



ANNUAL REPORT

— 2020 —



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Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Annual Congregational Meeting
February 14th, 2021 Agenda

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A MESSAGE FROM ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON

Dear friends in Christ,

This year has been a challenging one! The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the church and society. We have had to shift the ways we engage in ministry from a focus on in-person worship and meetings to livestream worship, virtual meetings and gatherings in the parking lot. We have had to shift to teaching children at home and working from home. We have not been able to travel to see friends or relatives or to celebrate life events. This has also been a time to address economic and social justice issues, to shift our thinking and our way of life.

In times such as this, our baptism in Christ makes a difference and makes us different. Like Christians before us, we recall that God is faithful to God's promises and God's people. We see that God enables us to connect with one another even when we are separated. Shifts in the world invite us to be innovative in how we do God's work and reach out to all ages in making disciples. We see that God is at work not only in our buildings but beyond them as well. We have found new ways to serve our neighbors and reach those in need.

As we experience this time of uncertainty, we sense something new emerging. In many places there are new strategies and renewed energy for ministry, often generated by emerging leaders. We have developed a framework to build on, and now is the time to engage in hard work together. As you do in your congregation, we want our collaborative efforts to be both faithfully thoughtful and sustainable. We want to build up the body of Christ today and for the future.

Looking across the church, I am grateful for your generous giving of time, talents and resources. Yes, God does continue to bless us! God will provide both relief from life's struggles and hope for a stronger church, God's church. We do not need to know how the future will unfold. As members in the body of Christ, we need only trust that God is with us and will provide.

Building up the body of Christ together,

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

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." —Ephesians 4:11-16

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPENING LITURGY

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L. O God of all power and love ...

C. ... we give thanks for your unfailing presence.

L. O God of all power and love, we give thanks ...

C. ... for the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

L. O God of all power and love ...

C. ... we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

L. O God of all power and love, we ask you ...

C. ... to revive us to live as Christ's body in the world.

L. O God of all power and love, we ask to be ...

C. ... a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

L. O God of all power and love, we ask you to be with us ...

C. ... wherever and however we gather. Unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

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**Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Minutes of the Congregational Meeting
February 2, 2020**

Call to Order:

President Bill Bushman convened the meeting at 11:35 a.m. A sign-in sheet was passed around to voting members. Fifty-four voting members were in attendance as confirmed by Bill.

Opening Devotions:

Litany (*page 4 of the 2019 Annual Report*) led by Deacon Janet Bachmore, Deacon Carol Rios, and Deacon Peggy Kurz. Pastor said a prayer.

Opening Song:(*page 4 of the 2019 Annual Report*) “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

Prior Meeting Minutes: (*page 5 of the 2019 Annual Report*)

The minutes from the February 3, 2019 minutes were already approved and adopted by Council, but according to Robert’s Rules of Order if there are any questions or concerns about the accuracy of the minutes, we can “amend something previously adopted” by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. No questions/concerns/questions.

Pastor’s Report: (*pages 7-11 of the 2019 Annual Report*)

Pastor talked about what a privilege it is to work with this congregation. Being a Pastor is not easy and it is not easy on family members, but he is thankful for the strength, prayers, and support he gets from the congregation, the Council, and the lay leaders.

Pastor needs to start cutting back on Synod activities: his Synod Assembly commitment is done in May; the deanship has another 2 years. He is appreciative of the consistency for the people who work for the church and hopes that cutting back on Synod activities will allow him to provide more consistency as well.

Pastor asked for a round of applause for Jeremy and Sarah Terhune who have done a fantastic job with the Boy Scouts.

Pastor said that when his parents were here in December, his father said, “You know - your congregation really loves you.” Pastor thanked the congregation for always affirming our ministry.

Pastor ended his comments by asking for a round of applause for his husband, Kevin as a recognition of how tough it can be to a pastor’s spouse.

Financial Report: (*pages 12-14 of the 2019 Annual Report*)

John Bachmore went through the Treasurer’s Report. January 1, 2019 balance was \$15,363.41. Ending balance as of December 31, 2019 was \$18,077.09. John drew the congregation’s attention to the fact that the monthly giving is more balanced this year and that there was no major downturn during the summer months which is attributable in part to the increase in the Simply Giving program. John reviewed the Flow-Thru, Designated, and Transfer accounts. In reviewing our benevolence, John pointed out that our percentage allocated to benevolence is only 7% but that we are finally in a position to raise this (which will be seen in the budget). In

reviewing the 2019 Contributions for Building Use, John pointed out that the amount from weddings was the biggest it has been in about 6 or 7 years. John also reviewed the balances of our other accounts. There were no questions or concerns raised.

Property Management: *(page 15 of the 2019 Annual Report)*

Peggy Kurz reviewed the Property Management Report. The beginning balance was \$1,513.34 and the ending balance was \$3,137.37. The goal is to keep approximately \$3,000 in the account at all times, in case of emergency. There were no questions or concerns raised.

Outreach Account: *(page 16 of the 2019 Annual Report)*

Peggy Kurz reviewed the Outreach Account Report. The beginning balance was \$917.65 and the ending balance was \$667.65. There were no questions or concerns raised.

Memorial/Designated Funds: *(page 17 of the 2019 Annual Report)*

Daisy Bushman reviewed the Memorial/Designated Funds Report. The beginning balance was \$14,015.17 & the ending balance was \$21,271.96. There were no questions or concerns raised.

Presentation of the 2020 Budget: *(pages 18-19 of the 2019 Annual Report)*

Peggy Kurz reviewed the 2020 budget. Peggy also shared a pie chart that illustrated "Where does our offering go?" Increases were as follows: World Missions 16%, Pastoral Ministry 6%, Worship & Service 7%, Parish Education 6%, and Church Home 1%. Overall budget increase is only 4%. Motion to accept the budget by Jeff Dittmeier/second by Charles Walsh. Passed unanimously.

Reports of Synodical Deacons and Renewal of Call: *(pages 20-22 of the 2019 Annual Report)* Deacon Janet Bachmore, Deacon Carol Rios, and Deacon Peggy Kurz thanked the congregation for their continued support. Motion made by Pat Bergin to renew the call of all three deacons/second by Gail Farmer. Passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report: *(pages 20-22 of the 2019 Annual Report)*

Chairperson of the 2019 Nominating Committee, Jeremy Terhune, thanked his committee: Marit Dillahunt, Linda Cook, Bill Ellis, and Kathy Cirello. Jeremy presented the slate of candidates.

A Legal Trustee is still needed. John Bachmore spoke about the Legal Trustee position. Mary Ann Dittmeier created a policies and procedures manual and did a great job of leaving things in order/paving the way for the next person. John encouraged members to consider serving in this role on Council.

In accordance with our constitution, Bill Bushman asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Jeff Dittmeier nominated Bill Bushman for Financial Secretary/second by Fred Kurz. There were no other nominations. Ellis Farmer made a motion that the vote be done by ballot/second by Jeff Dittmeier. (After ballots were counted, Ellis later announced that Michele Aleixo would be Financial Secretary.)

Bill Goelz made a motion to accept the remainder of the nominating committees recommendations/Second by Cathy Walsh. Passed unanimously.

Nomination and Election of 2020 Nominating Committee:

Jeff Dittmeier (chairperson), Gail Farmer, Pat Bergin, Daisy Bushman and Marrit Dillahunt were nominated and accepted.

