

**2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE BALLOT**

Vote for ONE unless noted otherwise.

MUST BE PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2024 TO VOTE.  
THIS IS A SAMPLE BALLOT. ACTUAL BALLOTS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING.

<b>President</b>	<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>Service Group Coordinators</b>
◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____	◇ <u>Bruce Brenden</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____	◇ <u>Tracy Buchholz</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>Nominating Committee (Vote for 6)</b>
◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____	◇ <u>Heather Reber</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____	◇ <u>Marlowe Rasmusson</u> ◇ <u>Kevin Brenden</u> ◇ <u>Bruce Brenden</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Youth</b>	
◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____	◇ _____ ◇ _____ ◇ _____	
<b>Council Members</b>	<b>NLLC Foundation Board</b>	
<b>Church Property</b>	◇ <u>Nick Aaberg</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____	
◇ <u>Marlowe Rasmusson</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____	<b>NLLC Cemetery Board (Vote for 2)</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	◇ <u>Harry Opsahl</u> ◇ <u>Warren Helgeson</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____	◇ <u>Lynn Brenden</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____
◇ <u>Steph Curtis</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____		<b>Synod Assembly Delegates May 30th—June 1st, 2025 (Vote for 2)</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>		◇ _____ ◇ _____
<b>Christian Education</b>		
◇ <u>Hillary Langfeld</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____		
<b>Church Property</b>		
◇ <u>Brian Buchholz</u> ◇ _____ ◇ _____		



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**February 2, 2025**

Disciples of Jesus  
Growing Disciples of Jesus

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**2025 PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUED**

	<b>2024 Actual</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>	<b>Over/ -under budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Little Bethany</b>
<b>Expenses-Continued</b>					
<b>Travel and Meetings</b>					
Continuing Education Pastor	\$ 75.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (425.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 45.00
Pastor Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 3,699.39	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (2,300.61)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 450.00
Retreats and Workshops	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	
<b>Total Travel and Meetings</b>	<b>\$ 4,374.39</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,725.61)</b>	<b>\$ 6,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 495.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>					
Electricity	\$ 7,423.32	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (1,576.68)	\$ 9,000.00	
Propane	\$ 468.40	\$ 500.00	\$ (31.60)	\$ 500.00	
Telephone	\$ 1,811.05	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 11.05	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 166.50
Water Garbage Sewer	\$ 1,889.90	\$ 2,200.00	\$ (310.10)	\$ 2,000.00	
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 11,592.67</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,907.33)</b>	<b>\$ 13,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 166.50</b>
<b>Worship and Music</b>					
Baptism and Confirmation	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ (175.00)	\$ 175.00	
Worship Supplies	\$ 268.47	\$ 300.00	\$ (31.53)	\$ 300.00	
<b>Total Worship and Music</b>	<b>\$ 268.47</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>	<b>\$ (206.53)</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 200,828.77</b>	<b>\$ 205,906.00</b>	<b>\$ (5,077.23)</b>	<b>\$ 220,792.92</b>	<b>\$ 13,990.85</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 13,719.26</b>	<b>\$ (298.00)</b>	<b>\$ 14,017.26</b>	<b>\$ (3,842.07)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**NLLC Constitution  
Proposed Changes  
February 4, 2024**

Proposed constitutional changes of the Evangelism, Mission, Family Life and Social concerns to change their name to the Community Care Committee. This change also includes the removal of a WELCA representative since WELCA has disbanded.

**Chapter 12. Congregation Council**

**C12.01.01 Congregation Council Committees and Responsibilities**

**C. ~~Evangelism, Mission, Family Life and Social Concerns.~~ Community Care Committee.**  
This committee shall consist of four (4) members, ~~along with representatives of WELCA.~~ It shall establish programs to strengthen the spiritual and social fellowship life among our “congregation family” members. New members and their orientation shall be of special concern to this committee. It shall also seek to involve underprivileged members of our congregation and community. It shall plan and execute programs to bring the Gospel to the people in our community who are not currently participating in a congregation and invite them to become involved in the life of our congregation. This committee shall also develop programs that encourage a deepening of faith and activity of new and inactive members of this congregation. It shall also promote awareness of mission needs beyond our congregation and community to include regional, national and global missions.

