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LUTHERAN CHURCH

2021 Annual Report



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2021 REPORT FROM OUR PASTORS

Waiting

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart. Yes, wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

2021 was a year of waiting. We waited for the pandemic to end. We waited to be able to get “back to normal”, even though we know that there will be a new normal. Many of us waited for God to answer desperate prayers for ourselves and those we love. We waited for conflicts in our society to end. We waited for more of our St. Luke family to come back to be with us. We waited for all this and more. We are still waiting for much of this to happen.

Waiting is often hard. When we are waiting, we are more easily discouraged and may fall into despair. We wonder where God is and how long will we be waiting. Our faith can be shaken. We may become cynical, selfish, and unkind. Our mental health can be adversely affected. We saw this happening in ourselves and in others as 2021 wore on.

Remember that “Wait” is in one way God answers our prayers. In Psalm 27, King David encouraged us to discover the value of waiting for the Lord. We find this encouragement in other Bible passages. While we may not like it, waiting helps us live more by faith and to see more clearly what matters most.

As we waited in 2021, God moved us to focus on what matters most. Remember the exuberant joy we experienced when we began worshipping in person on March 28 – Palm Sunday. Remember how this joy was amplified when life groups, Bible Studies, children’s and student ministries, choirs, and other ministries began meeting again in-person. Remember also, the sense of loss as you continued to wait to see someone in-person again. Remember those who, for various valid reasons, are still not able to be with us in person but are with us online. Our waiting helped us to remember what matters most – being together in life-giving relationships that foster an active faith. In our waiting, God moved us to find creative ways to be together as beloved children of God, to hear the gospel of Jesus, to encourage one another in our faith, and to share our faith with others. As you read through the well-written and detailed reports that follow, you will learn or remember specific events and initiatives that took place in 2021 that are the fruit of waiting for the Lord. Enjoy, be inspired, and be thankful that our God remains faithful in our waiting!

We are still waiting. As we begin 2022, we must be honest and acknowledge that there is much for which we are still waiting – in our personal lives, in our culture, and in our congregation. We are not back to pre-pandemic levels of participation, connection, ministry, and mission. God may yet have valuable lessons to teach us in our waiting. The values discovery process will focus us on what matters most. Our mission *to connect people into a growing relationship with Jesus* remains paramount. We will continue to strive to be a sanctuary where we *learn God’s love in worship, live God’s love in life groups, and unleash God’s love when we serve, invite, and give to meet the hopes and hurts of others.*

Be strong and take heart! Yes, wait for the Lord! If somethings do not “come back” or when change happens, remember that the Lord is with us and new great chapters in the mission of St. Luke Lutheran Church are yet to be written.

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As God moved through the ministry of St. Luke, this is the number of people who indicated that they had surrendered the lives to Jesus Christ.

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
8	3	9	17	5	8	7	8	2	5	5	6	2	0

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

Membership December 31, 2020
(380 Households)

<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
863	650

Members Received (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021)	Baptized	Confirmed
By Baptism: Children (Age 15 and younger)	8	0
By Baptism: Adult (Age 16 and older)	0	0
By Adult Confirmation (Affirmation of Faith)	3	3
By Transfer from ELCA congregations	2	2
By Transfer from other Lutheran congregations	0	0
From non-Lutheran congregations	0	0
From other sources, statistical adjustment, or reactivation of St. Luke membership	0	0
Total Members Added (4 Households)	13	5
Baptized youth who were confirmed during the year.	n/a	6
Members Removed (January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021)	Baptized	Confirmed
By Death	10	9
By Transfer to ELCA congregations	2	2
By Transfer to other Lutheran congregations	0	0
To non-Lutheran congregations	1	1
For inactivity, other reasons, and statistical adjustment	1	1
Total Members Removed (5 Households)	14	13

