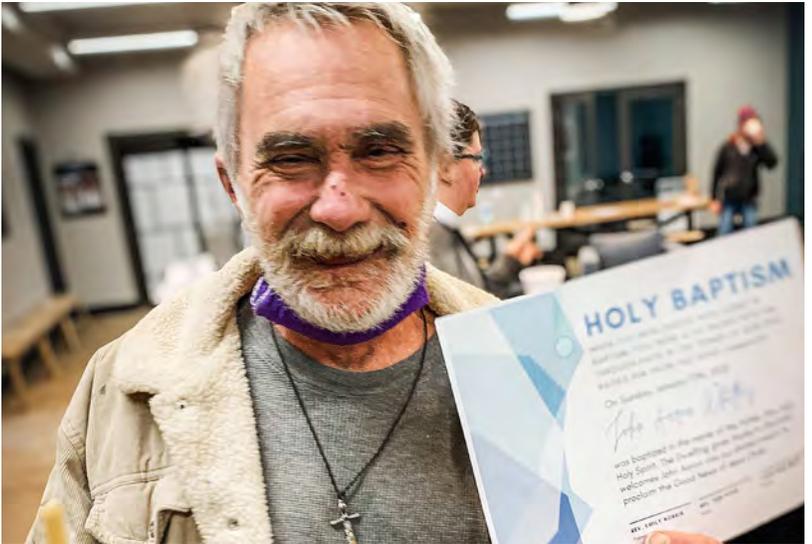


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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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A MESSAGE FROM ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP

*Elizabeth
Eaton*

Dear friends in Christ,

The last year has been one of adapting and learning. In many places we have seen vibrant and vital ministry spring forth from changes made due to the pandemic. Digital worship opportunities have introduced to our congregations people who may never have walked into one of our buildings. Many congregations have found new ways to invite people to share their generosity through online giving. And many ministries have found just how vital they are as they continue to serve alongside people in their communities.

The first chapter of James, verse 17, reminds us that “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” Yes, this has been a season of change, but Scripture also reminds us that we serve a generous, steadfast God.

While we stay rooted in God’s enduring, unchanging promise, God also gives us the gifts of creativity and learning. Across all three expressions of the church we have used those gifts to serve God, love our neighbor and share the good news of Jesus Christ. In this time of change, we have opened our arms wider to meet people where they are, living into the reality that we are not defined or confined by the four walls of our buildings.

Through all this, I am so grateful for your generous sharing of creativity, time, talents and resources. All good gifts do come from God, and we are called to share and use those gifts. We have and will continue to answer that call. There is still much change and learning to come, but God’s steadfast love energizes us for the work God is still doing in the world through this church.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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First Lutheran Church 2021 Council and Board Members

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Jake Cypher (2020)	446-3951	941-3863	jcypherconstruction@gmail.com
<u>Vice President</u>			
Tim Jensen (2020)		881-3624	truckertrj@gmail.com
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<u>Secretary</u>			
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Mark Johnson (2020)	543-5248	815-978-2780	mjohn2222@alliancecom.net
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Endowment Fund Committee:

Tyler Hansen (2020)

Laura Jensen (2018) (Sec)

Rick Lehman (2018) (Pres/Treas)

Mark Hotchkin (2019)

Jamie Willard (2019)

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359-5670

413-8704

270-1475

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SD Synod Assembly (SF): (June 5 and 6): Tim and Laura Jensen

Bethel Home Board of Directors: Jim Willard

Bethel Home Annual Meeting: Jan Willard and Phil Hoffman

First Lutheran Church 2021 Annual Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. January 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes
- V. Financial Secretary Report
- VI. Treasurer Report
- VII. President Report
- VIII. Pastor Report
- IX. Boards
 - a. Board of Education
 - b. Board of Trustees
 - c. Board of Deacons
- X. Committees
 - a. Endowment Committee
 - b. Finance Committee
 - c. Cemetery Committee
 - d. Technology Committee
- XI. Organizations
 - a. Women's Financial Report
- XII. Old Business
 - a. _____
- XIII. New Business
 - a. Presentation of Proposed 2022 Budget
 - b. Election of New Officers and Board Members
 - c. Vote to extend call to Pastor Herb Wounded Head III
- XIV. Annual Report from Supporting Ministries
- XV. Motion to Adjourn
- XVI. Closing

First Lutheran Church 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

The First Lutheran 2020 Annual Meeting was held after church service on Sunday, January 31, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Jake Cypher at 11:10am. Pastor Wayne Meidinger stated that the just concluded worship service served as opening prayer. A quorum of 30 was *not present*, but the meeting proceeded for discussion and minor business with 27 members present. President Jake Cypher asked members to look over the agenda and add any items at this time. Seeing no items to be added, there was a motion by Tammy Huntimer to approve the agenda as written, second by Jamie Willard. All voted aye. Motion was approved.

January 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes presented as printed in the 2020 Annual Report. President Cypher asked members to look over the previous minutes for any errors or corrections to be made. He noted that the date should read January, instead of February. Motion made by Phil Hoffman, seconded by Mark Johnson to approve with that correction. All voted aye. Motion was approved.

Financial Secretary's Report was presented by Tammy Huntimer. Tammy would like to thank Fay and Wendy for all of their help with this position. She noted a correction to the Memorial Account at the bottom of the report on page 7. There should be another \$950 added to April, which makes the April total \$1000 and brings the cumulative total to \$17,990. Tammy commented on how many people give in December and how that can make up for what seems like shortfalls throughout the rest of the year. Tammy would like to encourage members to use the direct deposit option for giving, especially since we no longer have a bank branch in town to make deposits.

Question from Lori Dybvig on clarification as to what makes up the Choice Dollars, In-kind donations, and "other income." Choice Dollars come from Thrivent funds that people elect to allocate to our church. In-kind donations are when labor or materials that we would have purchased for a project, upkeep, or improvement are donated and not billed to the church. Examples of "other income" would be: when money was collected for Church on the Street, and eventually was paid out to that cause, or the \$500 gift in Feb. from the endowment fund that entered the general fund briefly before being paid out to a college matching scholarship. "Other income" in this report is when money comes in and is earmarked for other uses but it has to flow through the general fund. It is marked as "other" to keep it separate from general fund expenditures.

Mike Willard would like to remind everyone that the Thrivent Choice dollars has a deadline of March each year, and the month of January is a great time to designate those funds. Wendy Simmermon mentioned the Amazon Smile program, where a portion of your purchases are donated by Amazon to a non-profit of your choice, is another option for giving.

Tammy noted that \$113.17 was donated to the endowment fund. Since it was given by direct deposit, it went into the general fund and will be transferred over to the endowment fund by next month.

Motion to approve the financial secretary's report by Mark Hotchkiss, second by Rick Lehman. All voted aye, Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Wendy Simmermon. Wendy would like to thank FLC members for trusting her with the finances of the congregation. Wendy took time to highlight a few of our past donors whose generous gifts continue to make a big impact on us today: Cora Mae & Sigurd Ohme and Marlys & Elwood Pearson (started the FLC Endowment fund in 1994), the Egan family (donated the Egan Memorial fund), Orlin Berge (designated fund for music-related expenses), Ronald Tokheim (Tokheim Memorial - matching funds for building expenses).

US Bank summary - we have 6 different accounts: Main operating account, Memorial savings, Cemetery savings, LYO checking, St. Ansgar checking, and the Brakke savings which funds senior scholarships each year.

Wendy showed beginning and ending balances for 2020. Beginning balance of the Main operating account was \$8200, and the ending balance was \$15,321 as of Jan. 1. Total expenditures in 2020 were \$145,573. In 2020, we borrowed \$21,000 from the memorial fund. In December we were able to repay the memorial fund loan due to 2 things: PPP loan of \$14,775 through the SBA funds made available with the CARES Act, and \$6225 from general fund.

The church's CPA is working on applying for a partial refund on penalties from the IRS.

\$8517 came out of operating funds and will go back into operating funds this year when reimbursed from Berge Music Fund.

Reviewed Cemetery Accounts balance overview as printed in annual report.

Reviewed Memorial Account as printed in annual report.

Reviewed LYO account balance overview and Brakke Scholarship Account overview.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Mike Willard, second by Rick Lehman. All voted aye, motion was approved.

President Cypher noted that two more members have joined via Zoom, and we are now at 29 members present.

President's Report presented as written in the annual report. President Jake Cypher says he is thankful for members who have continued to reach out and care for their fellow members, and for Wendy and Tammy for keeping the financial part of everything straight. He is hopeful for a positive year coming up, and that we can keep energy moving in a positive direction.

Pastor's Report presented as written in the annual report. Pastor would like to highlight Tim Jensen's contributions to all technological aspects. **Thank you**, Tim! He would also like to thank the Council for organizing outdoor services and keeping everything going this year, Leslie for singing and leading music at outdoor worship, members for reaching out, and people making quilts, as we still had quilts going out to people this year. Pastor notes that we had an incredible year financially and were able to give over \$20,000 away, which is a huge blessing for us.

Boards

Board of Education no members present, report as printed in annual report.

Board of Trustees presented by Rick Huntimer. Rick would like to thank everyone for all the work that gets done. It was a tough year and fundraising was put on hold out of respect for the varying financial difficulties people may have been experiencing due to the pandemic. The trustees were able to get a new furnace put in the parsonage and also took care of the church's bat problem. The bid to have a company take care of the bat removal came in at \$9000, but some of the trustees elected to try to complete the job themselves instead. Big thanks to Matt Jones and Jake Cypher for riding the boom truck all the way up to the top of the steeple to take care of things there. Thank you!

Board of Deacons report as printed in the annual report.

President Jake Cypher would like to thank Lori and Donna for what they do in reaching out to members who can't make it into the church building. Thank you!