**2025 PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUED**

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA  
February 2, 2025**

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	Over/ -under budget	2025 Budget	2025 Little Bethany
<b>Expenses-Continued</b>					
<b>Office</b>					
Offering Envelopes	\$ 938.90	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (61.10)	\$ 950.00	
Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 800.00	\$ 72.00
Office Equipment Lease	\$ 3,031.20	\$ 3,100.00	\$ (68.80)	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 288.00
Office Equipment Repairs	\$ 331.69	\$ 650.00	\$ (318.31)	\$ 500.00	\$ 45.00
Office Supplies	\$ 167.33	\$ 800.00	\$ (632.67)	\$ 400.00	\$ 36.00
Postage	\$ 762.91	\$ 700.00	\$ 62.91	\$ 800.00	\$ 72.00
<b>Total Office</b>	\$ 5,232.03	\$ 7,050.00	\$ (1,817.97)	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 513.00
<b>Other</b>					
Building Insurance	\$ 6,328.16	\$ 6,322.00	\$ 6.16	\$ 7,600.00	
Council Committees	\$ 78.15	\$ 50.00	\$ 28.15	\$ 100.00	
Donations				\$ 500.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 2,570.50	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 870.50	\$ 2,500.00	
Luther Crest Dues	\$ 735.00	\$ 900.00	\$ (165.00)	\$ 800.00	
Meal Fundraiser Expense	\$ 1,545.24	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 145.24	\$ 1,600.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,682.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,182.50	\$ 1,500.00	
Otter Tail Conference Dues	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)	\$ 400.00	
Property Taxes	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00	\$ -	\$ 35.00	
Sharefaith Dues	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 1,008.00	\$ -	\$ 1,008.00	
Sharefaith Service Charges	\$ 977.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (22.01)	\$ 1,100.00	
<b>Total Other</b>	\$ 14,958.54	\$ 13,313.00	\$ 1,645.54	\$ 17,143.00	\$ -
<b>Payroll</b>					
Custodian Salary	\$ 2,601.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ (449.00)	\$ 2,800.00	
Office Manager Salary	\$ 16,974.48	\$ 16,974.00	\$ 0.48	\$ 17,653.38	\$ 1,588.80
Pastor Salary	\$ 47,100.96	\$ 47,101.00	\$ (0.04)	\$ 49,985.00	\$ 4,498.65
Treasurer Salary	\$ 5,459.04	\$ 5,459.00	\$ 0.04	\$ 5,677.40	\$ 510.97
Youth Director Salary	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 12,240.00	\$ -	\$ 12,729.60	
<b>Total Payroll</b>	\$ 84,375.48	\$ 84,824.00	\$ (448.52)	\$ 88,845.38	\$ 6,598.42
<b>Payroll Taxes and Benefits</b>					
Pastor Health and Retirement	\$ 29,885.76	\$ 29,886.00	\$ (0.24)	\$ 31,011.72	\$ 2,791.05
Pastor Housing	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,851.73	\$ 2,886.00	\$ (34.27)	\$ 2,972.82	\$ 160.63
Social Security Reimbursement	\$ 5,514.96	\$ 5,515.00	\$ (0.04)	\$ 5,736.00	\$ 516.24
Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 1,389.00	\$ 1,397.00	\$ (8.00)	\$ 1,005.00	
<b>Total Payroll Taxes and Benefits</b>	\$ 64,641.45	\$ 64,684.00	\$ (42.55)	\$ 65,725.54	\$ 5,717.92
<b>Repairs and Maintenance</b>	\$ 4,036.92	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,036.92	\$ 4,000.00	
<b>Black top quote</b>				\$ 5,000.00	

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Presentation of Agenda
- 3.0 Secretary's Report (2024 Annual Meeting Minutes)
- 4.0 Treasurer's Report
- 5.0 President's Comments
- 6.0 Pastor's Report
- 7.0 Organizational Reports
  - 7.1 Education/Sunday School
  - 7.2 Family Life/Social Concerns and Evangelism/Mission (Community Care)
  - 7.3 Property
  - 7.4 Youth
  - 7.5 Stewardship
  - 7.6 NLLC Foundation
  - 7.7 Cemeteries
  - 7.8 Worship & Music
  - 7.9 Audit report
- 8.0 Activities by groups & events
  - 8.1 "Young" Women's fellowship
  - 8.2 Meatball Supper
  - 8.3 Prairie Days Breakfast
  - 8.4 Sunday Funday Carnival
- 9.0 Old Business
  - 9.1 Ratify changing of Family Life/Social concerns and Evangelism/Mission name
- 10.0 New Business
  - 10.1 2025 Budget
- 11.0 Election
- 12.0 Comments and Concerns
- 13.0 Closing Prayer
- 14.0 Adjournment

**New Life Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting February 4, 2024  
Unapproved Minutes**

- 1.0 Call to Order:** President Bruce Brenden called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.
- 2.0 Presentation of Agenda:** Motion made by Jessica Nelson and seconded by Jessi Colby. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Secretary’s Report (2024 Annual Meeting Minutes):** Motion made by Dianne Kunze, seconded by Dar Rose. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Treasurer’s Report:** motion made by Kevin Brenden, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.
- 5.0 President’s Comments:** Bruce Brenden - Thanked everyone on committees and who work for the church. Reviewed past financial discussions and yr end financials. Changes of committees and services will be happening in the future.
- 6.0 Pastor’s Report:** see report. Put together a synopsis of giving, the annual meeting packet as well as a letter of stewardship will be going out to members who didn’t pick one up.
- 7.0 Organizational Reports:**
- 7.1 Education/Sunday School:** see report.
  - 7.2 Family Life/Social Concerns and Evangelism/Mission (Community Care):** see report. May be looking into a 2<sup>nd</sup> child to sponsor.
  - 7.3 Property:** see report.
  - 7.4 Women of the ELCA:** Disbanded, see report for activities. There is a quilting group that was started.
  - 7.5 Youth:** see report.
  - 7.6 Stewardship:** big thank you to Jen Honer and Joyce Peterson, see report.
  - 7.7 NLLC Foundation:** see report. Discussed scholarship funds to help better serve the congregation.
  - 7.8 Cemeteries:** see report.
  - 7.9 Worship & Music:** see report.
  - 7.10 Audit report:** books looked correct, see report.
- 8.0 Activities by groups & events**
- 8.1 “Young” Women’s fellowship:** see report.
  - 8.2 Quilting Group:** see report.
  - 8.3 Meatball Supper:** see report.
  - 8.4 Round-up Breakfast:** see report.
  - 8.5 Pop-up Suppers:** see report.
  - 8.6 Sunday Funday Carnival:** see report.

