

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY

Dear friends in Christ,

As Lutherans, we are set free to love our neighbors and seek justice. In Colossians 2, we read: “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving” (6-7).

I am abounding in thankfulness for you, church. You are an integral part of this mission as we envision a world experiencing the difference God’s grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. The ministries of congregations including yours, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together today and every day so more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. From providing food to people experiencing hunger, to helping train the next generation of leaders that will lead this church, your support is at work here at home and around the world.

Your generosity to each of the three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has made it possible for us to do this work

together. Your financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices are so valued.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to continue to walk in Christ, remembering you are rooted and established in faith, and free to love and serve your neighbors. Thank you, church, for the ways you connect with and support our siblings across the ELCA and in our communities.

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yehiel Curry'.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

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—Colossians 2:6-7

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPENING LITURGY

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

And also with you.

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

Receive our prayer, O God.

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

Amen.

Founded on Faith



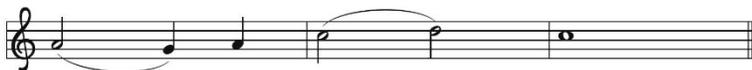
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

All Creation Sings, 1048

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1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on had the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

A. REVIEW OF REPORTS

B. THE BUSINESS MEETING

1. OPENING LITURGY PAGE 2: President Dina Lotito and Pastor Claire led us.
2. CALL TO ORDER—PRESIDENT Dina Lotito called the Business Meeting to order at 11:36 AM. We have a quorum of 49 voting members in person and on Zoom.
3. OPENING DEVOTIONS—REV. Claire spoke on Loving one another. She asked 2 questions for us ponder and discuss with a neighbor.
 - a. When has love helped you transform something in your own life?
 - b. What can the power of this community help transform in the year ahead? We shared answers with our close neighbors and with the Congregation. We ended devotions with prayer.
4. The Minutes of February 12, 2024, were approved as corrected. Under the vote to approve Angela Bello's Bereavement Ministry, the vote was 39-7 (Pat Bergin, Gena Mizzi).
5. Pastor's Report: Pastor offered thanksgiving for the giving and receiving that goes into the life of our community together. We have had an incredible year with our children. She loves the way we have collaborated with each other to add new activities at church and in the community. Our membership has increased by 10. She dedicated her report to Eileen Kuhn who helped her with guidance as she began her ministry here.
6. Special VIP Speaker: Jeff Dittmeier announced that he has paid off the church mortgage. We gave him a standing ovation.
7. Church Trustee Announcement by Kristina Farmer: She explained the Solar project the Council would like to see done. She explained the total cost would be \$47,794. Much of this is in the Memorial Fund and in donations made for the Solar Project under Solar and Capital improvement. She moved that the Solar Project be approved and it was seconded. John mentioned we have money saved and grants to look for to fund the project. Peter is working on a grant also. Karen mentioned that we are being good stewards of God's Energy. Motion made to approve the Solar project was passed unanimously.
8. Treasurer's Report —John Bachmore. John stressed we are lucky to have some large donations from members and friends, but we need more generous regular contributions to rely on.
 - a. General Fund: \$33,037, 46. Balance as of December 31, 2024.
 - b. Flo Thru, Designated and Transfers: \$66,256.42 balance as of 12/31/2024.
 - c. Benevolence, Building Use and Other Accounts:
Savings acc: \$26305.5
CD Investment: \$25,900:67
Mortgage balance: \$20, 212.37

\$8.7% allocated to Benevolence.

9. Financial Secretary's Report—Karen Mizzi

- a. Property Management: \$1,873.30
- b. Outreach Account: \$68.46
- c. Memorial/Designated Fund: \$74, 753.28.

10. Presentation of Proposed Budget for 2025: John Bachmore.

John summarized the budget from last year and compared it to projected budget amounts for 2025. Weekly donations required: \$4,061.00 (we will use \$3900 as 2025 weekly goal). John mentioned he'll need someone to take over in 3 years...

- a. Vote on Proposed Budget for 2025. So moved by Jeff Dittmeier and seconded. No comments. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Reports of Synodical Deacons and Renewal of Calls:

Calls renewed for Deacons Bachmore, Rios, and Bello. Motion made by Gail Farmer and seconded to renew calls. Motion passed unanimously. Secretary will send letters of call to the synod.

12. Council Reports: (all on file)

13. Nominating Committee Slate of Candidates: Report was presented by JR Lotito:

- a. Election of Church Council: JR was added to the slate as Stewardship Steward by the nominating committee. Eric Adamo was nominated from the floor for parsonage trustee by Ellis Farmer and it was seconded. Motion to close nominations... Passed. JR made a motion to pass the slate on one vote. Seconded. Passed unanimously. Dina introduced the New Council. We applauded the Council Committee Members who are leaving. Flowers on the altar were dedicated to leaving Council Members.

- b. Nomination and election of 2025 Nominating Committee:

Jeff Dittmeier, Jeremy Terhune, Gail Farmer, and Sarah Terhune were nominated to serve on the committee. Motion to elect the slate made by Lu Anne. Motion passed.

14. Vote on 2025 Synod Assembly Representatives: JR and Dina are going and John and Janet were nominated as alternates (Carol R.). Motion seconded and passed.

Motion made to adjourn (Jeff Dittmeier) Seconded and passed unanimously to close the meeting at 1:22 PM.

C. PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

Pastor led a meditation. I have loved you... love one another...

Respectfully submitted by
Carol Bosch, Council Secretary.

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Pastor's Report – The Lutheran Church of Our Savior

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”— John 13:34–35

Greetings, Weavers of Community!

This year, we shifted from a mindset of *growing in faith* to a mindset of *weaving community*. This small shift changed everything. Instead of thinking about growth as something that happens to us, we began to see it as something we intentionally weave together—with compassion, cooperation, and love. It has been a remarkable year of prayer, learning, partnership, and joy.

Guided by Vision and Stewardship

In 2025, we took important steps to shape the future of our congregation:

- Together with soon-to-be-Deacon Mark Nocero, we prayed, dreamed, and planned for the future, creating a 5-year strategic plan through a congregational retreat that produced *four solid goals* to carry us into 2031. Read them! Memorize them! Help bring them to fruition!!
- We reviewed our church constitution with the help of Michele Aleixo to see what was working and what needed to be clarified or updated, setting our sights on revisions that better reflect who we are today.
- We took thoughtful time as a whole council, led carefully by Dina Lotito, to discern whether to welcome a home-school group into our space, deciding that it was not the right fit for our current building or resources.
- We reviewed our insurance and protection policies to ensure that our ministries remain safe and sustainable, thanks to lots of research by Linda Cook.
- We streamlined our checking accounts as part of a masterful three-year financial transition plan by John Bachmore, paving the way for a clear, transparent system for the next treasurer.
- We began researching online ministry tools—including Churchtrac, Simply Giving, and social media integration—to maximize our digital presence and better connect with members across generations.
- We kept the office running smoothly, including regular newsletters, bulletins, and social media posts maintained effectively by Nancy Gonzalez.

Financially, we remained faithful and consistent, with weekly giving averaging \$4,162, nearly mirroring last year's levels. With the help of our dedicated financial team, and the exemplary leadership of JR Lotito, our annual Stewardship campaign exceeded its goal, raising \$17,808 against a \$17,500 target.

We also celebrated the completion of our innovative Dittmeier-Farmer solar panel project, positioning us to dramatically reduce our energy expenses by 2026—a momentous investment in care for God’s creation.

Growing in Faith through Every Generation

Faith formation thrived this year in ways big and small:

- We celebrated 12 baptisms and 3 first communions, moments of joy that remind us of how God’s Spirit moves among us.
- Our intergenerational Christmas Pageant written by Kathy Cirello filled the sanctuary with more than 120 excited participants and guests, and kept our ushers on their toes!
- Children’s Church grew beautifully under Abigail Myers and a team of dedicated volunteers—with more children, more teachers, and more interesting projects—leading us to design a new weekly format for the coming years.
- Several young leaders stepped forward in worship, reading scripture and leading prayers with confidence and grace. Special highlights included Emi Gomez processing the Easter Gospel, Colin St. George helping to kick off a Eucharistic prayer, and Margot Terhune starting the Santa Lucia procession, and Jackson Terhune running expert Zoom tech.
- A young people’s band formed for the holiday season, making beautiful harmonies out of unlikely instrument combinations.
- Vacation Bible School hosted 8 children in a program focused on friendship with Jesus and service to neighbors at Help Suffolk Family Shelter and St. Joseph Prayer Center.
- More young families found their place among us, bringing new vitality and energy to every corner of congregational life, and stepping up into new volunteer roles.
- Our ELCA “Gather” Ministry for young adults grew vibrantly, meeting at local board game cafés, microbreweries, and even in Gena Mizzi and Jules Muller’s backyard under the stars. We were blessed to welcome *Elizabeth Gilbert*, a Gather leader from Ohio, who encouraged and celebrated this ministry’s continuing growth.