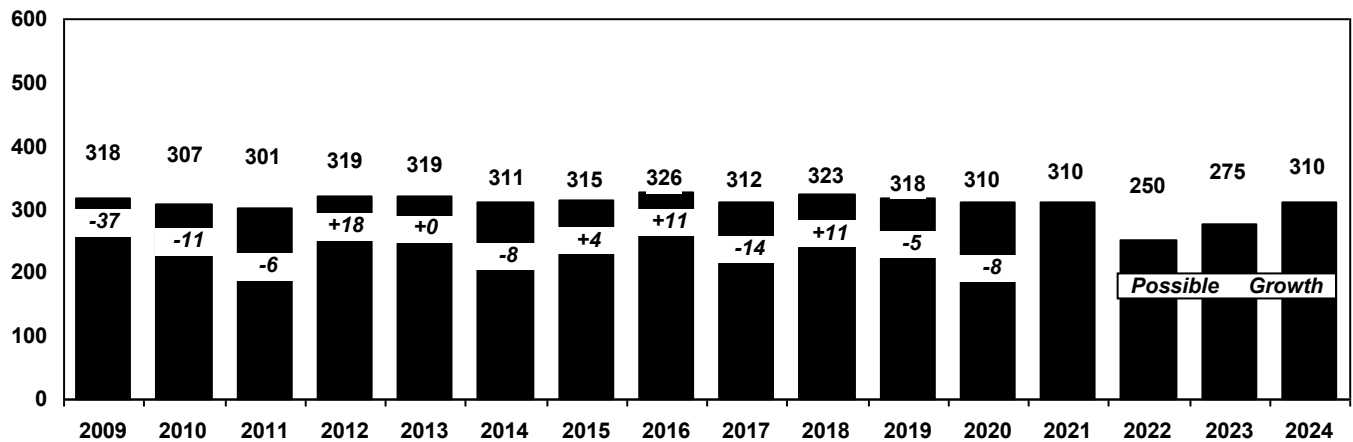
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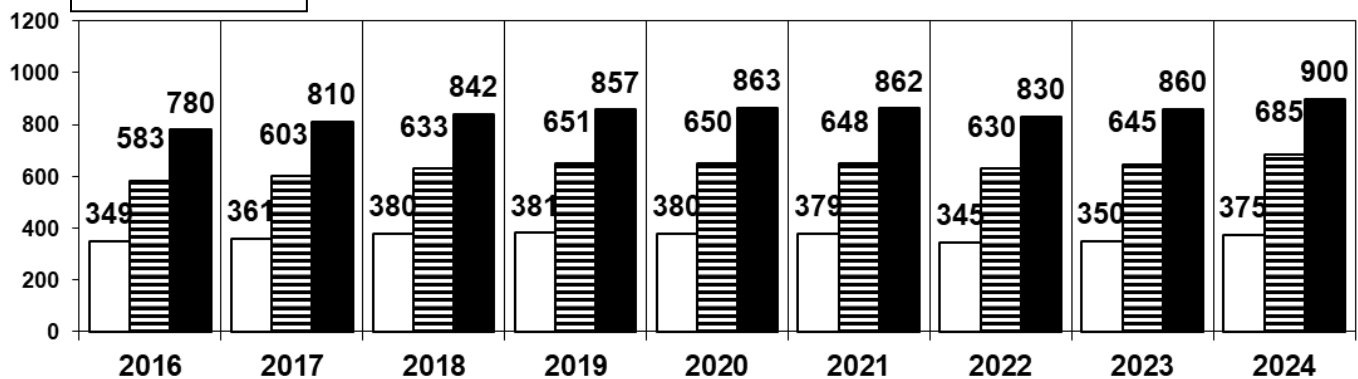
Average Worship Attendance

Year	Early Traditional	Total Contemporary	Late Traditional	Online	Total
2017	73	176	63		312
2018	76	180	60	8	323
2019	73	181	58	6	318
Average 2017-19	74	179	60	7	318
2020 (Jan. 3 – Mar. 8)	66	177	61	6	310
2021 (Mar. 28 – Dec. 19)	44	73	42	44	203

Average Weekly Worship Attendance (See chart above for 2021, 2021 dates included)