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	Over/ -under budget	2025 Budget	2025 Little Bethany 9%
<b>Income</b>					
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,085.00		\$ 1,085.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Coffee Money	\$ 1,164.16	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (35.84)	\$ 2,000.00	
Easter Offering	\$ 2,685.00		\$ 2,685.00	\$ 3,000.00	
General Offerings	\$ 179,930.29	\$ 180,000.00	\$ (69.71)	\$ 180,000.00	
Loose Offerings	\$ 3,661.89		\$ 3,661.89	\$ 4,000.00	
Thrivent Choice	\$ 1,060.00		\$ 1,060.00	\$ 1,400.00	
Dues-Little Bethany	\$ 13,793.16	\$ 13,793.00	\$ 0.16	\$ 13,990.85	\$ 13,990.85
Congregation Potluck	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ -	
<b>Meal Fundraiser Income</b>					
Meatball Supper	\$ 3,889.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (5,111.00)	\$ 4,000.00	
Meatball Supper Fundraising	\$ 2,494.00		\$ 2,494.00	\$ 2,600.00	
Prairie Days Breakfast	\$ 1,167.00		\$ 1,167.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Subtotal Meal Fundraiser Income	\$ 7,550.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (1,450.00)	\$ 7,800.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,590.75	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,090.75	\$ 3,500.00	
Interest Income	\$ 27.78	\$ 15.00	\$ 12.78	\$ 60.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 214,548.03</b>	<b>\$ 205,608.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,940.03</b>	<b>\$ 216,950.85</b>	<b>\$ 13,990.85</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>Benevolence</b>					
Synod Benvolence	\$ 4,978.96	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 478.96	\$ 5,000.00	
Redirected Benevolence	\$ 447.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 97.00	\$ 500.00	
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>\$ 5,425.96</b>	<b>\$ 4,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 575.96</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>	
<b>Contract Labor</b>					
Contemporary Worship Coord.	\$ 792.00	\$ 792.00	\$ -	\$ 804.00	
Mowing and Snow Removal	\$ 490.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (510.00)	\$ 750.00	
Organist	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 3,168.00	\$ (462.00)	\$ 2,900.00	
Supply Pastors	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (800.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Tech Crew			\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	
<b>Total Contract Labor</b>	<b>\$ 4,188.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,960.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,772.00)</b>	<b>\$ 6,754.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Education</b>					
Camp Fees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 250.00	
Sunday School	\$ 319.00	\$ 650.00	\$ (331.00)	\$ 600.00	
Youth Group	\$ 215.86	\$ 250.00	\$ (34.14)	\$ 400.00	
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$ 1,734.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 584.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>	

### Prairie Days Breakfast 2024

The Prairie Days Breakfast was held on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am-9:30am at the church and then from 10:30am-12:15pm at the park. 95 “full meal deals” (sandwich/hashbrowns/caramel roll/juice or milk/coffee) were served, 22 individual sandwiches, as well other “ala carte” menu items (hashbrowns/rolls). The total money received after expenses was \$799.15.

We had a total of 13 volunteers who assisted with the breakfast – some stayed for 2 shifts and provided clean up assistance as well. Caramel rolls were donated by Julie Brenden, Steph Curtis, Doris Moen, Heather Reber, and Jen Honer. A huge thank you to these members for volunteering their time and talents to make the breakfast a success. The members who volunteered during the breakfast were as follows: Kristin Torgerson, Joyce Peterson, Corey Moen, Stacy Honer, Jessi Colby, Jennifer Honer, Kevin Brenden, Gayla Western, Abby Honer, Madison Honer, Kim Brenden, Kristen Heidecker and Mike Heidecker.

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### Sunday Funday Carnival 2024

September 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

Jessica and Patrice put together our third annual Sunday Funday Carnival, held on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. It was a fun afternoon of fellowship in our community. We had about 8 youth from grades 6-12 helping with set up, running the carnival games and supervising the bounce house. Big J's was set up in the parking lot available to the community for lunch and we had many people hang around just for some delicious food. There were new families able to fellowship together, members old and young alike got to enjoy watching Jessica and Brandon in the dunk tank, and a good time was had by all. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered as well as attended our carnival!

We hope to be able to host this event in coming years to encourage fellowship both within and outside the church walls. We are grateful for those who were able to participate and hope to see many new faces next year.

### **9.0 Old Business:**

**9.1 Combining of cemetery accounts:** It was decided to leave everything as is.

### **10.0 New Business**

**10.1 2024 Budget:** Spending has been reduced. Question from Jessi Colby of what happens when our offerings have not increased, what would be the plan. There will be talks during services, pledge cards will be given, and have conversations with members who haven't been in church to start coming to church again. Worship and music have been trying to find people to perform and bring a variety of things to draw people into church. They will also be sending cards to people they haven't seen to draw in-active members.

**Proposed budget for 2024:** Motion made by Faith Waldoch, seconded by Diane Kunze. Motion carried.

**10.2 Changing of Family Life/Social concerns and Evangelism/Mission name:** proposed name Community Care committee. Motion made by Heather Nelson, seconded by Steph Olson. Motion carried.

**11.0 Election:** John Reber: currently have 2 open spots for synod assembly delegates, questioned on if these have to be chosen now as the date of the meetings are set. Ruth Anderson volunteered and nominated John Reber. John also brought up people serving and volunteering to serve when asked. John made motion to accept the ballet, seconded by Jessi Colby. Motion carried.

**12.0 Comments and Concerns:** Is there a list of projects the church is saving money for? Church bells were brought up to get the other church bell out of old location and to design how they will be displayed. Suggested to create a list of what projects are needing funding possibly quarterly.

**13.0 Closing Prayer:** Pastor Randy led us in the Lord's prayer.

**14.0 Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 11:42, motion by Steph Olson, seconded by Heather Nelson. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Torgerson*

## NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

### Income

Christmas Offering	\$ 1,085.00
Coffee money	\$ 1,164.16
Easter Offering	\$ 2,685.00
General Offering	\$179,930.29
Loose Offering	\$ 3,661.89
Thrivent Choice	\$ 1,060.00
Dues-Little Bethany	\$ 13,793.16
Meatball supper income	\$ 3,889.00
Meatball supper fundraising	\$ 2,494.00
Prairie Days breakfast	\$ 1,167.00
Miscellaneous income	\$ 3,590.75
Interest Income	\$ 27.78
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$214,548.03</b>

### Expenses

<b>Benevolence</b>	
Synod Benevolence	\$ 4,978.96
Redirected benevolence	\$ 447.00
<b>Total Benvolence</b>	<b>\$ 5,425.96</b>

#### Contract Labor

Contemporary Worship	
Coord	\$ 792.00
Mowing and snow removal	\$ 490.00
Organist	\$ 2,706.00
Supply Pastors	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Contract Labor</b>	<b>\$ 4,188.00</b>

#### Education

Camp Fees	\$ 1,200.00
Sunday School	\$ 319.00
Youth Group	\$ 215.86
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$ 1,734.86</b>