Nomination and Election of 2020 Synod Assembly Representatives:

Motion by Eileen Kuhn/second by Penny Liles-Clukey to send Ellis Farmer and Kristina Farmer. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Updates to the Church Constitution: *(page 24 of the 2019 Annual Report)*

Ellis noted that the changes are in accordance with ELCA's "Model Constitution for Congregations" and not MNYS as noted on page 24.

All changes proposed are in accordance with required changes except those that are in accordance with optional changes summarized as follows:

11.2 Officer's terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting.

11.3 No officer may hold more than one office.

12.1 Declaring a Council office vacant if the officer ceases to be a voting member or is consistently absent without cause.

12.2 The council shall appoint their own installation time.

12.12 Describes how Pastor is part of Council Quorum.

All changes were previously made available and can be viewed on the church website. Motion by Kristina Farmer/second by Lu Anne Blake to approve all suggested updates to the church constitution. Passed unanimously.

Appeal to Spread the Word about Pack 47: Jeremy Terhune spoke about Pack 47. It had been about to dissolve, but at one point had then gone up to about 25 boys. The numbers are dwindling a little and Jeremy asked that we get the word out. This year they went Christmas Caroling, participated in the Patchogue River Clean-Up, and had a hugely successful food drive at King Kullen. They are open to boys from Kindergarten through High School. Information can be requested from Jeremy or via email at Pack47Patchogue@gmail.com.

Council Member Reports: *(pages 25-40 of the 2019 Annual Report)*

Council members encouraged the congregation to read their reports and learn about the exciting things that have been happening at LCOS. Council members thanked the congregation for their support, thanked the volunteers that helped with the work of the various committees, and were encouraging of new volunteers and suggestions.

Recognition of Outgoing President Bill Bushman:

Ellis Farmer thanked Bill for his leadership and there was a big round of applause.

Pastor said that while there were big changes to the 2020 Council, we are looking forward to 2020 and are stronger than ever before. Pastor closed with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Treasurer's Report
Report of General Fund - 2020**

Balance January 1, 2020 **\$ 18,077.09**

Receipts: General Fund, Designated, Transfers and Flow Thru

General Fund - Offerings

January	12,726.83	
February	16,034.04	
March	14,665.00	Simply Giving= \$62,217 (36.8%)
April	15,899.08	Thrivent= \$127.27
May	14,525.00	Amazon= \$75.96
June	11,484.00	
July	11,537.00	
August	11,853.23	
September	17,790.00	
October	10,876.00	
November	14,593.43	
December	16,970.00	

Total General Fund - Offerings	168,953.61
Transfer from Internal Accts	850.00 *
Payroll Protection Grant	19,752.00
Designated + Flow Thru	21,754.48

Total Receipts **\$211,310.09**

Total Funds Available **\$229,387.18**

Disbursements, Flow Thru, Designated and Transfers

January	14,416.54	
February	17,653.65	
March	15,712.90	
April	10,930.76	
May	17,719.98	
June	14,778.22	
July	11,892.55	
August	15,603.24	
September	15,794.75	
October	21,284.47	
November	19,670.44	
December	16,160.80	191,618.30

Total Disbursements **\$191,618.30**

Balance 31-Dec-20 **\$ 37,768.88**

*Internal Accts Transfer Expenses: \$375 Wedding Deposit Transfer- Memorial Fund
\$300 Lutheran Counseling Center-Memorial Fund
\$75 Social Concerns Delivery Cart
\$100 From WELCA for Sundae Sunday

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Treasurer's Report
Flow Thru, Designated and Transfers 2020**

Memorial Fund:

Piano Tuning	50.00	
Pastor's Fund	3,275.00	\$ 14,446.00
Advent Wreath	55.00	
Bill Goelz	1,245.00	
Front Doors (Craft Group)	867.25	
Front Doors	1,005.00	
Capital Improvement- Frt Doors	7,500.00	
Fellowship	333.00	
75th Anniversary	<u>115.75</u>	

Social Concerns	2,785.00
Social Concerns - Purchase Gift Cards	1,000.00
WELCA Love Offer	443.00
WELCA Rachel Day Offer	165.00
Lutheran Social Services	240.00
Marion Dittmeier Scholarship	250.00
Saint Parick's Dinner	311.00
Mum's Sale- Craft Grp	233.50
Easter Plants	56.00
LYO	226.00
LYO Wreaths	380.00
Sundae Sunday- LWH	1,063.26
Sunday School/Confirmation	40.00
WELCA Gather Refund	11.97
Christmas Plants	83.75
Lutheran Disaster Response	<u>20.00</u>

TOTAL FLOW THRU+DESIGNATED+TRANSFERS	\$ 21,754.48
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Lutheran Church of Our Savior Treasurer's Report

Benevolence , Building Use and other Accts- 2020

Total Receipts	211,310.09
Less: Total Flow Thru- Non Benevolence	17,028.22
Congregational Giving Available Budget & World Missions	<u><u>\$194,281.87</u></u>

Funds Spent for World and Local Mission and Other Benevolence:

Metro NY Synod	5,400.00
LSS	240.00
Congregational Outreach	900.00
Missionary Support	2,499.96
Social Concerns	4,435.00
Other Metro Ministries	1,691.26
Total World and Local Ministries	<u><u>\$ 15,166.22</u></u>

Percentage Allocated to Benevolence	7.8%
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2020 Contribution For Building Use

Overeaters Anonymous	20.00
Gambler's Anonymous	1,080.00
Baptism/Funerals	500.00
Weddings	500.00
Total Receipts	<u><u>\$ 2,100.00</u></u>

Balance of Mortgage as of Dec 31, 2020	\$ 64,223.46
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Other Account Balances

Savings Account	\$ 36,762.80
Property Management Account	\$ 3,760.90
Memorial Designated Funds	\$ 30,824.69

Property Management 2020 Year End Report

Beginning Bank Balance - January 1, 2020 **\$ 3,137.37**

Deposits & Interest 2020:

Budget transfers	1200.00
Transfer from Organ Memorial Fund	425.82
Interest paid	3.23
Total Credits:	1629.05

Disbursements 2020:

KBD Systems - Organ Repair	(458.75)
Michael Aleixo - lighting reimbursement	(70.85)
Kristina Farmer - lighting reimbursement	(475.92)
Total Disbursements:	(1,005.52)

Ending Balance December 31, 2020: **\$ 3,760.90**

Outreach Account 2020 Year End Report

Beginning Bank Balance - January 1, 2020 **\$ 667.65**

Deposits & Interest 2020:

Budget transfers	900.00	
Designated	283.00	
	1183.00	
Total Credits:		1183.00

Disbursements:

ELCA Fund for Leaders*	(100.00)	
LUHI*	(75.00)	
Salvation Army*	(75.00)	
Seafarers International House*	(100.00)	
Mercy Center Ministries*	(50.00)	
Wounded Warrior Project*	(50.00)	
Reconciling Works*	(100.00)	
Lighthouse Mission*	(100.00)	
Lutheran Seminary*	(50.00)	
Habitat for Humanity Suffolk*	(100.00)	
N. Patchogue Fire Dept.*	(50.00)	
Protestant Campus Ministry*	(100.00)	
	(950.00)	
Total 2020 Disbursements:		(950.00)