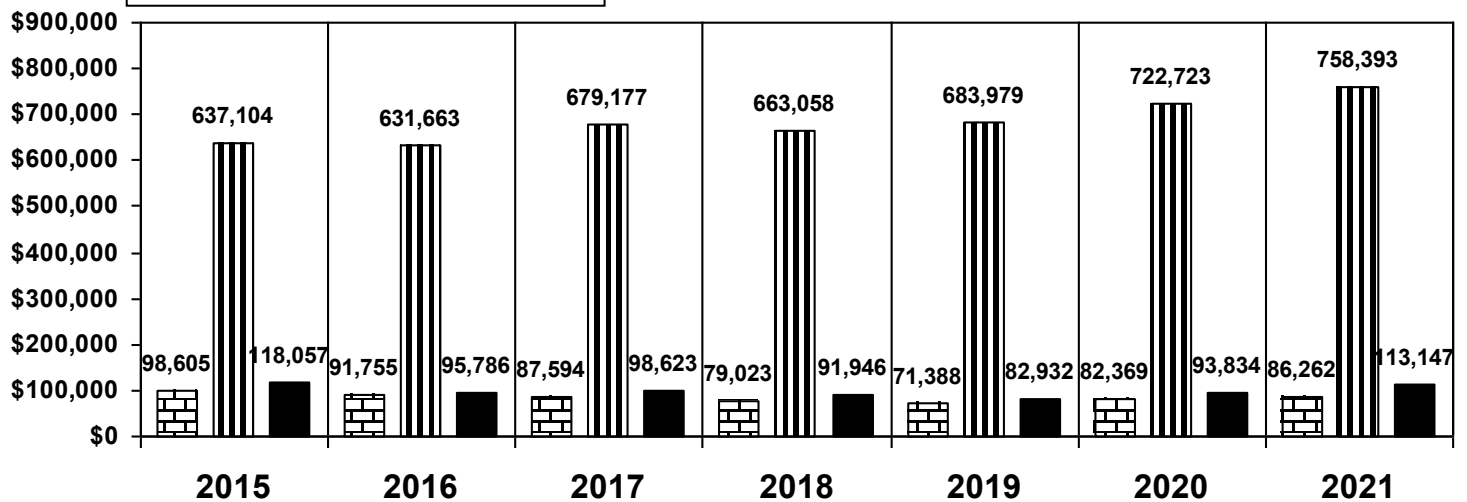


Membership



□ Households ▨ Confirmed ■ Baptized

Offering & Our Donations



▨ Building Fund ▨ Current Expenses ■ Donations - What St. Luke Gives Away

2021 OPERATING STATEMENT AND 2022 BUDGET

	2021	YTD Receipts/ Expenses	2022
	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Budget</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Current Giving	500,000	518,439	569,411
Operation Expense Giving	33,325	53,372	54,895
Agape Giving	153,150	186,582	155,291
Total Current Giving	686,475	758,393	779,597
Preschool Donations	9,000	8,100	9000
Building Use and Other Income	1,038	0	30
Total Current Receipts	696,513	766,493	788,627
<u>Expenses</u>			
Benevolence	79,512	87,463	89,756
Office	20,900	18,836	19,620
Property & Building	77,374	73,974	78,116
Payroll	530,175	520,987	542,493
Student	10,800	11,142	10,800
Fellowship	525	1	900
Evangelism	10,880	4,071	14,430
Worship & Music	14,020	13,437	18,695
Christian Education	9,300	3,094	9,650
Adult Life Groups	2,200	2,109	5,900
Women's Ministry	2,000	530	0
Social Ministry	3,900	3,763	3,100
Stewardship	1,900	1,108	1,900
Church Council	1,750	861	750
Total Program Expenses	57,275	40,116	66,125
Total Expense	765,236	741,376	796,110
Difference - Receipts Minus Exp	(68,723)	25,117	(7,483)
<u>Building Receipts & Payments</u>		YTD	Mortgage Balance
Building Receipts		86,262	
Mortgage Payment		84,080	117,773

Selected Fund Balances	12/31/2020	Income	Expenditures	12/31/2021
Mortgage Reserve Fund	25,737.06	143.40		25,880.46
Memorial Fund	6,691.90	1,939.31		8,631.21
Endowment Fund	67,375.74	11,449.83	(2,695.00)	73,123.53
Organ Fund	4,021.74	40.36		4,062.10
Van/Garage Fund	10,769.41	62.46		10,831.87
Agape Fund	14,694.59	18,158.82	(32,301.00)	1,052.41
Associate Pastor's Fund	46,239.70	259.03		46,498.73
General Fund	139,762.57	767,983.59	(731,007.70)	176,738.46
General Reserve Fund	199,514.20	38,311.51	(19,325.00)	218,500.71
Total Selected Fund Balances	\$ 514,806.91			\$ 565,319.48

Donations St. Luke Made to Others	From Benevolence	Special Offerings	Endowment	Total
Bible Faith Lutheran Ministries, India	5,000.00			5,000.00
Community Refugee & Immigration Services	1,000.00			1,000.00
Compassion International	532.00			532.00
CRU Missionary Christina Horning	7,587.47			7,587.47
Food For the Poor in Haiti			674.00	674.00
Gahanna Residents in Need	10,000.00	335.73	673.00	11,008.73
Good Samaritan Fund (PDF)		4,512.49		4,512.49
Gracehaven		674.75		674.75
Lane of Roses - support for Kari Kline	975.00			975.00
Lutheran Church of Peace in Maplewood MN.	500.00			500.00
Lutheran Disaster Response	6,500.00		674.00	7,174.00
Lutheran Immigration and Refugee	5,000.00			5,000.00
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries	1,000.00			1,000.00
Lutheran Social Services	1,145.00			1,145.00
Lutheran Social Services Choices		1,145.00		1,145.00
Lutheran World Relief		1,502.27		1,502.27
Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center	1,000.00			1,000.00
St. Luke Seminary Student Support	826.00		674.00	1,500.00
Southern Ohio Synod & Churchwide	51,923.81			51,923.81
Southern Ohio Synod Only	5,292.67			5,292.67
Wycliffe Bible Translators	3,999.96			3,999.96
Totals	\$ 102,281.91	\$ 8,170.24	\$ 2,695.00	\$ 113,147.15

