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News And Views

2024 Annual Report Edition

P a s t o r a l P e r s p e c t i v e

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” - Luke 24:32

Grace and peace to you all! I pray this finds you well and that this new year is bringing you wisdom and closeness with God.

This is the time of annual reports, but as I was only with you for two months before the end of the year, there's little for me to sum up. All I can do is look ahead at what is coming and the hopes and fears that fill me.

First, let's address the fears: things are changing. There are going to be changes in the coming months and years and they won't all be to your liking. I have my ways of doing things, and some of those I'm going to keep doing. This congregation has its history and the way things have been done, and some of those I will keep because of the meaning they have to the congregation. This is the nature of new relationships and partnerships. I will have an effect on the congregation, and the congregation will have an effect on me; neither of us will remain the same. And while change can be uncomfortable, discomfort is usually also accompanied by growth, and no growth comes without discomfort.

Which brings us to the hope: if we allow ourselves to be open to being changed, marvelous things can grow here. Worship will become something dynamic and beautiful, full of meaning and emotion that drives us forward into the world. We can gain a new appreciation for the people in our community, both in the congregation and beyond, and discover new ways to serve each other. We can spread the love of Christ around us and watch as it creates fertile soil for the new things that will grow.

I can think of no better words to spur us onward than the words from our last Gospel in January and the words of the prophet Isaiah: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the enslaved go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. May our hearts burn within us as we hear Christ's call to action and strive in this new year to create fertile soil right here at St. Luke's.

Amen.

Annual Message from Council President Chet Madison

A new year brings new opportunities, and 2025 is St. Luke Church's time to thrive! We have been blessed to have our new Pastor Rob Williamson to help lead the way to serve the Lord at St Luke Church. We will host Pastor Rob's Installation on February 2, with a 4pm Installation Service followed by a potluck dinner served in Schultz Hall.

Moving forward in 2025 with a new pastor, we cannot rest on our laurels with the current hard-working members doing the majority of work month after month to maintain St Luke Church and continue sharing the victory through Jesus Christ. To the ones that are carrying many workloads, how can you encourage and welcome others to get involved with helping their church? There are times we become territorial in some of our duties and do not reach out to others for help and involvement with the church. John 14:16 "And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever".

An amazing milestone is rapidly approaching us, with the celebration of our 100th anniversary this coming June 2025. Various committees are meeting and working very closely developing an outstanding program. Please read our weekly bulletins to keep informed and updated.



Our 2024 "Year End Reports" from each Committee Chair will be available in this February 2025 News & Views. Much has been accomplished through dedicated hard work. To the right is a list of your current 2025 Chair Committee Members.

Wishing you and your families a safe, prosperous and Blessed New Year.

Warm Blessings ,

Chet Madison, Council President

NAME	POSTION
Chet Madison	President
Peggy Moser	Vice President
Kirsten Ireton	Treasurer
Robert Williamson	Pastor
Marlene Kiser	Secretary
Cathy Davis	Evangelism
Carolyn Andrews	Worship & Music
Laura Tice	Education
Kathleen Arndt	Community Concerns
Faith Thomas	Youth Board
Kelly Boyer	Property Board
Punky Dias	W-ELCA President
Bob Behr	Finance Board
Connie Reule	Special Fund Recorder
Jack Fenske	Financial Secretary

PROPERTY BOARD 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The St. Luke's Constitution/Bylaws states that the Property Board (PB) is responsible for the "general custodial management of this congregation's property and facilities". These responsibilities include the care, maintenance, and improvement of St. Luke's equipment, furnishings, buildings, and grounds. The following summarizes the 2024 actions of the Board.

Expenditure Summary: The PB activities are funded by two sources – the General Budget and the PB Special Funds. The latter is augmented **only** by specific allocations from the annual fireworks sales.

General Budget – Expenditures, which are less than about \$1,000/incident, and known expenditures are charged to the General Budget. In 2024, the PB over-expended its total allocation by \$1,255. The over-expenditure was caused by a faulty sprinkler weather station and unexpected plumbing issues.

Special Funds – Expenditures greater than about \$1,000/incident are charged to the PB Special Fund. The 2024 expenditures were:

2023 Balance Forward ...	\$16,708
Pr. Carl Retirement ...	--\$300
Parking Lot Transfer ...	--\$2,000
Parking Lot Expenditure ...	--\$600
Plans for Parking Lot Fence ...	--\$3,128
2024 Fireworks Allocation ...	\$7,250
Narthex/Gutter Repair ...	--\$1,975
Storm Drain (north) Snaking ...	--\$1,577
Sewer Line (kitchen) Jetting ...	--\$1,237
Storm Drains (central) Cleaning.	Pd 2025
Balance Forward to 2025 ...	\$13,141

Major Projects Completed:

Parking Lot Fence & Gates – The new iron fence and gates, across the south end of the Parking Lot, was funded and completed primarily by a \$30,000 grant from the California Office of Emergency Services. The grant work began in late 2022 and the project's permit was finalized by the City on November 11, 2024. Total costs, including plans and permits, were \$33,128.

A Council's motion passed in August provided temporary operational guidelines for the gate (when the gate is open/closed and/or locked).

Education Wing Lighting – Bill Myers, with the assistance of Jerry Thomas, converted the existing lighting fixtures for Room 4 from fluorescent bulbs to LED bulbs. Also, some years in the past,

half the bulbs were disconnected, and these were reconnected to provide improved lighting. The lighting in Rooms 2 and 5 was converted in 2023. In addition to providing the labor, Bill Myers donated the cost of the LED bulbs. Thank you, Bill and Jerry.

