

ANNUAL

REPORT

2022

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Stovertown



STAYING ON TRACK

Thanks be to God!

**He gives us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Corinthians 15:57

St John's Lutheran Church Stovertown
Congregational Annual Meeting
January 23, 2022

Council Vice President Bill Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Council secretary Frank Dietz said there were 14 members present and declared a quorum.

Bill Thomas led us in a prayer of celebration that we can once again gather together and do the Lord's work.

The treasurer's report was reviewed from the 2021 Annual Report. It was approved on a motion from Steve Wolfe and Dave Swingle.

Pastor Al Laese addressed the congregation. He also expressed gratitude that we could meet together again. He hoped that the congregation would continue the good work started with the cruise in and the food giveaway. Andrea Laese announced that she was out of prayer shawls and pleaded for everyone to stay healthy.

The reports from the 2021 Annual Report were presented, commented on, and approved from motions made from the following:

Cemetery Fund – Steve Wolfe and Carol Cramer

Memorial Fund – Steve Wolfe and Carol Cramer

Youth Camp/PRAYER CO Fund – Frank Dietz and Nathan Atkins

Women of the ELCA treasurer's report – Vicky Thomas and Robert Deitrick

2022 Proposed church budget – Susan Dietz and Robert Pletcher

Endowment Fund – Nathan Atkins and Dave Swingle

Envelope and Other Giving – Ron Burgundy and Veronica Corningstone

Monthly and Yearly average attendance – Pastor reported that Stovertown's attendance has not dropped as much as other churches in our cluster

Worship and Music – Nathan Atkins and Steve Wolfe

Produce Market – delivery is now being offered and many cars are picking up for multiple families

Social Ministry – reviewed by the congregation

PRAYER CO – "The good Lord loves a cruise in!" The extra t-shirts from the 2021 cruise in will be carried over to 2022

Property committee answered questions about repairs and improvements from 2021 and upcoming projects

There was no other business discussed

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 P.M.

Frank Dietz – Council secretary

Stovertown 2021 Treasurer's Report

Community Bank Balance as of 1/1/2022

\$15,613.61

Receipts:

Church Offerings	\$61,170.00
Mission Support	\$5,038.00
World Hunger	\$1,099.00
Initial	\$40.00
Adopt a Child	\$404.00
Oesterlen	\$325.00
Church Rental	\$1,800.00
IRS Refund	\$2,398.04
Thrivent	\$580.00
Produce Market	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	\$4,757.55
	\$77,761.59

Disbursements:

Special Offerings:

Mission Support	\$5,038.00
World Hunger	\$1,099.00
Adopt a Child	\$404.00
Oesterlen	\$561.00

Salaries:

Pastor Albert Laese & Portico Ins	\$27,896.17
Vicky Thomas	\$5,171.52
Jamey Brassfield	\$2,279.28
Susan Dietz	\$1,662.30
Jessica Fabiny	\$2,216.40
Supply Pastors	\$431.25
Social Security & Medicare	\$716.49

Utilities:

Muskingum Co. Utilites (Water)	\$312.00
Verizon	\$208.04
NGO Propane	\$2,102.00
Guernsey-Muskingum Electric	\$2,381.90

Office Supplies & Service:

Copier Service	\$355.92
Post Office	\$570.14
VanCo Transaction Charge	\$10.20
Misc Office Supplies	\$556.80

Property Improvemnets & Maintenance:

Sewer Inspection	\$30.00
Elevator Saftey Test and Servicing	\$672.96
Misc.	\$140.00

Social Minstery:

Michelle Smith	\$300.00
Avondale Youth Center	\$325.00

Misc:

Insurance	\$3,046.00
Worker's Compensation	\$148.10
Upper Room	\$144.00
1517 Medla	\$698.96
Concordia Publishing	\$82.96
Real Estate Taxes	\$42.00
Misc	\$8,503.78

\$68,106.17

Balance as of 12/31/2022:

\$25,269.03

Jessica Fabiny, Treasurer

Cemetery Fund

Balance as of 1/1/2022 \$11,547.72

Receipts:

Tim & Barb Williamson- 2 Graves	\$1,500.00
Rick Bunice- 1 Grave	\$750.00
Misc- Donation	\$1,500.00
	\$3,750.00

Disbursements:

Walt Atkins- Mowing and Gas Reimbursment	-\$2,669.00
American Pride	-\$199.58
Buckeye Valley Equipment	-\$205.00
Cemetery Permit	-\$25.00
	-\$3,098.58

Balance as of 12/31/2022 **\$12,199.14**

Jessica Fabiny, Treasurer

Memorial Fund

Balance as of 1/1/2022	\$4,375.09
Receipts:	
In Memory Linda Pletcher	\$1,050.00
In Memory Jeff Showers	\$50.00
	\$1,100.00
Disbursements:	
	\$0.00
Balance as of 12/31/2022	\$5,475.09

Jessica Fabiny, Treasurer

Youth Camp/Prayer Company Fund

Balance as of 1/1/2022	\$10,824.84
Receipts:	
Car Show	\$4,307.25
Interest	\$11.12
	\$4,318.37
Disbursements:	
Car Show	\$1,500.00
Christmas for Multiple Families	\$3,000.00
	\$4,500.00
Balance as of 12/31/2022	\$10,643.21