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I believe it possible that we all had different hopes for how 2021 would begin, age and end differently than 2020. This was not necessarily the case as many of the ongoing pandemic issues continued throughout the year. Our faith has been tested and pushed us to grow during these trying times. Even so, we learned how to gather safely whether it was in our homes, backyards or parks to meet with our friends, family and life groups. What we have continued to do is worship together because we know this is what Jesus called us to do through His witness and the apostles witness to us in scripture. We continued to meet in these ways, to study and learn from scriptures, to praise and worship the Lord God Almighty and to witness to each other our faith during these trying times. We took time to encourage each other and to shine the light of Christ to all who we encountered. In this way, with our faith on display, we reached out to those who have not accepted Jesus or who may not even know of Him.

The Council studied Canoeing the Mountain this year to ask the question of how to succeed in the unknown. As we read, studied and discussed this book we agreed that finding the values of the members of St Luke would be a guiding light in the way forward. We formed a committee, reached out to a resource that had successfully conducted a values discovery process in their church and asked for members to participate in the process. The process included listening to our members and to do this we asked for members willing to be trained and to contact other church members to listen to them. I am happy to report that the listeners found the process very refreshing and planned on continuing to reach out to members just to talk. We appreciate all who have participated in the process. Council will meet in a special retreat to discuss the findings of the process, stayed tuned.

St Luke continued to offer in person and online worship every Sunday. One traditional and one contemporary service was shared on live streaming with a video uploaded later in the day for anyone who missed the service. In a desire to provide the best online streaming environment for both services an ask went out to the congregation for new/additional equipment. This ask was thoroughly successful, those of us remaining remote are very grateful. We pray this online service reaches those who are unchurched and encourages them to join us for in person worship too.

St Luke's Constitution comparison with the model Constitution was begun in 2021, more to come in 2022.

The gatherings of St Luke included Corn Roast, quilt tying, health kit donation drive, St Luke Chamber Orchestra performance, Student ministry corn maze, Dream Conference, Fall-o-ween Trunk or Treat, Domestic Violence Fund Raiser, Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend, Thankful meal bag donations, Christmas sing-along outside, compassion Sunday and many more activities throughout the year.

The budget shareholders and committees worked very hard to present an accurate and comprehensive budget for 2022. For the first time a capital budget was provided to address grounds and building needs that would exceed the Council's ability to approve in 2022.

Love,

Sandy Kuespert

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CHANCEL CHOIR AND JOYFUL RINGERS

In 2021 the choirs slowly began to return to worship and provided some wonderful special music in the Traditional services.

During 2021:

- 14 people participated in the chancel choir.
- 10 people participated in Joyful Ringers (the handbell choir).
- The bell choir provided about one anthem a month in the Traditional service.
- The chancel choir created a virtual collaborative anthem for the Traditional Easter service.
- The chancel choir began rehearsing in person in January and returned in worship in December where they sang a Christmas Cantata. They also provided music on Christmas Eve.

While 2021 proved an especially challenging year for musical groups, the choirs have finally returned to rehearsing and performing in person and have much more planned for 2022!

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CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY MINISTRY REPORT

Hello Church Families!

In April 2021, I joined the St. Luke church staff as the new Children and Family Ministry Director. I was warmly welcomed by the other staff and the church as I transitioned into my role serving families.

As we continued to navigate through the pandemic, children's ministry programming was still on a temporary pause until the fall 2021. After much discussion and prayer, the Student Ministry Director and I made the decision to develop a new ministry opportunity. This opportunity would engage the kids as well as offer serving opportunities for the student ministry of the church. The **Mid-Week Experience** launched in October 2021 with meetings on Thursday evenings throughout the school year. The program was created for kids to continue their faith development, while being encouraged to attend worship services with their families on Sunday mornings. In addition to 5 adult leaders, there are currently 14 families registered for the Mid-Week with 11 kids attending regularly. A weekly online worship opportunity has also been available for kids and families through the church website and St. Luke Kids Facebook page/YouTube Channel.