Narthex Repair – In October, the Connell Construction Company repaired the Narthex and gutter. The total contract price was \$3,025.00, but Connell's generosity donated the cost of repairing the gutter (\$1,050.00). Thus, the net expense was \$1,975.00. On behalf of St. Luke's, the PB thanks Connell Construction for their generous donation.

In addition, Conell adjusted a Courtyard door, which was jammed and could not be opened. Thank you again, Connell Construction.

Parking Lot Sealcoating – The PB received bids for sealcoating and striping the Parking Lot, one bid for a portion and another for the entire lot. The Board selected Reese's Sealcoating of Lockeford for completing the entire Parking Lot. The total cost was \$14,600, of which \$14,000 was available from the Parking Lot Reserve. The Parking Lot was seal coated and striped on September 3 through 5.

Trash – In early 2025, the City began to re-enforce the State laws regarding recycling. As a result, St. Luke's was required to purchase three 23-gallon containers for (a) organic recycling, (b) dry recycling, and (c) waste or trash. The cost was \$154. However, an on-site City inspection has provided St. Luke's with a waiver of the organic recycling laws.

Vandalism: This year vandalism has been minor, except for two notable exceptions.

Statute Demolished – On April 28, it was discovered that the "Jesus and Children" statute, within the Jerry Carney memorial plot, was destroyed by unknown vandals. A Police Report was filed on May 6 with the Sacramento Police Department.

Wall Destroyed – During the night of October 19, a vehicle crashed into the shrubbery and decorative concrete wall that is adjacent to the small courtyard along the east side of the Sanctuary. The damage was significant (estimated \$3,000 to \$6,000). The shrubbery and about six feet of the wall were destroyed.

Currently, the PB is in the process of determining whether to repair only the portion of the wall that was destroyed or replace the entire wall with an iron fence (or similar). A Police Report has been filed, and the issue has been discussed with St. Luke's insurance representatives. St. Luke's deductible is \$2,500.

Plumbing Issues: St. Luke's facilities were constructed in the early 60s, which means the trees and shrubbery are about the same age. Consequently, the cost of maintaining the storm and sewer lines clean and free flowing is increasing. It is costly to remove the encroaching roots. This has been especially evident this fall and winter.

Below is a summary of resolved and on-going plumbing incidents in 2024.

June 16 – Repaired Components ... (various locations)	\$628
July 9 – Repaired Toilet ... (Schultz Hall addition)	\$138
Oct. 31 – Snaked Sewer Line ... (Sanctuary Restrm, long line)	\$771
Nov. 26 – Snaked Storm Drain ... (primarily north line)	\$1,577
Dec. 10 – Jetted Sewer Line ... (kitchen 3" line)	\$1,236
Dec. 14 – Evaluation of Drains ... (drain lines to Center Pkwy)	\$100
Dec.30 – Cleaned Storm Drains ... (primarily courtyard lines)	Pd 2025

In addition to encroaching roots, it is becoming difficult to remove the grates and provide access to the lines.

Employees and On-Going Contracts:

2024 Employee – St. Luke's personnel policies and procedures are outlined in the adopted Policy and Procedure 2005-2. It states that the PB is responsible for the supervision and review of the Custodian, currently Marie Ruiz. Marie has been an employee of St. Luke since 2021. However prior to 2021, she worked at St. Luke as a vendor's employee.

New 2025 Employee – For the 2025 Budget, the PB requested a part-time "Property Assistant" employee. The congregation approved the Budget, with the new position, at its December 8 meeting. The prepared Duty Statement for the position outlines the salary, benefits, hours (six hours/week), and duties ("perform general light maintenance tasks").

The Board is eager to have a person available to manage routine, day-to-day tasks. If you know of any individual, willing and capable of fulfilling this position, please contact a PB member.

On-Going Contracts – Other than the routine utility contracts, the only "on-going" contract that St. Luke has is for Landscape Services. The current vendor of this contract is Robinson's Lawn Maintenance, owner Kevin Robinson. Kevin's firm has been employed by St. Luke's since 2016. For 2025, Kevin requested an increase in pay, the first since 2020. The Board recommended a \$50 increase (\$900/month), which was approved by the congregation at its annual meeting.

Routine Work Efforts: The PB ensures that the routine maintenance work is accomplished, either through "willing" members or by various contractors if the work is specialized. A partial list of noteworthy routine tasks accomplished in 2024 is listed below.

- Deep cleaned the Office carpet. Thank you, Michael Duffek.
- Maintained the Kiser Memorial Rose Garden and other planting areas. Thank you, Bruce Kiser and his helpers.
- Replaced all HVAC filters.
- Set and reset thermostats.
- Conducted an "All Members Work Day" in conjunction with the Worship and Music Board in preparation for Palm Sunday.
- Picked up and delivered janitorial supplies.
- Maintained security cameras. Thank you, Ed Ireton.
- Checked, repaired, and adjusted sprinklers.
- Installed a new weather station for controlling the sprinklers (\$183).
- Employed a contractor to replace a sprinkler valve (\$150) and remove a large brush pile (\$450).
- Repaired fluorescent light fixtures as needed. Thank you, Bill Myers.
- Recycled aluminum containers and deposited the rebates for the Youth. Thank you, Bruce Kiser.
- Disposed of expired fluorescent bulbs in a proper fashion.

On a regular basis, maintained the facilities in a neat appearance by trimming vegetation, cleaning walkways and courtyards, picking up dumped trash, making frequent inspection, etc. A special thank you to Bruce Kiser.