Committees

Endowment Committee report presented by Rick Lehman and Mark Johnson. The Endowment Funds are distributed over four categories: community outreach, missions, scholarships/camps, and capital improvements. 2019 and 2020 expenditures are both listed in the annual report, and the committee is working toward moving meetings up a bit earlier each year so funds distribution can be already planned and allocated by annual meeting time. 4.5% gains rounds up to about \$15,000 distributed for this year. President Cypher noted that the Egan fund is a separate endowment that is also distributed by the Endowment Committee. \$8,900 was distributed from the Egan fund this year. The Egan fund had an initial investment of \$50,000 and every year we take the initial investment and factor in the year's inflation factor, and additional gains. Anything in gains, after accounting for inflationary adjustment, can then be distributed. Egan fund does not have the stipulation on giving equally across all four categories. Question was asked about the amount of deposits that have been made to the Endowment Fund, Mark answered that after looking for that, his best estimate is around \$156,000.

Cemetery Committee Cost of gravesites is going up: upkeep fee will raise from \$250 to \$350, cremation fee will go from \$250 up to \$350 as well. The Cemetery Committee held a vote where a majority did approve proposing the following change: cemeteries will now cover 50% of mowing costs. It was brought to council and passed at the December FL Council meeting. That vote can be found in FLC December Council meeting minutes.

Technology Committee presented by Tim Jensen. A proposal was sent in for a grant, and we were awarded \$1100. The committee is trying to get the technology fund bumped up to help upgrade our technology, and is always looking for volunteers. They would like to see involvement in tech, as it could be a great mission for us to get the word out there through sharing our services. We also got a screen for downstairs so we can have the ability to broadcast special events or Sunday service downstairs as well. Brittney really helped update the website, and with the text blast. **Thank you**, Brittney! Tim would also like to thank Lori for her in-sight and input on how we can serve members better in different ways. Tim is appreciative of the current 4 members, and they are hopeful to recruit some more.

Old Business - none

New Business

Proposed 2021 Budget was presented by Wendy Simmermon. Wendy reviewed the FLC 2020 budget, noting the 5 categories. In category 1 - FLC Budget, we ended the year about \$3500 under budget, partly due to things like no kids went to bible camp and worship supplies were down. Category 2 - Missions budget - Question from Mark Dybvig as to where the number comes from in ELCA giving. That number comes from a Finance Committee decision. The Finance Committee would like for it to eventually be a set percentage of revenue. 3 - Church Home came in under expected. Most savings came in by lack of snow removal needed. 4 - Pastoral Ministry a little under due to Pastor switching from Synod insurance to medicare. 5 - SJ/FLC Shared Expenses - \$7379 of shared expenses was contributed by Saint Jacobs. 2020 Total \$162,516 proposed vs \$145,572 actual does not include furnace, because that is in the Capital expenses since it is a more long term purchase/benefit.

2021 proposed budget as printed on page 13 of the annual report. Net budget proposed total is \$140,695.50. Wendy noted there are several ways the church is analyzing efficiencies for the coming year, such as property and workmans comp. insurances. 72 families donated last year. If distributed evenly, it would take just under \$2000 in donations per 72 families per year to make budget. Wendy noted that our reach is much farther than those 72 donating families but asked us to keep it on our hearts. See the need, this entity is worth our support and she hopes you feel the same way.

Motion to accept the 2021 budget as presented was made by Phil Hoffman, with second by Tim Jensen. All voted aye. Motion was approved.

2021 Nominating Ballot

The Council has decided to allow members whose terms would be up, to keep their positions one extra year due to the strange year that 2020 was. Tim Jensen is no longer a trustee, as he is currently VP. Jamie Willard will fill the vacancy in the Endowment Committee. Synod assembly, June 5 & 6, Jake Cypher volunteered to go if it is held, guessing it will be by Zoom if at all this year. Bethel Lutheran home Board of Directors - Jim Willard will continue that role. Bethel Home Board annual meeting delegates - Jan Willard will continue and Phil Hoffman will fill the open delegate position.

Motion to approve Nominating Ballot with changes noted, by Rick Lehman, second by Terry Bunde. All voted aye. Motion was approved.

Finance Board

Report as printed in the annual report.

Trustees

Would like to replace flooring in the basement in the dining room, outside the Sunday school room, and in front of the kitchen. Estimate is in the \$25-30,000 dollar range. That amount needs approval but since we don't have a quorum we are not able to vote on that item today. A plan will be made for a special meeting to be held on a Sunday morning to vote on going forward with the flooring project. Flooring samples will be presented. Question was asked about asbestos tiles - intent (and estimate) are to go over top of current tiles. We already have most of the funds on hand, so wouldn't need to do fundraising, and would also have the same company at the same time redo carpet on only the altar portion of the sanctuary as a safety measure. Current carpet was purchased in 1976.

A motion to adjourn the 2021 Annual Meeting was made by Dave Keith and seconded by Phil Hoffman. All voted aye. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Hilary Cypher, Secretary

First Lutheran Church 2021 Financial Secretary Report

2021 YTD													
Weekly Offering	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Donors	26	58	32	35	25	37	20	32	31	49	31	41	66
Checks-	\$3,180.00	\$2,685.00	\$4,690.00	\$4,365.00	\$3,590.00	\$12,660.00	\$1,555.00	\$8,460.00	\$4,480.00	\$3,065.00	\$10,300.00	\$9,660.00	\$68,690.00
Cash	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$139.00	\$120.00	\$63.00	\$111.00	\$30.00	\$196.00	\$252.00	\$216.00	\$533.30	\$756.04	\$2,586.34
ttl dep	\$3,250.00	\$2,785.00	\$4,829.00	\$4,485.00	\$3,653.00	\$12,771.00	\$1,585.00	\$8,656.00	\$4,732.00	\$3,281.00	\$10,833.30	\$10,416.04	\$71,276.34
Direct Deposit (Vanco)	\$2,701.65	\$4,009.45	\$4,064.90	\$4,069.90	\$4,980.40	\$3,579.65	\$3,293.95	\$3,288.95	\$3,243.95	\$3,283.95	\$3,288.95	\$4,360.60	\$44,166.30
Amazon Smiles	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00		\$6.04		\$0.00	\$9.79	\$0.00	\$20.83
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Thrivent			\$522.00	\$319.00									\$841.00
St. Jacobs - Reimbursement		\$1,171.67			\$1,210.92	\$1,358.29		\$528.56	\$1,063.19		\$2,972.72	\$1,517.98	\$9,823.33
Operating TTL	\$5,951.65	\$7,966.12	\$9,415.90	\$8,873.90	\$9,849.32	\$17,708.94	\$4,878.95	\$12,479.55	\$9,039.14	\$6,564.95	\$17,104.76	\$16,294.62	\$126,127.80
Food Pantry		\$228.00											\$228.00
Church on the Street	0	\$74.00	\$300.00	\$67.19		0		0		0	0		\$441.19
Noisy Offering		\$175.00							0	\$6.18	\$74.78	\$130.27	\$386.23
Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0	0	0		\$314.75	\$263.00	\$335.25	\$305.00	\$260.00	\$1,478.00
Money In/out		\$8,517.00	Berge Music							\$14,500.00	Flooring		\$14,500.00
General Fund TOTAL	\$5,951.65	\$16,960.12	\$9,715.90	\$8,941.09	\$9,849.32	\$17,708.94	\$4,878.95	\$12,794.30	\$9,302.14	\$21,406.38	\$17,484.54	\$16,684.89	\$151,678.22
(budget=11750/mth)	-\$5,798.35	\$2,272.62	-\$2,034.10	-\$2,691.15	-\$2,015.68	\$5,958.94	-\$6,871.05	\$1,044.30	-\$2,512.86	\$9,656.38	\$5,734.54	\$4,934.89	\$7,678.48
0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$10,134.47	-\$12,647.33	-\$2,990.95	\$2,743.59	\$7,678.48	over budget

Memorial Income													
Undesignated		\$650.00	\$10.00	<-upkeep		\$150.00					\$100.00		\$910.00
Alter Guild	\$0.00	\$250.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00						\$250.00
Bible Campers	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00						\$1,750.00
Building Fund			\$10.00										\$10.00
Capital Improvement	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00						\$3,500.00
Cushion	\$570.00			\$0.00			0						\$570.00
Egan Fund	\$0.00	\$2,225.00	\$0.00	0	0	0							\$2,225.00
Endowment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$15.00	\$0.00						\$15.00
Technology Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0	0	\$0.00						\$1,000.00
TTL	\$570.00	\$8,375.00	\$20.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$10,230.00
0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Cemetery Income													
Bethania			\$100.00										\$100.00
Minnehaha	\$1,200.00	\$20.00						\$600.00					\$1,820.00
St. Ansgar								\$250.00					\$250.00
Zion				\$350.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00		\$350.00	\$700.00			\$1,000.00	\$4,200.00
TTL	\$1,200.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	\$350.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,370.00
0	\$0.00												
Brakke Scholarship	\$465.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$462.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$506.64	\$0.00	\$485.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,919.56
	\$0.00												
LYO Checking	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$813.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,813.00