#### Office

Offering Envelopes	\$ 938.90
Office Equipment Lease	\$ 3,031.20
Office Equipment repairs	\$ 331.69
Office supplies	\$ 167.33
Postage	\$ 762.91
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>\$ 5,232.03</b>

#### Worship & Music

Worship supplies	\$ 268.47
<b>Total Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>\$ 268.47</b>

### Other

Building insurance	\$ 6,328.16
Council committees	\$ 78.15
Dues and subscriptions	\$ 2,570.50
Luther Crest dues	\$ 735.00
Meal fundraiser expense	\$ 1,545.24
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,682.50
Property taxes	\$ 33.00
Sharefaith dues	\$ 1,008.00
Sharefaith service charges	\$ 977.99
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$ 14,958.54</b>

### Payroll

Custodian salary	\$ 2,601.00
Office Manager salary	\$ 16,974.48
Pastor salary	\$ 47,100.96
Treasurer salary	\$ 5,459.04
Youth Director salary	\$ 12,240.00
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 84,375.48</b>

### Payroll Taxes & Benefits

Pastor Health & Retirement	\$ 29,885.76
Pastor Housing	\$ 25,000.00
Payroll taxes	\$ 2,851.73
Social Security Reimbursement	\$ 5,514.96
Workers comp insurance	\$ 1,389.00
<b>Total Payroll &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 64,641.45</b>

### Repairs & Maintenance

	\$ 4,036.92
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### Travel and Meetings

Continuing Ed-Pastor	\$ 75.00
Pastor mileage reimb	\$ 3,699.39
Retreats & workshops	\$ 600.00
<b>Total Travel &amp; Meetings</b>	<b>\$ 4,374.39</b>

### Utilities

Electricity	\$ 7,423.32
Propane	\$ 468.40
Telephone	\$ 1,811.05
Water Garbage Sewer	\$ 1,889.90
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 11,592.67</b>

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 200,828.77</b>
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<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 13,719.26</b>
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## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

- Worship and Music met monthly this past year.
- We continue to provide scripture readers for Sundays as well as special services.
- We also change banners and paraments according to the church calendar.
- We continue to look for volunteers to do special music for services.
- The organists make sure all the pianos are tuned when needed.
- We have 6 people running sound on a regular basis. We are always looking to add more - training would be provided for anyone interested in helping.
- We did a "Planting Workshop" in June.
- We hosted an "English Tea" for Elise Whitehead's mission in London.
- We did a "Pine Pot" class in November.
- We decorated the church for Easter & Christmas. We did an "Easter Garden" and ordered Poinsettias for Christmas and both had several plants ordered.
- We organized and planned the summer worship service in the park in July.
- We helped plan for special services such as baccalaureate, seeds of hope, harvest festival, etc. throughout the year.
- We updated some of the spaces in the church including the Foyer, The Heritage Room & the Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by Heather Reber, Secretary 2024

### "Young" Women's Fellowship 2024

Our group has continued with reading and discussing the book, "You Matter More Than You Think" by Dr. Leslie Parrott. We have had fourteen women meet monthly for conversation, fellowship, snacks, devotion, and prayer. We usually meet at the church but occasionally we meet in each other's homes.

We always welcome new members! There is no homework so you don't need any advance preparation — come as you are!

We have a lot of fun together!

Mary Jo Gaugler

### Meatball Supper 2024

The 2024 Meatball Supper was held Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 5-8 pm. A few of the volunteer committees/tasks included: grocery shopping, meatball crew, potato crew/spud studs, kitchen crew, service staff and the clean up crew. The Meatball supper's total income was \$6,383.00, expenses were \$429.52 - bringing the total profit of \$5,953.48 for the event. Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked at the event, all of the volunteers who donated food or baked goods and of course everyone who attended to make the event a success. New Life Lutheran Church couldn't continue to hold the Meatball Supper without all of you!

**OUR SAVIORS CEMETERY FUND 2024**

Checkbook balance 12-31-23		\$20,989.16
Bell Bank checking interest	\$65.20	
Bell Bank investment dividends	\$4,509	
Donations	\$250	
		\$25,813.36
Disbursements		
Eric Larson (Tree Trimming)	\$325	
Kim Lang (Grub Treatment)	\$103.76	
Total	\$428.76	
Checkbook Balance 12-31-24		\$25,384.60
Investments 12-31-24	\$97,043.33	\$122,427.93

**HAMAR CEMETERY FUND 2024**

Checkbook Balance 12/31/2023		\$770.59
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Edward Jones/stewardship Invest.	\$6,500.00	
Donations/markings/memorials	\$2,038.76	
Total Receipts	\$8,538.76	
Total		\$9,309.35
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		
Caretakers	\$4,582.50	
Tree removal/stump grinding	\$800.00	
Gas/supplies	\$1,493.71	
REA	\$650.00	
Mower repair	\$808.18	
Total Disbursements	\$8,334.39	
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2024		\$974.96
<b><u>Investments</u></b>		
Charles Schwab eff. 12/31/2024	\$108,396.06	
<b>Account Value</b>		<b>\$109,371.02</b>