Excess Land Use: Throughout the year the PB has discussed various potential uses of the excess land that St. Luke's owns. Numerous ideas have been suggested – from housing development to community gardens – and include inquiries from the City (retention pond) and communication firms. However, none of the ideas have risen beyond the preliminary discussion stage.

On October 10, the Board held a special meeting to discuss St. Luke's excess land. The primary purpose of the meeting was to learn from Jerry Thomas the various issues involved with any proposed land use, lease, or sale. Jerry was involved with the Church of the Master land sale.

After considerable discussion, the group concluded that the initial action is to identify a commercial realtor, with extensive commercial land use and sale experience, to assist St. Luke. An alternative is to employ an appraiser to provide St. Luke with an estimate for the excess land.

The PB extends a thank you to Jerry for sharing his knowledge.

Closing Notes: In the past, much of St. Luke's maintenance work has been accomplished by Property Board members. However, with the aging of its members, it is now necessary to employ outside help, which is costly. Hopefully, the successful employment of a part-time Property Assistant will lessen the use of outside help.

A huge "shout out" to Board Member Bruce Kiser who is the key representative of the PB throughout the Firework Sales and the W-ELCA Fall Festival. Thanks, Bruce.

The PB members for 2024 were Kelly Boyer, (chairperson), Ben Briel, Jack Fenske, Ed Ireton, Bruce Kiser, and Clarence Korhonen. Board Helpers were Bill Myers and Jerry Thomas. On St. Luke's behalf, I thank the Board members and helpers for their dedication and hours of devoted work.

*Prepared for Kelly Boyer, Chairperson
St. Luke's Property Board, by Jack Fenske*





Community Concerns Year 2024 Annual Report

The Community Concerns Board had many accomplishments during 2024 that were impactful to our neighboring community. Below is a summary:

During the winter months (January to March), the Board:

sponsored, prepared and served a meal (1 Sunday in January, February and March) for up to 35 un-housed individuals staying at the Gathering Inn's Elk Grove Winter Sanctuary, and partnered with St. Luke's W-ELCA and collected (from the congregation) plus delivered to Mercy Peddlers (Sister Libby) 225 pairs of socks, 10 hats, 1 scarf, 16 pairs of gloves and 6 pairs of slippers, and partnered with Pastor Carter's congregation Tabernacle of Prayer and Praise who hosted a 'Clothe the Homeless' event at St. Luke's on March 2nd; both congregations donated numerous coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, shirts, pants, socks, shoes etc. and made soups/ chili to serve the un-housed; 85% of the clothing and food was taken to un-housed camps on Stockton Blvd. and near Golden Corral, and re-opened the St. Luke's Children's Clothes Closet; a new banner was installed in front of the Church on Tangerine and Center Parkway; new flyers were printed and distributed; St. Luke's website information about the Children's Clothes Closet was updated; a new larger banner was purchased in November 2024 to be installed sometime in early part of 2025. 73 children were provided clothing from our Clothes Closet in 2024.

During the spring and summer months (April to August), the Board:

partnered with Pastor Carter's congregation Tabernacle of Prayer and Praise to prepare a proposal to open an Emergency Pastor's Food Pantry in the small kitchen behind Schultz Hall; the proposal was presented and approved by the Council, and sponsored the collection of school supplies and delivered 80 filled backpacks to Fortune Charter School near Stockton Blvd. and Florin Rd; collected from the Congregation colored pencil packs, pencil pouches, erasers, multi-subject notebooks, folders and scissors, and donated \$300 each (total distribution of \$2,100) from the Community Concerns special Benevolence fund to South Sacramento HART, Family Promise, Society for the Blind, The Gathering Inn, Loaves and Fishes, Sacramento Youth Band and Valley High Family Resource Center.

During the late Fall months (November to December), the Board:

collected from the Congregation much needed girl’s infant clothing for the Children’s Clothes Closet, and sponsored and collected from the Congregation Christmas toys and gifts for children supported by Standford Sierra Youth & Families; all gifts collected were delivered on December 8. In 2025, the Board plans to continue serving the needs of our neighboring community and making an impact.

Kathleen Arndt, Community Concerns Chair

Girl’s Infant Clothing Collection A Success!

Thank you! to all who recently donated girl’s infant clothing to our Children’s Clothes Closet. We have now received an abundant variety to offer Families in need. Even though we do not, at this time, have the space to accept any additional donations of both infant and children’s clothing, there are other local charities who accept children’s clothing. Consider taking your donations to Weave Thrift, Deseret Industries or Elk Grove Food Bank’s Clothing Closet.

Community Concerns Board

100th Anniversary

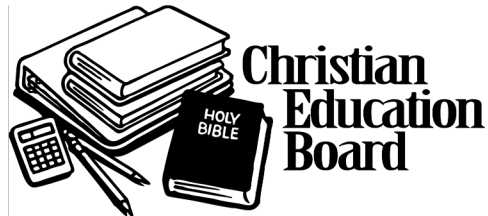
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Blessed to be a Blessing



Rooted in Sacramento since 1925
Sharing the Victory through Jesus Christ

Carnitas Lunch

On **Sunday, March 2nd**, following worship, the 100th Anniversary Committee will be having a Carnitas Lunch and raffle. Tickets are \$15.00 and include a delicious Carnitas Dinner. Special Mexican pastries will be available for sale as well. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!



2024 started out with two Sunday school classes taught by Peggy Moser and Kelly Boyer. We continued to use the Sermons4kids curriculum that Peggy found online for the kids. It follows along weekly with the Sermon topics of the church.