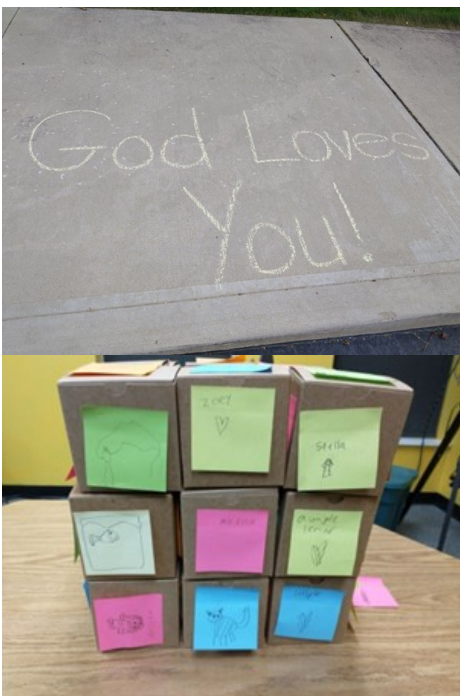
Getting to know families and reconnecting them with the church has become an important part of my ministry, especially during COVID. While keeping safety in mind, we have had a **Family Movie Event** (36 total attendance) at a local movie theater and a **Fall Kick-Off Event** (40 total attendance) for families. Also, a successful **Trunk or Treat Event** (20 car trunks participated) brought together the church, G.E.E.C. (Gahanna Early Experience Center) preschool, and neighborhood families. During Christmas, a **Family Christmas Eve Service** (93 total attendance) was introduced for the first time at St. Luke. This special family focused service incorporated traditional Christmas carols and an Interactive Christmas Story.

While 2021 has been a season of change, the children's ministry has gradually started to get back to having programming and events. Even though the pandemic and COVID is still present, the church remains here to welcome families when they are comfortable and ready to return. I am excited for future events like Vacation Bible School and other new opportunities for growth within the children's ministry. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to getting to know more of you at St. Luke!

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STUDENT MINISTRIES REPORT

Average Attendance for Student Ministry Programs

Average Attendance for Youth Group – 18

Students who got Confirmed in 2021 – 6 students

Summer Trips

Middle School Camp – 9 students 3 leaders

High School Camp – 10 students 3 leaders

GSPN Events (Gahanna Student Pastor Network)

None this year

Unleash Ministries Participation

Volunteering with St Luke Kids

Volunteering cleaning up the grounds at Wesley Glenn in Columbus

Serving Advent Dinners

We made some shifts in our programming this year. As we are still in the midst of the pandemic. One of the big changes in the ministry was that I created a Parent Leadership Team in the Spring of 2021. This group operates like a council. They help me shape the ministry for these students. It allows more input from parents to help me understand how I can help their students connect better with the church and the ministry.

We have also started to create Student Ministry Family Events monthly.

Our numbers for our events:

August - 7 families

October - 8 families

November - 4 families

December - 4 families

God is moving in the students at St Luke. We are grateful for what he has done in their lives this past year and are excited to see what is in store for this program in 2022

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WORSHIP AND ADULT MINISTRIES REPORT

- As we continued to navigate the pandemic in 2021, we saw the increased need to provide safe connecting opportunities including **St Luke Walk N' Talks**, **Dinner for 6**, and brought back the **Corn Roast**.
- **Life group participation** (24 groups and 204 individuals).
- **We supported** the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry, Faith Mission, Gahanna Residents in Need, Lutheran World Relief, the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, My Very Own Blanket, OSU Star House, Mid-Ohio Food Bank, the Military Veterans Resource Center, and the Gahanna Gift Shop with donations and volunteers.
- **We gave \$689.75** in January for **Gracehaven's Blueprint For Hope Campaign**. These funds were used to double education space, expand outdoor facilities, and renovate a cottage on their campus. St Luke members were also encouraged to give directly to the Gracehaven website, those gifts aren't included in the number reported.
- **178 Food Items** were collected during the **Souper Bowl** to support the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry.
- **300 School Kits and 300 Health Kits** were assembled to benefit Lutheran World Relief (\$1,053.57 were donated toward the project).
- We donated **\$2,581** in the month of October through the **Choose Hope** initiative to support LSS Choices, central Ohio's only domestic violence shelter.
- **196 Fleece Blankets** were created for children in foster care and sent to My Very Own Blanket.
- We hosted three **Blood Drives** in partnership with the American Red Cross in 2021.
- We supported the **Gahanna Gift Shop** with a **virtual Angel Tree**. \$1,200 was donated to purchase gifts for families and donations received after the deadline were given to Gahanna Residents In Need.
- **Our weekly email newsletter list has grown from 528 in 2020 to 541 in 2021.**
- Our **YouTube** channel following has grown from 139 subscribers in 2020 to 158 subscribers and 8,667 views in 2021. St Luke Columbus **Instagram** was launched in the fall of 2020 and has grown from **94** followers in 2020 to **117** in 2021. Our **St. Luke Community Facebook Group** in currently has **248 members**. Online engagement is another way we can communicate with our members and reach out to the community. Every like, share, and subscription by St Luke members helps grow our reach.