**NLLC 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED**

<b>Checking and Savings</b>	1/1/2024	12/31/2024	
Farmers State Bank-Checking	\$ 15,684.58	\$ 20,481.01	
Farmers St Bank-Supply acct.	\$ 188.63	\$ 10,312.61	
Mission Investment Savings	\$ 284.83	\$ 144.65	
<b>Total Checking &amp; Savings</b>	<b>\$ 16,158.04</b>	<b>\$ 30,938.27</b>	
<b>2024 Offerings, pledges, memorials, etc.</b>			
Regular offerings	\$179,930.29		
Loose offerings	\$ 3,661.89		
Easter offerings	\$ 2,685.00		
Christmas offerings	\$ 1,085.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$ 1,060.00		
<b>In/Out Monies-Received</b>		<b>In/Out Monies-Paid out</b>	
Lenten offerings	\$ 950.00	Lenten offerings	\$ 950.00
Cemeteries	\$ 845.00	Cemeteries	\$ 1,140.00
Easter flowers	\$ 554.35	Easter flowers	\$ 541.75
Food Shelves	\$ 20.00	Food Shelves	\$ 20.00
Foundation	\$ 6,565.00	Foundation	\$ 6,235.00
Foundation-building fund	\$ 480.00	Foundation-building fund	\$ 480.00
Lenten meals	\$ 998.00	Lenten meals	\$ 998.00
Lenten offerings	\$ 950.00	Lenten offerings	\$ 950.00
Birthday bags	\$ 40.00	Birthday bags	\$ 40.00
Missionary-Elise Whitehead	\$ 1,266.00	Missionary-Elise Whitehead	\$ 1,266.00
Mission-Haiti Child	\$ 775.00	Mission-Haiti Child	\$ 1,480.00
Pointsettias	\$ 592.00	Pointsettias	\$ 529.00
Special Music	\$ 850.00		
Sunday Funday	\$ 418.00		
Thanksgiving	\$ 45.00	Thanksgiving	\$ 45.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 525.38	Vacation Bible School	\$ 475.38
World Hunger	\$ 1,042.00	World Hunger	\$ 1,042.00
Youth	\$ 70.00	Youth	\$ 70.00
<b>Total In/Out Monies</b>	<b>\$ 16,985.73</b>		<b>\$ 16,262.13</b>
<b>Total 2024 Offerings</b>	<b>\$205,407.91</b>	<b>Net In/Out Monies</b>	<b>\$ 723.60</b>





**A year end message from Bishop Bill Tesch:**

*Faith, however, is a divine work in us which changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. It kills the old Adam and makes us altogether different [people], in heart and spirit and mind and powers; and it brings with it the Holy Spirit. **O it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith!***  
-From the "Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans," by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

Dear Beloved Siblings in Christ of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod,

The faith that is stirred up in us by the Holy Spirit and that reaches the depths of our hearts is more than merely agreeing to specific ideas about God. A Living Faith roots our lives in Jesus and transforms us into lovers of the world and of our neighbor. This is the faith we want for ourselves, our children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. **Such a faith needs a living, active, mighty congregation** where the good news is proclaimed and where the faithful collaborate to teach the word of God and love their neighbors. Everything we do as your synod staff is for this purpose. Here are just *some* of the ways that your synod staff partnered with you in the last year to foster **living, active and mighty congregations**.

- ◆ We ordained and installed 4 new ministers into their first calls.
- ◆ We welcomed 6 new individuals into candidacy for rostered ministry. Our synod now has a total of 16 people in candidacy, as we prepare gifted leaders for the future of our congregations.
- ◆ We installed 13 new pastors or deacons who joined our synod's congregations and ministries.
- ◆ We placed 10 new Synod Authorized Ministers in congregations while guiding and supporting the work of 53 authorized ministers in total.
- ◆ We empowered 13 congregations to share the Gospel in innovative ways on Synod Vitality Day.
- ◆ We fortified 18 congregations who were experiencing divisive internal conflict with coaching, mediation and accompaniment.
- ◆ We traveled 100,000+ miles to show up for the joys and struggles of our congregations and leaders.
- ◆ We provided 4000 hours of face-to-face engagement with leaders and congregations across the 21,100 square miles of our synod's territory.
- ◆ We inspired and equipped 36 congregations to grow their members' generosity through two synod-sponsored stewardship days or through synod-created video resources.
- ◆ We gathered 14 Sr. Pastors for collaboration, learning and fellowship at our annual Sr. Pastor retreat.
- ◆ We paid off just under \$60,000 worth of student loan debt for 13 pastors or deacons.
- ◆ We are forming and equipping dozens of leaders with innovative programs such as Jeremiah 29 and FACES of leadership.

And the list could go on, but we must stop here because we are out of space! THANK YOU for your partnership in sharing the Gospel and for your generosity of time, treasure and spirit. God bless all of you as you gather in annual meetings to make important decisions about the ministry of your congregation.

In Christ our Savior,

Pastor Bill Tesch, Bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA

**FOUNDATION ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS 2024 (CONTINUED)**

NLLC Foundation Page 2	Balance	Interest	Checks	Balance	Comments
	1/1/2024	Donation	Expense	12/31/2024	
Building Fund	\$ 6,014.98	\$ 3,825.00	\$ 239.00	\$ 9,600.98	
-Technology	\$ 1,329.01		\$ 239.00	\$ 1,090.01	
-Undesignated Building	\$ 4,028.97	\$ 480.00		\$ 4,508.97	
-Round tables	\$	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	
-Heritage Room Furniture	\$ 157.00			\$ 157.00	
*includes balance from pews					
-Handicap	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	
-Bell Tower	\$	\$ 3,195.00		\$ 3,195.00	
Undesignated Interest	\$ 283.79	\$ 121.68		\$	405.47 May be used for any appropriate purpose
<b>Endowment Funds</b>					
Arne Brenden (50,000)	\$ 58,221.82	\$ 1,897.94	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 58,869.76	Christian school scholarships
Thor Sorum (2,430)	\$ 3,541.53	\$ 95.17		\$ 3,636.70	Seminary scholarships
Hamar-Haas Scholarship (50,000)	\$ 59,559.40	\$ 1,897.94	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 60,257.34	400. one-time post-secondary scholarships (any school)
Hamar-Haas Endowment (45,000)	\$ 47,954.88	\$ 1,707.58		\$ 49,662.46	10% principal & all interest avail.
<b>Total Endowment Funds</b>	\$ 169,277.63	\$ 5,598.63	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 172,426.26	per year for requested spending
<b>Total All Funds</b>	\$ 190,035.23	\$ 12,435.31	\$ 3,658.13	\$ 198,812.41	