Jessica Fabiny, Treasurer

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2022

Balance as of 1-1-2022	\$ 282.67
Receipts:	
Regular Offering	80.00
Thankoffering	85.00
Christ's Table	45.00
Curran Hospital Solar System	360.00
Altar Flowers Fund	50.00
LWR Ukraine Refugees	1,815.00
Giveaway School Kits	<u>205.00</u>
	2,640.00
Disbursements:	
Regular Offering	-40.00
Thankoffering	-85.00
Christ's Table	-45.00
Curran Hospital Solar System	-360.00
Muskingum Conference	-15.00
LWR Ukraine Refugees	-1,815.00
Giveaway School Kits	-208.80
ESxpenses for Linda Pletcher Funeral Dinner	-33.83
Marcie Butterfield & Dr. Melinda Ford	-100.00
LWR Kits & Quilts Shipping	<u>-100.00</u>
	-2,802.63
Balance as of 12-31-2022	\$ 120.04

-Lynne Parmiter - Treasurer

CONTINUATION OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA ANNUAL REPORT 2022

PROJECT FUND

Balance as of 1-1-2022 \$ 1,310.80

Receipts:

Offerings	13.00
Basement Sale	630.25
Easter Breakfast	93.00
Interest	<u>1.76</u>
	\$ 738.01

Disbursements:

Transferred to Checking -Ukraine Refugees - 300.00

Balance as of 12-31-2022 \$ 1,748.81

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance as 1-1-2022	397.42
Birthday Offerings	<u>3.00</u>
	\$ 400.42

-Lynne Parmiter-Treasurer

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, STOVERTOWN
PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET**

Receipts:	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed
Church offerings (Current)	\$ 58,186.00	61,000.00
Mission (Benevolence)	5,036.00	6,360.00
World Hunger	1,101.00	1,400.00
Oesterlen - Avondale	650.00	650.00
Adopt-A-Child	434.00	400.00
Miscellaneous (Church Rent)	10,744.59	6,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 76,151.59	75,810.00

Disbursements:
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries	\$ 40,537.40	41,000.00
Utilities	5,003.60	5,300.00
General Church Expenses		
Miscellaneous	8,429.27	6,000.00
Insurance	3,046.00	3,100.00
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 57,016.27	55,400.00

SPECIAL OFFERING

Mission Support (Benevolence)	\$5,036.00	6,360.00
Oesterlen -Avondale	650.00	650.00
Adopt-A-Child	434.00	400.00
World Hunger	1,101.00	1,400.00
Total Special Offerings	7,221.00	8,810.00
Total Disbursements	\$64,237.27	64,210.00

We covered 100% of our expenses in 2021

13.4% of our actual receipts were given to special offerings.

ENVELOPE AND OTHER GIVING FOR 2022

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
\$5440.00	\$4460.00	\$880.00	\$100.00
5150.00	4800.00		350.00
4925.00	4925.00		
4172.00	3775.00	280.00	117.00
4000.00	4000.00		
3802.50	2960.00	740.00	102.50
3700.00	3600.00		100.00
3640.00	1872.00	936.00	832.00
3070.00	2600.00	130.00	340.00
3047.00	2925.00	50.00	72.00
2860.00	2572.00	288.00	
2402.00	2400.00		2.00
2080.00	1570.00	510.00	
2032.00	1930.00		102.00
1972.00	1375.00	470.00	127.00
1892.00	1500.00	140.00	252.00
1837.00	1482.00	328.00	27.00
1822.00	1820.00		2.00
1322.00	1320.00		2.00
1300.00	1300.00		
1162.00	960.00	10.00	192.00
1127.00	875.00	225.00	27.00
1002.00	1000.00		2.00
872.00	872.00		
727.00	645.00		82.00
662.00	550.00	110.00	2.00
660.00	660.00		
600.00	300.00	300.00	
525.00	525.00		
350.00	350.00		
225.00	225.00		
222.00	220.00		2.00
197.00	195.00		2.00
165.00	165.00		
100.00			100.00
70.00	70.00		
60.00	60.00		
50.00	50.00		
32.50	23.00	7.00	2.50
2.50			2.50
2.50			2.50
2.00			2.00

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR 2022

January	28
February	29
March	35
April	41
May	32
June	32
July	32
August	25
September	25
October	29
November	32
December	31

Yearly Average: 2022: 31
2021: 28
2020: 23
2019: 42
2018: 44

Stovertown Worship Committee Report for 2022

Regular worship services have been held all year starting at 10:00 am.

Pastor Al Laese continues with his leadership in the worship services, biblical teaching & highlighting the seasons of the church year. Special thanks for your continued service. I also wish to thank Susan Dietz, as she continues her role as organist & brings the gift of music & to Vicky Thomas who provides the written bulletins to guide the service in an orderly fashion.

Thanks also goes to those who have given of their musical talents in special music - Susan Sands West, Bob Pletcher, & Bob Barr.