It is our mission to provide opportunities for everyone who calls St. Luke their church home to grow their faith through the work of the Holy Spirit by learning, living, and unleashing God's love. Many thanks to all the volunteers who God has used this past year make our ministry and outreach possible.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES REPORT

- Our Bible study groups continued to be offered Tuesday mornings and evenings throughout the program year. Bible study groups continued in smaller settings since we are still limited to in-person meetings. Bible studies offered in 2021 were Bad Girls of the Bible, by Liz Curtis Higgs and Jesus, The One and Only, by Beth Moore.
- Gretchen Heilmann and Terri Maxwell, after 15 years of faithful service stepped down as leaders. Thank you Gretchen and Terri.
- The leaders for the Tuesday evening Bible study are Anita Grillot and Diana Oty.
Anita: dagrillot@aol.com Diana: diananoty@gmail.com
- The leaders for Tuesday morning class are Milana Cox and Mary Jane Magee.
Milana: milana_cox@yahoo.com Mary Jane: mjmagee20@yahoo.com
- Women's Ministries currently maintains an active contact list of women who presently and previously have participated in our studies and events. To be added to this contact list, or to learn more about our programming for 2022, visit us at stlukecolumbus.com/women or contact Milana Cox or Mary Jane Magee see information below.

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ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

The Endowment Fund of St. Luke Lutheran Church was established for the purpose of receiving unrestricted bequests and gifts and to distribute awards to enhance the outreach of St. Luke Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation, in accordance with the church bylaws.

For 2021, members of the Endowment Fund Committee are:

Person	Position	Term	Length	Elected	Expires
Roger Smith	Chairman	1 st	3 years	9/29/19	12/31/22
Cheryl Boltz	Treasurer	1 st	2 years	9/29/19	12/31/21
John Pagliaro	Secretary	1 st	2 years	9/29/19	12/31/21
Jen Candor		2 nd	3 years	9/27/20	12/31/23
Dan Volkema		2 nd	3 years	9/27/20	12/31/23

Based on the balance of the Endowment Fund at the end of 2020, a total of \$2695 is available for 2021 awards.

Awards approved by the Endowment Fund Committee for 2021 include:

Lutheran Seminary Education

\$674 to Laura Whistler to assist in her seminary course costs (Local /State Award)

Lutheran Outreach

\$673 to "Gahanna Residents in Need (GRIN)" to aid in alleviating food insecurity for Gahanna-Jefferson school district residents (Local / State Award)

Economic Aid to Survivors of Natural Disasters

\$674 to "Lutheran Disaster Response" for survivors of Hurricane Ida to bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States (National Award)

\$674 to "Food for the Poor in Haiti" to provide immediate assistance for victims of the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck the island on August 14, 2021 (International Award)

Each approved award was distributed along with a congratulatory letter.

Awards for 2022 will be based on the balance of the Endowment Fund at the beginning of the year. The Endowment Committee will meet in March to begin planning the next set of awards. Gifts and bequests to help grow the St Luke Endowment Fund are gratefully appreciated. Suggestions for future awards can be submitted to any member of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Luke Endowment Committee

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GERMAN PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES REPORT

We are still planning to visit Germany 10/07/2022 - 10/16/2022. At this point we have 10 people from St Luke that are planning on going. We would like to have a few more that would be willing to go. We understand that with everything going on in Europe some folks may be hesitant about going. Our next Skype meeting will be on 4/10/22 at 1pm and we will discuss plans moving forward. If anybody is interested in visiting Germany in October please email Holly Mauger (hkmauger@gmail.com) or Michael Mauger(ffmauger@gmail.com). Please keep our friends in Germany in your prayers, this war in Ukraine is close to them and they are concerned.

Stay connected with Warder by following them on Facebook at Ev.-Luth. Kirchengemeinde Warder or at their website: <https://www.kirche-ps.de/warder/>

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 Significant Changes:

- 2021 brought some critical changes to our committee. The death of Dale Grillot, our brother in Christ, was a major impact. His intuitive critical thinking, always being present and around St. Luke to work on issues, projects, and tasks was a major reason for our successes. He will be forever missed by our committee members and St. Luke Church members alike.
- Mike Mauger's acceptance of being part of the Building/Property Committee, put some additional knowledge, fresh ideas, willingness to do what it takes, and project management knowledge back into the committee. I personally thank him and appreciate all he has contributed throughout 2021.
- Patrick Neary and I managed the tasks and projects from January through March, early April 2021, until Mike Mauger joined the team. Patrick stepped up, to pull extra duty and took on significant tasks that required completion. Patrick is a solid, go to member, with a strong work ethic and get it done attitude.