**FOUNDATION ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS 2024**

	Balance	Interest	Checks	Balance	Comments
	1/1/2024	Donation	Expense	12/31/2024	
	Deposits				
<b>Foundation Accounts and Funds</b>					
FSB MM checking 14.52 outstanding ck	\$ 6,496.34	\$ 6,776.02	\$ 3,658.13	\$ 9,614.23	Farmers St Bank checking
MIF Demand Checking	\$ 12,094.74	\$ 60.66		\$ 12,155.40	Mission Investment Fund ckg
FSB CD 9110	\$ 59,650.75	\$ 1,905.38		\$ 61,556.13	with 52,430 principal
3.45% 2030-02-26					
FSB CD 9590	\$ 56,060.98	\$ 1,740.06		\$ 57,801.04	with 50,000 principal
3.06% 2025-03-06					
FSB CD 10034	\$ 55,732.42	\$ 1,953.19		\$ 57,685.61	with 50,000 principal
3.45% 2025-03-03					
<b>Total</b>	\$ 190,035.23	\$ 12,435.31	\$ 3,658.13	\$ 198,812.41	
<b>Memorial Fund</b>					
Undesignated	\$ 5,203.85	\$ 2,740.00	\$ -	\$ 7,943.85	Gifts given in memory
<b>Heritage Fund</b>					
	\$ 1,123.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,123.90	Maintain historical documents and artifacts
<b>Worship &amp; Music Fund</b>					
	\$ 2,434.20	\$ 150.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,984.20	Banners, music, etc.
<b>Sunday School &amp; Bible School</b>					
	\$ 2,333.04	\$ -	\$ 80.17	\$ 2,252.87	
-Ruth Brenden Sunday School	\$ 1,745.83	\$ -	\$ 80.17	\$ 1,665.66	Sunday School
-Bible School	\$ 587.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 587.21	Vacation Bible School
<b>New Generation Ministry</b>					
	\$ 3,363.84	\$ -	\$ 288.96	\$ 3,074.88	Any New Gen ministry initiatives

**Pastor's Annual Report 2024**

For the New Life Lutheran Church Annual Meeting, 2 February 2025

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” [Matthew 18:20]

“ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’” [Matthew 25:37-40]

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our God is love! It is love which brings us together to worship and discover God among us. It is love which leads us out to serve and touch God in reaching out to one another. This God of ours is an awesome God!

The year 2024 was another year we found God to be faithful to his promise to forgive us, redeem us, and sustain us. We’ve witnessed and experienced this in a myriad of ways. . . .

- On Sundays, some Wednesdays, and various holidays and holy days—we have gathered, experienced, and shared God’s touch in the affirmation of our fellowship and in the assurance of God’s Word.
- When tragedies struck, we’ve done our best to surround one another with prayers and helping hands, with food, attention, phone calls, texts, conversations and other forms of support.
- We’ve reached out in various ways to try to welcome the stranger, feed and clothe those in need, foster healing for the sick, and help all to know freedom in and through Christ’s love.

Please read through the various Council, Committee, Task Force, and Event reports provided in the annual meeting booklet to see just some of the examples of this.

Thank you to all of you who have invested yourselves in Christ’s mission in and through this congregation and its ministries, in the greater Church, and in the community beyond! Your time, your talents, your prayers, your donated resources have indeed touched lives—more than any of us will ever know. But God knows, and your efforts bring a smile to his face.

A big reason to celebrate 2024, for the New Life Congregation, is that our finances finished in the black—the first time in a while that, that has happened. Thank you to our Stewardship Committee for their extra efforts this past year. And, a huge thank you to all of you who have responded to the need.

While we welcome the increased financial support, there is a troubling trend about it—the giving is becoming more and more skewed. Our older people’s percentage of the overall giving has grown, while the younger people’s percentage of the overall giving has shrunk significantly compared to the historical norms. The table to the right displays the percentages for New Life for 2024. This trend isn’t unique to our congregation; churches all over are experiencing similar trends, and it doesn’t bode well for the not-too-distant future.

Age breakdown for New Life Lutheran Giving in 2024	
People 90+	13.0%
People 80-89	20.5%
People 70-79	25.5%
People 60-69	27.2%
People 50-59	4.4%
People 40-49	8.1%
People 0-39	1.2%

Given this changing landscape, the New Life Council has approached our Synod staff asking them to help us develop a

**2024 Pastors Report Continued**

process whereby we can visit with other area congregations, who are experiencing some of the same stresses we are, to see if together we might be able to find ways to share staff and other resources, reducing those costs, so that we might steer a greater percentage of our resources to provide programing and outreach. Hopefully, this process can begin soon. Please stay tuned in; because any such process will need a lot of input, guidance, and support from church members.

One item I would like to bring up is an experiment we will be trying this Lenten season. In the past we have had Wednesday evening meals, during Lent, with a worship service to follow. This year we are going to try combining the supper with the worship service. Please bear with us as we try this new approach. The Lenten supper/worship services will be very informal, hopefully family friendly, and all in the Fellowship Hall. As this is new, I'm sure we will have a few kinks to work out, but we will do our best. Please come, experience them, and share your thoughtful critiques. We are trying to better engage our younger members, their families, and their busy schedules.

Thank you all for your gift of yourselves in your various ministries both inside the church and outside—in the greater community and world. In both, Christ is present in you! That's really a huge part of this faith and life in Christ.

Please call if there is ever a time that you or a family member might benefit from a pastoral visit. Thanks much! Take care and God bless.