Serving and Partnering with the Community

Our call to love one another extended beyond our walls:

- Community partners filled the fellowship hall to celebrate our newly installed solar panels, and expose us to other environmental justice initiatives in the county.
- Regular bread donations from *Dolci Momenti Bakery* lifted our food ministry led by Deacon Janet Bachmore, supplemented by generous food drives from *The Lions Club*, *Rotary*, *Temple Beth El*, and *local scout troops*.
- We expanded donation partnerships to include *Hamlet Organic Garden* (fresh produce from the harvest) and *Yoga Sangha Studio* (holiday food drives).
- We deepened ecumenical collaborations, sharing *Ash Wednesday* with *Mary Immaculate Catholic Church* and *Good Friday* learning with *St. John’s Greek Orthodox Church*. Our community Lenten series rotated among seven local churches—proof that faith can unite us across traditions.

- We strengthened our open-door events—the Annual Talent Show, Countdown to Christmas, and Board Game Night thanks to leaders like the St. George, Lotito, and Aleixo families. The annual talent show brought the house down with amazing performances from all generations, the Countdown to Christmas welcomed almost 20 kids, and game night reached a new peak at 71 attendees.
- We launched a *Fantasy Football League* with the help of Colin Cosell and gathered a dynamic group of fans for a playful season of match-ups and fellowship.
- We explored new forms of peace and healing through a Sound Bath event with Raven’s Nest Sound Therapy.
- We marched joyfully in both the Patchogue Pride Parade and the 4th of July parade, where our spectacular “Mount Rushmore” float won us the *Most Patriotic* award for the third year in a row!
- We participated alongside neighbors in the *annual Interfaith Thanksgiving worship*, sang carols at the *Patchogue It’s a Wonderful Life Festival*, and welcomed countless new neighbors at our *Alive After 5 “Blessing Booth.”*
- We also continued to host support and recovery groups like *Debtors Anonymous* and *Gamblers Anonymous*, offering healing, wisdom, and community.
- Our partners from *Cub Pack 47*, *Crew 360*, and *Daisy Troop 2694* remained active helpers, assisting with essential service activities such as leaf cleanup and food drives. Koby Gryciuk even helped improve parsonage lawn conditions with a beautiful drought-resistant butterfly garden.

Renewing Worship and Fellowship

Worship and fellowship activities remained the beating heart of our life together, energizing and inspiring us every week:

- Together with our gifted organist Stephen Goldstein and our Worship Steward, Lu Anne Blake, we established a healthy rhythm of sacred music, nurturing our chime and vocal choirs.
- We leaned into the *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy for Advent worship, and found new delight in its beautiful melodies, with extra help from Julia Cosell as a cantor. We look forward to returning to it again and again!
- We joyfully welcomed 15 new members into our congregation, who have quickly and warmly become integral to our life together. New member classes became more interesting than ever, as curious folks dove into Lutheran theology with all their hearts and souls.
- More folks shared their gifts and talents in worship, thanks to creative worship participation coordinators such as Lu Anne Blake, Carol Rios, and Rich Steward—such as Margarita who added a Puerto Rican Christmas carol solo to the Epiphany celebration!—ensuring that it could be a rich and meaningful expression of the ways God is at work in their lives.
- We experimented with new Bible study gatherings led by Abigail Myers, sharing meals and conversation as we wrestled with Scripture’s most challenging stories.

- Our talented Craft Group under leadership of Marit Dillahunt and Kristina Farmer continued to create and to bless, this year raising over \$2,000 to invest in beautifying the church and bringing joy to our community.
- WELCA continued to set a high bar for their dynamic events under the leadership of Lu Anne Blake and a committed team, including wildly successful creative gatherings and outings. A visit to book club from local author *Lauren Rico* made for an extra special evening of discussion about family, faith, and making art.

Holding One Another in Grace

This year, we also walked together through moments of loss and remembrance. We gave thanks for the lives of Marge Disibio, Charles Walsh, Walter Kuhn, Bruce Perry, John Baum, Thomas Bergin, and Barbara Engesser—saints who shaped this congregation with love and faith.

I dedicate this report to Marge Disibio, who welcomed me into her life with laughter and grace, even as her world grew smaller. Our visits were sacred moments, filled with humor, prayers, and the unmistakable presence of God.

Through grief and celebration alike, we continued to hold each other up with the same steadfast love Christ commands of us.

Looking Ahead to a Bright Future!

As we close 2025 with gratitude and joy, we prepare for a deeply meaningful milestone—the 80th anniversary of LCOS!

What better time to begin our new five-year plan than in this season of remembrance and renewal? As we dream forward to our 100th anniversary in 2046, we celebrate all that God has done and await all that God will do among us.

With hearts open and hands ready to weave the next threads of faith, I am your humble servant,
Pastor Claire

STRATEGY RETREAT OUTCOMES

On Saturday, January 24, 2026, a diverse array of congregation members came out in the bitter cold to participate in a strategy retreat led by soon-to-be Deacon Mark Nocero, a strategy consultant for the regional church. Through hours of conversation, we identified a vision of what LCOS can be and hammered out goals that we can use to bring that vision to life.

At the beginning of this year, the newly elected council will work together to flesh out the steps we can take to achieve these goals and identify leadership structures to support them.

We look forward to developing these goals and increasing congregational awareness about how to support these goals in the coming year.

Vision Statement:

A community living God's unconditional love as embodied in Jesus

Goals Towards Achieving This Vision

By 2031 (over the next five years) we will:

1. Increase active membership to more closely reflect our surrounding population
2. Increase participation in full lifecycle Christian Education programs
3. Lead environmental justice initiatives
4. Increase community interaction ministries

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Treasurer's Report
Report of General Fund - 2025**

Balance January 1, 2025 **\$ 33,037.46**

Receipts: General Fund, Designated, Transfers and Flow Thru

General Fund - Offerings

January	19,610.97	Thrivent= \$4241
February	12,681.04	Simply Giving= \$80,231 (37%)
March	16,243.75	
April	18,213.00	
May	13,618.00	
June	16,741.65	
July	14,848.75	
August	13,952.15	
September	16,800.32	
October	13,777.50	
November	15,920.95	
December	44,025.22	

Total General Fund - Offerings	216,433.30
Designated + Flow Thru	35,716.59

Total Receipts **\$252,149.89**

Total Funds Available **\$285,187.35**

Disbursements, Flow Thru, Designated and Transfers

January	16,924.84	
February	39,587.32	
March	18,062.71	
April	20,878.99	
May	17,036.45	
June	17,635.40	
July	18,231.80	
August	16,142.72	
September	16,893.84	
October	19,298.44	
November	20,831.14	
December	26,063.78	247,587.43

Total Disbursements **\$247,587.43**

Balance 31-Dec-25 **\$37,599.92**

Weekly Giving Goal= \$3,900.00 Actual = \$4,162.00

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Treasurer's Report
Flow Thru, Designated and Transfers 2025**

Memorial Fund:

Piano Tuning	150.00	
Bruce Farmer- Solar Panels	175.00	\$8,196.00
Solar Fund Raising	1,606.00	
Angelica Family Charitable Fund	2,000.00	
Craft Group Undesignated	2,801.00	
St Peter's Children's Nursery	1,000.00	
Fellowship	464.00	

Social Concerns	1,375.00	
Social Concerns - Purchase Gift Cards	2,000.00	
Lutheran World Hunger-Strawberry Festival	1,034.00	
Mortgage Reduction	19,574.59	
WELCA Change for Change	120.00	
WELCA Love Offer	25.00	
WELCA Soup Night	137.00	
WELCA	80.00	
Lutheran Social Services	235.00	
Marion Dittmeier Scholarship	250.00	
Easter Plants	415.00	
Easter Sunrise Service	763.00	
Christmas Plants	40.00	
Mother's Day Geraniums	82.00	
Lutheran Domestic Disaster Response	90.00	
Lutheran Domestic Disaster Response-Christmas Card	80.00	
Verizon Grant- Scout Organization	750.00	
Troop 47 Game Night	108.00	
Rachel Day	55.00	
Pentecost Flowers	134.00	
Sunken Meadow Bible Study	51.00	
Interfaith Service	122.00	
TOTAL FLOW THRU+DESIGNATED+TRANSFERS		\$ 35,716.59

Lutheran Church of Our Savior Treasurer's Report

Benevolence , Building Use and other Accts- 2025

Total Receipts	252,149.89
Less: Total Flow Thru- Non Benevolence	<u>39,976.00</u>
Congregational Giving Available Budget & World Missions	<u><u>\$212,173.89</u></u>