We had Peggy teaching our youngest kiddos and Kelly teaching the older bunch. On our busiest Sunday there were up to 11 kids total in attendance, and the new curriculum worked well in both classes. We took a break for Summer of 2024, as we always do and Peggy told us she needed to take a step back from teaching Sunday school. The number of kids attending each Sunday has been dwindling quite rapidly. Laura Tice conferred with Kelly and it was decided we would move back to one-room Sunday school. The curriculum we are using is very inclusive for all age groups, with activity sheets for each age level. We felt that with so few children attending weekly, we should all be together, and we could teach the class pretty easily. So Laura stepped in to teach alongside Kelly in the Fall.

This has been working well to wrap up 2024. We combine the word of Jesus with a few crafts to keep the kids engaged! You can see some of their artwork displayed on the walls in the classroom wing. Kelly worked with the kids to teach them the 7 days of creation and they created some adorable posters to represent each day! We made jack-o'-lantern drawings on black paper with white crayon to "light them up", to represent the light of Jesus in our hearts as our October craft. In December we made "magic" Christmas ornaments using ordinary plastic cups. The kids enjoyed watching the magic happen when we took a field trip to the church kitchen to bake our ornaments. Kelly also made beautiful epiphany stars with the kids to decorate for the Epiphany breakfast!

We are hoping to make Valentine's with the kids for our congregation members in January and early February, so keep an eye out! As a reminder, kids of all ages are welcome in Sunday school. So please bring your kids, grandkids, great grandkids, nieces, nephews... We'd love to teach them the word of Jesus!

If you ever feel a pull to be one of our teachers, we could always use the help! With inevitable sickness and scheduling conflicts, our teachers may need a Sunday off here and there. Even if you would be willing to fill in on an as-needed basis, this would be a huge help to us!

If you are interested in volunteering please contact
Laura Tice at 916-271-7566 or email at Lpierson92@yahoo.com

Marlene Kiser continues her Bible study via ZOOM. In 2024, her group completed 1 Romans and 2 Corinthians, and for 2025 there will be a 9 week Bible study of 1 and 2 Peter, and Jude. This is an exciting opportunity in adult education, with thought provoking discussion about the scripture. Up to 12 participants log in each week, so it is also a great time in fellowship! If you would like information about joining Marlene weekly on Tuesday mornings, please contact her via email at marlenek8626@outlook.com



2025 Annual Report – Evangelism Board

Our year began with our Epiphany Breakfast and Service on January 6th, 2024. We had a wonderful breakfast of egg casseroles, fruit, pastries, and beverages. Pastor Carl shared a wonderful message about Epiphany.

In February and March, our board coordinated and helped with Lenten Soup Suppers.

On March 31st we sponsored the Easter Continental Breakfast. There was a wonderful outpouring of donations provided by the congregation. The breakfast was well attended and a big success.

On June 9th the Evangelism Board put on a huge barbeque in conjunction with the kick-off for the 100 Year Anniversary. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs were provided along with many yummy salads and desserts. We had a few outdoor games along with playing a congregation "Jeopardy" game. Used the grass area under the trees and it was a beautiful day for an amazing start to our 100-year Anniversary.

To honor the special men in our congregation, we served pie and ice cream on June 16th.

We celebrated the "End of Summer" and "Back to School" by providing root beer and orange ice cream floats after church on September 15th.

We welcomed Pastor Rob and his wife on November 3rd by providing cake and refreshments.

On Sunday, November 24th, we held our "Thanksgiving Pie Social" after church services. There were many delicious pies to choose from and all left over pies were donated to the NA Thanksgiving Marathon held at our church.

The last event of our year was the Congregational Meeting and Potluck on December 8th. We took care of "official" church business and enjoyed an amazing potluck.

Along with the events already mentioned, Evangelism sponsors the following yearly ongoing tasks:

Weekly calendar for Sunday refreshments.

Twice a month accompanied Pastor Carl on home visitations.
(Will continue with Pastor Rob)

Hand out Welcome Bean Jars to new visitors after church.

Send out Get Well, Thinking of you, and Sympathy Cards as needed.

Coordinated Greeters (this has been suspended) and Ushers.

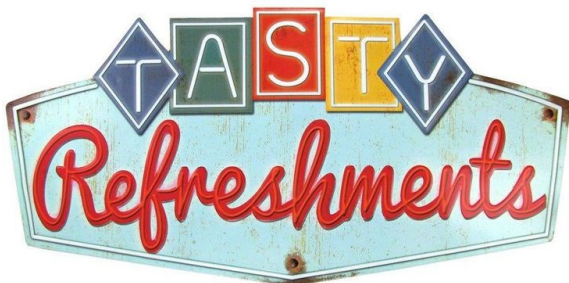
Provide New Members of the church goodie bags.

I would like to thank all my amazing board members for all their help and support!

In Christ,

Cathy Davis

Evangelism Board Chair



February 2025

Sunday Refreshments Provided by:

February 2nd: Losi Sherrets & Kelly Boyer

February 9th: Holly & Triss Hoppman

February 16th: Mack & Carole Vance

February 23rd: Jacob & Christiana Wilson

Sunday Refreshments

For those that are interested in helping provide and serve Sunday refreshments, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

There is also suggestions for those serving Sunday refreshments.

This is a great opportunity for Fellowship.

In Christ, Carole Vance



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The Worship and Music Board works closely with our Pastor to ensure that all myriad duties needed, for the regular and special services, are handled.