2021 Year Review:

- During 2021 the Building/Property Committee addressed a variety of tasks, projects, and assignments, including but not limited to; property upkeep, building repairs, major renovation projects, such as snow plowing and ice control on parking lots and repair of a damaged "Handicap" parking sign pole in Sanctuary parking lot. Maintaining the church lawns, flower beds, and the "Front Porch" area were completed. The Church Mailbox was vandalized twice and required replacement with a Security Mail Box. We accomplished these projects while addressing city and government mandates like; flushing fire hydrants, fire suppression inspections, and much more. We allocated significant financial and human resources to the repair, upkeep, maintenance and beautification of the church. The Building/Property Committee members continued to meet on a regular (3) three-week rotating interval throughout this year.
- **Your 2021 Building/Property Committee Members:** The committee members who served during the 2021 year were; Patrick Neary, Dale Grillot, (until January 27th, 2021), Mike Mauger (new member 2021), Paul Denny (key point person snow/sidewalk clearing), Bob Mehl (as needed), Steve Howard (always willing to assist) and Bob Eddy as Chairman.
- **Building/Property Committee 2021 First Responder(s):** Joseph Weitz served as our primary first responder and Sara Stoner agreed to participate as a backup in case of emergencies at the church. Please acknowledge and thank both Joe and Sara for these important roles and acceptance of this responsibility.
- **Routine Maintenance Tasks:** Paid custodian tasks and activities, lawn care and maintenance, lawn fertilization, lawn aeration, snow removal, along with hours of volunteer activities monthly. These volunteer tasks included but were not limited to; changing out light bulbs & repairing fixtures throughout the church, furnace filters, battery changes in thermostats, door & lock maintenance and repairs, toilet fixture repairs, and many other "on call" activities. Major maintenance tasks are the Spring & Fall Clean Up Days, mulching all planting beds, cleaning all church windows and door glass along with annual carpet cleaning of Class Rooms, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, Narthex, and Offices.
- **Parking Lot Sealed:** The Sanctuary parking lot, and Main Driveway were crack sealed, seal coated and striped in July 2021. This is an ongoing rotational process every year, and the lots with the most use and wear are addressed.

- **Spring & Fall Cleanup Days:** Two Saturdays a year are set aside for the congregation and building/property committee team members to come together and spruce up the exterior landscape beds; leaf removal, mulch planting beds, prune plants, pick up & dispose of debris. Another major focus of these cleanup activities is the removal of overgrown vegetation, poison ivy, limb up trees, apply round up and beautify the entire area. We appreciate any and all volunteers that assist in these efforts.
- **Lawn Fertilization 2021:** During the 2021 season, professional fertilization/weed control applications were applied from Spring through late Fall 2021. These fertilization applications will continue throughout the 2022 season. Along with the fertilization processes we have added multiple Aeration treatments to allow the grass roots to receive additional fertilizer and develop stronger root systems. This will be an ongoing process going forward.
- **Sidewalk Snow Removal 2021:** Paul Denny and Patrick Neary were the go-to Property Team members with clearing snowy sidewalks during the early dawn hours prior to Preschool starting. Patrick made certain that the snow blowers were in good operating condition and Paul is the go-to snow removal person. Other individuals, such as, Bob Mehl, Paul Denny's Son Eddy would also assist on these tasks. Please extend a huge "Thank You" to these gentlemen for their consistent early morning work, throughout the winter months.
- **Parking Lot Snow Removal Contract 2021:** This contract was renegotiated in July of 2021. **Eddybrook Tree Farm & Landscaping Ltd.** was selected to provide the snow removal support to St. Luke during 2021-2022 snow season. The snow contracts are unique because they span from October 2021 through October 2022. This is to ensure that all possible snow events during the 2021 winter months and 2022 spring months are covered by one contract. A new contract will be renegotiated again in late summer of 2022.
- **2021 Safety Inspections:** Multiple inspections were completed throughout the year. These included but were not limited to; Franklin County Jobs & Family Services internal pre-school, City of Columbus Fire Department for public building and sprinkler systems, back flow valve and fire alarm systems and fire extinguishers and others. Another Inspection added in 2021 was The City of Columbus, Storm Water Collection Basins. St. Luke passed this inspection with ease, as a result of the due diligence of the Property Committee members constant attention to these catch basins.
- **Election Days:** The church remains an official polling place for 2-precincts for the Franklin County Board of Elections. Hundreds of registered Franklin County voters come out to cast ballots for the primary and general elections. Pre-school is closed during election days.
- **Mandated Fire Hydrant Clean Out:** The Columbus Fire Department mandates that our private Fire Hydrant be inspected & flushed on a yearly basis. Patrick Neary completed all of these requirements for the Property Team during the Fall Clean Up Activities of 2021. Patrick, thank you for this continued service effort!
- **Trash Collection Contract Renewed:** Our Trash Collection Contract with **LWS** was renegotiated and finalized in June 2021. Patrick Neary initiated the review meeting; we save thousands of dollars yearly over the previous "Waste Management" contract. The 2021-2022 Contract negotiations managed to keep our monthly rate low and competitive. We are dedicated to maintaining or reducing operating costs for St. Luke Lutheran Church. This year (2021) we negotiated a two-year contract, with no increases allowed during the next (24) month period. Please thank Patrick Neary for his outstanding Leadership on this important yearly project. Excellent job Patrick.