*Pastor Randy*

**Pastoral Acts Performed in 2024**

**2024 Baptisms (5):**

Amelia Christenson (1/21/2024)  
 Alex Frey (6/23/2024)  
 Ariana Frey (6/23/2024)  
 Anna Hansen (6/23/2024)  
 Alister Francis (8/17/2024)

**Confirmed on April 7, 2024 (3):**

Isaac Hanson  
 Mason Heidecker  
 Macy Tillman

**2024 Funerals/Memorials/Burials (17), and one sister in Christ who preferred having no public service**

Robert Faulkner	died 12/29/2023	funeral on 1/6/2024
Janeal Knox	died 1/11/2024	funeral on 1/18/2024
Vernon Anderson	died 1/15/2024	funeral on 1/27/2024
*Anita Lindberg	died 1/28/2024	requested no funeral, a private family gathering planned later
Irene Melkert	died 3/13/2024	funeral on 3/21/2024
Marilyn Haarstad	died 4/4/2024	funeral on 4/13/2024
Sherry Mulvaney	died 12/26/2023	graveside service on 5/16/2024
Timothy Mulvaney	died 5/4/2024	graveside service on 5/16/2024
Larry Teberg	died 5/12/2024	funeral on 5/18/2024
Jody Wilde	died 6/3/2024	funeral on 6/11/2024
Betty Hanson	died 12/10/2023	graveside service on 6/24/2024
Inez Larson	died 6/23/2024	funeral on 7/3/2024
Roger Jorgenson	died 7/16/2024	funeral on 7/22/2024
Carolyn Stabnow	died 8/5/2024	funeral on 8/9/2024
Gwen Jorgenson	died 10/19/2024	funeral on 10/26/2024
Myrna Anderson	died 10/22/2024	funeral on 10/28/2024
Eleanor Opsahl	died 10/29/2024	funeral on 11/3/2024
Selma Larson	died 11/3/2024	funeral on 11/9/2024

**Transfer Out:**  
 Andrea & Jordan Sanger  
 Eric & Marie, Gavin and Khia Toso

**Transfer In:**  
 Trevor & Stacey, Jocelyn Hone  
 Eric & Hannah, Collin and Declan  
 Anderson

**NLLC FOUNDATION FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT 2024**

**1/1/24 Account Balances**

Farmers State Bank Money Market Checking	6,496.34
FSB CD 9110 3.45% 2030-02-26	59,650.75
FSB CD 9590 3.06% 2025-03-06	56,060.98
FSB CD 10034 3.45% 2025-03-03	55,732.42
MIF Checking	12,094.74
<b>Balance on Hand 1/1/24</b>	<b>190,035.23</b>

**Income**

Memorials & Gifts	6,715.00
Interest	5,720.31
-Endowments (CD's)	5,598.63
-Checking	121.68
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12,435.31</b>

**Expense**

Senior quilts	288.96
Ambient microphone	239.00
3 Hamar-Haas scholarships	1,200.00
YAGM-Elise Whitehead	1,250.00
Special Music	600.00
Sunday School Reimburse (Christmas)	80.17
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,658.13</b>

**12/31/24 Account Balances**

Farmers State Bank Money Market Checking	9,614.23
FSB CD 9110 3.45% 2030-02-26	61,556.13
FSB CD 9590 3.06% 2025-03-06	57,801.04
FSB CD 10034 3.45% 2025-03-03	57,685.61
MIF Checking	12,155.40
<b>Balance on Hand 12/31/2024</b>	<b>198,812.41</b>

FSB ck # 1097 \$14.52 outstanding

**2024 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Stewardship Committee went into 2024 with efforts to continue the momentum of the previous fall. A 2024 commitment letter was mailed out asking for the members to financially commit for 2024. About 20 responses were received.

In the fall of 2024, we shared progress made from the previous year (fall of 2023). Giving had increased and was more stable than previous years. Calling attention to the financial state seemed to be helpful in reminding members of the need, but also the joy of giving. A series of short videos were shared for four weeks before church in October/November.

Going into 2025, a fall campaign letter was sent in November of 2024. To date, approximately 25 pledge cards have been received with \$55,724.00 pledged for the general fund and \$1,196.00 for World Hunger.

The Stewardship committee has discussed offering educational events on retirement planning and succession planning and will continue to explore this as a 2025 project.

Kevin, Bruce, Gayla, and Stephanie

**NLLC Foundation Annual Report 2024**

**Foundation Board:** Nate Ziegler, President; Nick Aaberg, Vice President; Kevin Brenden, Treasurer; Julie Brenden, Secretary; Doris Moen, Public Relations.

**In 2024, the Foundation was able to fulfill requests through the following funds:**

- **Arne Brenden Scholarship Fund**
  - Elise Whitehead: Young Adults in Global Mission
- **Ruth Brenden Sunday School Fund**
  - Smart TV and stand for the Sunday School (approved, purchase pending)
  - Sunday School Christmas program expenses
- **New Generation Ministry Fund**
  - Quilting supplies for eight high school senior quilts
- **Technology Fund**
  - Ambient microphone for sanctuary
- **Worship and Music Fund**
  - Miscellaneous special music for worship services
- **Hamar-Haas Scholarship Fund**
  - 2023 Recipients: Emma Anderson Buckingham, Wylie Brenden, Katie Reber

***2024 Hamar-Haas Scholarship***

Kinsey Heier was awarded the Hamar Haas Scholarship. Following proof of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester enrollment, the scholarship money was dispersed in January 2025.

Please consider the NLLC Foundation for your memorials and donations in 2025.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024**

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024-December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

The New Life Lutheran Sunday School program serves approximately 10-20 children each week during the school year. Classes run from 9:00-9:55 a.m. and follow the Rothsay Public School Calendar from September to May. If there is no school on a Friday or Monday of the school week, there is no Sunday school that week either. At this time classes consist of : Pre-school- 5th grade. When enough teachers are available kids are split into individual classes, otherwise Pre-K, K/1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th/ 5th are grouped together. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders have continued to participate in the Youth Group Sunday School.

Stephanie Olson, Patrice Ziegler, Hillary Langfeld, and Missy Amundson hold the Sunday school teacher responsibilities this year. Amy Meyer continues to coordinate music and plays a significant role in planning for the Christmas program. Nancy Aaberg, Jodi Rorup and Kayla Schaffer have taken on active roles as subs when needed this year and this is greatly appreciated.

Besides Sunday School classes, NLLC Sunday School also hosts Vacation Bible School every June. We served about 50-60 students a day and had several volunteers. This year for Vacation Bible School the older children participated in a service project and made 8 fleece blankets for the CHI Home Health and Hospice agency based in Breckenridge, MN. These blankets specifically are given to the veterans and their families whom they serve. We asked for donations from the congregation for snacks/ food this year again which helped keep costs quite low and this was quite successful. We also have the children sing in church one Sunday a month. The Sunday school children also participated in other events including Palm Sunday and our annual Christmas program.