The Easter season began on Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024, with a special Valentine Day soup supper and Worship service. The theme for the Ash Wednesday service, was "Til Death Due Us Part." We celebrated the Lenten season with Wednesday Soup Suppers, as in past years, each week during Lent with a Lenten message of the Pastor's choosing, this year the theme was "Eyewitness." Focusing on the eyewitness account, of the owner of the donkey disciples used to carry Jesus to Jerusalem and his wife, played by Pastor Carl and Marlene Kiser, of the events leading up to Jesus Christ's crucifixion.

A workday took place on the Saturday before, Palm Sunday April 12, 2024. The ladies of the church polished all the brass, dusted the pews and prepared the sanctuary for the special Palm Sunday worship service. The board members helped with the Maundy Thursday service, stripping the altar. After Good Friday worship service, we decorated the sanctuary with Easter lilies for Easter Sunday worship service.

On May 26, 2024, we displayed the Veterans' banner in recognition of Memorial Day.

Recognition for the graduating Class of 2024, took place June 30, 2024.

The choir was on hiatus from June through August, returning to regular rehearsal, September 4, 2024, and began singing during Sunday worship services on September 8, 2024. During the choir's hiatus, worship service music was provided by small groups, individual choir members, Jacob and Jane, our music director.

The Veteran's banner once again, was on displayed, in recognition of Veterans' Day.

The sanctuary was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, beginning with Advent, which began on December 1, 2024. The choir performed the Christmas Cantata, One King, on December 15, 2024. The cantata is always a highlight of the Christmas season

I must give a big Shout Out and Thank you to the members of the Board and those who are not board members, but who aided us in our endeavors:

Board members: Marlene Kiser, Karen Linfor, Peggy Moser, Shirley Prouty, Punky Dias, Jacob Wilson, and Jane Fanucci, for all their support this past year.

The following congregants played an essential part of our board:

Bob Behr, who makes sure the candelabras are in place each Sunday and refills the Sanctuary candles.

Barbara Manlapig, who scheduled our Scripture readers and Prayer leaders. Barbara moved to Texas in June, to be with family. Karen Linfor has taken on the task of scheduling Readers and Prayer Leaders.

Jeff Kiser, who filled the candelabras and oil candles each Sunday, and acted as backup on the sound board and camera whenever needed.

Dorothy Haney, who took attendance each Sunday.

Faith Thomas, who scheduled the Communion Assistants.

Bill Myers, who is Head Usher.

Ushers: Kelly Boyer, Kathleen Arndt, Justin Tice. Frank Woods

A special thanks to Jane Fanucci for her excellent job leading the choir. The choir is few in numbers, but under Jane's direction they do an outstanding job.

I am so looking forward to working with each and everyone of St. Luke's Church family members in 2025. I pray God continues to bless each and everyone of you.

Your Sister in Christ,

Carolyn Andrews

Worship and Music Chairperson

February 2025 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, February 2nd

Peggy Moser	Altar Care
Shirley Prouty	Reader
Faith Thomas	Prayer Leader

Sunday, February 9th

Gail Weber	Altar Care
Bob Behr	Reader
Laura Tice	Prayer Leader

Sunday, February 16th

Faith Thomas	Altar Care
Kirsten Ireton	Reader
Phil Karlstad	Prayer Leader

Sunday, February 23rd

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
Sarah Madison	Reader
Bob Behr	Prayer Leader

Treasurer's Report for 2024

Hello St. Luke's Family! Attached you will find our 2024 year-end reports for the "Special Funds" and "General Fund and Budget". As a reminder, the Special Funds Account holds those donations/receipts which are designated for special purposes such as memorials, Sunday School offerings, youth, fireworks, property, etc. The General Fund includes all the money which comes into the church by means of offerings, facility use donations, etc. and our budgeted expenses that were approved at the Congregational Meeting in December 2023. The church's hard-working Finance Board provides oversight and guidance for both accounts. The data presented here in the reports are audited on a quarterly basis and then again annually according to our Policy & Procedures.

Special Funds

As you may recall, the Special Funds Account was established over 20 years ago to accommodate funds received for special or designated purposes outside of the general budgetary fund. Its purpose and management are addressed in St Luke's Policy & Procedure 2000-1. This account is managed by a Council-approved Special Funds Recorder Connie Reule. Within the Special Funds Account is the Reserve Fund, with oversight provided by the Church Council and/or Congregation. It is used primarily for emergencies and/or unexpected needs. The Special Funds account also continues to support the designation of 10% of the receipts from the Fireworks booth to several community agencies upon the recommendations provided by the Community Concerns Board. The remainder of the Fireworks booth receipts are transferred to the Property Board to maintain the Church facilities. The Special Funds report shows the various designated subaccounts and existing balances as of December 31, 2024.

General Fund and Budget

The General Fund report shows the budgeted and expensed items by budget account for December 2024 and for the entire year 2024. The General Fund is managed by me, the Congregation-elected Treasurer and our Finance Board. As the Treasurer, I am responsible for the payment of all of the church bills, payroll and taxes of our employees. This year, our income exceeded our budgeted expectations, mostly due to not having a pastor for much of the year. On the expenses side, we took some hits on natural gas, electricity expenses, water and facility maintenance. I encourage you to review our expenses and reach out to me with any questions. Perhaps you may be interested in being a part of our Finance Board and working alongside us and helping grow our church. As budgeted for 2024, we supplemented the normal income with funds from the Reserve account (\$10,900). This supplemental income was beneficial and did cover all the expenses. In the end, we transferred back to the Reserve account \$67,066. We also saw exceptional facility usage income due to room use and the voting center. Our end of the year checkbook balance on December 31, 2024 was \$23,200.