Funds Spent for World and Local Mission and Other Benevolence:

Metro NY Synod	6,000.00
LSS	235.00
Congregational Outreach	1,050.00
Missionary Support	1,458.00
Social Concerns	3,375.00
Angelica Family Charitable Fund	2,000.00
Other Metro Ministries	<u>3,184.00</u>
Total World and Local Ministries	<u><u>\$ 17,302.00</u></u>

Percentage Allocated to Benevolence 8.2%

2025 Contribution For Building Use

Gambler's Anonymous	1,060.00
Debtor's Anonymous	315.00
Baptism/Funerals	450.00
Weddings	<u>300.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u><u>\$ 2,125.00</u></u>

Balance of Mortgage as of Dec 31, 2025 \$ -

Other Account Balances

Savings Account	\$ 26,251.57
CD Investment	\$ 26,701.92
Property Management Account	\$ 4,678.43
Memorial Designated Funds	\$ 34,051.49

Lutheran Church of Our Savior Solar Investment

<u>COST</u>		<u>PROJECT PAYBACK</u>	
Project Cost	\$ 47,790	*Church Funds	\$ 25,690
Designated	-\$ 22,100	Est Energy Credit	<u>-\$14,000</u>
Savings Acct	-\$ 10,200	Total Spent	\$ 11,690
Benevolence	<u>-\$ 15,490</u>		
Total	\$0	Monthly Saving	\$ 1,000
		*Designated + Benevolence	

PROJECT PAYBACK= \$ 11,690/\$ 1,000 Equals Approx. 12 months

Summary on Cost: Designated funds came mainly from direct donations received

From the Farmer family and funds transferred from the Bruce Farmer Memorial Fund. There were also funds received from game night. The Benevolence funds were from the Eileen Kuhn Memorial, approved by the Family for the Solar Project and from the Joan Jacobsen estate, which had no restrictions on their use.

Summary on Payback: The estimated energy credit will come from the Federal renewable energy program in the first half of 2026. Our monthly savings are comprised of the reduction of our electricity expenses and elimination of mortgage payments. Our outstanding mortgage was satisfied by the Dittmeier family with the agreement that the Solar project would be constructed in 2025.

John Bachmore

Treasurer Lutheran Church of Our Savior

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Property Management
2025 Year End Report**

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 1/1/25 **\$ 1,873.50**

Budget Transfers: \$ 1,800.00

Anonymous Donation \$ 1,500.00

Interest \$ 0.95

TOTAL DEPOSITS **\$ 3,300.95**

DISBURSEMENTS (checks listed below) **(\$495.90)**

Check #2073 Kristina Farmer for construction fee
and paint for parking lot \$228.48

Check #2074 Kristina Farmer for Suffolk County
charge for closing out permit (\$125) and north
entrance door closure repair (\$74.42) \$199.42

Check #2076 Jeremy Terhune for church attic lights
and leaf bags \$ 68.00

BALANCE 12/31/25 **\$ 4,678.55**

No Outstanding Checks

AVAILABLE BALANCE 12/31/25 **\$ 4,678.55**

**Lutheran Church of Our Savior
Outreach
2025 Year End Report**

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE 1/1/25 **\$ 318.46**

Budget Transfers: \$ 960.00

Uncashed Check added back in: \$ 100.00

Check # 554 to Habitat for Humanity - never cashed

TOTAL DEPOSITS **\$ 1,378.36**

Disbursements: (checks listed below) **(\$ 900.00)**

From 2024 Outreach

Check #546 North Patchogue Fire Department \$100

Check #553 Gigi's Playhouse \$ 50

2025 Outreach

Check #555 Seafarers International House \$100

Check #556 Mercy Center Ministries \$100

Check #560 Patchogue Ambulance \$100

Check #561 Lighthouse Mission \$100

Check #562 East End Hospice \$ 75

Check #563 Camp Good Grief \$100

Check #564 Good Shepherd Hospice \$ 75

Troop 47 also got \$50.00, but since we were out of Outreach checks the money was taken from the Memorial Fund and then will be transferred back into the Memorial Fund from the General Fund.

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2025 **\$478.46**

Total Outstanding Checks **(\$425.00)**

Check #557 Reconciling Works \$100

Check #558 United Lutheran Seminary \$100

Check #559 North Patchogue Fire Dept \$100

Check #565 Gigi's Playhouse \$ 75

Check #566 Compassion International \$ 50

AVAILABLE BALANCE 12/31/25 **\$53.46**

MEMORIAL / DESIGNATED FUNDS ALLOCATIONS

2025 YEAR END

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	OPENING BALANCE	INCOME	DISBURSED	OUTSTAND TRANSACTIONS **	INTRAFUND TRANSFERS*	CLOSING BALANCE
Bible Study	\$ 405.72					\$ 405.72
Bruce Farmer Memorial-Solar Panels	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 11,521.00	(\$45,519.00)		\$ 16,702.00	\$ 204.00
Capital Fund	\$4,678.06					\$ 4,678.06
Craft Guild	\$ 299.99					\$ 299.99
Craft Guild Undesignated	4882.75	\$ 2,791.00	(243.75)			\$ 7,430.00
ELCA Youth Ministry Grant	\$2,000.00		(604.16)			\$ 1,395.84
Fellowship	\$ 632.66	\$ 464.00	(\$409.29)			687.37
Church Sign Fund (Formerly Fred Entress Sign Fund)	\$1,735.00					\$ 1,735.00
J. Lopez Future Projects-Margarita Lopez	\$3,000.00					\$ 3,000.00
Jan '24 Paint Night	\$ 200.00					\$ 200.00
Landscaping	\$ 90.00					\$ 90.00
Parements & Robes	\$ 181.80					\$ 181.80
Parsonage Lawn Maintenance	\$ -					-
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$3,261.74		(501.59)			\$ 2,760.15
Piano Tuning	\$ 90.00	\$ 150.00	(210.00)		200.00	\$ 230.00
Pride Parade	\$ 100.00		(50.00)			\$ 50.00
Solar/General Fund Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$ 460.00	(10000.00)			\$ 460.00
Tape Ministry	\$ 225.05					\$ 225.05
Interest	\$ 0.58					\$ 0.58
UNDESIGNATED	\$ 533.72		(50.00)			\$ 483.72
MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES						
Angelica Family Charitable Fund	\$4,285.02	\$ 2,000.00				\$ 6,285.02
Adele Bandows Fund	\$ 385.00					\$ 385.00
Bill Ellis Memorial	\$ 185.00				(185.00)	\$ -
Grace Canpino Fund	\$ 50.00					\$ 50.00
Marion and Norm Dittmeier	\$ 386.00					386.00
Matty Lunde Memorial	\$ 57.00				(57.00)	\$ -
Lou Rios Memorial	\$ 500.00					\$ 500.00
Barbara Engesser	\$ -	\$ 20.00				\$ 20.00
Eileen Kuhn Memorial	\$5,560.00		(120.00)		(\$5,440.00)	\$ -
Muriel Hollman Estate- Church Cleaning	\$ -					\$ -
Michael Aleixo Memorial	\$ 858.19					\$ 858.19
Mchael Bergin Memorial	\$ 100.00		(100.00)			\$ -
Bruce Farmer Memorial	\$ 970.00				(\$970.00)	\$ -
Joan Jacobsen Memorial	\$ 250.00				(\$250.00)	\$ -
Joan Jacobsen Estate Discretionary	\$10,000.00				(\$10,000.00)	\$ -
Barbara Tabb Memorial	\$ 50.00				(50.00)	\$ -
Barbara Tabb Memorial for Craft Guild Undesignated	\$1,000.00				50.00	\$ 1,050.00
Lynch Wedding	\$ 300.00		(300.00)			\$ -
TOTALS	\$74,753.28	\$17,406.00	(\$58,107.79)	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 34,051.49