Ending Balance December 31, 2020: **\$ 900.65**

*2019 Donations which cleared in 2020

2020 Donations were not written until Jan. 2021 and not reflected on this report (\$900.00)

MEMORIAL / DESIGNATED FUNDS

2020 Year End Report

Beginning Bank Balance - January 1, 2020 **\$ 21,271.96**

Deposits & Credits 2020:

Deposits to 75th Anniversary Fund	155.75
Deposits to Advent Wreaths	55.00
Deposits to new Capital Fund	7500.00
Deposits to Church Doors	1872.25
Deposits to Fellowship Fund	333.00
Deposits to Pastor's Discretionary Fund	3275.00
Deposits to Piano Tuning	50.00
Deposits to William Gorlz Council Discretionary Fund	1000.00
Deposits to William Goelz Memorial Fund	245.00
Wedding Deposits	375.00
Interest	3.36
Total Deposits & Credits	14864.36

Disbursements 2020:

From Altar Flowers Memorial Fund - Adele Bandows	(210.00)
From Craft Guild	(89.79)
From Fellowship Fund	(318.98)
From Homeless Shelter Fund	(133.35)
From Organ Fund	(425.82)
From Pastor's Discretionary Fund	(2,310.53)
From Tape Ministry	(1,072.90)
From Wedding Deposits	(750.00)
Total Disbursements:	(5,311.37)

Closing Bank Balance December 31, 2020 **\$ 30,824.95**

****Outstanding Checks:**

Check #492 The Baut Studios Inc. Church Doors	(4,475.00)
Total Outstanding:	(4,475.00)

Adjusted Available Cash Balance December 31, 2020: **\$ 26,349.95**

***Intrafund Transfers Approved & Moved To Other Categories**

MEMORIAL / DESIGNATED FUNDS ALLOCATIONS
2020 YEAR END

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	OPENING BALANCE	INCOME	DISBURSED	OUTSTAND TRANSACTION**	INTRAFUND TRANSFERS*	CLOSING BALANCE
75th Anniversary Fund	\$ 117.00	\$ 155.75				\$ 272.75
Altar Flowers Memorial Fund - Adele Bandows	850.00		(210.00)			640.00
Advent Wreath	154.40	55.00				209.40
Bible Study	405.72					405.72
Capital Fund	0.00	7500.00				7500.00
Church Doors	9012.95	1872.25		(4,475.00)	4,372.89	10783.09
Church Entrance Front Steps	250.00					250.00
Church Maintenance	125.00					125.00
Church Roof	698.00					698.00
Craft Guild	183.78		(89.79)			93.99
Fellowship Fund	403.80	333.00	(318.98)			417.82
Fred Entress Sign Fund	0.00				1,735.00	1735.00
Homeless Shelter	133.35		(133.35)			0.00
Landscaping	90.00					90.00
Organ Fund	425.82		(425.82)			0.00
Organ Music	0.00					0.00
Parements & Robes	56.80				200.00	256.80
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	410.53	3275.00	(2,310.53)			1375.00
Piano Tuning	40.00	50.00				90.00
S. Lowell Building Preservation Fund	121.16				(121.16)	0.00
Tape Ministry	1297.95		(1,072.90)			225.05
William Goelz Council Discretionary Fund	0.00	1000.00			(1,000.00)	0.00
Interest	4.11	3.36				7.47
UNDESIGNATED	701.86					701.86
MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES						
Adele Bandows Fund	25.00					25.00
Grace Canpino Fund	50.00					50.00
Marion Dittmeier Memorial	126.00					126.00
Fred Entress Sign Fund*	1735.00				(1,735.00)	0.00
Jacqueline Durham Memorial	1640.00				(1,640.00)	0.00
Helen Gaulrapp Memorial	52.33				(52.33)	0.00
William Goelz Memorial	0.00	245.00			(245.00)	0.00
Alice Hauge Memorial	0.00					0.00
Joan Holl Memorial	114.40				(114.40)	0.00
Matty Lunde Memorial	57.00					57.00
Karen Occhiogrosso Memorial	0.00					0.00
Lou Rios Memorial	200.00				(200.00)	0.00
William Stoeber Memorial	0.00					0.00
Matthew Tosques Memorial	1200.00				(1,200.00)	0.00
Christine Winter Memorial	215.00					215.00
WEDDING DEPOSITS -						
Fitje Wedding	375.00		(375.00)			0.00
Taylor Wedding	0.00	375.00	(375.00)			0.00
TOTALS	\$ 21,271.96	14864.36	(5,311.37)	(4,475.00)	-	\$ 26,349.95

Lutheran Church of Our Savior
2021 Proposed Budget

Description	2020 Budget	2020 Actuals	2021 Proposed Budget	Budget Dollar Change	Percent Change
World Missions					
Metro Synod	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 600.00	
Congregational Outreach	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 60.00	
Missionary Support	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,499.96	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
Social Concerns	\$ 600.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	
Total	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,449.96	\$ 10,060.00	\$ 660.00	7.02%
Pastoral Ministry					
Pastor's Contract	\$ 52,152.00	\$ 52,152.00	\$ 54,840.00	\$ 2,688.00	
SS & Medicare Offset	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,040.00	\$ 240.00	
Phone Allowance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	
Pension, Health, Retire & Disab	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 14,835.76	\$ 14,154.00	\$ 254.00	
Life Insurance	\$ 240.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 240.00	\$ -	
House Equity Allowance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
Auto Expense/Mileage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 116.15	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -	
Parsonage Utilities	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,837.17	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	
Supply Pastors	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 367.25	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 4,770.00	
Call Committee Expenses			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Education	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Total	\$ 82,492.00	\$ 80,816.33	\$ 92,444.00	\$ 9,952.00	12.06%
Worship and Service					
Copier Lease	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,868.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
Office Equipment Maint.	\$ 400.00	\$ 75.78	\$ 400.00	\$ -	
Postage	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 530.60	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Office Supplies/ IT	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,848.28	\$ 2,300.00	\$ -	
Worship Services/Supplies	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,200.33	\$ 2,600.00	\$ -	
Flowers	\$ 700.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 400.00	\$ (300.00)	
Conference & Seminars	\$ 500.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (400.00)	
Music Supp & Piano	\$ 200.00	\$ 49.49	\$ 200.00	\$ -	
Organist	\$ 14,605.00	\$ 9,182.00	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 995.00	
Substitute Organist	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	
Bank Service Charge	\$ 720.00	\$ 803.75	\$ 780.00	\$ 60.00	
Miscellaneous		\$ -		\$ -	
Pub relations/ Advertising	\$ 150.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 27,575.00	\$ 20,088.23	\$ 27,930.00	\$ 355.00	1.29%
Parish Education					
Training and Equipment	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Lutheran Magazine	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Christ in our Home	\$ 340.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 40.00	
Seminary Support	\$ -	\$ -			
Parish Resource center	\$ 310.00	\$ -	\$ 310.00		
Sunday School	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Total	\$ 650.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 40.00	