First Lutheran Church 2021 Financial Secretary Report

Memorial Fund

Fund	In Memory Of	Amount	Date Deposited	
Altar Guild	Endowment Committee	\$250.00	2/17/2021	
Bible Campers	Endowment Committee	\$1,750.00	2/17/2021	
Building Fund	Ron Thompson	\$10.00	3/29/2021	
Capital Improvement	Endowment Committee	\$3,500.00	2/17/2021	
Cushion Fund	Ron Thompson	\$50.00	1/12/2021	
Cushion Fund	Ron Thompson	\$520.00	1/25/2021	
Egan Fund	Endowment Committee	\$2,225.00	2/17/2021	
Endowment	Eric Oyen	\$15.00	6/13/2021	
Up keep and repair fund	Ron Thompson	\$10.00	3/29/2021	
Technology	Grant	\$1,000.00	4/12/2021	
Undesignated	Shirley Amundson/Ron Thompson	\$50.00	2/17/2021	
Undesignated	Robert & Janice Walker	\$500.00	2/17/2021	
Undesignated	Ron Thompson	\$100.00	2/22/2021	
Undesignated	Rhoda Dybvig Schaefer	\$150.00	6/7/2021	
Undesignated	Eric Oyen	\$100.00	11/9/2021	
	Total	\$10,230.00		

Cemetery Fund

Cemetery	In Memory Of	Amount	Date Deposited	
Bethania	Cheryl & Bruce Borud	\$50.00	3/9/2021	
Bethania	Cheryl & Bruce Borud	\$50.00	3/29/2021	maintenance
Minnehaha	Dennis Austin	\$900.00	1/25/2021	4 lots
Minnehaha	Eilene Johnston	\$300.00	1/25/2021	gravesite
Minnehaha	Ron Thompson	\$20.00	2/22/2021	
Minnehaha	Sebasta	\$350.00	8/9/2021	
Minnehaha	Dagny Vanvig	\$250.00	8/9/2021	upkeep
St Ansgar	Donna Swier	\$250.00	8/23/2021	donation
Zion	Eric Oyen	\$350.00	4/26/2021	site
Zion	Cindy & Rick Oyen	\$800.00	5/10/2021	2 sites
Zion	Mavis Amundson-IMO all Amundson's	\$1,000.00	6/2/2021	
Zion	Foster	\$350.00	8/16/2021	
Zion	Merle & Avis Amundson	\$700.00	9/20/2021	2 sites
Zion	Tim & Fay	\$1,000.00	12/19/2021	upkeep
	Total	\$6,370.00		

FYI

Basement Flooring	Project paid with Endowment Fund	\$14,500.00	10/10/2021	
Berge Fund	2020 reimbursement for expenses	\$8,517.00	2/25/2021	
Noisy Offering	Endowment Committee	\$175.00	2/17/2021	

**First Lutheran Church
2021 Treasurer Report
Summary – US Bank Accounts**

Account Title	Beginning	Ending
Main Checking #...5936	\$ 15,321	\$ 18,569
Memorial Savings #...3914	\$ 54,368	\$ 45,818
Cemetery Savings #...6239	\$ 37,991	\$ 25,098
LYO Checking #...1554	\$ 11,596	\$ 4,564
St. Ansgar Checking #...8924	\$ 5,046	\$ 4,686
Brakke Savings #...8930	\$ 7,930	\$ 9,072
	\$ 132,252	\$ 107,807

**Main Account – US Bank Checking
January – December 2021 Operating Account**

2020 Beginning Balance	\$ 15,321
Deposits	
Direct Deposits	\$ 44,166
Endowment	\$ 15
General Worship	\$ 71,276
Noisy Mission	\$ 386
Other Mission	\$ 669
St. Jacob's Split	\$ 9,823
Noisy Mission <i>Note 1</i>	\$ 38,815
Total Deposits	\$ 165,151
Expenses	
FLC Budget: treasurer, Sunday school, etc.	\$ 28,526
Missions: ELCA, Deacons, Bethel, Banquet,	\$ 7,476
Our Church Home: Utilities, maintenance	\$ 26,562
Pastoral Ministry: wage and benefits	\$ 29,767
SF/FLC Shared expenses: secretary, office	\$ 40,656
Basement Flooring (net) <i>Note 2</i>	\$ 28,916
Total Expenses	\$ 161,903
2021 Ending Balance	\$ 18,569
<i>Note 1: The other deposits were from the Berge music fund 2020 reimbursement; \$14,500 from Tokheim Endowment; Parsonage Utilities reimbursement; Memorial account reimbursements</i>	
<i>Note 2: 2021 flooring project/capital improvement costs. There was a \$3,000 member donation directly to the company.</i>	
To be reimbursed for 2021 in 2022	
Berge Music Fund reimbursement - music & Organists	\$ 7,267
<i>*For the organists, related music costs, and streaming video/recordings.</i>	
<i>*These funds will go into the general/operating account once received.</i>	

**First Lutheran Church
2021 Treasurer Report**

2021 Cemetery Accounts – US Bank Savings

	Bethania	Minnehaha	St. Ansgar	Zion	TOTALS
US Bank Savings Beginning	\$ 5,197	\$ 19,251	\$ 2,459	\$ 11,084	\$ 37,991
Edward Jones #1 Beginning	\$ 2,415	\$ 160,569	\$ 11,522	\$ 6,318	\$ 180,824
Edward Jones #2 Beginning			\$ 41,636		\$ 41,636
US Bank Checking Beginning			\$ 5,046		\$ 5,046
2021 Beginning Balances	\$ 7,612	\$ 179,820	\$ 60,663	\$ 17,402	\$ 265,497
USB Savings Deposits					
Sales of Grave Sites		\$ 1,800		\$ 3,200	
Perpetual Care / Upkeep	\$ 100			\$ 1,000	
Memorials		\$ 20	\$ 250		
Interest					
USB Savings Expenses					
Mowing (net cost)	\$ (270)	\$ (640)	\$ (513)	\$ 160	
Perpetual Care					
Other Activity					
Transfer to Edward Jones		\$ (9,000)		\$ (9,000)	
Water for St. Ansgar 12 x \$30			\$ (360)		
US Bank Savings Ending	\$ 5,027	\$ 11,431	\$ 2,196	\$ 6,444	\$ 25,098
Edward Jones #1 Ending	\$ 2,676	\$ 199,411	\$ 12,735	\$ 16,887	\$ 231,709
Edward Jones #2 Ending			\$ 44,249		\$ 44,249
US Bank Checking Ending			\$ 4,686		\$ 4,686
2021 Ending Balances	\$ 7,703	\$ 210,842	\$ 63,866	\$ 23,331	\$ 305,742

2021 St. Ansgar Account – US Bank Checking

2021 Beginning Balance	\$ 5,046
Deposits	
	\$ -
Expenses	
2021 Water Bill 12 months at \$30/mo	\$ (360)
2021 Ending Balance	\$ 4,686

First Lutheran Church
2021 Treasurer Report
Memorial Account – US Bank Savings
January – December 2021

	Altar Guild	Building Fund	Bible Camp	Nativity	Office Equipment	Parsonage Upkeep	Seat Cushion	Tech.	Tokheim Fund	Reserve	Totals
2021 Beginning	\$ 2,105	\$ 15,064	\$ 1,085	\$ 3,676	\$ 1,505	\$ 3,962	\$ 2,135	\$ 4,056	\$ 17,002	\$ 3,778	\$ 54,368
Deposits											
FLC Endowment	\$ 250	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,750								
Eagan Memorial Fund		\$ 2,225									
Tokheim Endowment		\$ 14,500									
Member Donation		\$ 3,000					\$ 570			\$ 904	
Technology grant								\$ 1,000			
Tokheim Memorial								\$ 8,501		\$ 8,501	\$ 44,701
Withdrawals											
2021 Flooring Project		\$ (31,916)									
Parsonage Lawn Care						\$ (366)					
Technology updates								\$ (3,967)			
Tokheim Memorial									\$ (17,002)		\$ (53,251)
2021 Ending	\$ 2,355	\$ 6,373	\$ 2,835	\$ 3,676	\$ 1,505	\$ 3,596	\$ 2,705	\$ 9,590	\$ -	\$ 13,183	\$ 45,818

2021 LYO Account – US Bank Checking
Shared with St. Jacobs

2021 Beginning Balance	\$ 11,596
2020-2021 Mission Trip Fund Raising	
Fund Raising	\$ 315
Endowment Support	\$ 1,000
Mission Trip Refund (Covid-related)	\$ (2,095)
2021 Bahama Mission Travel	\$ (2,714)
2021 Bahama Mission Trip Expenses	\$ (3,538)
2021 Ending Balance	\$ 4,564

First Lutheran Church 2021 Treasurer Report

2021 Brakke Scholarship Account – US Bank Savings

US Bank	2021 Beginning Balance	\$ 7,930
Deposits		\$ 1,920
Withdrawals		
<i>B. Lokkeberg \$500 NSU Scholarship</i>		\$ (500)
<i>V. Mitchell \$500 SDSMT Scholarship</i>		\$ (500)
<i>Bank fee \$5</i>		\$ (5)
<i>Transfer to Edward Jones</i>		\$ (7,000)
	2021 Ending Balance	\$ 1,845
Edward Jones	2021 Beginning Balance	\$ -
Deposits		\$ 7,000
Withdrawals		
Market Value Adjustment		\$ 227
	2021 Ending Balance	\$ 7,227
	2021 Ending Balance	\$ 9,072

2021 End of the Year Summary – Edward Jones

Account Title	Beginning	Ending
Endowment	\$ 332,610	\$ 360,243
Tokheim Improvement <i>Note 1</i>	\$ 294,851	\$ 323,947
Berge Music <i>Note 2</i>	\$ 182,263	\$ 189,502
Egan Family <i>Note 3</i>	\$ 63,442	\$ 63,626
Bethania Cemetery	\$ 2,415	\$ 2,676
Minnehaha Cemetery	\$ 160,569	\$ 199,411
St. Ansgar Cemetery #1	\$ 11,522	\$ 12,735
St. Ansgar Cemetery #2	\$ 41,636	\$ 44,249
Zion Cemetery	\$ 6,318	\$ 16,887
	\$ 1,089,308	\$ 1,213,276

Note 1: This endowment fund provides matching building funds

Note 2: This endowment fund provides funds for music expenses

Note 3: This endowment fund provides funds for FLC, with stipulations

First Lutheran Church 2021 President Report

As I reflect on 2021 a lot of things come to mind. First and foremost is gratitude for everyone in the church that contributes with their time and talents. It takes a village, from the Altar Guild, to all of the people who give their time to be on the Boards and Council, to those who serve on committees, those who visit shut ins, those who reach out to fellow members they haven't seen in a while, the Church Secretary, and many others who I am not listing here but still am beyond grateful for their contributions.