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

2026 Proposed Budget

Description	2025 Budget	2025 12mo Actuals	2026 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Percent Change
World Missions					
Metro Synod	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Congregational Outreach	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00	\$ -	0.00%
Missionary Support	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,458.31	\$ -	\$ (1,046.00)	-100.00%
Social Concerns	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 9,206.00	\$ 9,618.31	\$ 8,160.00	\$ (1,046.00)	-11.36%
Pastoral Ministry					
Pastor's Contract	\$ 54,960.00	\$ 55,460.00	\$ 58,320.00	\$ 3,360.00	6.11%
SS & Medicare Offset	\$ 5,052.00	\$ 5,052.00	\$ 5,364.00	\$ 312.00	6.18%
Phone Allowance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Pension, Health, Retire & Disab	\$ 12,840.00	\$ 9,751.92	\$ 10,350.00	\$ (2,490.00)	-19.39%
Private Health	\$ 6,240.00	\$ 6,240.00	\$ 8,340.00	\$ 2,100.00	33.65%
House Equity Allowance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Auto Expense/Mileage	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,814.27	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 300.00	27.27%
Parsonage Utilities	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,249.92	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (300.00)	-7.89%
Supply Pastors	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 827.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (300.00)	-20.00%
Call Committee Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 668.61	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	-
Total	\$ 90,992.00	\$ 87,563.72	\$ 93,974.00	\$ 2,982.00	3.28%
Worship and Service					
Copier Lease	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,474.68	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 300.00	7.14%
Office Equipment Maint.	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0.00%
Postage	\$ 800.00	\$ 886.50	\$ 900.00	\$ 100.00	12.50%
Office Supplies/ IT	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,912.96	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 200.00	7.41%
Worship Services/Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,860.52	\$ 3,300.00	\$ (200.00)	-5.71%
Flowers + Wreaths	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 200.00	8.70%
Conference & Seminars	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Music Supp & Piano	\$ 200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0.00%
Organist	\$ 16,080.00	\$ 16,230.00	\$ 16,608.00	\$ 528.00	3.28%
Substitute Organist	\$ 450.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00	33.33%
Bank Service Charge	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,115.43	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 200.00	20.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ -	-
Pub relations/ Advertising	\$ 800.00	\$ 448.07	\$ 800.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total	\$ 33,230.00	\$ 32,328.16	\$ 34,708.00	\$ 1,478.00	4.45%
Parish Education					
Training and Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Christ in our Home	\$ 484.00	\$ 484.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 16.00	3.31%
Seminary Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Parish Resource center	\$ 310.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (110.00)	-35.48%
Sunday School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Total	\$ 794.00	\$ 684.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (94.00)	-11.84%

Description	2025		2025 12mo	2026 Proposed		Dollar Change	Percent Change
	Budget	Actuals	Budget				
Church Home							
Church Utilities	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,783.70	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -		0.00%	
Church Maintenance	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,957.55	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,000.00		42.86%	
Parsonage Maintenance/Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,621.41	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -		0.00%	
Office Administrative Assistant	\$ 20,384.00	\$ 20,776.00	\$ 21,632.00	\$ 1,248.00		6.12%	
Substitute Admin Asst.	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -			
Church Cleaning	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 11,492.50	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -		0.00%	
Substitute Custodian	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -			
Insurance	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,755.02	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		6.67%	
Social Security Tax	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,553.02	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -		0.00%	
Total	\$ 72,984.00	\$ 77,939.20	\$ 78,432.00	\$ 5,448.00		7.46%	
Youth Activities							
LYO		\$ -		\$ -			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Debt Service/Mortgage	\$ 1,434.00	\$ 1,479.55	\$ -	\$ (1,434.00)		-100.00%	
Property Mgmt Fund	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -		0.00%	
Grand Total*	\$ 210,440.00	\$ 211,412.94	\$ 217,774.00	\$ 7,334.00		3.49%	
		\$972.94					
2025- Weekly Donations Required			\$ 4,047.00	(Use 3900 as 2025 weekly goal)			
2026- Weekly Donations Required			\$ 4,188.00	(Use 4000 as 2026 weekly goal)			
Weekly Change			\$ 141.00				

* Pre paid \$4900 of 2026 Budget in 2025

2025 Report to the Congregation

Deacon Janet Bachmore

I am totally amazed and blessed by the goodness that stems from our church family. The food pantry has a steady increase in families coming to our door in need of food. Many times, I have wondered how to provide on a small budget. The pantry volunteers can attest to that! This week we had 30 families come to our door! Our church has shown their readiness to help time and time again with extremely generous donations to help provide. I am blessed by you all and I see the goodness of God and his love working in and around us here at LCOS.

Aside from Social Concerns and the food pantry – which includes our Mobile Bag outreach and our Blessing Box, I serve on the Worship Committee and Altar Guild, participate in Singing and Chime Choirs, serve on the WELCA board and attend Craft Group. I was a member of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, and I lead Monday morning Devotions of Zoom. I attend the Ruth Circle Bible Study and the Peconic Conference events.

As I enter my 22nd year of being a Synodical Deacon in service to our church, I am looking forward to seeing what exciting new things will happen to service here and in our community outreach. **In Matthew 10:8 we find these words- “...Freely you have received; freely give...”**

I respectfully ask the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Patchogue, NY to extend my call for another year.

In God’s Love and Goodness,
S. Deacon Janet Bachmore

2025 Deacon's Report – February 8, 2026

Submitted by: Deacon Carol Rios

I am writing this report to the members of Lutheran Church of Our Savior to explain my ministry for the past year. It seems the years go by so quickly as we age and it was only yesterday that I was writing my yearly report. Things have not really changed in my ministry in the last year, so I suggest reading last year's report to find out what I do as a Deacon for our church.

I participate in as many of the church activities that time will allow. Being on the Worship Committee, I have input as to services and the celebrations of the seasons of the church year, while scheduling Lay Assistants and Psalmist for worship services. I am a Lay Assistant myself as well as play chimes and sing in the choir. I visit with shut-ins and bring Communion to them. One of the things that has been so important in my life is our Zoom prayer time on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. I am one of the leaders and I also make sure everyone knows "What day it is" every meeting. I pray more members would join this group of faithful attendees who pray for our church, our families, our friends, our Country, and our beautiful world God has made for us.

Working with the volunteers at the Food Pantry has been a delightful experience on Thursday mornings.

As many of you know, I had surgery in October and it has been a period of recovery and therapy, so my activities have been limited for the last quarter of this year. I am hoping that things will continue to improve and I will be able to resume my regularly busy life soon. I want to thank those who have stepped in to help during this period. Now, I prayerfully ask that you will vote to extend my call for this year.

With my love and thanks to you my sisters and brothers in Christ,
Carol

Deacon Carol Ann Rios

Letter of call – February 8, 2026
Submitted by: Deacon Penny Liles-Clukey

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you are all aware, I have recently retired, after 51 years in Health Care.

I have been on leave of call for the past 10 years, and I am now ready to resume my responsibilities as a Rostered Deacon at Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

I am currently participating in the Craft Group and the monthly WELCA Bible Study on Tuesdays, a member of the Food Pantry team on Thursday morning and sing in the choir.

I have organized food and helpers for Mary Ann Dittmeier after her recent surgery and visit her mostly every week.

I have assisted distributing flyers for Lighthouse Mission and help serve and hand out food on Thanksgiving at Lighthouse Mission.

I crochet granny squares for project chemo which then are sent to WI to be made into blankets for cancer patients. I also make lap-robies for the residents of Brookhaven Health Care Facility.

And my newest ministry is at Mercy Center visiting the residents and offering a craft.

I am asking you to renew my call as Deacon at Lutheran Church of Our Savior.

Respectfully,
Penny Liles-Clukey

A Message from the President

Dina Lotito

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I come to the end of my term and look back on the past year, my heart is full of gratitude for all that God has done in and through our congregation. It has been a year of connection, growth, service and joyful community.

When I think about this past year, I don't see calendars and agendas...I see faces. I see the faces of people laughing together at Game Nights, praying together in worship, marching together in witness and working together in ministry. Thank you for being spirit of Christ in this place.

This year, JR and I had the joy of hosting game nights, and what a gift they turned out to be. These evenings of snacks, laughter and friendly competition became much more than just games. They were times to deepen relationships, welcome newcomers and simply enjoy being together. I am grateful to each person who came, invited a friend or helped make those gatherings warm and welcoming.

We continued to build community beyond our walls. Together with Pastor Claire, I attended meetings and conferences. We met with and supported Koinonia, strengthening our ties to this important ministry and giving our youth and families opportunities for spiritual growth in God's creation. We also attended the Peconic Conference MNYS kickoff meeting to prepare for the Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly, where we took part in the historic process of electing our new bishop, Katrina Foster. Standing with siblings in Christ from across the synod, praying and discerning together, was a powerful reminder of the Holy Spirit's guidance and our shared call to ministry.

In June, many of us joined to march in the Patchogue Pride Parade, witnessing publicly God's inclusive love and our commitment to being a welcoming, affirming community. Walking side by side, carrying signs of hope and inclusion and throwing inspirational buttons to the crowd, we lived out our belief that all people are beloved children of God.

One of the highlights of our congregational life was emceeding the 2nd Annual Talent Show. From music to monologues to comedy routines, sprinkled in with a few surprises, we saw just how richly God has blessed this community. Thank you to everyone who

performed, organized and cheered from the pews. It was a joyful way to celebrate the many talents that God has placed among us.

We also celebrated our solar panel dedication, a meaningful step in caring for God's creation and being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. That dedication service was more than just a moment of recognition of the Dittmeier and Farmer families, it was a public promise to continue seeking ways to live out our faith through responsible and sustainable choices.