2021 Proposed Budget
(continued)

Description	2020	Budget	2020 Actuals	2021 Proposed Budget	Budget Dollar Change	Percent Change
Church Home						
Church Utilities	\$	13,000.00	\$ 8,726.92	\$ 11,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	
Church Maintenance	\$	7,000.00	\$ 6,695.61	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Parsonage Maintenance/Taxes	\$	1,000.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
Office Administrative Assistant	\$	16,120.00	\$ 15,216.00	\$ 15,800.00	\$ (320.00)	
Substitute Admin Asst.	\$	-	\$ -		\$ -	
Custodian	\$	8,040.00	\$ 7,055.00	\$ 8,208.00	\$ 168.00	
Substitute Custodian	\$	-	\$ -		\$ -	
Insurance	\$	9,500.00	\$ 9,660.83	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Social Security Tax	\$	1,850.00	\$ 1,783.05	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 150.00	
Total	\$	56,510.00	\$ 49,747.41	\$ 58,008.00	\$ 1,498.00	2.65%
Youth Activities						
LYO			\$ -		\$ -	
Total	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Debt Service/Mortgage	\$	8,604.00	\$ 9,321.00	\$ 8,604.00	\$ -	
Property Mgmt Fund	\$	1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (300.00)	
Grand Total	\$	186,431.00	\$ 170,962.93	\$ 198,896.00	\$ 12,205.00	6.69%
2021- Weekly Donations Required				\$	3,824.93	
2020- Weekly Donations Required				\$	3,585.00	
Weekly Change				\$	239.93	

Report to Congregation by Dcn. Janet Bachmore

Dear Friends in Christ—

A Deacon, according to the MNYS website can help remind, inspire, organize and lead the church to renew its commitment to servant ministry. We are part of the Diaconate, or group of rostered Synodical Deacons, who visit the sick or incarcerated, teach Bible studies, Sunday School, Confirmation, manage food pantries and support the many ministries of their congregation. We are reminded that Jesus came among us not to be served, but to serve.

This year, with COVID halting many ministries, ideas of service changed dramatically. I had the opportunity to work more closely with Pastor Kevin and the other Deacons to rethink and rediscover ways to keep the congregation united in Christ. I was able to hold Taize from home on Zoom on 2 separate occasions with the help of Rob, Carl, Ellis, Pr. Kevin and the Benedicts. Hopefully Taize will be back in church in the near future. I continued to teach Confirmation on Zoom even though by evening the students were tired from spending the day learning remotely. With LouAnn and Gail we were able to hold a pumpkin carving event safely outside for the youth of our congregation which was well attended! We even had an ice cream truck! As morning devotions came on line, Carol, Peggy and I were able to take over 2 days of leading and preparing the Homily so that Pastor Kevin could have some needed time off. We were able to continue this with the leadership and ideas and help from Kerri while we are in transition. Hopefully, this will become permanent in our Church life. I have worked closely with Peggy who is Worship chair, helping her with ideas for Sunday services. They have been a challenge as they continue to be held inside, outside and on Zoom. She has done a great job with all restrictions and changes. I organized a drive thru food drive early on in the shutdown to benefit St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Patchogue. Due to many food pantries being shut down, they had long lines of people needing food. With the help of many people from our own congregation as well as from organizations and donations from the surrounding community we were able to safely collect and donate 3 large carloads of food! When COVID improved somewhat, I worked with our Social Concerns staff to reopen our food pantry, changing distribution to outside. I organized another drive thru food drop off to benefit our pantry this time. We were blessed with the response! Thank you all! I continue to Lay Assist and am a member of WELCA and the Altar Guild. I am on the 75th Anniversary Committee. I also make phone calls to members in an effort to keep in touch. I participated in several Zoom meetings with the Peconic conference Pastors and Deacons.

During the early weeks of shutdown I was asked to participate in a Spiritual Hotline in the Village of Patchogue. This consisted of several meetings with Pr. Kevin and other denomination volunteers to talk about ideas and how this should happen. I answered phones once a week during the approximate 10 weeks of this endeavor. Eventually this program ended.

I will continue to work hard during our transition and look forward to working with a new Pastor as our call process unfolds. God leads us on many roads, as we listen to His call. I respectfully ask the congregation of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Patchogue, NY to extend my call for another year of service to you.

Blessings, Dcn. Janet

February 2021

To the Church Council and Members of Our Savior's:

For the past 18 years I have been writing a yearly Deacon's Report and I feel that I could just copy from one year to another, adding some experiences and deleting some. This year, however, is a different story.

My ministries have been a continuation of past years. In our congregation I have served as Lay Assistant, Acolyte, Choir Member, and Chime Choir Member. I was responsible for scheduling Lay Assistants for the 9:30 am and 11 am Sunday Services, and now for the 10am in-person or on Zoom Service. With my fellow Deacons, and the excellent support of Kerri Maloof, we lead our weekday morning devotions on Zoom, a great way to start the day!

My ministries at Medford Multicare and Braemar Senior Living were continuing for the first 2 months of 2020, until the pandemic closed those facilities to volunteers and visitors. We have residents of all Christian denominations who joined us for worship. We are a small group, but love to worship our God! Thank you to my dedicated group of volunteers who have continued their caring ways by participating in a card and note ministry, sending greetings and words of encouragement to the residents and staff of Medford Multicare. I stay in contact with Tracy, one of the Recreational Therapists, to keep updated as to when the situation at the facility may allow our return to bring back our worship services.

I thank all of you for the support and love you have given to me. I hope to continue serving Our Savior's this year and in the future. As the years go by, I feel that it is time to slow down a bit and am grateful that my fellow deacons have offered to step up. I respectfully ask that you will renew my call to serve Our Savior's as one of your Rostered Deacons for the next year.

In Christ's Love and Service,
Deacon Carol Ann Rios

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I can't remember a time when I said "Goodbye to the previous year glad to see you go" and mean it. We have had good news though in regards to the Vaccine, hopefully we will see an end to COVID-19 by the beginning of the summer. Unfortunately, like the many of the Deacons our outside ministries have disappeared for now. The one I miss the most is the haircuts for homeless. When you finished cutting a person's hair and they look in the mirror you can see their pride and happiness. If you could read their minds it's as if they are saying, okay I am ready to face the world today. I am still with Protestant Campus Ministry as the Treasurer and it is still struggling with money issues. I recently signed them up for Simply Giving at Vanco and Givelify and hopefully it helps. I am also still a Board member of the Metropolitan Synod Welca Group which has also been quiet.

My Ministry at church this past year has been as the Worship Steward. I have been very busy every day with Worship. It was different this past year because you weren't meeting any one person or a group at church so everything that needed to get done with people was either via phone, email or zoom and generally one person at a time. For Example: at Easter we had 7 readers right there you had 7 phone calls if everyone said yes, if not you had more calls. It was a beautiful service on Zoom. The only committee that I got together was the Altar Guild, but much to my disappointment the church was closing for in person service.

We still had service like many other churches on Zoom. We did everything that we normally do except receive communion. I had lists of emails and phone calls to make every day ensuring every service was covered with readers and lay assistants etc. We also have daily Devotions on zoom that needs to be covered with readers, but that did not take long to get organized. I always managed to get everything done and all ran smoothly. When the summer came, we had outdoor services in conjunction with Zoom. Everyone that had been missing communion came to the outdoor service because it was the first time to receive communion in a long time. We used the premade communion cups with wafer and wine making disposal neater and easy. When the fall came, we moved indoors following the CDC guidelines and the Governor's orders so everyone could participate and remain safe. Just like the summer we had zoom in conjunction with the in-person service.

I have been fortunate in my position as Worship Steward to have a couple of people who have been worship stewards before and they have been very gracious with lending me their expertise. It was a very busy and fulfilling year. I Will continue to volunteer for the church in a different capacity. I am happy that I was able to get January, 2021 and February, 2021 covered with supply Pastors. I will not be continuing as Worship steward so It is my goal to make sure I have as much as possible in place for the next person. Just as I had guidance from others, I will do the same for the next Worship Steward. **Remember "WE ARE THE CHURCH"**. I would like to thank you all for having me as a Rostered Synodical Deacon of Lutheran Church of our Savior. It is an honor to serve as one of your Deacons. I humbly ask that you renew my call to serve as one of your Deacons again in the year 2021.