It has also been a year of big changes. Pastor Wayne retired in July, so we are in the middle of the call process to find our next Pastor. This is exciting and nerve-racking all at the same time. We have been blessed to have Pastor Susan Nachtigal serve as our interim Pastor. She is visiting shut ins, teaching Confirmation, leading services, and helping where needed.

It has been nice to get back to some sense of Normal? Worshiping together, taking communion together, we have had a couple potlucks, and we even had a group go on a Mission Trip to the Bahamas.

As I look forward at First Lutheran, it is important to remember that the congregation is the church. Without the congregation there is no church. It takes all of us doing some part to keep the Church strong. I continue to encourage us to be out in the community sharing our faith, helping our fellow people, and pitching in at church as you see fit.

*Have a safe, healthy, and blessed 2022.
Jake Cypher*

First Lutheran Church 2021 Pastor Report

Pastor Wayne Meidinger retired on July 1, 2021. Because of his accrued vacation days his last day of ministry in the congregation was Sunday, June 13, 2021. Fill in pastors included John Hollenbeck Ask, Nancy Sershen and Susan Nachtigal. We secured Susan Nachtigal as an interim pastor on September 1, 2021. In addition to leading worship and preaching she has made shut-in and hospital visits additionally, she has been teaching confirmation weekly.

2021 Pastoral Acts

BAPTISMS (6)

Ruth Lynn Busser – 3/6/21
Garrett Dean Gaspar – 4/4/21
Vivienne Lynn Gaspar – 4/4/21
Ava Orlean Warren – 5/22/21
Jacob Duane Varns – 5/22/21
Harlan Alan Amundson – 10/24/21

FIRST COMMUNION (17) 04/01/21

Sawyer Marie Foster
Brooke Jordan Johnson
Tucker Lee Oberg
Erika Ann Caspers
Lucas Lyle Ellison
Brinley Adelyn Hansen
Marcus Dean Johnson
Marea Lynn Johnson
Kobe Russell Krome
Zoey Elizabeth Lamer
Tobin Randy Lamer
Ryan William Lehman
Oakley James McMillen
Kiera Nevaeh Mitchell
Madison Kay Pitts
Andrew Daniel Schoeberl
Cruz Michael Willard

THIRD GRADE BIBLES (7)

Blaine Alan Amundson
Isaac Cooper Cypher
Irelyn Rae McMillen
Ally JoAnn Ellison
Jesse Wayne Swartwout
Daniela Lucille Medina
Kennedy Lynn Johnson

CONFIRMATION (4) (06/06/21)

Matthew Allen Cypher
Marcus Dean Johnson
Peyten Genevieve Krull
Layke Douglas Wold

WEDDING (1)

Jordan and Kylee (Schrack) Eich – 8/7/21

TRANSFERRED IN (8)

Scott, Riley, Axton and Harlan Amundson
Tyler, Heather, Gavin and Thea Crosby

FUNERALS (2)

James I. Mitchell – 10/20/21
Eric Richard Oyen – 4/14/21

First Lutheran Church

2021 Board of Education Report

Sunday School Teachers: Missy Overgard, Karen & Eric Varns, Mike Willard, Laura Jensen

First Lutheran Board of Education Mission: Our mission is to bring Christ into the lives of our children. We strive to create a community where the children in our church can learn and grow in their faith.

First Lutheran Board of Education meets monthly to discuss upcoming events and continual planning for Sunday School.

2021, although still a year of COVID, felt more normal for us. We started 2021 with once a month group Sunday School. We were happy to have some of the kids back in church and work together on learning about stories in the bible. We were also happy to be able to recognize the seniors with quilts and scholarships on May 2nd, 2021. Once again we'd like to thank the Deacons for reviewing and awarding the scholarship. Our community and fellow churches were once again able to come together in a big way and host a wonderful outdoor VBS, July 18th-22nd, the theme was "Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God". We had a great turn out of our local youth.

We were able to get back together this fall with our Sunday School kids on a weekly basis. We are extremely thankful for the additional help from the above listed teachers. Mike Willard has taken on our 5-7th grade. Missy, Karen, and Eric have continued to assist the Board week after week with providing help to our 4yr – 4th grade group. Laura continues to be our cornerstone of music for our group. We have a signup sheet for all parents to assist in teaching, craft, and snack. This has worked very well for the Board and teachers and continues to keep our parents active in Sunday School. We were also able to have a Christmas program this year. We would like to thank Laura Jensen for taking on singing and guiding the program and thank you to Yvonne Hoffman for playing piano!

We are looking forward to meeting back up with our Sunday School group January 9th and presenting 1st grade milestones January 23rd.

We welcome all members of the congregation to become involved with Sunday School. If you would like to volunteer or offer anything to the continued faith education of our youth, please reach out to any of the Board Members. We look forward to continuing our service to our youth in 2022!

Board of Education: Kaye Hansen, Angie Keith, Renae Jensen, Bridget Amundson and Kaylee Amundson

First Lutheran Church 2021 Board of Trustees Report

In 2021 new flooring was installed in the dining room, coffee area, and basement classrooms. The carpet was replaced around the altar in the sanctuary.

A new projector was installed in the basement. Wiring upgrades were done for the sound system. General church maintenance continued as usual.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the congregation for their support. Please contact us if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

*Submitted by the Board of Trustees,
Tim Ramstad, Rick Huntimer, Matt Jones, Dave Keith, and Mike Will*

First Lutheran Church 2021 Board of Deacons Report

Events in 2021 include:

- Valentine's Day gifts to shut-ins and Candy during service.
- We assisted the Board of Ed with choosing the scholarship winners.
- Provided cards and gifts to the graduates.
- Mother's Day seeds packets passed out after service.
- Father's Day trail mix passed out after service.
- Planned and served pulled pork meal to the congregation to celebrate worshipping back together without masks and to welcome Pastor Susan.
- Organized and served the Banquet.
- Gift cards sent to graduates for Christmas.
- Planned and organized the gifts to the Retirement Living Center.
- Poinsettias to the shut-ins.

Deacon Responsibilities:

- Serve communion during service
- Creating the schedule for the worship helpers for reading, ushers, and communion setup.
- Find volunteers to bring snack to the Retirement Living Center each month (last Thursday of the month).
- Assist with coffee and treats before services (before COVID).

Board of Deacons: Jamie Peterson, Jeanelle Stene, Cindy Oyen and Jenny Tiehen

First Lutheran Church

2021 Endowment Committee Report

The purpose of the Endowment Committee is to enhance the mission outreach of First Lutheran Church apart from the general funds and regular operations of the congregation. Since the fund's inception in 1994 and with a restricted fund of \$156,015, the Endowment Committee has distributed \$198,160 thru 2021 to various church missions and ministries.

The Endowment Committee met on Thursday December 28th, 2021 to decide how to distribute the 2021 earnings. This year we did very well again with the earnings of just over 10% on our investments. With the recommendation of our investor at Edward Jones we chose to give out 4% giving us \$14,000 from our Endowment Funds.

We are also blessed to have a second fund to distribute funds from. The Egan Endowment Memorial Fund which also yielded an additional \$7600 for us to distribute for a total of \$21,600.

Distributions are made to categories designed by the Endowment Fund's Bylaws.

December 31, 2020 Value: \$350,181.41

Restricted Fund: \$156,015

2021 Fund Distributions:

Community Outreach

Chester Fire Dept.	\$500.00
Lyons Fire Dept.	\$250.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$500.00
Colton Fire Dept.	\$500.00
Lions Club	\$500.00
Feeding South Dakota	\$1000.00
Banquet	\$1000.00
Bethel Foundation	\$2000.00
Ministerial Fund	\$850.00
Colton Assisted Living	\$1000.00
Taopi Hall	\$500.00
Methodist Church Food Bank	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$9100.00

Scholarships and Camps

First Lutheran Youth Mission Trip	\$1500.00
Bible Campers	\$1500.00
Intern	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Total	\$4000.00

Mission Outreach

Church on the Street	\$1000.00
St. Dismas Prison	\$500.00
Lutheran Social Services Adoption Services	\$500.00
Lutheran Outdoors	\$1000.00
Shetek	\$500.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$500.00
St. Jude	\$500.00
Noisy Offering	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$5000.00

Capital Improvements

Cross on Steeple	\$500.00
First Lutheran Building Fund	<u>\$3000.00</u>
Total	\$3500.00

Endowment Committee:

Rick Lehman (President/Treasurer), Laura Jensen (Secretary), Tyler Hanson, Jamie Willard and Mark Hotchkin

First Lutheran Church 2021 Finance Committee Report

Thanks to the generous gifts of money, time, and knowledge you have given this year and the fiscally sound management of the council, we are pleased to report that First Lutheran Church is in a good financial position.

We ended 2021 under budget due to lower ministerial costs and sound management. This is the first year, in many, we have not had a deficit through the summer. Those cost savings are in part due to the new 50/50 cemetery mowing cost split, \$14,857 lower ministerial costs, and \$4,575.83 lower costs on repair and upkeep for facilities.

As church attendance returns to normal, the number of parishioners giving has increased as well as the overall amount of giving has increased. The number of automatic donors has increased. Creating a stable year-round fiscal foundation.

