 2025 PIG Project		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Mid-Sioux (from VT donation)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Lutheran Services in IA	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,740.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,240.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>
<b>GLOBAL</b>				
ELCA Global Mission	\$ 500.00	\$ 310.00	\$ (190.00)	\$ 500.00
ELCA World Hunger	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,170.00		\$ 2,000.00
ELCA Disaster Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,325.00		\$ 2,000.00
Tanzanian Girls School	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Companion Synod	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
<b>GLOBAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,705.00</b>	<b>\$ (190.00)</b>	<b>\$ 5,400.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE &amp; BENEVO</b>	<b>\$ 14,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,920.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,070.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,600.00</b>

CHURCH PROPERTY	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	Difference	2026 Proposed
Gas/Electricity	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,876.00	\$ (2,116.00)	\$ 12,000.00
Water & Sewer	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,559.69	\$ (432.00)	\$ 1,800.00
Custodial Maint. & Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,083.27	\$ 131.62	\$ 2,000.00
Repairs elec, plumb, carpentry	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,074.21	\$ (1,972.97)	\$ 2,500.00
Altona Parsonage Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,380.84	\$ (1,119.16)	\$ 2,500.00
Parish House Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 8,123.72	\$ 7,443.41	\$ 500.00
Lawn Care	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,900.56	\$ 390.56	\$ 2,500.00
Property, Liability Ins. & Workers Comp	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,242.82	\$ 242.82	\$ 20,000.00
Boiler Inspection & Maint.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,920.76	\$ (1,079.24)	\$ 3,000.00
Snow Removal	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 2,000.00
Custodian Salary	\$ 14,350.00	\$ 14,833.19	\$ (937.35)	\$ 14,850.00
Custodian Employer Soc. Sec	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,134.77	\$ (23.90)	\$ 1,135.00
Gifts for Custodian		\$ 200.00		
Capital Improvement		\$ 80,000.00		
Misc		\$ 347.75		
Kiel Parsonage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,812.72	\$ (1,812.72)	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTAL CHURCH PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 62,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 149,390.30</b>	<b>\$ (1,384.93)</b>	<b>\$ 66,785.00</b>
EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	Difference	2026 Proposed
Adult Ed	\$ 500.00	\$ 591.08	\$ 91.08	\$ 700.00
Confirmation Curr & Camp	\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)	\$ 500.00
Sunday School/Rally Day	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,102.98	\$ 902.98	\$ 4,500.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,231.40	\$ 731.40	\$ 5,000.00
First Communion Curr.	\$ 250.00	\$ 146.44	\$ (103.56)	\$ 250.00
SS Teacher Training & Appreciation	\$ 350.00	\$ 225.03	\$ (124.97)	\$ 350.00
Library & Media Center	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,129.14	\$ 832.85	\$ 200.00
Generational Rites	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 916.60	\$ (83.40)	\$ 1,000.00
Misc		\$ 1,471.48		
Children's Christmas Program	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 92.30	\$ (948.67)	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 11,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,906.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,197.71</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>