Joyful Blessings to All

Deacon Peggy Kurz

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others; Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus". Philipppians 2:4

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

UPDATED 1/31/2021

OFFICE	TERM LENGTH (YEARS)	MAXIMUM CONSECUTIVE TERMS	CURRENT TERM	CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBER	1st CONSECUTIVE TERM (STARTED IN)	CURRENT TERM EXPIRES (AT ANNUAL MEETING OF)	MAXIMUM TERM LIMIT	NOMINEE
President	1	2	1	Ellis Farmer	2020	2021	2022	Ellis Farmer
Vice President	1	2	1	Lu Anne Blake	2020	2021	2022	Lu Anne Blake
Secretary	1	3	3	Karen Mizzi	2018	2021	2021	#
Treasurer	1	3	Re-Appointed 12x after limit	John Bachmore	2006	2021	2009	#
Financial Secretary	1	3	1	Michele Aleixo	2020	2021	2023	Peggy Kurz
Evangelism Steward	2	2	Re-Appointed 2x after limit	Janet Bachmore	2015	2021	2019	
Parish Education Steward	2	2		== Vacant ==				KerriAnn Maloof
Social Concerns Steward	2	2		== Vacant ==				Janet Bachmore
Youth Steward	2	2	1	Margaret Johonnott*	2020	2022	2024	Rob Wottawa
Worship Steward	2	2	1	Peggy Kurz*	2020	2022	2024	Martha Kalesh
Church Trustee	2	2	2	Kristina Farmer	2017	2021	2021	
Parsonage Trustee	2	2		== Vacant ==				
Legal Trustee	2	2		== Vacant ==				June Champion
WELCA Rep.				June Champion				Designated by WELCA
Chartered Org. Rep				Helen Lynch				Appointed By Chartered Org.

Anticipated re-appointment by Council (not eligible for nomination due to maximum consecutive term limit reached)

* Does not wish to continue this position.

**Annual Corporate Meeting
of the
Martin Luther Camp Association
(Koinonia)**

January 26, 2021

Dear friend of Koinonia:

This letter constitutes the official announcement of the annual corporate meeting of the Martin Luther Camp Association (Koinonia). The meeting will take place on Sunday, February 28, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

We are hoping to have a safe socially-distanced site for in person meeting, but we will also be providing a ZOOM link for remote attendance. You will receive more detailed information with the official reports which will be sent two weeks prior to the meeting.

We ask that every member congregation indicate in advance who will attend as official delegates. According to the constitution, each member congregation can send two delegates plus their pastor to represent it.

This is an especially important meeting. Koinonia is on the verge of reopening. This meeting will include crucial reports from officers of the Interim Board and Interim Director. We will also be electing new Board of Directors. This new Board will replace the current Interim Board of Directors.

Please send information about who will represent you to the Interim Director, Dr. Kathleen K. Ruen at: kkruen@koinonianany.org. Then watch for reports from the current board to arrive two weeks prior to the meeting.

Thank you. May God bless you and our beloved Koinonia ministry!

Cordially in Christ,

Paul D. Schmiede
Interim Board Secretary

President's Report

We have 15 people on our council who oversee 15 regular committees with 98 positions. Granted, some people are filling positions on multiple committees such as the pastor and president, but that's also just the planned minimum with some committees making room for as many people as who want to join them. Excluding the pastor and president, the council members are designated to be on an average of 1.48 committees. To all the council members, current and those who have left, I thank each and every one of you for answering the call to be leaders and to lighten the work load by lifting with a couple more hands.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) But while we cannot know God's plan for us, he calls us to pour ourselves out for others. We can embrace this aspect of Christian life when we apply the freeness of God's grace by caring for others and experience the blessedness of giving. I'm grateful for the wisdom and experience you have shared with me, for the guidance and encouragement I've received from so many of you.

Our congregation is coming up on 75 years of experience of organizing to bring people together to hear God's Word and share in the Sacraments, but our roots and our church family is much older and so much larger than just our congregation. Although our efforts to spread the good word locally in our community is self-evident, we are part of and support world wide programs touching the lives of so many we will never know. We have all been faced with unexpected unprecedented challenges this past year. In rising to meet these difficulties, we've discovered new ways to reach out to the world with God's peace and grace.

I especially want to thank Dorothy for her many years of hard work and consistent dedication in the office as the core of our administration and as she continues to help us all share and communicate God's work in the Sandpiper. We were blessed to find Nancy, another capable office administrator, who had just weeks to learn to operate the office before Pastor O'Hara took another call.

It is us, the members of our church family (whether the Bylaws say you are a member or not), that make our church possible. I want to thank all of you as I know that all of you have made contributions be it prayer, money, time, or a word of encouragement. To let God work through your hands is a blessing.

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' -Matthew 25

Ellis Farmer
President

Congregational Meeting

Worship Report

This past year as worship steward it proved to be a very interesting year. It was definitely not a normal year as we all know, but I learned a lot even though everything was done via phone, email and zoom but not in the church. I was busy every day making sure all that needed to be done was done. The most enjoyable part of worship was knowing that you are actually touching every part of the service in one form or another.

All our services were held only on zoom until the beginning summer. We then transitioned to the outdoors in conjunction with zoom. It was at this point that we could once again offer communion as part of the outdoor service. So that everyone would feel safe taking communion we ordered and used the prepackaged communion with wine. The in-person turnout was growing slowly, but we also had people on zoom at the same time. There were people who were comfortable going to the outdoor service and others that were not. For those who were not comfortable Zoom was the perfect way to keep us all together. We felt we were moving forward at a slow but acceptable rate for everyone. In the fall we moved the outdoor service into the Sanctuary following the CDC guidelines and the Governors' orders so everyone could participate and remain safe. We also continued Zoom as there are still people who feel better staying at home and participating on Zoom.

Another nice development that came out of the Pandemic was the morning Devotions that Pastor Kevin started. It was and still is a great addition to our worship services to this day, many of us get on zoom early and chat on many things. Pastor Kevin invited the Deacons (Peggy, Janet, and Carol) to participate in the devotion. We started out taking turns doing Tuesdays and Fridays. We love doing the devotion plus the reflection and we became a permanent part. With Pastor Kevin leaving we didn't want to give up devotions, everyone loves it. We continue the morning devotions with the help of Kerri Maloof who grew up in our Church and still participates in many of the things we do. On the days Pastor Kevin couldn't be there Kerri would run the program. She has taken over preparing the slides and getting the devotion ready to go and it is running smoothly. We thoroughly enjoy doing this for our Zoomers and we would love if more people would join us.

I would like to thank you all for entrusting me with Worship. Due to some lifestyle changes I will not be continuing as your Worship steward. I will continue to volunteer for the church in a different capacity. Just as I had guidance from others, I will do the same for the next Worship Steward. If you recall the song "We are the Church" that Carl played and Dina and JR sang beautifully on January 17th, 2021, it signifies us, Lutheran Church of Our Savior. **Remember "We are The Church".**

Joyful Blessings to All,

Deacon Peggy Kurz - Worship Steward

As each of you received a Gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace 1 Peter 4:10

Evangelism Report to the Congregation

We started January as we usually do, taking a breather from activities to give ourselves a chance to plan future events. We started February with a bagel breakfast following worship before the annual Congregational meeting. Sunday morning fellowship continued as usual with Chef Bill organizing amazing coffee hour fellowship each week! He provided us with cake and gluten- free snacks with Hank and Doris Mottl as faithful helpers. Many thanks to Bill, Doris, Hank and all of you who helped fill our table with special treats each week.