Moving into 2022, our operating budget is now categorized in four areas, based on board responsibilities. The 2022 budget reflects these categories and changes.

- Board of Deacons manages the mission work and worship materials for church services.
- Board of Education manages the bible camp scholarships, college scholarships, Sunday School curriculum, and confirmation.
- Board of Finance manages the administrative, ministerial, and payroll for the church.
- Board of Trustees manages the physical properties, including the church and parsonage.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of a small rural church, we look forward to the future with optimism. However, we cannot do this without you! This building is nothing without the love, trust, and commitment of the members doing God's work. Once a new minister is called to serve the Colton Lutheran Parish, our financial needs will increase. We invite you to contribute to FLC as we do God's work in our communities. Here are three ways you might consider making a difference:

1. Consider increasing your 2022 contribution. By giving an additional \$300-\$500 each year, we can send another child to summer bible camp. By giving \$1,000 you can support the entire 2022-2023 Sunday School program. The options are only limited to imaginations, support, and good works of the church.
2. Remember to add First Lutheran Church in your final wishes and bequests. The legacy of past members has provided financial strength to buildings, the organ, music, and many other areas.
3. Avoid taxes on required mandatory retirement distributions by sending them directly to the church. This is a seamless way to avoid taxation on those dollars.

The 2021 members of the Finance Board are Jim Willard, Phil Hoffman, Mark Johnson, Wendy Simmermon and Tammy Huntimer.

First Lutheran Church 2021 Finance Committee Report

Let's Honor the Lord with Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. And whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6

Donations and bequeaths can be designated to one of the following special funds. These funds are set aside for specific long-term purposes and carefully managed based upon the donors' intentions. You can add to these existing funds, or you may establish a new fund, with the Finance Board and Endowment Committee consent and coordination.

- **F.L. Endowment Fund:** A fund for non-budgeted benevolences in four categories: Capital Improvement, Scholarships/Camps, Community Outreach, Missions of the ELCA. These funds are distributed annually as specified by the bylaws.
- **Egan Family Trust Fund:** An additional endowment fund, similar to the FL endowment fund.
- **Tokhiem Church Improvement Fund:** A matching fund for capital improvements.
- **Berge Organ Fund:** Supports the music ministry of the church.
- **Cemetery Funds:** Each of our four cemeteries, Bethania, Minnehaha, St Ansgar and Zion, has a fund for maintenance and upkeep.
- **Brakke Scholarship:** Provides scholarships for HS seniors going on to higher education.
- **Lee Seminary Scholarship:** Fund for seminary students.
- **Memorial Accounts:** Earmarked for specific projects or undesignated uses.
 - **Altar Guild**
 - **Confirmation Camp**
 - **Building Fund**
 - **Nativity and/or Cross on Steeple**
 - **Office Equipment**
 - **Parsonage Upkeep**
 - **Seat Cushion Fund**
 - **Technology Fund**
 - **Tokheim Fund**
 - **Reserve / Undesignated** a.k.a. FLC's Rainy Day Fund

"The Lord does not need your tithing, as far as He is concerned, but you need it for your growth, spiritually, and temporally, that the windows of heaven may be opened, and the Spirit of the living God given to you." ~ Herbert J. Grant

**First Lutheran Church
2021 Women's Financial Report**

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,496.71
Deposits:	
4/22 Funeral donation (Oyen Family)	\$ 100.00
Total Income	\$ 6,596.71
Expenses:	
9/23 Jamie Peterson (food/meal for Rally Sunday)	\$ 318.80
Total Expenses	\$ 318.80
Ending Balance	\$ 6,277.37

Submitted by Bonnie Gelderman

First Lutheran Church 2022 Proposed Budget

	2021		2022		
	Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Shared Expenses	
Board of Deacons					
Outreach-Bethel Foundation	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Outreach-Other Missions: Laundry of Love, Boy Scouts, WELCA quilting, Banquet	1,350.00	1,400.00	1,250.00		
Outreach-Shetek Lutheran Outdoors	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Worship-Supplies-FLC	1,000.00	-	1,000.00		
Worship-Supplies-FLC/SJ	1,200.00	1,044.00	1,200.00	300.00	FLC/SJ split
Board of Deacons Total	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 3,444.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 300.00	
Board of Education					
Bible Camp	1,500.00	-	1,500.00		
Brakke Scholarship	-	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	Brakke Fund
Confirmation FLC/SJ	150.00	-	150.00	37.50	FLC/SJ split
Sunday School	1,000.00	710.00	1,000.00		
Board of Education Total	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 1,537.50	
Board of Finance					
Admin-Financial charges: CPA, bank, Vanco	1,360.00	470.00	500.00		
Admin-FLC Board mtg	300.00	41.00	100.00		
Admin-Office Supplies/Postage - FLC/SJ	2,800.00	3,075.00	3,100.00	775.00	FLC/SJ split
Admin-SD Synod/ELCA Pledge	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00		
Admin-SD Synod Mtg-FLC prtn	200.00	-	200.00		
Admin-Choir/Music/Organ/Piano	2,700.00	2,992.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	Berge Fund
Admin-Organists Pay	3,750.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00	Berge Fund
Admin-Technology	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	Memorial Funds
Ministerial-Mileage FLC/SJ	3,000.00	2,800.00	3,000.00	750.00	FLC/SJ split
Ministerial-Pastor Base Pay	48,362.00	32,581.00	60,000.00		
Ministerial-Pastor Benefits	13,160.00	13,986.00	15,000.00		
Ministerial-Pastor Continuing Education-FLC/SJ	600.00	-	600.00	150.00	FLC/SJ split
Ministerial-Pastor Meeting Expenses-FLC/SJ	400.00	150.00	400.00	100.00	FLC/SJ split
Ministerial-Pastor Professional Expenses	200.00	-	-	-	
Ministerial-Pulpit Supply FLC/SJ	1,000.00	16,900.00	1,000.00	250.00	FLC/SJ split
Payroll-Financial Secretary Wages	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Payroll-Office Secretary Wages FLC/SJ	10,500.00	7,700.00	12,500.00	3,000.00	FLC/SJ split
Payroll-SSI Taxes-FLC	1,500.00	2,372.00	2,400.00		
Payroll-SSI Taxes-FLC/SJ	900.00	1,675.00	2,000.00	500.00	FLC/SJ split
Payroll-Treasurer Wages	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00		
Payroll-Workman Comp	2,000.00	1,290.00	1,300.00	325.00	FLC/SJ split
Board of Finance Total	\$ 104,832.00	\$ 102,332.00	\$ 121,400.00	\$ 16,050.00	

**First Lutheran Church
2022 Proposed Budget**

Board of Trustees					
Cemetery Mowing	3,546.00	3,546.00	3,546.00		
FLC Repair & Upkeep	4,000.00	1,360.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	Memorial Funds
FLC Church Grounds	4,000.00	3,770.00	4,000.00		
FLC Custodian Wages	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00		
FLC Internet & Phone	1,800.00	1,940.00	2,000.00	500.00	FLC/SJ split
FLC Janitor Supplies	300.00	43.00	200.00		
FLC Office Copier lease	3,300.00	2,880.00	3,000.00	750.00	FLC/SJ split
FLC Office Equipment	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	Memorial Funds
FLC Property Insurance	7,300.00	6,700.00	7,000.00		
FLC Utilities-Gas	4,000.00	5,322.00	5,000.00		
FLC Utilities-Electricity	3,500.00	2,820.00	3,000.00		
FLC Utilities-Water/Garbage	1,500.00	1,360.00	1,300.00		
Parsonage Repair & Upkeep	1,500.00	367.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	Memorial Funds
Parsonage Utilities-Electricity	1,800.00	1,200.00	1,600.00		
Parsonage Utilities-Phone	440.00	246.00	-		
Parsonage Utilities-Water	1,000.00	700.00	1,000.00		
Parsonage Utilities-Gas	800.00	550.00	800.00		
Board of Trustees Total	\$ 47,086.00	\$ 40,604.00	\$ 43,746.00	\$ 4,750.00	
TOTALS	\$ 159,118.00	\$ 148,090.00	\$ 173,746.00	\$ 22,637.50	
Net 2022 FLC Budget			\$ 151,108.50		

First Lutheran Church
Council, Board, and Committee Members
2022 Nominating Ballot
(Vote for those who are in bold)

<u>President:</u>	Rick Huntimer	(2022)
<u>Vice President:</u>	_____	(2022)
<u>Secretary:</u>	Missy Overgard	(2022)
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Wendy Simmermon	(2019)
<u>Financial Secretary:</u>	Tammy Huntimer	(2020)
<u>Deacons:</u>	Jenny Tiehen	(2020)
	Cindy Oyen	(2020)
	Jamie Peterson	(2017)
	Jeanelle Stene	(2015)
	_____	(2022)
	_____	(2022)
<u>Education:</u>	Bridget Amundson	(2017)
	Angie Keith	(2017)
	Kaye Hansen	(2015)
	Renaе Jensen	(2018)
	Kaylee Amundson	(2019)
	_____	(2022)
<u>Trustees:</u>	Mike Will	(2020)
	David Keith	(2020)
	Tim Ramstad	(2017)
	Matt Jones	(2018)
	Scott Amundson	(2022)
<u>Finance:</u>	Mark Johnson	(2020)
	Jim Willard	(2017)
	Riley Amundson	(2022)
<u>Endowment</u>	Tyler Hansen	(2020)
<u>Committee:</u>	Jamie Willard	(2021)
	Laura Willard	(2018)
	Rick Lehman	(2018)
	Mark Hotchkin	(2019)

SD Synod Assembly *(June 3 and 4, 2022 - 2 delegates - Sioux Falls, SD):* _____

Bethel Lutheran Home Board of Directors *(Last Monday of the month):* _____

Bethel Home Board Annual Meeting *(2 delegates):* _____



South Dakota Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

"In the beginning was THE WORD, and THE WORD was with God, and THE WORD was God. ... THE WORD became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

Dear partners in ministry of the South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! – **Thank you** for your generosity to the ministry of the South Dakota Synod as we *journey together in Christ*. Because of your generosity and our ministry partners, hope and new life in Christ is cultivated in people and communities.