We have continued to use Sparkhouse Digital online curriculum and occasionally supplement these with the related leaflets which can be purchased, this is primarily determined by teacher preference. This lectionary curriculum follows the church calendar teaching the same scripture as used in the worship services. It also has simple lesson plans, videos, and activities that are quickly prepped and accessible online.

Respectfully,  
Hillary Langfeld, Education Committee Member

<b><u>Sunday School 2024 Financial Report</u></b>				<b>Checking Account Balance on 1/1/2024: \$1,792.75</b>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>(+)</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<b>Checking Account Balance on 12/31/2024: \$2,671.30</b>	
January	\$1,792.75			July	\$2,559.55
		\$49.00		August	\$2,559.55
<i>leaflets</i>			\$251.55	September	\$2,559.55
	<b>\$1,590.20</b>				\$40.75
February	<b>\$1,590.20</b>				<b>\$2,600.30</b>
March	<b>\$1,590.20</b>			October	<b>\$2,600.30</b>
		\$64.00			\$21.00
<i>Palm Sunday</i>			\$26.97		<b>\$2,621.30</b>
	<b>\$1,627.23</b>			November	<b>\$2,621.30</b>
April	<b>\$1,627.23</b>				\$18.00
		\$43.00			<b>\$2,639.30</b>
	<b>\$1,670.23</b>			December	<b>\$2,639.30</b>
May	<b>\$1,670.23</b>				\$32.00
		\$29.27			<b>\$2,671.30</b>
	<b>\$1,699.50</b>			Total Deposits for 2024	\$1,326.88
June	<b>\$1,699.50</b>			Total Disbursements for 2024	\$448.33
		\$1,029.86			
<i>Sam's Club- VBS</i>			\$169.81		
	<b>\$2,559.55</b>				

## COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

(Formerly Evangelism, Family Life, & Social Concerns Committee)

Very Busy Year! Thank you for all the congregational support.

We continue to:

- Support Haiti Children donating \$1000 at Christmas time.
- Delivered B-day bags to food shelves.
- Handed out care bags to cancer center and others as needed.
- Served a Lenten meal
- Helped organize Senior Recognition Sunday.
- Joyce and Mary Jo attended informational gathering on Teach Haiti in Detroit Lakes.
- August assisted in a Tea for Elise Whitehead.
- October held Bingo and Soup to raise funds for Elise, great turnout and raised \$591.
- Nov. Assembled Veterans table display which was awesome.
- Dec. delivered 40 Christmas bags.

Our goal for 2025 is to continue b-day bags, care bags, and Haiti program.

We will be looking to do more projects involving congregation and community.

Thank you to the Committee: Mary Jo Gaugler Whitehead, Linda Haarstad, Peggy Zimmerman, and Joyce Peterson. As well as to our volunteers' group: Faith Waldoch, Tracy Buchholz, and Deb Opsahl.

Submitted by,  
Joyce Peterson, Chair.

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

I would like to Thank all the members of the property committee in 2024. Thank You to Lorin Hansen, Joyce Peterson and others that worked on inside and outside maintenance.

Notable repairs this year:

- Reset overheat contact on dishwasher that was not heating the water.
- Added fresh mulch to cover thin spots in flower beds.
- All the paper towel dispensers were replaced for free by our towel supplier.
- Leaking water heater replaced in Sacristy with a tankless on demand heater.
- Most of the lights fixtures have been updated to LED. With the Power Company rebate this project will be paid for with electrical savings in less than two years.
- Repainted lines and Handicapped spaces on the concrete area of parking lot.

Future project discussed for next year:

- Crack filling, Sealing and painting on asphalt parking lot.
- repair or replacement Sign Foundation.

Submitted, Marlowe Rasmusson

## YOUTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024

We have made it another year, thanks be to God!

2024 was a fun year for the youth of New Life, we made some changes to the programming, got out of our comfort zones, and created memories to last. A few highlights from the year include:

Service- Meatball supper, Lenten meals, packing care bags for unhoused people, feed my starving children mobile pack event, turkey trot, and others.

Discipleship- Volunteering with vacation bible school, providing special music and skits, reading in worship, and attending Luther Crest Bible Camp

Fun- Bowling, movie nights, bon fires, confirmation, minute to win it games, nerf gun wars, and more.

Thank you so much for your support of our youth over this past year, your financial contributions to fundraisers, your support in service events, and all of the prayers to help guide us through. I look forward to all of the blessings 2025 has in store.

Yours in Christ,

Jessica Nelson

### 2024 NEW LIFE YOUTH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**\$8647.21**

**Balance on 1/2/24**

**Income**

\$2,000.00	Camp Luther Crest Allocated Funds
\$1,673.29	Camp Fundraising
\$ 706.00	Easter Breakfast
\$ 343.00	Harvest Festival Lunch
\$ 201.00	Ice Cream Social
\$1,140.00	Pie Auction
\$ 173.00	Lenten Meal
\$ 335.86	Youth Group
\$6,572.15	Total Income for 2024

**Expense**

\$ 311.89	Camp Fundraiser Supplies
\$ 77.99	Lenten Meal
\$2,175.00	Luther Crest Camp Fees
\$ 493.93	Sunday Funday Rentals
\$ 20.97	WOW
\$ 892.86	Youth Group Expenses
\$3,972.64	Total Expense for 2024

**\$11,246.72**

**Balance on 12/31/24**

**Camp Luther Crest Allocated Funds**

2023 Balance forward - \$3,000.00  
 2024 Disbursements - \$750 - \$250 to each; Macy Tillman, Mason Heidecker, Collin Jacobson  
 2024 Donation - \$2,000.00  
 2024 Ending Balance \$4,250.00

Submitted by Jessica Nelson, Youth Director