- **Window & Door Glass Cleaning 2021:** Smoke Window Cleaning, cleaned (53) Double Hung Windows, (16) Upper Sanctuary Glass Windows, (12) French Doors, and all interior look through glass doors in June 8th 2021. This effort will continue in 2022.
- **Yearly Carpet Cleaning:** Stanley Steemer performed its yearly cleaning of all Class Rooms, Narthex, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall in 2021. This coordinated effort takes place every August prior to preschool start date.
- **Protegis Fire and Safety - Contract Negotiated:** A new Contract was signed with Protegis to perform all of the Fire Safety Inspections for 2021 / 2022 Year. This is a yearly, ongoing, important contract review and negotiations.
- **Awning Covering Replacements:** Both the Office and Fellowship Hall awning covers were removed and replaced in June 2021. Capital City Awning was hired to complete this work.
- **French Drains Installed:** Two French Drains were installed in the large grassy area along the Fellowship Hall and behind the Sanctuary. Professional Gutter & Drain completed this work in January 2021. This effort was required to reduce the constant wet spots that show up in early Spring and Fall weather.
- **New Security Mailboxes Installed:** St. Luke experienced the theft of church mail along with the physical removal of a Security Mailbox in Spring 2021. Security Cameras and digital recorder was installed March 19th, 2021. The initial Security Mailbox was set in 12"- 16" of surrounding concrete pad and was pulled out of the ground and stolen.
- **Pest Control – Raccoons:** Stryker Pest Control was called to St. Luke multiple times during the Spring months to set traps and capture Raccoons. These varmints were building nests in the church attic. They used the South West corner of the church downspouts as their entry point. Stryker was able to capture and remove (4) raccoons in 2021.
- **Broken Water Drain Pipe Under Fellowship Hall Sidewalk:** Patrick Neary led a project to inspect "why" the Fellowship gutter drains were backing up and flowing onto the sidewalk. The Waterworks Co. used a camera to inspect the drain lines hidden under the Fellowship Hall sidewalk. This led to a coordinated removal of a section of sidewalk and the repair and replacement of the broken pipe underground in May 2021. Excellent project management by Patrick on this task.
- **Jess Howard Electric:** The Property Committee posted multiple times throughout the year for Electrical help from the congregation. With no volunteers, we were forced to contract with Jess Howard Electric Co., to service all of the constant bad ballasts, burnt out bulbs, and convenience of a man lift to address the Fellowship Ceiling lights replacement.
- **(10) Ten Ton AC Unit Replaced:** This was a major expense item, requiring immediate action as it serviced Class Rooms 116, 117, 118, and 119. Work was completed in October 2021.
- **Special thank you to Bob Mehl and Steve Howard:** These two individuals gave unselfishly to assist the Building/Property Committee with numerous tasks in 2021. Their availability and time are greatly appreciated by all of our Committee Members. Please extend a "thank you" to them, when you see them.

- **Front Porch Improvements:** The New Grass Area along Morse Road (commonly referred to as “The Front Porch”) received an additional (40) Cu Yards of topsoil, fertilizer, grass seed and straw on low spots and along the main driveway. This will be a constant improvement project over time, until all settling of the original topsoil is completed. The Goal is to have a Welcoming, Natural, Gathering Place, for everyone to enjoy and use regularly.
- **Items we are watching and planning for 2022:**
 - a) Repair/Replace Parking Lot Lights with New LED style
 - b) Repair the Leaning Retaining Wall along Main Driveway
 - c) Install New Drain Aprons around all parking lot drains.
 - d) Replace Sanctuary and Preschool Doors, safety concerns

The Talent and Strength of our Committee:

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

Robert E. Eddy – Chairman
Building/Property Committee