Looking Forward to 2025

With Pastor Rob on board, I know that we will see more members, working together to serve as God calls us. We also will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Luke's with lots of activities and celebrations. I look forward to seeing how we can all work together for the common goal of strengthening our church and making it a wonderful place for worship and praise. 2025 is also my final year as Church Treasurer; if you are interested in this position, please let me know. It would be wonderful to have someone shadow me for a few months to learn what the job entails. It has been a very rewarding position which I enjoyed immensely.

In His Service, Kirsten Ireton / Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT

December 2024

Sub-Fund	Number	Balance*
Memorials:		
Under \$99.99	1	\$ 95.00
\$100.00 to \$249.99	1	\$ 170.00
\$250.00 to \$499.99	2	\$ 655.00
\$499.99 to \$999.99	1	\$ 690.00
Over \$1,000.00		
Subtotal	5	\$ 1,610.00
Special Funds Accounts		
Anniversary Fund		\$ 4,385.67
Community Concerns		\$ 2,398.07
Crab Feed Fund		\$ 837.92
Evangelism Board Fund		\$ 865.41
Fireworks Booth		\$ 500.00
New/Next Pastor Installation Luncheon		\$ 697.03
Luau Music		\$ 1,296.91
Parking Lot Fund		\$ -
Pastor Carl Gift Fund		\$ 468.85
Pastor Carl Retirement Luncheon		\$ -
Pastoral Assistance Fund		\$ 1,030.74
Property Board		\$ 13,141.33
Reserve Fund		\$ 122,198.19
Reule Handbell Fund		\$ 1,633.17
Sunday School Fund		\$ 939.76
Youth Activity Fund		\$ 4,459.14
Subtotal		\$ 154,852.19
TOTAL		\$ 156,462.19

Bank Statement Balance	12/31/2024	\$ 156,462.19
Checks/Deposits not cleared/posted		\$ -
Adjusted Bank Statement Balance		\$ 156,462.19

Special Funds Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 156,462.19
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Connie Reule / Special Funds Recorder

1/1/2025
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St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
Finance year 2024, December

<u>Book 01: General Fund</u>	Budget Dec. 2024	Actual Dec. 2024	Budget as of 12/31/2024	Actual as of 12/31/2024
<u>Income</u>				
<u>40 - Church Income</u>				
<u>10 - Designated Giving</u>				
015-40-10-01 Envelope Offerings	14,467.00	13,242.00	173,604.00	174,389.77
015-40-10-02 Loose Cash Offerings	333.00	448.50	3,996.00	4,128.52
015-40-10-03 Flower Income	250.00	425.00	500.00	892.00
015-40-10-04 Facility Usage	1,870.00	2,765.00	6,500.00	14,645.00
015-40-10-06 Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	364.00
015-40-10-07 Reserve	709.00	709.00	10,609.00	10,609.00
015-40-10-09 VANCO E-Giving	500.00	613.00	6,000.00	6,844.75
10 - Designated Giving:	18,129.00	18,202.50	201,209.00	211,873.04
40 - Church Income:	18,129.00	18,202.50	201,209.00	211,873.04
Income:	18,129.00	18,202.50	201,209.00	211,873.04
<u>Expense</u>				
<u>51 - General Budget</u>				
<u>10 - Synod/ELCA</u>				
016-51-10-01 Synod Benevolence	153.00	142.01	1,836.00	1,852.67
10 - Synod/ELCA:	153.00	142.01	1,836.00	1,852.67
51 - General Budget:	153.00	142.01	1,836.00	1,852.67
<u>52 - General Budget Expense</u>				
<u>10 - Executive Committee</u>				
016-52-10-01 Pastor's Wages	5,026.67	2,604.00	60,320.00	5,208.00
016-52-10-03 Pastor Housing Allowance	0.00	2,416.00	0.00	4,832.00
016-52-10-04 Pastor's Benefits (ELCA)	2,342.50	1,071.04	28,110.00	1,071.04
016-52-10-05 Pastor's SSEA	0.00	384.00	0.00	768.00
016-52-10-07 Pastor's Negotiable Exp	583.33	0.00	7,000.00	0.00
016-52-10-08 Pastor's Mileage	125.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
016-52-10-09 Prof Leadership Conf	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-52-10-10 Office Secretary Wages	1,072.50	998.25	12,870.00	13,109.25
016-52-10-11 Sub Pastors & Others	0.00	300.00	2,100.00	7,800.00
016-52-10-12 Stewardship Program Exp	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
016-52-10-13 Staff Training/Checks	0.00	15.00	1,000.00	345.35
016-52-10-15 Term Pastor Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,604.00
016-52-10-16 Term Pastor Portico	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
016-52-10-17 Term Pastor Mileage	0.00	40.20	0.00	1,110.95
10 - Executive Committee:	9,150.00	7,828.49	114,100.00	57,848.59
52 - General Budget Expense:	9,150.00	7,828.49	114,100.00	57,848.59
<u>53 - General Budget</u>				
<u>10 - Community Concerns Bd</u>				
016-53-10-01 CC Program Exp	50.00	0.00	200.00	109.36
10 - Community Concerns Bd:	50.00	0.00	200.00	109.36
53 - General Budget:	50.00	0.00	200.00	109.36
<u>54 - General Budget</u>				
<u>10 - Education Board</u>				
016-54-10-01 Sunday School	0.00	0.00	500.00	19.99
10 - Education Board:	0.00	0.00	500.00	19.99