For the Easter Sunrise service, the children of St. John's presented "The Life of Jesus." From Jesus's birth, to His Baptism, to Feeding the 5,000 & sharing bread & fish with everyone, to the Last Supper, Crucifixion & Resurrection, the children brought the stories to life. They even raised Jesus on the Cross.

Christmas Eve service was presented with hymns & scripture & a candle lighting service, as we celebrated Jesus's birth.

The worship services would not flow as smoothly as they do without the assistance of so many, who just do what they do, without being asked. From the purchase of the altar flowers, to getting the flowers to & from the altar, changing of the altar cloths according to the church year, to filling the candles, to setting up communion, to picking the hymns for the service, to ordering supplies, hanging banners, etc. I could go on. THANK YOU to those that just get the job done! (I'm afraid I'll miss someone so I won't name names but you know who you are.) Anyway, thank you for your continued service.

Karen Showers, Worship Committee

Produce Market Report for 2022

The Mid-Ohio Food Collective & St. John's Lutheran Church, Stovertown, continue in a partnership, to distribute food to our local communities. Our first market was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, so we have been in operation for the past 15 months. We distribute food on the third Tuesday of each month from 9-11 am.

130 different households have been served to date & 14-22 volunteers have given of their time this past year, to help distribute the food each month. This year we have given away potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, celery, peppers, cucumbers, corn on the cob, eggs, cantaloupe, pineapple, lettuce, cabbage, oranges, apples, pears, bananas, zucchini, Brussel sprouts, pomegranates, cauliflower, honeydew, Cheryl's Cookies, watermelon, onions, grapes, juice & assorted bakery items. That adds up to 86,511 pounds of food!!! Any left-over food has gone to the Salvation Army, Eastside Community Ministry & Transitions.

Our volunteers have done an **AWESOME** job of jumping right in & getting the job done. From traffic control, to registration, to bagging the food, to the safe distribution of the food & clean up. I commend them for a job well done each month.

The recipients of the market have been very appreciative of the food given to them. Some have even told me that they have shared some of the food with family, friends & neighbors or freeze it for later use.

The purpose of this market is to provide healthy & wholesome foods to anyone that needs or wants it out in our rural communities. No financial questions are asked.

Our serving time is set from 9-11 but if the food truck arrives on time & there isn't much food to bag, we start serving around 8:30.

If you would like to volunteer, please arrive by 8:00 am & bring a cheerful & loving heart.

Help us spread the word that the food will be available on the third Tuesday of every month from 9-11am. Anyone is welcome.

I would like to personally thank Leslie Williams for completing all the computer work on the months I was absent. Greatly appreciated!

Remember this is God's work thru our Hands!

Karen Showers, Produce Market Coordinator

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding COVID in 2022, the Special Peoples' Luncheon continued to be on hold. We are hopeful to hold a luncheon in 2023. The committee would like to thank Karen and all the volunteers for the continued support of the Produce Market and service to our community.

Gary Williams, Chair

2022 PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Heater in the oil tank of the elevator has been replaced
- Stone has been put on the cemetery driveway
- A few lights have been replaced as old lights fail with led lights throughout the building
- Kitchen sink drain has been snaked to unplug a root plug -
- Some duct work from the furnace had some adjustments made to warm the upstairs better
- The lawn mower had some work done on the drive train and seems to be better

Thanks to all that helps keep things fixed, ordered, replaced and cleaned up. It takes a village.

Nate Atkins, Chair

P.R.A.Y.E.R COMPANY REPORT 2022

I personally want to thank everyone, members and non-members alike, that has made 2022 another successful year for our Prayer Company.

Our September camp out and canoeing was the best ever attended, with several new faces, and well over 30 people camping and well over 20 on the water in canoes and kayaks. This years event will be on September 15, 16, & 17. Come join in on the fun and fellowship, even if you don't of out on the water!

The 11th Annual Triple Nickel was moved to October this past year, and, with everyone's hard work and the Good Lord's Blessings, it passed all expectations, and was the largest ever attended, with 160 to 162 registered and unregistered vehicles. We had cars from West Virginia and motorcycles from Pennsylvania! As always, it featured great music, a bounce house, kids tractor peddle pull, fantastic door prizes, two seperate 50/50 drawings, hoodies and tee shirt sales, and fun for all ages, but as always the most popular is our great Church Lady Food, which for all practical purposes, we sold out of! A big, heartfelt, thank you to all members and non-members, who's hard work and dedication made this such a special day! Also, a big thank you to Janet Novaria and Susan Showers for being co-chair and keeping me on track! After much discussion, we will have the event in October again this year, at a date yet to be determined. So far this year we gave nearly \$2,600.00 back to the community, and in the past 12 years, a total of over \$24,500.00 has been donated. This has all been possible because of all of your hard work, dedication, and sacrifice, and all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ that are involved in many different ways to help make it successful. The Triple Nickel Country Cruise In has truly become a well known and special community event.

With sincere admiration and respect, and asking for God's continued Blessings and Guidance for us all, respectfully submitted,

Steve Wolfe

P.S. Would be nice to bring the Stomp back this year, possibly this Spring or Summer as well!