With COVID looming to cause shutdowns and as many activities were being cancelled, we were able to go ahead with our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner cooked with love by Gail Farmer and her amazing kitchen helpers. We did this safely changing from family style dinner to a buffet style to maintain safety practices and encouraged families to stay together. We had a wonderful time as always. We had music, trivia and games with prizes, tons of decorations and people who enjoyed being Irish if even for the afternoon. About 45 people were in attendance.

Sadly, the Bishop's visit scheduled for March 15th was cancelled, and we were unable to share fellowship with him after worship that day. That seemed to be the beginning of shutting down in person worship and fellowship for the next few months. There were 2 freezers full of goodies provided by Bill. As things began to open, Bill said to just let people coming into the building help themselves to some boxes of goodies to take home and enjoy. He is totally ready to coming back to fellowship as soon as it can safely be shared again. I thank the many people that made all this possible. I am grateful for all the help you so willingly provide.

We were able to have 2 food drives, one to benefit our own pantry when it reopened, and a larger one to benefit St. Francis de Sales RC Church in Patchogue. They remained open when many other smaller pantries had to shut down. We were able to provide 3 carloads of donations for them. They were extremely grateful for our help. We also were able to hold a Pumpkin Carving and Decorating event for the Sunday School and Youth Group families and friends. We even had an ice cream truck. Thank you to Gail and LuAnne and the generous donors who helped this event safely take place in the back parking lot on a sunny October day. About 25 were in attendance that day! We were able to say a final farewell to Pastor Kevin and Kevin at a Zoom party. There were about 40 attendees. We tried very hard to keep fellowship and Evangelism forefront in our minds these last few months. Thanks to all for the ideas and creative thinking as we had to step outside of our comfort zones!

I can't say enough about the generosity of this congregation. We did not have a Stewardship campaign this year. With virus uncertainty forefront in all our minds, you all remained consistent in support of our church, enabling us to meet all of our obligations. Thank you all!

2 Corinthians 9:11 says "Giving generously blooms from a thankful heart." I am grateful for you all.

In Christ,

Janet Bachmore, Chair

Sunday School / Parish Ed Financial Report 2020

Beginning balance 12-31-2019: **\$1,710.46**

Receipts:

Offerings	\$38.00
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Designated from General Fund	\$40.00
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Total Income: \$78.00

Total Available Funds: \$1,788.46

Disbursements:

1517 Media – 10 Study Bibles (\$168.70)

Group – VBS curriculum (\$108.57)

LuAnne Blake – 1st Communion & Confirmation (\$ 78.34)
(cookies, cards & balloons)

Total Disbursements: (\$ 355.61)

Ending Balance: 12-31-2020 **\$1,432.85**

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Cook
Sunday School Treasurer

Social Concerns

Annual Report to the Congregation

We started out last January serving approximately 25 – 30 families a week. In mid-March we had to close due to COVID. We were able to put together a plan to safely re-open with council approval in just a few months! We moved the pantry outside as a drive thru, drive up operation. The bags were filled by volunteers inside and brought outside, where another group of volunteers distributed them safely to the clients. The first week we reopened we served only 1 family. Slowly over the weeks word spread and we are now providing food to 21 families! Our volunteers follow all safety protocols and we have been successful in keeping everyone safe. Our volunteers are now inside, as it is too cold to remain outside, but the clients still drive up and we hand the prepacked bags to them from the back door.

Our opening balance as of January 1, 2020 was \$1,815.00. Our closing balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$4,271.90. We are extremely grateful to the congregation for their generous support. There were many generous food and monetary donations made by you all and we are truly blessed! We were even able to make a donation to St. Francis de Sales food pantry of \$750.00 during the beginning months of shut down as their pantry was overwhelmed with the need for food supplies. Thank you all!

We had many generous donations from anonymous donors as well as local organizations. Their continued support has made us able to reopen and grow. Thanks to Boy Scout Packs 40 and 47 and Cub Pack 47 for food drives. Thank you to the Patchogue American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary for food and monetary donations. Thanks also go the Patchogue Lions and Lioness Club for their generous support. Thanks also to the Patchogue Riverfront Neighborhood Association for food and also Kiddie Kampus for continued support. WELCA continues in generosity with Love and Thank Offerings and the Spanish version subscription to Portals of Prayer. They also donated many hats and mittens to help keep our families warm. Craft group also donated hats and mittens. Many thanks! Trinity Lutheran drops off food and baby items as well as our Sunday School. Many congregation members continually drop off food and toiletries that are very welcomed by our families. There are too many of you to mention. We were able to give gift cards for turkey and Thanksgiving dinner fixings to our families. We were also able to give Dollar Store gift cards and cookie trays at Christmas all due to one very generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you to everyone for any donation you provided for us this past year. We are truly blessed and grateful for your continued generosity during these difficult times.

I can't say enough about our volunteers. Frank Occiogrosso was a huge help with the reopening and food drives. Hank Mottl guards our door and donates food and does a lot of our heavy lifting! Gail Farmer shops and organizes and writes thank you notes. Rich Stewart, Carol Rios, Mike Maas, Lois Goelz, Rick Lehman and Cathy Walsh are faithful volunteers. They even decorate and undecorate Christmas trees! Many others are always willing to pitch in – Dorothy Tosques, Nancy Rodriguez, Nancy and Joe Catalano, Pat Bergin, Helen and Carolyn Lynch, LuAnne Blake, John Bachmore and Pastor Kevin. It takes a village!! Thank you all.

Our pantry sadly misses Norm Dittmeier. He faithfully came on Thursday mornings and so enjoyed the children and handing out goodies to him. He enjoyed a hot cup of coffee and a piece of something sweet—preferably chocolate and the fellowship of our group. When he could no longer drive, we took turns picking him up and bringing him to join us. He made us smile!

Hopefully I did not leave out anyone – if so please forgive me. We could not do all we do without you.

In Christ,

Janet Bachmore

2020 Youth Group Report - Annual Meeting

Youth group had an extraordinary year. Due to the pandemic, we only held a few events fundraising together towards our goal of raising \$10,000.00 to cover the costs for our youth group to be able to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering being held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

We had a fun filled day during school winter break going bowling. We had a total of 24 people attending this day. Had pizza for lunch as well. A lot of laughs and good times.

Our Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper was held in February. This was a fun night, everyone enjoyed the dinner youth group served up. Our congregation generously donated a total of \$343.00 to our youth group. We look forward to another great Fat Tuesday in 2021.

During the time of Covid, we had done zoom interactions with the youth. Played some fun games, talked and had some laughs.

On December 5th, we spent time together making 63 wreaths. Our wreath sale was a huge success and a great day spent together. We raised over \$340 selling our wreaths.

As Youth Steward it has been a great time getting to know everyone. I am looking forward to spending more time with our Youth this year.

Thank you to our entire congregation for always supporting us. Thanks to all your support we are excited to say that we now have over \$8,070.00 towards our \$10,000.00 goal to attend the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN!