You have made a difference in Susanne's¹ life. Susanne faces daily challenges as she roams the streets of Sioux Falls as a person who is housing insecure. But because she connected with "Church on the Street" she now has a monthly worship to look forward to and a community to connect with as she hears the good news of Christ's love for her. On behalf of Susanne, **THANK YOU!**

You have made a difference in Dillon's life. Dillon grew up on the farm and a caring church family. After his high school graduation, he set out to attend college. While the first few days were new and exciting, the excitement soon wore off, and Dillon fell in a hole of anxiety and depression, wondering if he would make it. Then he remembered the speaker from Lutheran Campus Ministry that had visited his home church one Sunday and decided to look them up on campus. Dillon still goes to college, and while life at times can still be overwhelming, he now has a community which supports him and cares for him when he is away from home. On behalf of Dillon, **THANK YOU!**

You have made a difference in Pedro's life. Pedro lives in Nicaragua with his family. His family doesn't have much, but they survived by farming a small plot and sharing a small space they call home. All that changed when first a drought and then hurricanes devastated the little the family had. His parents would prepare the little food the family had for their children, but the family would go to bed hungry each night. But because of the Lutheran Church in Nicaragua's partnership with the South Dakota Synod and 'Helping Kids' Round First', Pedro and his family received meal kits that provided much-needed nourishment for the family. On behalf of Pedro, **THANK YOU!**

You have made a difference in Tony's life. Tony admits that he has made some bad choices and deserves to be incarcerated. But because of St Dysmas' weekly worship services at the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, Tony has found new life in Christ. He hears weekly that his choices are not what defines him, but instead Christ's mercy is for him. On behalf of Tony, **THANK YOU!**

You have made a difference in the life of the synod staff. As we travel the state and work with you, we see the impact your generosity makes in people's lives. Every time THE WORD of THRUTH is proclaimed in the pulpit, washed over a person in the waters of baptism, and celebrated at the Lord's Table we give thanks for your faithfulness. Our gathering makes a difference, because when we gather God shows up. Your witness, you showing up, and your generosity make a difference in your neighbor's life as the community of Christ bears witness to the defeat of sin and death. On behalf of your synod staff, **THANK YOU!**

It is my sincere hope that your synod staff has made a difference in the life of your congregation as we strive to live our shared vision of journeying together in Christ. Please know that your synod staff is always happy to be in conversation with you. We are committed to show up – just let us know where, when, and why.

Looking forward to the continued journey,

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier

¹ Names and stories are fictitious and altered to protect the individuals.

**Adopted 2022 Mission Plan
02/01/2022 - 01/31/2023**

	Adopted 2022
INCOME	
MISSION SUPPORT FROM CONGREGATIONS	1,852,981
Program Ministry Income	
Pine Ridge Ministry Income	45,000
Other Income Streams	
SD Synod Mission Support	28,866
DEM Support Staff	10,000
Interest Income	10,000
SDS Transportation LLC Income	5,000
Misc Income	1,000
TOTAL INCOME	1,952,847
EXPENSES	
	Adopted 2022
CHURCHWIDE MISSION	
Mission Support to ELCA	833,842
% of Mission Support	45.0%
Region III	7,260
SHARED MINISTRIES	
South Dakota Sustained Ministries	
Campus Ministry	130,412
Campus Ministry Capital	1,030
Lutheran Planned Giving	58,300
Heartland Ephphatha	6,398
Youth Ministry	3,605
South Dakota Supported Ministries	
SD Ministries Support	12,990
Luther Seminary	73,957
Lutheran Social Services	73,957
Lutherans Outdoors	36,884
Church Colleges	6,398
Chapel in the Hills	1
Good Samaritan Society	1
Total Shared Ministries	403,933

**Adopted 2022 Mission Plan
02/01/2022 - 01/31/2023**

SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD MINISTRIES	
Staff Leadership	
Bishop	96,123
Associate Director of Evangelical Mission	6,186
Associate Mobility/Candidacy	78,925
Bishop/Associate Benefits	84,838
SDS Travel	21,000
Bishop/Assistants Travel & Cont Ed	16,300
Program Ministries	
Native American Ministry	95,730
Synod Youth Gathering Coordinator	6,959
Companion Synod Coordinator	12,397
Support Staff and Office	
Support Staff Salaries/Benefits	159,736
Resource Center Supplies	300
Synod Office Expenses	66,885
Augustana University	20,887
Synod Leadership	
Synod Council	3,000
Support to Ministries Committee	2,100
Candidacy Committee	2,250
Electronic Communications	4,500
Multicultural Ministry Committee	1,550
Companion Synods Ministry Committee	200
Evangelical Outreach Committee	1,500
Mission Strategy Table	2,000
Outreach Ministries	
Multicultural Center/Woyatan	19,000
Mission Congregation Start-up	4,000
Contingency	
	1,446
Subtotal SD Synod Ministries	707,812
Total Expense	1,952,847
Net Total	0



Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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Slayton, MN 56172

(507)-763-3567

camp@shetek.org

www.shetek.org

Executive Director – Marv Nysetvold

Greetings from your camp – Shetek Lutheran Ministries!

Shetek continues to adapt and seek new ways to carry out our mission. We thought camp last year might be a one-time thing and we'd be back to normal in 2021. That didn't happen. However, since we had camp last year, we were well prepared to offer our full season, with limited numbers, in 2021. We continue to rely on God's strength and refuge during these challenging and uncertain times.

Our summer ministry team of 18 young adults served 618 campers this summer at Shetek. Elementary, middle school, senior high, family camp, grandparent/grandchild camp and even SOS camp (for folks with disabilities) all came this summer! This number is about 75% of the campers we served in 2019. Safety was again a top priority and again, as in 2020, we had no cases of COVID. Campers were again very thankful to have an opportunity to come to camp even though it was different from previous years.

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign was on hold for most of the year again in 2021. We continue to visit with prospective major donors, those who give or pledge \$5,000 or more for the campaign. Our total so far in cash and pledges is over \$1,370,000 towards our goal of \$1,500,000 with a challenge goal of \$2,000,000. We will be contacting our member congregations in 2022 to engage them in the campaign and, with their support, we hope to reach our challenge goal of \$2,000,000. We had a groundbreaking ceremony on May 23 and construction began on the new Adult/Youth Lodge on June 2. Along with our new water treatment system, it will be ready for use in 2022!!

Shetek will receive a couple estate gifts in 2021, which we are very thankful for. If you're interested in finding out more about how to support Shetek in this way, please let us know. We have access to a gift planner at no cost to our donors.

Some improvements in 2021 – a new walk-in refrigerator/freezer was installed in May, doubling our freezer capacity. The wall behind the stained glass window in the front of the chapel was opened up to allow for natural light to shine through the window. A new entrance sign was installed last spring. The Dining Hall and Chapel were re-painted, except for the east side of the chapel, which will be done in 2022. Wonderful volunteers painted Washishi and Cabin #6, along with providing and planting almost 100 dogwoods along the south of the property as a hedge. Several trees were removed and many other improvements also happened.

I am again thankful for our year round staff who continue to persevere in spite of the challenges we continue to face. They have been positive and support each other through everything.

I'm again thankful for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan we received in February as a second round of PPP loans/grants. Those have been incredibly helpful in supporting our staff by paying salaries, wages and benefits. 2021 looks better than 2020, but compared to 2019, we will still be about \$79,000 lower in program income and about \$32,000 lower in retreat/rental income. However, in the face of all the uncertainty, our donors have continued to respond with incredible generosity. I am amazed and grateful and can't say "THANK YOU" enough for your support and prayers!!

Marv Nysetvold, Executive Director

Shetek's Board of Directors in 2022 – Ashley Benson, Lindsey Cartwright, Logan Gooch, Lora Hopp-Hansen, Sarah Kirchner, Pastor Jeanette McCormick, Leon Mortland, Pastor Eric Ohrtman, Pastor Elizabeth Pagnotta, Pastor Juanita Parker, Pastor Laura Phillips, Pastor Michael Stangeland.

Shetek's staff in Dec. 2021 – Sandy Carlson, Tom Carlson, Katie Chapman, Nora Dahlhoff, Michelle Flanigan, Sharon Haugen, Jean Larson, Marv Nysetvold, Joe Stefanick, Jessica Van Dam, Ella (Jane) Wahl, Mary Zabel.

LUTHERANS OUTDOORS IN SOUTH DAKOTA



2021

CONGREGATIONAL
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KEEP THE CAMPFIRES BURNING APPEAL IS SUCCESSFUL!

LO created the **Keep the Campfires Burning Appeal** to aid in the financial challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. Reaching our goal of \$1.2 million in 2021 moves us forward into 2022 without debt remaining. It will also enable LO to continue offering quality, life-giving programs and maintain and improve our facilities.



Lutherans Outdoors received a terrific response during 2021, enabling the ministry to meet its goal of \$1.2 Million! These gifts came from individual donors, congregations, SD Synod, special events, memorials, and more. Thank YOU for making this appeal a success!

SUMMER CAMPERS RETURN

Lutherans Outdoors was thrilled to have campers return to NeSoDak, Outlaw Ranch, and Klein Ranch during the summer of 2021! **Nearly 1,100 campers** received a safe, Christ-filled, and life-giving experience.

In 2021 Lutherans Outdoors planned for a return of 60% of campers compared to previous years. In 2022, LO has increased camper capacity and hopes to improve from last summer.