What a blessing it has been to welcome so many new members into our church family this past year. Each new face, each new story, is a reminder that God is still at work, still calling people into community and service. If you are one of those who have joined us this year, welcome! We are so glad that you are here and we look forward to growing in faith with you.

I am also grateful for the work of our Strategic Planning Committee, which I had the pleasure of being a part of. Together we prayed, listened and made goals to where God is calling us next. You will hear more about how we can connect more meaningfully with our neighbors and serve more boldly in the community. I am excited about the vision that is emerging.

None of these accomplishments belong to one person...they belong to all of us. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, attended, prayed, given and encouraged along the way. Thank you to Pastor Claire, Nancy, our deacons, our lay leaders, our council members and every member who shows up in big and small ways week after week.

As we close this year and look forward to the next, my prayer is that we can continue to be a community of welcome and hospitality; a people of justice, mercy and compassion; a church grounded in worship, prayer and God's word; and a congregation ready to follow where Christ leads.

May God, who has begun this good work among us, bring it to completion.

With gratitude and hope,

Dina Lolito

Council President 2024-2025

2025 Congregational Message from the Vice President

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as Council Vice President these past 2 years. My duties have included chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, working with the Parish Education Committee, and acting as parliamentarian at council and congregational meetings.

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee has met several times during the year which included a recent meeting to review the past year. Thank you to the members of the Committee: Janet Bachmore, Jeremy Terhune, Ann Entress, Linda Cook, Dakota Blair, and Pastor Claire. Special thank you to President Dina Lotito for sharing in our discussions. Our discussions included sharing ways Lutheran Church of Our Savior can continue to be a welcoming congregation, improving communication within our congregation, and encouraging young families to be active members of our congregation.

At the suggestion of Pastor Claire, I attended a Church Leadership Workshop facilitated by Deacon Mark Nocero. Subsequently, a Strategic Planning Workshop at our church was held on January 24, 2026. Pastor invited 20 members as a broad representation of our membership. At the end of the workshop the group developed a vision statement and 4 goals for the congregation to achieve over the next 5 years. Those goals will be presented to the incoming Council for follow-through.

Our Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA has requested all congregations to review and update their constitutions based on the changes they have approved to the Model Constitution for Congregations. I participated in the webinar they offered and reported this information to our Council at our last meeting. Council agreed that one of the first orders of business for the incoming Council should be to address this matter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve this congregation.

Yours in Christ,
Michele Aleixo

2025 WORSHIP YEAR END REPORT

Prepared by: Lu Anne Blake - Worship Steward

2025 was a very busy year at LCOS and we are growing with more new faces and families! That is truly amazing! Over the year, we held various special events: May was Mental Health Awareness. In June, we decorated the church and fellowship hall to celebrate Pride month, and many from LCOS marched in the parade.

We celebrated Christmas in July (and in December!) The sanctuary and fellowship hall were decorated for Christmas. We wore Ugly Sweaters and the fellowship hour was overflowing with Christmas snacks and treats. We also had Flamingo Sunday and Watermelon Sunday, along with an Ice cream social!

In October, we had our Annual Pet Blessing for St. Francis of Assisi Day and Isabel Rossellini joined us in the fellowship hall with chickens and her two favorite sheep. We remembered loved ones who passed away on All Souls Sunday. In November, we participated in an interfaith Thanksgiving service with our local clergy.

The church was decorated for Advent/Christmas with a star, garlands and billowing tuille flowing from the rafters. We had Advent wreath making on the first Sunday of Advent and families took their own wreaths home to worship with along with a devotional. Our sanctuary Advent wreath was beautiful, designed by Karen at Tall Tree. Tony helped to decorate the sanctuary and railings with live greens. Pastor and Peter donated a live tree for the sanctuary. Erica and Emi decorated the tree in the Fellowship Hall for the Family Advent party. The St. George's hosted coffee hour with freshly made delicious zeppoles- two years in a row, so I guess we have a new tradition! In December, our church was able to celebrate our 79th year of ministry with a cake after worship. There is always coffee after worship – He Brews! In the form of Hank Motl with help from Michele each week.

Our church family grew with special baptisms. There were also funerals this year. And LOTS of new members joined our church family! God is SO GOOD!

I'd like to thank all those who have set up and cleared the altar for LCOS each Sunday. The Altar Guild is responsible for setting our communion table. Every month, a volunteer takes a turn getting the sanctuary and altar ready for worship. Of course, our worship service wouldn't be complete without our crucifers and acolytes. Thank you all!

The worship team is comprised of many individuals and is an important part of our services every week. Many people help behind the scenes. Of course, first and foremost is Pastor Claire. We are truly blessed with a young and energetic Pastor. Thanks to Nancy who puts the bulletins together for us. Thanks to our musical director and organist, Stephen Goldstein. Special thanks to our choir and chime choir for their dedication. Rich Stewart schedules the ushers and lectors. Carol Rios arranges for psalmists/lay assistants, and makes sure we have enough communion wine each week. Deacon Janet is always available to assist us whenever we ask. I am so grateful to the Altar Guild. Linda Cook helps with pick up of our altar flowers from Tall Tree. Tall Tree does a beautiful job! Lois Cope changes the altar cloths for each season/holiday. Kristina helps with banners and is there for every musical dilemma. She even played piano with one hand when weather prevented Stephen from getting to Patchogue. We have a great team! Many thanks to the entire Council for all their support, and especially to outgoing president, Dina, for all she did!

My prayer is that we all ask God to help us discover and use our varied gifts for the building up of this congregation. As we answer our baptismal calling, may we know the joy only God can give. Thank you for the honor to serve as your worship steward. There are so many, who in one way or another, help to make worship at LCOS so special. Thank you all! We are blessed with a congregation of loving, faith-filled families. Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible. I thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment and all the ways we try to spread God's love at LCOS. Thank you for being part of LCOS. If anyone wishes to help with the worship team, please reach out to me!

WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Psalm 100:2 *“Worship the Lord with gladness, come before him with joyful songs.”*

In Christ's service,

Lu Anne Blake

Annual Report Submission – Evangelism – Feb 8th, 2026.
Submitted by: JR Lotito – Evangelism Steward

Dear Fellow Members of LCOS,

One year ago, I stood in front of you all as the Nominating Committee chairperson and announced the names of the candidates for your Church Council for 2025. We had worked hard to obtain commitments from those willing to serve, but could not find an Evangelism Steward to fill the GINORMOUS shoes of Deacon Penny (yes, I know “ginormous” is not truly a word, but the grandeur of it comes as close as I can to describing the gravity of Penny’s effect on us all). After talking with Dina and some friendly and obvious hinting from folks that I should step into the role, I reluctantly threw my hat in the ring. It was life-changing.

Who could have known how challenging and fun, frightening yet bold, stressful yet rewarding, the role of the Steward of Evangelism was, is, and can be.

What have we accomplished together? Here’s just a small sampling of what WE can do when we work together:

- 1) We’ve been one of the few Churches on Long Island that has made its loving and accepting presence known at Patchogue’s Annual Pride Parade.
- 2) We constantly show our caring and attentive nature during the summer months by offering a Blessings Booth at Alive After Five.
- 3) For two years running now, LCOS has been voted Most Patriotic at the Annual Lions Club 4th of July Parade.
- 4) We offer compassion and support through various means during our service for God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday in September.
- 5) We raise additional funding during an Annual Stewardship campaign designed to maximize the resources and reach that our Church can provide across a number of different platforms.

I know we can do this when we work together because we’ve DONE it. We consistently show up to conquer head-on challenges. I am truly proud and honored to be able to play a small role in OUR success.

My one new contribution to the role of Evangelism, together with Dina, has been the introduction of Game Night to LCOS. It was born out of an idea I had floated first to Pastor Paul Downing for HIS church. He had mentioned previously that it has been something his congregation had expressed some interest in putting together. I had wanted to try this for some time, but didn’t really know if there was truly an audience for it. I mentioned it to Pastor Claire and Dina, who both, in so many words, encouraged me to run with it.

We put our first Game Night into motion with some water, snacky cakes, and a smattering of board games of varying interests. We drew a little under 30 people, raising just under \$200.

We knew we had something positive, as folks were immediately asking “when is the NEXT one”?

Our most recent meeting of Game Night had 71 attendees. People from all walks of life came together for an afternoon and an evening full of joy, laughter, and fellowship. 5-1/2 hours later, there were STILL young adults here feverishly launching helicopter strikes on their friend’s cars as they raced through a treacherous stretch of road. That’s only ONE of the types of games that were featured last month. What else was there?