Love and Peace,
Margaret Johonnett
Youth Group Steward

	Beginning			
Month	Balance	Deposits	Debits	Ending Balance
January	\$6,984.85	\$126.00	\$0.00	\$7,110.85
February	\$7,110.85	\$721.00	\$102.00	\$7,729.85
March	\$7,729.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,729.85
April	\$7,729.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,729.85
May	\$7,729.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,729.85
June	\$7,729.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,729.85
July	\$7,729.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,729.85
August	\$7,729.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,729.85
September	\$7,729.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,729.85
October	\$7,729.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,729.85
November	\$7,729.85	\$168.00	\$0.00	\$7,897.85
December	\$7,897.85	\$733.00	\$560.50	\$8,070.85

Church Trustee Report to the Congregation for 2020

In a year that we did not use our building very much, we certainly were gifted with some significant improvements performed—and in some cases funded—by volunteers:

- I thank Michael Aleixo who, with some assistance from Bob Neilssen, installed new pier lanterns at the foot of our front steps and added weatherproof outdoor outlets to both piers and the sign spotlight.
- I thank Anthony Messineo who ran new telephone cabling throughout the building, replacing deteriorating wires and multiple splices.
- I thank Larry Grahm for donating and attaching ionizing purification equipment to our A/C systems.
- We can not thank Rob Wottawa enough for his work, first using his own sound equipment, then advising and assisting the council to buy some of our own, then donating more equipment and installing some of it in our rafters, and being available week after week to host worship on Zoom, outdoors and in the sanctuary. Thank you, Rob, and your assistant, Jules.
- I thank Ellis Farmer for the 75th anniversary sign on our lawn and for running cabling from the office to the Narthex to improve our WiFi signal.
- I thank Pr. Kevin O'Hara and Eagle Scout candidate Alex Staco for the construction of a lawn “stable” large enough to use for a living nativity.
- Thanks also to John Bachmore for the purchase and installation of white holiday lights and to Marit Dillahunt, Edie Emeritz, Nonnie Froelich and Ruth Mandresh for assisting me with the construction of adult-sized costumes for the “actors” in the living nativity services.

A few other things happened involving our property:

- Immediately following our last annual meeting, a clogged sewer line led to the discovery that our main cesspool is under the Karen Jacobsen memorial garden. Direct Drainage cleared the line, pumped the cesspool and methodically restored every stone that had been removed.
- Robert Lennox from Willett Hauser Architectural Glass inspected our stained glass windows and provided an Appraisal/Replacement Value of \$67,639 should we need it for insurance.
- The organ received some repair which, except for a disk drive, restored it to “like new” condition.
- Hurricane Isaias took down a tree in our parking lot, knocking down part of the stockade fence and landing on another neighbor’s backyard fence. When the top of the tree was removed, we were left with a section of the trunk attached to a huge stump. Volunteers Jesse Farmer and his friend Steve Pedersen removed the trunk, but we needed Okula Tree Service to remove the stump and a dead cherry tree from our lawn.
- We did not learn until September that a proposal for a Capital Improvement Challenge Grant submitted to MNYS in 2019 (\$18,841 for solar panels) had been approved. Under normal circumstances, the work would need to be completed by December 2020, but due to Covid-19, the grant was extended for a year. Having received two donations of \$7,500 each, both designated for capital improvement, work on this project has been turned over to a sub-committee of the 75th Anniversary Committee.
- The cornerstone from our original building was retrieved by Ellis Farmer and Tom Durham.
- With funds raised by the Craft Group and other memorial donations, the Council entered into a contract with The Baut Studios, Inc. of Swoyersville, PA for new aluminum front doors with a cross and the Luther Rose in stained glass, costing \$17,900. A picture, shop drawings and sample materials are available for examination.
- The Covid-19 pandemic necessitated other accommodations for health and safety: Pew cushions, Bibles and hymnals were removed from the sanctuary and stored; a myriad of signs has been posted to remind people of CDC guidelines; a ballot box was purchased to receive offerings and communion cards; no-touch dispensers of hand sanitizer have been installed by each entrance; a handheld electrostatic sprayer and disinfecting tablets were purchased.
- Ellis and Bruce Farmer re-painted parking lot markings that were fading.
- Our sexton for many years, Theresa Stines, resigned at the end of July. Fortunately, another member of the congregation, Margaret Johonett, accepted an appointment to the position and now has the use of the new, commercial Oreck vacuum purchased in February.

As always, thanks go to Phil Weaver of Rolling Rock Landscaping for lawn mowing and edging. Thank you to Tom Durham for all his labors maintaining our landscaping (even making it look like the fence has been somewhat repaired). And finally, a squillion thanks to my husband, Bruce, for always being willing to do both routine and seasonal jobs when needed.

Yours in Christ,
Kristina Farmer

WELCA ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – FEBRUARY 2021

The women of the ELCA at Lutheran Church of Our Savior began their year of service to the Church and to the community on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Pastor Kevin installed the elected officers. After luncheon was served, the calendar of events, treasurer's report and the budget for 2020 was set up, and the 2020 Nominating committee was elected and voted on by the members. It was decided to continue the monthly collection of layette items from January through June, continue to provide twelve copies of the Spanish Devotionals to the Food Pantry families, as well as supporting our Youth Group and Sunday school programs.

Marit and Lu Anne took 12 layette sets over to Mercy Ministries, which were very appreciated in early February. On February 9th, WELCA led the congregation in the "Love" Offering and Liturgy (donations went to LCOS Social Concerns and to Lutheran World Relief). WELCA members participated in the Bold Women's Day Liturgy on February 23rd. On Ash Wednesday, February 26th, WELCA had our traditional soup and bread supper. Then, COVID-19 forced WELCA to cancel the weekly soup suppers during Lent. Since we were not worshipping in church, we did not do our annual spring clean up. We did a book review in March, as planned over Zoom. We had a board meeting outdoors to plan other events that would be able to remain socially distant. Over the summer, we continued to collect layette items and back to school items. The back to school items were given to the families who go our food pantry and to Lighthouse Mission. The nominating committee met and due to COVID-19, and our abbreviated events, we kept the same slate of officers in place. Carol Bosch has been keeping up with the directory of names and contact information, sending cards to those in need, coordinating the prayer chain with Eileen and leading the Gather Bible study on Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month with technical help from Pastor Kevin or Kerri.

Women's Day at Grace Lutheran was cancelled, our Tiara and Tea event was cancelled, Sister Shore to Shore was cancelled and the Triennial Convention was cancelled due to COVID.

WELCA donated \$100.00 to Augustus Lutheran Church since they had to cancel their annual turkey dinner fund raiser event which goes to mission support.

WELCA also participated in "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday.

WELCA also helped with the outdoor Craft Fair in the fall, which was held in place of the Christmas Fair.

On September 18th, we held the first event after COVID restrictions were eased a bit and enjoyed the Spud Supper but due to COVID restrictions, we opted to have each member bring their own baked potato from home and we provided refreshments.

On December 5th, we had a small Christmas gathering and enjoyed individual bowls of wonton soup and egg rolls since we did not feel it wise to share food or cookies this year due to COVID. But it was great to feel a little bit "normal" again. Carol Rios got names from Medford Multi Care for the "Angel Tree" and we were able to get gifts for close to 40 residents there. The gifts were delivered by Carol and Rich and we received a lovely thank you note from the recreational director.