<b>WORSHIP &amp; EVANGELISM</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>
Congregational Fellowship	\$ 500.00	\$ 717.55	\$ 184.91	\$ 500.00
Worship Bulletins	\$ 200.00		\$ (200.00)	\$ 200.00
Worship Planning materials & supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,059.09	\$ (1,325.68)	\$ 3,000.00
Devotional Materials	\$ 500.00	\$ 687.17	\$ (194.00)	\$ 500.00
Musical Instrument Maintenance	\$ 750.00	\$ 635.36	\$ (249.44)	\$ 750.00
Musical Library Purchases	\$ 150.00	\$ 36.00	\$ (114.00)	\$ 150.00
Guest Pastors & Speakers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,530.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 2,500.00
Guest Pastor mileage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 733.47	\$ (266.53)	\$ 1,000.00
Bell Choir Director	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (667.36)	\$ 700.00
Organists	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,940.00	\$ (660.00)	\$ 3,600.00
Audio Equipment Repairs/Purchase	\$ 500.00	\$ 384.13	\$ (115.87)	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP &amp; EVANGELISM</b>	<b>\$ 12,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,422.77</b>	<b>\$ (3,077.97)</b>	<b>\$ 13,400.00</b>
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<b>YOUTH &amp; LAY MINISTRIES</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>
LOGOS	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 12,851.24	\$ 3,351.24	\$ 9,500.00
Youth Ministries	\$ 300.00	\$ 951.00	\$ 651.00	\$ 300.00
High School & College Events	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.68	\$ (49.32)	\$ 500.00
Youth Travels	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Youth Resources & Materials	\$ 100.00	\$ 137.84	\$ 37.84	\$ 100.00
Young Adult Events	\$ 200.00		\$ (200.00)	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL YOUTH &amp; LAY MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 12,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,690.76</b>	<b>\$ 3,790.76</b>	<b>\$ 13,400.00</b>
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<b>STEWARSHIP</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>
Stewardship Materials, Supplies, Décor	\$ 300.00	\$ 338.09	\$ 38.09	\$ 300.00
Stewardship Benefits / Meals		\$ 2,939.28		
Offering Envelopes	\$ 400.00	\$ 465.92	\$ 65.92	\$ 500.00
Novemberfest Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,712.41	\$ (787.59)	\$ 2,500.00
<b>TOTAL STEWARSHIP</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,455.70</b>	<b>\$ (683.58)</b>	<b>\$ 3,300.00</b>

<b>PASTOR CARE</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>
Pastor's Salary	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 21,500.00
Social Security Allowance	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ (2,200.00)	\$ 1,600.00
Pension, Health Insurance & Disability	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,962.16	\$ (6,037.84)	\$ 9,948.00
Continuing Education	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 750.00		\$ (750.00)	\$ 750.00
Parsonage Gas/Electricity	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,016.00	\$ (784.00)	\$ 1,800.00
Parsonage Water & Sewer	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,035.53	\$ (164.47)	\$ 1,200.00
Cell Phone Reimbursement		\$ 675.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 900.00
Intern Supervisor Fee	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ (350.00)	\$ 2,400.00
Luther Seminary Administrative Fee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
HAS Contribution		\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 900.00
Gift		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL PASTOR CARE</b>	<b>\$ 43,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,613.73</b>	<b>\$ (7,736.27)</b>	<b>\$ 44,248.00</b>
<b>FAMILY MINISTRIES</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>
Youth Music & Education Salary	\$ 69,700.00	\$ 69,700.32	\$ 0.32	\$ 71,750.00
Youth Music & Ed. Soc. Security	\$ 6,970.00	\$ 6,950.81	\$ (19.19)	\$ 7,175.00
Continuing Education	\$ 500.00	\$ 95.00	\$ (405.00)	\$ 500.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 500.00	\$ 318.38	\$ (181.62)	\$ 500.00
Pension Stipend	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,800.08	\$ 0.08	\$ 5,955.00
Health Insurance Stipend	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Gifts	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
<b>TOTAL FAMILY MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$ 99,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 99,364.59</b>	<b>\$ (605.41)</b>	<b>\$ 102,380.00</b>
<b>MINISTRY SUPPORT</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2026 Proposed</b>
Office Equipment lease/contracts	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,559.54	\$ 1,559.54	\$ 3,500.00
Office supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,944.74	\$ (1,055.26)	\$ 3,000.00
Postage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,217.05	\$ 1,217.05	\$ 3,500.00
Telephone & Internet	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,884.75	\$ 84.75	\$ 2,200.00
Conference & Convention Expense	\$ 800.00	\$ 564.80	\$ (235.20)	\$ 750.00
Administrative Assistant	\$ 16,700.00	\$ 16,349.26	\$ (350.74)	\$ 17,200.00
Administrative Assistant Soc. Sec.	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.75	\$ 0.75	\$ 1,300.00
Business Manager	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 11,804.88	\$ 1,404.88	\$ 12,000.00
Business Manager Soc. Sec.	\$ 800.00	\$ 903.05	\$ 103.05	\$ 850.00
Payroll Services	\$ 850.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,000.00
Church Computer Expense	\$ 750.00	\$ 427.99	\$ (322.01)	\$ 750.00
Vanco/Bank Service Charges	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,274.54	\$ 74.54	\$ 1,200.00
Gift	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Church Software	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,418.70	\$ 118.70	\$ 2,500.00
Misc.	\$ 500.00	\$ 774.40	\$ 274.40	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL MINISTRY SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 45,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,664.45</b>	<b>\$ 3,164.45</b>	<b>\$ 50,450.00</b>