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	<u>Dec. 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 2024</u>	<u>as of 12/31/2024</u>	<u>as of 12/31/2024</u>
54 - General Budget:	0.00	0.00	500.00	19.99
55 - General Budget				
10 - Evangelism Board				
016-55-10-01 Evangelism Program Exp	50.00	0.00	200.00	194.40
10 - Evangelism Board:	50.00	0.00	200.00	194.40
55 - General Budget:	50.00	0.00	200.00	194.40
56 - General Budget				
10 - Worship/Music Board				
016-56-10-01 Organist/Choir Director	1,274.00	1,274.00	15,288.00	15,288.00
016-56-10-02 Worship Supplies	150.00	380.04	1,800.00	1,864.48
016-56-10-03 Flower Exp	250.00	352.06	700.00	698.66
016-56-10-04 W&M Other Exp	0.00	37.98	600.00	400.93
10 - Worship/Music Board:	1,674.00	2,044.08	18,388.00	18,252.07
56 - General Budget:	1,674.00	2,044.08	18,388.00	18,252.07
58 - General Budget				
10 - Finance Board				
016-58-10-01 Payroll Taxes	215.00	208.72	2,580.00	2,589.94
016-58-10-02 Workers Comp Ins	253.00	310.50	1,000.00	1,133.58
016-58-10-03 Property Fees & Taxes	0.00	0.00	3,300.00	3,221.73
016-58-10-04 Liability Property Ins	2,237.75	2,647.00	11,000.00	10,311.62
016-58-10-05 Office Supplies	41.00	0.00	500.00	357.16
016-58-10-06 Telephone	41.00	41.95	500.00	498.39
016-58-10-07 Postage	0.00	0.00	200.00	190.50
016-58-10-08 Internet	55.00	64.20	650.00	698.71
016-58-10-09 Copier/ Off.Equip. Suppt	183.00	181.22	2,200.00	2,189.68
016-58-10-10 Computer/Sftwr Supp	170.00	155.88	1,200.00	1,198.16
016-58-10-11 Lay Conference/Convention	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	913.14
016-58-10-12 Misc. Fees & Taxes	25.00	0.00	100.00	20.00
016-58-10-13 VANCO Fees	9.00	8.95	100.00	96.85
10 - Finance Board:	3,229.75	3,618.42	24,630.00	23,419.46
58 - General Budget:	3,229.75	3,618.42	24,630.00	23,419.46
59 - General Budget				
10 - Property Board				
016-59-10-01 Facility Maintenance	175.00	1,636.45	2,100.00	3,304.42
016-59-10-02 Janitor Wages	456.30	456.30	5,475.60	5,458.05
016-59-10-04 Landscape Svc Contract	850.00	850.00	10,200.00	10,200.00
016-59-10-05 Refuse Services	210.00	139.24	2,520.00	1,822.93
016-59-10-06 Electricity	410.00	411.38	4,920.00	4,957.34
016-59-10-07 Natural Gas	700.00	1,021.69	4,230.00	4,158.14
016-59-10-08 Sewer Charges	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,660.69
016-59-10-09 Water Charges	120.00	150.08	3,120.00	3,855.50
016-59-10-10 Storm Drainage Fees	527.00	526.36	6,324.00	6,316.32
016-59-10-11 Street Sweeping Fees	6.00	5.64	65.00	67.46
016-59-10-12 Janitorial Supplies	0.00	241.17	800.00	809.38
10 - Property Board:	3,454.30	5,438.31	41,354.60	42,610.23
59 - General Budget:	3,454.30	5,438.31	41,354.60	42,610.23
60 - General Budget				
10 - Bank Transfer				
016-60-10-00 Bank Transfer	0.00	67,066.04	0.00	67,066.04

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10 - Bank Transfer:	0.00	67,066.04	0.00	67,066.04
60 - General Budget:	0.00	67,066.04	0.00	67,066.04
Expense:	17,761.05	86,137.35	201,208.60	211,372.81
Summary, Book 01: General Fund	Budget Dec. 2024	Actual Dec. 2024	Budget as of 12/31/2024	Actual as of 12/31/2024
Income:	18,129.00	18,202.50	201,209.00	211,873.04
- Expense:	17,761.05	86,137.35	201,208.60	211,372.81
Net Income:	367.95	-67,934.85	0.40	500.23

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
December & Year-End Report – 2024

General Fund Offerings (only)		
Data	December	2024 Total
Total Offerings	\$14,304	\$185,364
Compared to Budget	-\$996	\$1,764
	-6.5%	1.0%
Compared to 2023	-\$790	\$1,670
	-5.2%	0.9%
No. of Contributors		
2024 (This Year)	63	58 avg.
2023 (Last Year)	59	56 avg.

Note: Plus values are above Budget, minus values are below.

Other Contributions		
	December	2024 Total
100 th Anniversary	\$460	\$8,236
Memorials		\$800
Thank Offering (1)	\$1,154	\$1,154
Special Gifts (2)		\$1,590
Easter Lily		\$385
Poinsettias	\$425	\$507
Youth Fund	\$20	\$50
Fence Grant		\$30,000
Fireworks Donations		\$770

A W-ELCA benevolence effort.

Special Gifts:

- Pastor Carl's Retirement.
- Gifts In Kind.
- Various Other Gifts.

Year-End Comments:

- Thank you for your continuing support!
- Although the offerings were somewhat less throughout the fall months of 2024, the totals for the year show a slight **increase** (about one percent) – both when compared to the adopted budget and to last year. Congrats to all!