Special thanks to the ladies who have served with me on the WELCA Board. Thank you to all the members of WELCA and the Congregation for their support, donations and participation in the WELCA projects. We hope that 2021 will be healthier and we will be able to go on with more of our usual activities.

In Love and Peace,

Lu Anne Blake, WELCA President

WELCA Year End Treasurer's Report 2020

Checking Account Balance – 1/1/2020

\$2,126.69

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Transaction Date</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
Ruth Circle	Dec.2019-Dec. 2020	\$229.00
Love Offering	February 2020	\$443.00
Soup & Bread Supper	February 2020	\$179.00
General Meetings	12/19, 1/18, 12/8	\$145.00
Rachel's Day	May 2020	\$165.00
Gather Refund	February 2020	\$ 11.97
Thank Offering	Postponed	
Pot Luck Dinner	Postponed	
Cookie Exchange	Postponed	

Total **+\$1,172.97**

EXPENSES

	<u>Expenses</u>
Welca Dues– SYNOD Quarterly (4)\$45.00	-\$180.00
American Bible Society December 2020	-\$125.00
LCOS Social Concerns Jan.2020(2019 Thank Offering)	-\$275.00
Lutheran World Hunger Jan. 2020(2019 Thank Offering)	-\$275.00
Concordia Publishing Spanish Portals of Prayer	-\$ 66.00
Tall Tree Florist Flowers for Amorello Family	-\$ 60.00
LCOS Social Concerns Love Offering – 2019& 2020	-\$308.00
Lutheran World Relief Love Offering – 2019& 2020	-\$308.00
Transfer to Savings Triennial Fund	-\$ 50.00
Gather Magazine Feb. 2020, 6 New Members	-\$ 59.70
Lois Cope Refund Gather Magazine	-\$ 9.95
Welca Cards & Stamps September 2020	-\$ 25.14
Augustus Lutheran Church – Donation – Oct. 2020	-\$100.00

Total **-\$1,841.79**

Checking Account Balance – December 31, 2020

Closing Balance **\$1,457.87**

Savings Account – 2020

Opening Balance – 01/01/2020	\$561.33
Transfer from Checking – Nov. 2020	\$ 50.00
Interest 1/01/20 to 12/31/20	\$.28
<u>Closing Balance – 12/31/20</u>	<u>\$611.51</u>

Pack 47 Annual Report

We, like many other packs, had a rough year. Right before the Pandemic hit, we lost half of our Pack as our Arrow of Lights moved up to Boy Scouts. We had a few months of inactivity in the spring while we all adjusted to our new Covid reality.

We had a few Pack zoom meetings over the summer & did a Pack hike at Connetquot State Park. A few boys joined the Boy Scouts Troop for a hike at Sears Bellows Park. For Veterans day, we did a Pack zoom with Jackson's grandfather, who is an army veteran. We have had several zoom den meetings and a holiday zoom party. Because we could not do Christmas Caroling, like in past years, the boys made holiday greeting cards for the residents at Brookhaven Multicare Rehabilitation Center. The residents and staff loved them. We just had an outdoor Pinewood Derby workshop, & are hoping to do a Virtual Derby over Zoom at the beginning of February.

Our Pack currently has 8 scouts. 4 of the scouts are Arrow of Lights, & will be moving up to Boy Scouts in the next few months. Since we are not allowed to distribute recruitment flyers in the schools like we normally do, we are relying solely on word of mouth. I would like to ask for the Congregation's help as well. Please help us spread the word about the Scouting Program provided through our church. Social media is a great way to spread the word as well. You can give interested parents my cell phone number (516) 297-3849 or email us at pack47patchogue@gmail.com, & I will be happy to tell them about our program. Unfortunately, we are in jeopardy of having our Pack fade away again and will have to work VERY HARD to build it back up to the numbers we reached several years ago.

We appreciate any help we can get in our mission to prepare scouts to be good citizens, and build life skills for future leaders. Thank you LCOS for all of your support. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the enrichment of young people's lives. Thank you & Stay Healthy!

Jeremy Terhune
Cubmaster
Pack 47

Troop 47 Annual Report

Troop 47 tried our best to make 2020 as great a year as possible. We had hikes, bike rides, community service projects, virtual meetings, outdoor and now indoor in person meetings, a drive in Court of Honor, Eagle Scout advancements, rank advancements, and merit badges. Our local Cub Scout pack even joined in with us on some of our hikes. We did everything we could to have a safe and enjoyable... and as close as possible to a "normal" scouting experience. Our scouts have had a great attitude have really persevered through the difficulties of running a troop through a pandemic. I am really proud of them.

Thanks for everything you do for the Troop.

Brian Jagde
Scoutmaster
Troop 47

In the early verses of Ephesians 4, the apostle Paul writes to the Christians in Ephesus, a city on the Aegean Sea at the mouth of a river and at the intersection of three trading routes. The letter was written about ten years after the church had started. During the early years of this congregation, Jews and Gentiles from several ethnicities and nationalities had come together to form “one body.” Paul was aware that they had done well and commended them for their faith and love.

The word “one” appears more than seven times in the first four verses. This reflects the importance Paul gave to being called into the “unity of Christ.” He wanted to note that, although many of the church members came from far off, there is “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” This oneness reflects God’s gift of reconciliation in Christ.

A second emphasis from Paul was that, as believers, they were to “bear with one another in love.” This would require humility, gentleness and patience as each of them practiced their faith. It would require tolerance to “maintain unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

A third emphasis was that each person had been given gifts by God and that these gifts were given to increase the whole. Because the Ephesian church was a young congregation and its members were just beginning in their faith journey, their understandings were often tossed to and fro. But as they grew in faith, each person contributed to building up the body of Christ.

The fourth and final emphasis was that by “speaking the truth in love,” each person must grow into Christ. This means taking time to learn about one another and their gifts. Knowing these gifts, we can do God’s work both within and beyond the faith community. When there are decisions to make or relationships to reconcile, we know to begin with prayer and reflection, always desiring to speak the truth in love — not for our own benefit but for God’s glory, that we might become more complete.

As our members and friends gather today, whether face-to-face or online, we are reminded of our calling into “unity in Christ.” We come from many places and work in many contexts, and yet we recognize “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”

Whether new to a worshiping community or further along the journey, we realize that humility, gentleness and patience are required both in the good times and especially in times of uncertainty and struggle. God wants us to be more complete through our work. Christ provides the way. The Holy Spirit is with us for guidance and courage. Each of us has been given the gifts to be complete, and through our faithfulness we will grow stronger and work together as one body.

LET US PRAY: LORD, LET THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL DWELL IN US DEEPLY. MAY WE EMBRACE THE RECONCILING POWER OF ONENESS WITH CHRIST. MAY THIS ONENESS GUIDE OUR CONGREGATION AS WE LIVE INTO THE NEW REALITIES OF THESE TIMES. AS WE MEET NEW PARTNERS IN MINISTRY, MAY WE TAKE TIME TO GET TO KNOW THEM WITH PATIENCE, HUMILITY AND LOVE. HELP US TO SEE HOW SHARING OUR GIFTS WILL MAKE YOUR WORK EASIER AND MORE FULFILLING WHILE BRINGING ALL OF US CLOSER TO CHRIST. MAY THE BLESSINGS YOU GIVE EACH DAY STRENGTHEN US TO A LIVING, DARING CONFIDENCE IN YOUR GRACE. AMEN.