- A group was frantically trying to form specific patterns of books in their apartments in order to gather enough social battery to head into town to buy MORE books.
- A small group was busy clearing fields and planting seeds as they were attempting to operate the best farm.
- Avian enthusiasts competed to lure birds into their own sanctuaries.
- Two folks were racing across the galaxy to visit all the planets before their opponent did.
- A pair of young ladies worked together through limited communication to land a plane in Montreal’s Trudeau International Airport
- A mammoth adventure with Dominoes captivated a number of folks.
- A group of younger Princesses were doing what they could to avoid being proposed to, as they agreed that “they don’t need no man”.

I mention the different games to illustrate the main point: there’s a game for anyone and everyone. No matter what your interests or path you’ve traveled, there’s a game for your interests.

It’s that diverse and inclusive feeling that our Church offers to anyone that walks through that door. A board game joins us all together on some kind of adventure, albeit brief, offering a brief respite from the outside world, as well as an opportunity to come together in working towards whatever goal the game provides. At the end of the game, you feel as though you’ve walked a road together with the other players.

THAT is the feeling I draw from our Church, and that is a big reason why I use board games as my Mission moving forward.

I hope to carry this feeling onward and upward into the future for LCOS, sharing that love and passion that I have found with all of your support. I couldn’t be prouder to be your Steward.

Parish Education Steward Report 2025

I am pleased to report that we have a number of successes to share from 2025 and the first days of 2026!

- **Sunday School/Children's Church** now meets weekly! We have a dedicated team of volunteers ensuring that, every Sunday, we are equipped with two caring adults to meet our children for some moments of holy play.
Our goal for 2026 is to introduce two "tracks" for Sunday School, one for our younger children and one for older kids and tweens, as we look to build a more solid pipeline to Confirmation and beyond.
- **Vacation Bible School** met in August, with plenty of time for crafts, service, and fun in the sun. We made Birthday Bags for our food pantry, did a garden cleanup at St. Joseph's Center, and visited one of our homebound neighbors.
- **Adult Bible Study** had three sessions: spring, fall, and an abbreviated winter session on Zoom. We have a strong core group, and I would like to expand that group, perhaps advertising even beyond the congregation and leverage an expansive Bible study informed by Scripture, scholarship, and art to possibly attract new members of the community.
- **We applied for and received a grant of \$1000 from St. Peter's in Huntington** for our Parish Education program. Part of the funds went to support our Birthday Bags service project during VBS, and we will be using the rest to preserve the mural in the Sunday School room.

Other goals for 2026 include:

- Safe Church training for our volunteers, both to center our commitment to creating a safe and loving space for our children and to support a broader environment of safety at LCOS to mitigate risks of all kinds.
- First aid and CPR training for all of our volunteers.
- VBS in August again (dates forthcoming).

Thanking and praising God for our supportive community and our littlest neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,
Abigail Myers
Parish Education Steward

Sunday School / Parish Ed Financial Report 2025

Beginning balance 12-31-2024: **\$3,445.96**

Receipts:

Class Action deposit	\$ 2.17
From General Fund, designated for Parish Ed	
• St Peter's Grant for Nursery Rehab	\$1,000.00
• Sunken Meadow Beach Bible Study	\$ 51.00

Total Available Funds: **\$4,499.13**

Disbursements:

TO	For	amount
Claire Repsholdt	Marriage Planning Handbook	\$ 20.60
Augsburg Fortress Lutheran	Study Bibles	\$182.08
Claire Repsholdt,	Good Friday & VBS flowers,	\$ 88.63
Easter candy		

Total Disbursements: **\$291.31**

Ending Balance: 12-31-2025 **\$4,207.82**

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Cook
Sunday School / Parish Ed Treasurer

2025 SOCIAL CONCERNS REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Prepared by: Deacon Janet Bachmore – Social Concerns Steward

Proverbs 2:29

And he answered them “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”

We are a congregation with individuals that have a generous, compassionate outlook- showing a lifestyle of sharing and going way beyond just good intentions. One way this is evident is the bountiful pantry we have been able to use to provide food and other resources to our local community. I thank everyone who has stepped up to help us. I think it is safe to say that probably every person here has helped in some way.

We are blessed to have had many donations from friends of the congregation and local organizations-WELCA, Craft Group, Brownie Troop 2694 and Jessica B., Patchogue Library, Rotary Club of Bellport and Lorraine K., Hog Farm, Island Fast Pitch, Bosco-Capizzo Family, Lady Lions and Gail F and Andrea S., Jessica and Francine Fried, Kiddie Kampus, American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary- Pat B., Lions and Lioness, Scouts and Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts- Jeremy and Sarah T., James R. for Blessing Box repairs, La Dolce Momenti Bakery and Joanne, and Temple Beth El.

Thank you to our generous congregation for gift cards, grants and monetary support and for the amazing amounts of food that mysteriously appear in the pantry area! You all know who you are and I hope you know how valuable you are to the pantry and how grateful we are for the support of this amazing outreach that we have. Thank you to Pastor Claire for bringing fresh produce in season each week and spreading the work of our pantry around town with fantastic results. And we can't forget Nancy and her excellent ability to keep us in fliers and labels and in the Sandpiper news.

Because of the amount of supplies that we keep in the pantry area and the fact that we share a curtain wall with Sunday School, it has become evident that there is a safety issue for the children. So, the council has agreed to erect a wall, safely separating us from the children's area. James G. will be erecting this wall shortly.

I am pleased to share some statistics- We gave out 39 “to go” bags, each containing 5 food items, water and toiletries. We gave out 1,215 bags of food, each containing approximately 7 lbs in each bag with 5 or 6 items. That equals 8,778 lbs of food, or 4 tons! We gave out \$15 gift cards to be used in local food stores at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter along with food bags. We gave out about 100 toys, many socks and hats. Blessings abound!

Thanks to our amazing volunteers who spend many hours multiple days a week making all this possible. Thank you Lois G., Mike M., Hank M., Cathy W., Carol R., Rich S., Roxanne and Den K., John B., Penny L., Michael F., Bob F., and our happiest volunteer Veronica B. I enjoy sharing fellowship with you all. You are a blessing.

I am looking forward to new ideas and new ways to take our pantry out into the community- join us on a Thursday morning and see what we are about.

God Bless,

Dcn. Janet Bachmore

2025 Social Concerns Financials

Jan 1st Starting Balance- \$6,666.47

General Fund Budget Deposits	+\$ 1,200.00
Designated Funds	+\$ 1,375.00
WELCA Thank Offer 2023+2024	+\$ 589.00
WELCA Love Offer	+\$ 241.00
American Legion	+\$ 250.00
Scouts Food Drive + GOD's Work	+\$ 30.00
Thanksgiving Eve Donation	+\$ 122.00
Special Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner Gift Cards	+\$ 2,000.00*
Memorial Fund Transfer-Tom Bergen	+\$ 195.00
Memorial Fund Transfer-Michael Bergen	+\$ 100.00
Purchase Thanksgiving/Christmas Gift Cards	-\$ 705.00
Purchase Pantry Supplies	-\$ 2,904.45
Math Adjustment	+\$ 2.42

Ending Balance as of Dec 31, 2025: \$9,161.44

Additional Gift Stand Alone Cards Given to Purchase Food \$ 1725.00 - \$ 285.00 Carry Over To 2026

***\$ 1,295.00 of the \$2,000.00 available to purchase 2026 Easter Gift Cards**

Youth Trustee Report - February 8, 2026

We give thanks for Gena Mizzi, who led the youth group through exciting bi-monthly activities for much of the year.

We pray for her as she transitions away from this ministry and focuses on new opportunities that nurture her career and personal growth.

We celebrate our involved teens, and look forward to uplifting them as leaders and listening carefully to them about the best ways to serve their generation in the coming year.

Church Trustee
Annual Report for 2025

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents (Stewardship!) to taking care of our place of worship. I begin with my J-crew: James Gonzalez, Jeff Dittmeier, Jeremy Terhune, and JR Lotito, all of whom served on the Solar Committee in addition to taking care of repairs and improvements, some so obscure only they know about them. Others include replacing a door closer, installing a prominent shelf for our First Aid (including AED and Narcan) equipment, replacing fluorescent light fixtures with LEDs, and fixing a leaky faucet. I rely on this crew for so many jobs that are beyond my skill, equipment, strength and height! And then we have our landscaping crew: Tom Durham, Phil Weaver, Pastor and Peter, with all the snow shovelers, some who respond to a call for help and others who just show up because they know it needs to be done. (I am reluctant to list names because I might miss someone since I couldn't be there. All of you, know that your work is genuinely appreciated.) Sincere thanks also to others who have assisted me in various ways this year, including Ellis and Jesse Farmer, Nancy Gonzalez, Margarita Lopez (who never says "no" to a paint job), Michel Maas, Phil and Karen Mizzi, and Hank Motl.