- The increased, projected offerings included in the 2025 adopted budget have eliminated the reliance on Reserve Funds to support a 3/4-time permanent pastor (Pastor Rob). Please ensure that these projections are “true”.
- Although the average number of discrete monthly contributors has increased slightly, a continuing concern is that a sufficient number of active members has not been achieved to fully support a viable church the size of St. Luke's facilities. *Note: A “discrete contributor” is a contributor that has given one or more times during the month.*

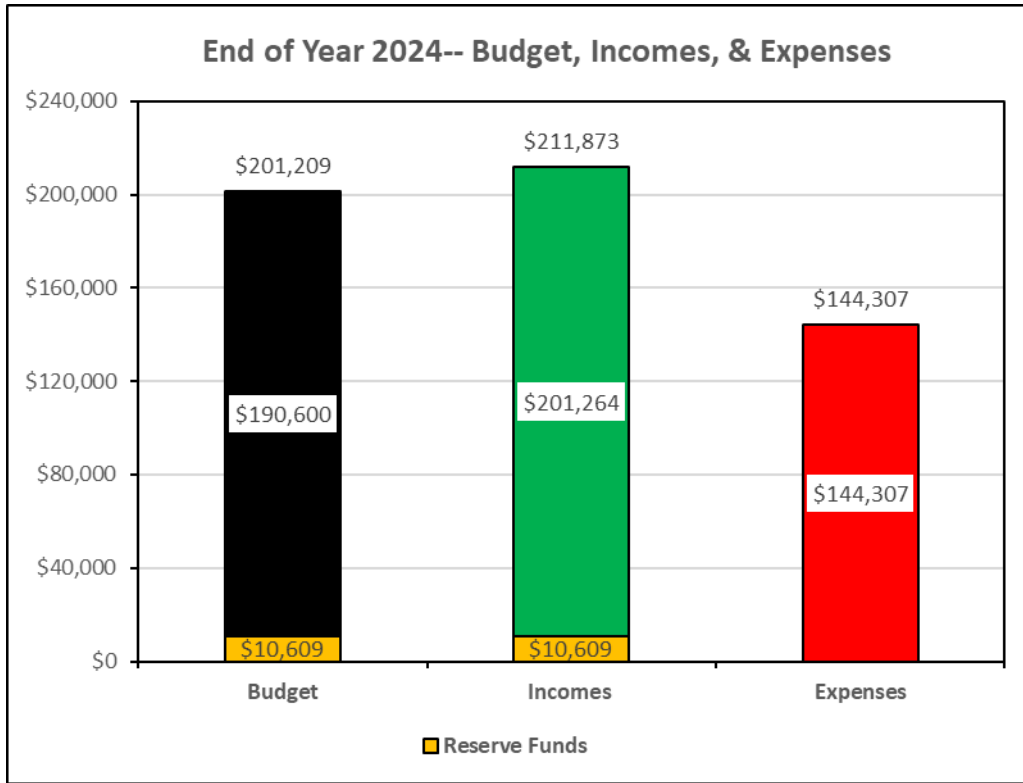
General Comments:

- Annual statements of your 2024 contributions will be distributed in January for all contributors. If you do not receive a statement and believe you should have, please contact me as noted below.
- Contributions can now be made electronically (online), in addition to conventional means. For details, go to St. Luke's website www.slelca.org and click on the “Giving” heading. A popular electronic giving method is the member's bank's “Pay Bills” system.
- When using envelopes, use numbered envelopes, when feasible. The use of numbered envelopes speeds up the Sunday counting process, makes record-keeping easier, and most importantly, minimizes errors.
- If you need numbered envelopes, please contact me either by email or telephone, or simply put a note in the offering plate.
- If you are 70 years or older and have IRAs, please consult with your Financial Advisor or tax preparer regarding “Qualified Charitable Distributions” (QCDs). There are opportunities for tax savings through QCDs.
- If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Financial Secretary's duties or reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- our continuing support is appreciated. Thank you.

*Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, LRFenske@comcast.net
St. Luke's Financial Secretary*

FINANCES for END OF YEAR 2024

Thank you all for your contributions and support.



The graph above compares the end of year 2024 figures for the Budget, Incomes, and Expenses. The Incomes without the Reserve supplement (\$201,264) exceeded the Expenses (\$144,307) by about \$57,000 due primarily to being without a pastor for ten months. These “short-time savings” were transferred to the Reserve Fund in accordance with our Policy & Procedure 2018-1. We appreciate everyone’s financial support as we enter year 2025 and look forward to growing in stewardship and outreach.

Finance Board

Installation of Rev. Robert Williamson

Sunday, February 2nd, 2025

4:00pm

Potluck Dinner Reception to Follow

Information and the sign-up is located in the narthex

RSVP to office@slelca.org by 1/30/25



Daniel Connell	February 03
Jesse Iniguez	February 07
Joesph Mansfield	February 07
Mateo Ray	February 08
Holly Hoppman	February 10
Brooklyn Moser	February 10
Ella Neidich	February 12
Laura Weaver	February 12
Robin Zoesch	February 13
Victor Basquez	February 15
Ed Ireton	February 15
Rochelle Jaegar	February 17
Paul Linfor	February 17
Andrew Encinas	February 18
Ron Webb	February 22
Lajuan Andrews	February 24
Donovan Torres	February 26
Megan Thomas	February 27
Cheryl Franklin	February 28

February 2nd *Currently available*

February 9th *Currently available*

February 16th *Currently available*

February 23rd *Currently available*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO

COMMEMORATE A SPECIAL DAY

Sign up to provide flowers for our worship services. There is a sign up chart available on the wall in the narthex if you would like to bring an arrangement of flowers for worship. Place them on the stand by the lectern before worship and then take them with you after worship. Thanks!