**Registration is currently open so reserve your spots today at losd.org.
Then, see YOU at camp in 2022!**

JOY RANCH TRANSFER OF PROPERTY COMPLETED

In early January 2022, Lutherans Outdoors completed the transfer of ownership and operation of Joy Ranch to a new entity named Joy Ranch of South Dakota. This process had started in November of 2019 with the creation of a Joy Ranch Task Force.

The Lutherans Outdoors Board, after much consideration and deliberation, determined that Joy Ranch, although a beautiful site with many amenities, did not fit our operational model of seasonal outdoor camping ministries.

Lutherans Outdoors is proud to have been an instrumental part of the birthing process of this beautiful facility that increases the quality of life for all who gather. Lutherans Outdoors thanks the thousands of supporters who have participated in the development of Joy Ranch. With these changes, Lutherans Outdoors is confident that Joy Ranch of South Dakota will be successful into the future and will faithfully honor its many supporters.

WELCOME, NEW STAFF!

Lutherans Outdoors welcomed some new faces to our staff during 2021.

NeSoDak welcomed Vicki Foss as the new Camp Director in March. Vicki comes from Minnesota with a youth ministry and camping ministry background. Thomas Wishard is the new Program Director and began in September. Thomas has been on summer staff for several years.

Outlaw Ranch welcomed Shannon Pulscher as the new Facility Manager last February. Shannon is a general contractor and brings many abilities to the position. In addition, we welcomed back Taylor Wiese as the Program Director last April.

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota welcomes all to explore and experience Christ's love in community and creation.

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LET OUR
COMPASSION



BE A
GUIDING
LIGHT
FOR ALL.

2021
ANNUAL
REPORT

Forewell



It has been the greatest blessing of my career to be entrusted with the stewardship of LSS and its glorious ministry. Every minute of the past fifteen-plus years has been a journey that has left me at times overwhelmed and always awestruck. I am grateful for all who have walked this journey alongside me sharing both the burdens and the joys. Godspeed to all who support and lead the ministry of LSS.

Betty Oldenkamp PRESIDENT AND CEO

I have been blessed to spend twenty years of my professional career with LSS. Throughout my time here I have been inspired by the richness of the agency’s programs and the myriad ways that LSS helps to strengthen South Dakota communities. I’ve witnessed the team at LSS follow in Christ’s footsteps and respond to community needs with creativity, compassion and a deep respect for those we serve. I feel honored and humbled to carry on the tradition of strong executive leadership and help shape the agency’s vision in its next century of service.



Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen COO, INCOMING PRESIDENT/CEO

OUR MISSION

Inspired by God’s love, we care for, support and strengthen individuals, families and communities.

OUR VISION

All people in South Dakota will be healthy, safe and accepted.

OUR VALUES

Lutheran Social Services is a social ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As such, we believe that God’s love compels us to serve and to value all people. Our core values are grounded by our faith in God—they guide our hands and feet, our hearts and words as we serve our neighbors as God intended. Our core values guide our work with the people we serve and those who serve them.

COMPASSIONATE

We will be empathetic in our interactions with others and non-judgmental in the delivery of our services.

APPRECIATIVE

We will acknowledge the quality, significance and magnitude of the contributions of our clients and employees and seek to develop their capacity.

RESPECTFUL

We will engage in collaborative and professional relationships with our clients, partnership organizations, and each other.

ETHICAL

We will demonstrate our commitment to quality services and high standards in acts, words and deeds.

STRATEGIC

We will anticipate and respond strategically to service trends and our communities’ needs.

COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARD RACE EQUITY

LSS acknowledges racial and ethnic differences because of the profound impact they have on individuals, groups, communities and society. In order to foster an organizational culture that is cognizant of race and ethnicity, we will engage in honest and respectful conversations about the role of race and culture in the work we do. We will hold ourselves accountable for continual improvement in working toward racial equity. We will advocate for solutions to the social injustices that result from systemic racism. We invite you to join us on this journey.

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LIFE STORIES

"I have witnessed firsthand how kindness and empathy can fill a vital need for humans and that is something I will always strive for in my professional and personal life."

AMY FETERL
LSS Better Together,
Serving three years



"I was several years into my job with LSS Foster Care Services when it dawned on me that this wasn't just a job. It was a calling."

DEDE MOGCK
Children & Youth Services,
Serving 42 years



"Once we are past that exterior, we are often met with stories of pain, hurt, loss and trauma. But we also get to see hope, resilience and determination."

JAY MARCHAND
Director, Re-Entry Services,
Serving nine years

TAKE SHAPE AT LSS

"I see the best in people and teach the kids to see it in themselves. I am most proud to see the young people I have worked with go out into the world and do amazing things."

SHANNON TRUAX
Direct Support, New Alternatives,
Independent Living Services,
Serving seven years



"Along with the financial counseling and support, he (client) really appreciated having someone take the time to understand and advocate so he didn't have to walk the journey alone."

SARA RAMIREZ
Director, Center for Financial Resources,
Serving nine years

"To see the difference a family can make in the life of a child and to know that I was able to facilitate and be a part of that changed my life and my career."

AMY WITT
Vice President, Children & Youth Services,
Serving 19 years



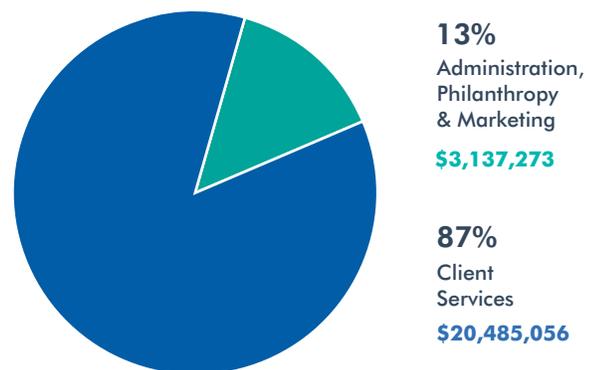
TRANSFORMING PEOPLE'S LIVES 27,759 TIMES

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	4,671
RESIDENTIAL	540
Children & Youth	203
Family Counseling	337
ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION	5,748
Children & Youth	1,756
Family	3,992
INDEPENDENT LIVING	607
FOSTER CARE	1,036
Children	144
Foster Parents	60
Kinship	832
RESOURCE FAMILY SERVICES	1590
ADOPTION	362
Adoption Services	60
Education	302
CENTER FOR FINANCIAL RESOURCES	3,562
Counseling Services	1,478
Education	2,084
CENTER FOR NEW AMERICANS	6,745
Refugees Resettled	23
Secondary Migrants	49
Immigration Counseling	630
ESL Training	210
Interpreter (hours provided to 150 entities)	5,833
MENTORS/MENTEES	1964
CHILDCARE & EDUCATION	934
TOTAL	27,759

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the number of people served in the last year. Although LSS continued to provide services on-site as well as through telehealth when possible, the numbers are lower than in previous years.

EXPENDITURES



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

	OPERATING & OTHER FUNDS	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	FOUNDATION	HOUSING	TOTAL FUNDS
ASSETS					
Cash & Investments	5,399,476	15,000	5,489,140	2,772,579	13,676,195
Other Current Assets	2,412,076	54,300	765	(1,262)	2,465,879
Property & Equipment	14,081,380	-	-	331,239	14,412,619
Other Long Term Assets	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	21,892,932	69,300	5,489,905	3,102,556	30,554,693
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS					
Current Liabilities	2,514,017	-	15	83,073	2,597,105
Long Term Liabilities	4,700,240	-	77,265	-	4,777,505
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,214,257	-	77,280	83,073	7,374,610
NET ASSETS	14,678,675	69,300	5,412,625	3,019,483	23,180,083
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	21,892,932	69,300	5,489,905	3,102,556	30,554,693

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTH DAKOTA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

	OPERATING & OTHER FUNDS	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	FOUNDATION	HOUSING	TOTAL FUNDS	PERCENT
REVENUE & SUPPORT						
Fees & Grants-Public	14,682,953	-	-	308,225	14,991,178	57%
Client Fees	4,764,565	-	-	-	4,764,565	18%
Individual Contributions	1,207,737	36,323	14,285	-	1,258,345	5%
United Way Support	1,161,988	-	-	-	1,161,988	4%
Church Related Sources	185,459	-	-	-	185,459	1%
Investment & Other Revenue	251,338	-	1,183,078	*2,447,389	3,881,805	15%
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	22,254,040	36,323	1,197,363	2,755,614	26,243,340	100%
EXPENDITURES						
Program Expense	20,152,862	-	-	332,194	20,485,056	87%
Management & Support	2,459,383	-	-	-	2,459,383	10%
Philanthropy Services & Marketing	584,337	93,553	-	-	677,890	3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,196,582	93,553	-	332,194	23,622,329	100%
LSS FOUNDATION SUPPORT	213,849	-	(213,849)	-	-	
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	(52,219)	(147,781)	200,000	-	-	
PANDEMIC RELATED ASSISTANCE	4,865,726	20,973	-	-	4,886,699	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	4,084,814	(184,038)	1,183,514	2,423,420	7,507,710	

* INSURANCE PROCEEDS DUE TO BUILDING FIRE

LSS OF SOUTH DAKOTA FOUNDATION, INC.

The LSS Foundation strengthens the long-term financial future of LSS of SD by having an ongoing fund in which the principal remains untouched and a percent of the earnings are used to support LSS services. The Founders Family is a recognition society for those who have included LSS in their estate plans or given a substantial, immediate gift to LSS.

FISCAL YEAR
2020-21**\$213,849**DISTRIBUTED TO
LSS FROM THE
FOUNDATION**FOUNDATION
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"I have worked with a lot of children who have experienced trauma and to see them grow, heal and find peace and happiness has been an amazing reward."