Of course the most obvious change in our building is the addition of 45 solar panels. Working with SuNation was a pleasure—They really know what they're doing. Our crackerjack Treasurer has provided a summary of the finances elsewhere in this annual report.



My most complex challenge, a paperwork nightmare, started when the Town of Brookhaven held up SuNation's application for a solar permit due to an "open" building permit from 1997—the expansion of the Narthex. In general, the procedures involve: submit an application, pay a fee, wait for an inspection. One department wants only original copies; another wants only digital. But without tearing up the walls, how do you prove that all work was done according to code almost 30 years ago? I found the engineer who drew up the plans who kindly gave us the letter we needed. I believe the last inspection was conducted February 2, so that I can now take a load of paperwork to the Building Department to apply for a Certificate of Occupancy. You will know this has been accomplished when the Building Permit posted in the Narthex comes down. I will complete this task even after my term as Church Trustee is ended. If the church should ever need another Building Permit, no one should face this situation again, next year or in another 30 years.

Our church has been called a "trend setter" as we work to go green even with an old building. Let us continue to care for God's great creation, remembering that giving your time and sharing your talents is stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Farmer

Parsonage Trustee Report – February 8, 2026

Though the parsonage has not been monitored by a trustee this year, we give thanks that years of loving care and keeping means that things on Monroe Avenue run smoothly.

Thank you to Koby Gryciuk of Crew 360 for installing a sustainable drought-resistant and butterfly-friendly garden of lavender and goldenrod to work more happily within the sunny conditions in the front yard.

Thank you to the council and to Jeremy Terhune for helping to ensure essential services such as damaged tree removal and chimney cleaning could take place seamlessly when needed.

We enjoy every day in this beautiful home, and have treasured projects like painting kitchen cabinets, which have helped us put our own stamp on it this year.

We delight in hosting the congregation for special events throughout the year, and we look forward to making many more special memories in the coming year.

Pastor Claire and Peter

2025 Legal Trustee Report to the Congregation
Submitted by: Linda Cook

Audits were performed on all Financial Records for the church (General Fund, Outreach, Property Management, Memorial Fund, Social Concerns, WELCA, Youth, Parish Ed & Boy Scouts). All accounts were found to be in order.

Real Estate Tax Exemptions were submitted to the Assessor's Offices of Patchogue Village and the Town of Brookhaven for the Parsonage and church.

Insurance policies were reviewed and renewed. Changes were made where needed to more accurately reflect our current status. Inquiries were also made concerning what coverage groups would need for building use so that we would be prepared if the occasion should arise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Cook
Legal Trustee

WELCA ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Submitted by: Lu Anne Blake – WELCA President

Our year officially began when Pastor Claire installed the elected officers along with the Council members. Our first meeting was held on February 1st where plans were made for the 2025 year events. All in all, 2025 was a wonderful year. Here's highlights from 2025:

WELCA held a special litany and the Love Offering on February 9th. 50% of our donations went to Social Concerns and 50% went to Lutheran Relief. On February 22nd, LCOS WELCA joined other ladies from the Peconic Conference for a special retreat held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rocky Point.

On March 2nd, we celebrated Bold Woman Sunday and honored Margarita Lopez for her many contributions to LCOS! WELCA helped Chef Gail with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast for Dinner with lots of goodies. As has been our tradition, on March 5th, WELCA hosted our annual Soup and Bread Supper before worship on Ash Wednesday. WELCA also passed out mason jars to continue collecting loose coins (and dollars) for our Change-for-Change project during Lent. Our Change-to-Change collection was given to Lutheran Immigration Services. After recovering from a fabulous St. Patrick's Day Dinner, led by Gail with corned beef carved by Edward Scissorhands- Margarita Lopez, WELCA hosted a book review, "The Light of Luna Park" led by Kristina Farmer, who took her own little road trip to Coney Island for extra research. We collected socks during March to recognize World Down Syndrome Awareness Day, and we rocked our socks on March 23rd. Over 100 pairs of socks were donated to the food pantry, Lighthouse Misson and the Seafarers.

We had a Soup Supper on Maundy Thursday for the congregation, and as has been our tradition, we gathered early in the morning before the Easter Vigil to decorate the church for Easter.

We celebrated Rachel's Day on May 4th and on Mother's Day, and we gave roses to the women of the congregation.

Our annual Ladies Tea was held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 7th. The tea is a beloved tradition and Marit helped to coordinate it. Thanks, Marit! We also decorated our church for Pride Month and held a celebration of Pride Day during Fellowship Hour on June 8th with rainbow bagels and other goodies. The Strawberry Festival took place on June 22nd along with the silent basket auction.

July was a busy month - Our collection of school supplies was a success, and we were able to donate school supplies for all the children who our food pantry serves. We gave extras to Lighthouse Mission and Help Suffolk. On July 26th, we participated in another traditional annual event; Sister-Shore-to-Shore Bible study and luncheon with our sisters in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church. Ladies joined us from other churches in the Peconic Conference, as well. LCOS will be hosting Sister-Shore-to Shore this July.

We can't forget to mention our first POT PARTY – which took place on August 15th! We had a blast = all kinds of food for the munchies, including a cup of dirt for dessert. Everyone decorated a clay pot and then planted a live plant to take home to care for. We planted pots for our shut-ins and for residents at the rehab center to enjoy!

Our Spud Supper was a hit on Friday, September 12th. This was a really fun evening with baked potatoes and lots of toppings, along with our potato decorating contest. Prizes were given to the best dressed potatoes! Once again, Gail was awarded first place! On September 20th, WELCA reps went to the annual MNYS meeting up at the Wartburg and then toured the sanctuary after the meeting. On September 21st, WELCA coordinated a trip to Island 16 to see the Sight & Sound presentation of Noah – many thanks to Linda for making the arrangements.

On October 2nd, a group of ladies enjoyed a delicious dinner at ITA and then went to Patchogue Theatre to see the Michael Smith Concert. We had a great time together! Linda also arranged for these tickets!

The congregation joined us in the Potluck Luncheon on October 19th as we honored our missionary team, Stephanie and Larry Kraft on their retirement, and celebrated Pastor Appreciation Day.

On Friday, November 7th, we had a great discussion for the book review, “Counting Miracles” by Nicholas Sparks. On November 16th, Thank Offering Sunday, we collected fresh produce and a special offering, which was distributed equally to Social Concerns and Lutheran World Relief – Domestic-(Hurricane Melissa). Once again, we gathered names in November for our Angel Tree for children from Help Suffolk, a facility for unhoused families. Over 40 gifts were donated. December 13th was our brunch and cookie exchange.

Our first event for 2026 was an amazing book discussion! We read “Familia” by local author, Lauren Rico, who joined us and helped to lead the discussion for the evening. The setting of the book was Puerto Rico and that inspired a delicious theme! Margarita made pastelón and flan. Tony Di Biase. made tres leches cake. Carol Rios made sangria. I made coquito. We also had snacks, chips, dips and appetizers (tostones, chicken quesadillas and empanadas) from El Matador. It was a large and fun crowd – over 30 joined us. Many thanks to Kristina for

coordinating with the author and making this evening possible- along with providing lively music and the flag of Puerto Rico.

The women of ELCA at LCOS began their new year of service with a meeting and brunch on Saturday, **February 7, 2026**, where we proposed the calendar of 2026 events, shared our treasurer's report and the budget for 2026, prepared by outgoing treasurer, Pat Bergin. As always, WELCA will continue to provide copies of the Spanish Devotionals to the Food Pantry families and will have the Ruth Circle/Gather Bible study on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:30 AM. WELCA gives a one-year subscription of Gather Magazine to all new ladies of LCOS and Carol B sends out cards for special occasions. WELCA has a great year planned for the ladies of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Please save the date for the Peconic Conference WELCA retreat at Trinity Lutheran Church on February 22nd at 9:00 AM. All ladies are welcome 😊

We are a small church, but we get so much accomplished together and really give back to the community. Special thanks to our outgoing VP- Penny, secretary-Michele, Pat-treasurer and Action-Lisa. You helped us have a great year! Thanks to our nominating committee, Kathy, Ann and Trudy. Thank you to our new officers- Margarita-VP, Linda-treasurer, Kristen-Secretary, Janet and Michele-Action and Leah-Growth. Thank you to Pastor Claire, who is our Member-at-Large, and to all the officers and members of WELCA and the Congregation for their support, donations and participation in the WELCA events. We pray that 2026 will be filled with love, friendship, fellowship and service to this amazing church and our community.

Psalm 118:29 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever.

I thank you for the privilege to lead WELCA at LCOS. We truly have a great team working together. We are so blessed. God is good!