WEE WISDOM PRESCHOOL EXPENSE	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	Difference	2026 Proposed
Wee Wisdom Wages - Teacher	\$ 11,750.00	\$ 11,298.40	\$ (451.60)	\$ 12,100.00
Wee Wisdom Wages - Assistant	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,586.40	\$ (4,413.60)	\$ 7,200.00
Wee Wisdom Social Security	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,181.40	\$ (318.60)	\$ 1,600.00
Wee Wisdom Materials	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 454.85	\$ (545.15)	\$ 1,000.00
Wee Wisdom Cont. Education	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 855.36	\$ (544.64)	\$ 1,500.00
Wee Wisdom Misc. wages	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,558.59	\$ 1,358.59	\$ 200.00
Wee Wisdom Grant Disbursement		\$ 1,725.85		
wee Wisdom Advertising		\$ 192.00		
Wee Wisdom Gifts		\$ 400.00		
Child Care License Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 15.00	\$ (35.00)	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL WEE WISDOM PRESCHOOL EXP</b>	<b>\$ 22,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,267.85</b>	<b>\$ (4,950.00)</b>	<b>\$ 23,650.00</b>
	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	Difference	2026 Proposed
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 284,820.00</b>	<b>\$ 421,696.60</b>	<b>\$ (9,215.24)</b>	<b>\$ 346,713.00</b>
				<b>2026 Proposed Budget vs 2025 Projected Actual</b>
				<b>\$ (74,984)</b>
				<b>2026 Proposed Budget vs 2025 Budget</b>
				<b>\$ 61,893</b>
Christian Service & Benevolence	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	Difference	2026 Proposed
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE &amp; BENEVO</b>	<b>\$ 14,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,920.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,600.00</b>

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPENING LITURGY

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

**And also with you.**

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.  
**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

**Receive our prayer, O God.**

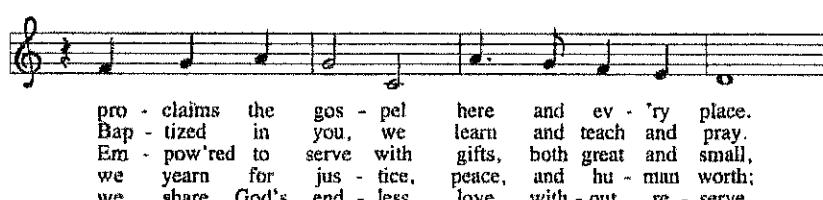
As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

**Amen.**

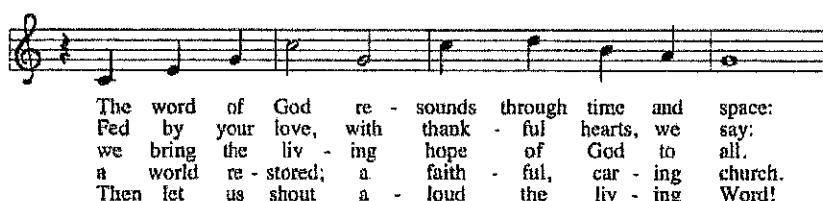
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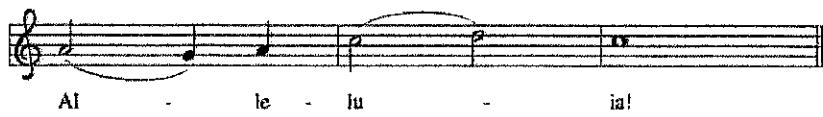
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—  
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.  
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.  
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,  
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - ry place.  
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.  
Em - pow'red to serve with gifts, both great and small,  
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;  
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:  
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:  
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.  
a world re - stored; a - ful, car - ing church.  
Then let us shout a - loud, the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

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