RACHEL SHEPHERD
Supervisor, Behavioral
Health Services,
Serving eight years



MAKING LIFE BETTER TODAY AND FOR YEARS TO COME



EACH NEW
DAY TELLS
MORE OF
THE STORY,
AND EACH
NIGHT
REVEALS
MORE
AND MORE
ABOUT
GOD'S
POWER.

PSALM 19:2



Strengthening Individuals,
Families & Communities

LSS is where lives are transformed through high standards of quality service and service delivery. LSS monitors and reviews client outcomes as a gauge of programmatic quality. It is our mission to care for, support and strengthen those in need—bringing clarity, stability, family and support to people of all ages, families of all kinds and communities of all sizes.

Students in the PATH program of Behavioral Health Services exceeded expectations

96%

of participants improved or maintained their academic progress;

93%

improved or maintained behavior incidents;

— AND —

92%

improved or maintained school attendance.

New refugee arrivals through the Center for New Americans were successful in finding and keeping employment.

100%

of new arrivals were self-sufficient within eight months with an average starting wage of \$15.87 per hour.

Youth served through the Residential Services for Children & Youth treatment program were successful on discharge.

82%

of youth were discharged to their home or a less restrictive environment.



Youth served through the Arise Evening Reporting Center were successful on discharge.

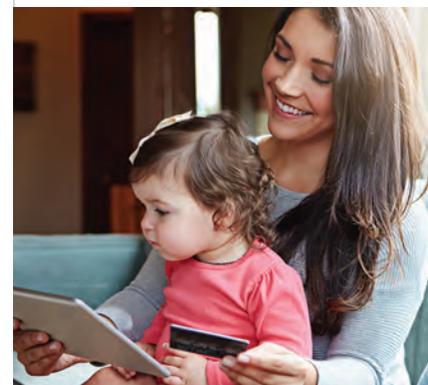
93%

did not re-offend before their scheduled court date.

82%
of clients who received financial counseling through the Center for Financial Resources reported reduced stress after their meeting with a financial counselor.

42%
reported increased financial capacity two months after their first meeting with a financial counselor.

89%
of clients participating in a debt management plan successfully completed their payments.



Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota serves people of all ages, races, faiths and economic levels throughout the state of South Dakota with professional, confidential and affordable services.



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In Psalm 24:1-2
David prays:

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

In an effort to be good stewards of natural and financial resources, we are posting the 2021 donor listing online. If you wish to view the listing, it can be found at

ThankYou.LssSD.org

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SERVING SOUTH DAKOTA FOR 100 YEARS

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COMMUNITY SERVICES
Behavioral Health, Aberdeen
605-262-6300 • 800-584-9248

Behavioral Health, Rapid City
605-791-6700 • 800-260-1439

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605-444-7631 • 800-568-2401
Satellites: Brookings, Mitchell

Behavioral Health, Watertown
605-882-2740 • 800-568-7116
Satellites: Milbank, Sisseton

Better Together
Sioux Falls, Brookings
605-444-7803 • 800-568-2401

Center for Financial Resources
Statewide services based in
Sioux Falls. Online and phone
services available statewide.
605-330-2700 • 888-258-2227
Satellites: Aberdeen, Brookings,
Huron, Mitchell, Watertown, Yankton

Center for New Americans
Statewide services based in Sioux Falls
605-731-2000 • 866-242-2447
Satellite: Aberdeen, Huron

Childcare & Education
Multiple Sioux Falls locations
605-371-8770

Disaster Response Services
Statewide services based in Sioux Falls
605-444-7500 • 800-568-2401

Mentoring Services
605-444-7803 • 800-568-2401
Sioux Falls, Baltic, Brandon Valley,
Canton, Dell Rapids, Flandreau,
Garretson, Harrisburg, Lennox,
Tea Area, Tri-Valley & West Central
school districts

Re-Entry Services
Offices located in Rapid City
and Sioux Falls
605-731-2021 • 866-444-7689

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES
**Adoption & Pregnancy
Counseling Services**
Statewide services with offices
in Sioux Falls and Rapid City
605-221-2346 • 888-201-5061

**Alternatives to Detention
Arise Youth Center**
605-716-1837 Rapid City
605-221-2346 Sioux Falls

Community Resource Program
Statewide services with offices in
Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls
605-791-6700 • 800-260-1439

Foster Care Services
605-791-6700 • 800-260-1439
Rapid City
605-221-2346 • 888-201-5061
Sioux Falls

Intensive Independent Living Services
New Alternatives, Rapid City
605-791-2405

Kinship Services
Statewide services based in
Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Aberdeen,
Pierre and Watertown
605-221-2346 • 888-201-5061

**Residential Services for
Children & Youth**

Canyon Hills, Spearfish
605-559-3500

New Beginnings, Aberdeen
605-262-5300

Summit Oaks, Sioux Falls
605-221-2346

Resource Family Services
Statewide services based in Sioux Falls,
Rapid City, Aberdeen, Brookings,
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“Journeying Together in Christ” v. 2.0.2.2

We were certain that 2020 would be the year to remember, but 2021 came along with persistent and new challenges, bringing an awareness of needs that had previously gone unseen. At the same time, it continued to reveal genuine care and love for neighbor as many continued to **share from their abundance**.



Lutheran Planned Generosity
of South Dakota

As a partner ministry of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA, **Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota** (LPGSD) was created to join you on your journey to discover ways to create your **personal legacy plan**—one that expresses your faith in Christ with gratitude and generosity.

LPGSD also walks alongside congregations hoping to create or revitalize their own legacy through an endowment fund, offering members the opportunity to share in the ministry and outreach of their Christian family. Walking and working together, we can create **greater impact** because of intentional plans and shared visions.

Perhaps you are considering where your own **generosity journey** will lead in 2022. LPGSD would be honored to serve as your confidential guide with no fees, commissions or obligations as you explore some of these destination options:

- ◆ **Income for You Now—Gifts to Ministry Later.** A charitable gift annuity provides you with fixed payments for life, with the remainder of the gift benefiting the ministries of your choice.
- ◆ **Gifts Beyond the Checkbook.** Grain, Cattle, Stocks, Mutual Funds, Real Estate—almost any appreciated asset can create a tax-efficient gift with greater impact.
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 - ◆ *Newly updated* document templates
 - ◆ Workshops for individuals, church councils and endowment committees

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Litany

Today our congregation gathers in prayer and hope to begin another year of ministry. We bring with us the memory of a year like no other, even as we move into a future that we cannot yet imagine. Yet even now, as in every age, God is our refuge and strength. In times of plenty and want, in times of conflict and peace, in times of growing and pruning, we remember:

God has called us for such a time as this.

We remember the past year with lament and gratitude. We have lost so much, and so much still feels uncertain. We have also witnessed God's hand at work in new and unexpected ways. We delight at hidden seeds bearing surprising and wonderful fruit. When our own resources fail, when we cannot predict the future, when we must rely on God alone, we remember:

God has called us for such a time as this.

We celebrate this moment and the many ways God has held us together as a community. We give thanks for the gift of our church building and the welcome it provides, even as we bless God for the marvel of technology and the new bonds of connection it makes possible. When our bodies need sanctuary, when our minds need expanding, when your grace must transcend our limitations, we remember:

God has called us for such a time as this.

We look ahead to the road we will travel together this year. We anticipate and receive with joy the new gifts God's love has planned. We pray for the grace to let go of what has served its holy purpose. When we are trailblazers or followers, when we are seekers or visionaries, when we must walk by faith and not by sight, we remember:

God has called us for such a time as this.

And so we pray: Grace our meeting, O God, with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the Spirit who has guided the church from the beginning, the Spirit of our risen Lord Jesus, the Spirit who sends us as healers and restorers of your beloved world. You are the source of our life together. You are the rock and cornerstone.

You have called us for such a time as this.

God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

All Creation Sings #1063

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**O God,
you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. (ELW, p. 317)**

Change and the need for creativity have become constants over the last year and a half in many aspects of life, including the church. This was the case for **Living Christ Lutheran Church** in Flagstaff, Ariz., even before a global pandemic caused many of us to rethink what it means to be church. Generosity from all three expressions of the ELCA (the churchwide organization, the Grand Canyon Synod and members of Living Christ) helped turn a congregation “on the road out of town, near the mall” into an online presence reaching over 500 people a week from Phoenix to the Philippines. (Read more about Living Christ in the current issue of “**Stories of Faith in Action**” at [ELCA.org/SOFIA](https://www.elca.org/SOFIA).)

Many other congregations have found new ways to connect both when in-person worship was impossible and when congregations began to return to their sanctuaries. Generosity, especially through Mission Support, helped us find and support these new ways of being connected. Early in the pandemic, ELCA Worship launched the “Worship in the Home” webpage, with Scripture, hymn links, prayers and reflections for each

Sunday. These resources were and continue to be used in congregations across the ELCA—even at **Sitka Lutheran Church** in Alaska, whose members printed and hand-delivered “Worship in the Home” resources to fellow members without internet access.

Change and creativity have taught us many things. As Pastor Sandra Rudd of Sitka Lutheran Church noted, “The pandemic was a stark illustration of the fact that the church is not a building. A lot of people say that, but we didn’t fully know it until we didn’t have a building to use. We learned that there are many ways to be connected as the church.” Throughout the pandemic, the ELCA has changed and adapted, doing ministry in new and creative ways, because of the generosity of its members. Even now, you may be gathering in a new way for your annual meeting, to discern how you will steward the gifts shared generously with your congregation to do ministry in your community and beyond. As you have these important conversations, remember that your gifts of time, talent and resources have helped create new spaces beyond our walls and buildings where we continue to worship, serve and love God and each other.

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