In Love and Peace,

Lu Anne Blake, WELCA President

WELCA Year End Treasurer's Report -2025

Checking Account Balance – 1/1/2025 \$2,776.71

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Transaction Date</u>	<u>Receipts</u>		
Ruth Circle	Jan-Dec. 2025	\$ 346.00		
Love Offering	Feb. – 2025	\$ 482.00		
Soup & Bread Supper	Ash Wednesday	\$ 137.00		
Pot Luck Suppers	February&October	\$ 132.00		
WELCA Tea	Free Will	\$ 65.00		
Spud Supper	Free Will	\$ 96.00		
Change for Change	April -2025	\$ 689.00		
Rachels Day	May – 2025	\$ 374.00		
Private Donations		\$ 68.00		
Thank Offering	November – 2025	\$1,178.00		
Peconic Conference	Jan-February-2025	\$2,525.00	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$6,092.00</u>

EXPENSES:

WELCA Synod Dues	Jan-February-2025	\$ 100.00		
Love Offering-50%-Social Concerns,50%LWR-		\$ 482.00		
WELCA Mtg.	Sandwiches	\$ 100.00		
Sunshine Secretary	Stamps	\$ 14.60		
Tall Tree Flowers	Guest Speaker	\$ 15.00		
Gather Magazine	2 New Members	\$ 19.90		
Donation	Quilts for Kids	\$ 100.00		
LWR Donation-Domestic-Flood Relief		\$ 689.00		
WELCA Tea	Refreshments	\$ 67.96		
Tall Tree Floral	Bergin Memorial	\$ 100.00		
Thank Offering-50%-LCOS,50%LWR		\$1,178.00		
Donation	LCOS --Fellowship	\$ 26.00		
Transfer to Savings	Triennial Delegate	\$ 50.00		
Donation-Compassionate International		\$ 100.00		
Expenses -	Watermelon Sunday	\$ 27.85		
American Bible Soc.	Bibles for the troops	\$ 100.00		
Expenses -Decorations – Pride Sunday		\$ 39.00		
Peconic Conference	Retreat Expenses	\$2,193.36	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$5,507.67</u>

Checking Account Balance: December 31, 2025- \$3,361.04(\$331.64 is Peconic Conference)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT: Balance-1/1/25-\$362.02, Balance-12/31/2025-\$410.00

CHARTER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted by: Sarah Terhune

Date: February 8, 2026

Hello All. It has been an exciting year for our scouting organization. The scouting world works on the school year timeline so I'll catch you up to date as best as I can.

Our pack has grown out of our church space, which is a bittersweet thing. Pack 47 is growing day by day. We are now meeting at Eagle Estates Elementary School in Medford with a few special meetings at LCOS throughout the year.

They have performed many acts of service including church and parsonage cleanups. On a very cold day last January, Pack members and leaders trudged the streets of NYC to embark on a sleepover on The Intrepid. While marching in multiple parades, our new banner represents the troop and our church as charter organization. Popcorn sales went well this year, with our own Colin St. George selling the tail end of our product. And we had special guests, Pastor Claire and Peter, attending our Fishing Boat Fundraiser during a hurricane! You should have seen those inch-high seas! The Pinewood Derby will be the last Main Event for Pack 47 one week prior to the Congregational Meeting. It will be raucous, rambunctious and rewarding.

Troop 47 has had a very busy and productive year. They hosted last year's spring camporee, attended the favorite shooting sports campout, cold cabin camping upstate in the late fall, Camp Hero last spring and the annual summer camp filled with merit badges and frivolity. Parades are always a fun time, even when it's cold enough to warrant hand warmers! This winter camporee was the coldest yet. Two scouts and two leaders from Troop 47 braved the cold to sleep overnight in tents and now have bragging rights. (I did make sure Jeremy and Jackson still have all their fingers and toes when they come home!) As usual, the boys have participated in many acts of service, including many clean-ups and food drives, which benefit our community at large as well as our LCOS community.

A few boys attained their Eagle Rank; while we are sad to see them leave us to go off on new adventures, we are proud of what they have accomplished. As more young men age out or achieve eagle rank, we are starting to thin out. This upcoming year will be challenging as the troop's membership is dropping; with your spiritual support and a renewed call for recruitment, we hope to turn this around.

Most importantly to our Pack and Troop, our young boys and leaders participated in the flag placement and removal at Calverton Memorial Cemetery. It is a solemn occasion, but even the young cubs are respectful in this special activity.

Thank you again for your support of Pack and Troop 47.

Happy New Year! The scouts are on their way through the winter including this wonderful storm. The Troop had two brave scouts and two brave leaders camp overnight. In tents. On Friday night. Jackson and Jeremy being two of the four from Troop 47. But they survived. Two more scouts and leaders showed up for the day on Saturday. The Winteree Campout was successful despite the cold this past weekend. Per Jackson, "It was cold, it was fun, it was freezing." And, yes, Jeremy slept in his hammock.

The Pack's Pinewood Derby has been postponed until Next Monday, February 2nd if we are able to use Fellowship Hall as well as set up the night before. I will reach out to Jessica to confirm they are able to move downstairs. If any of you are around, we would love you to join the chaos of the Derby from 6:30-8pm.

The troop is planning their upcoming trip to Valley Forge in February, and the next Court of Honor is Monday, March 2nd at Emmanuel Lutheran at 7:30pm. As always, Pastor and Peter are invited as well as anyone who would enjoy the ceremony. The pack is finalizing their trip to sleep over on Battleship New Jersey.

I hope everyone is safe and warm tonight and remains safe tomorrow ahead of our meeting! Thank you again for your financial support at the end of the year and your moral support throughout the year.

Cub Scout Pack 47 Treasurer's Report
Yearly Financial Report for 2025

Opening Account Balance	January 1, 2025	\$	2305.44
			Balance per TD Bank Statement

Disbursements:

January	\$	2850.00
February	\$.00
March	\$	507.61
April	\$	377.95
May	\$.00
June	\$	108.00
July	\$	799.65
August	\$	2203.56
September	\$	572.88
October	\$	436.30
November	\$	1010.74
December	\$	1394.45

Total Disbursements: \$ 10261.14

Deposits:

January	\$	1075.65
February	\$	950.00
March	\$	120.00
April	\$	65.00
May	\$	371.00
June	\$	369.00
July	\$.00
August	\$	3608.31
September	\$	75.00
October	\$	385.00
November	\$	1400.10
December	\$	516.20

Total Deposits: 8935.26

Ending Account Balance	December 31, 2025	\$	979.56
			Balance per TD Bank statement

2026 Church Council Nominations

<u>Executive Council</u>	Length of Term	Current Term	Consecutive Term Max	Current Member	Started	Max Term Expires	Nominee
President	1 Year	2nd	2	Dina Lotito	2/1/2024	2/1/2026	Michele Alexio
Vice President	1 Year	2nd	2	Michele Alexio	2/1/2024	2/1/2026	Karen Mizzi
Secretary	1 Year	3rd	3	Carol Bosch	2/1/2023	2/1/2026	Julia Cosell
Treasurer	1 Year	appointed	3	John Bachmore	appointed 2/1/2025	2/1/2026	John Bachmore (appointed)
Financial Secretary	1 Year	3rd	3	Karen Mizzi	2/1/2023	2/1/2026	Dakota Blair
<u>Stewards</u>							
Evangelism	2 Years		2	J.R. Lotito	2/1/2025	2/1/2029	
Parish Education	2 Years		2	Abigail Meyers-Blair	2/1/2025	2/1/2029	
Social Concerns	2 Years		2	Janet Bachmore	appointed 2/1/2025	2/1/2026	Janet Bachmore (appointed)
Youth	2 Years		2	Gena Mizzi	2/1/2024	2/1/2028	Vacant
Worship	2 Years		2	Lu Ann Blake	2/1/2024	2/1/2028	
<u>Trustees</u>							
Church Trustee	2 Years		2	Kristina Farmer	2/1/2025	2/1/2029	Adrienne Perito
Parsonage Trustee	2 Years		2	Vacant	N/A	N/A	Jeff Dittmeier
Legal Trustee	2 Years		2	Linda Cook	2/1/2025	2/1/2029	
Welca Representative	Set by Welca		Yearly Nom.	Margarita Lopez			Set by Welca
Chartered Org. Rep	Elected by Group		Yearly Nom.	Sarah Terhune			Sarah Terhune

2026 Nominating Committee - Jeremy Terhune, Jeff Dittmeier, Gail Farmer, Sarah Terhune

THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY, GOD IS AT WORK ACROSS THE ELCA.

MISSION SUPPORT

A portion of your offering, called Mission Support, advances the ministry of our church, helping the ELCA nurture Christian community, raise up leaders, serve our neighbors and strive for justice.

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Part of our church's long tradition of meeting human needs, ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God's promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. ELCA World Hunger walks alongside communities in more than 60 countries — including the United States — to create unique solutions to hunger and poverty.

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