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ANNUAL REPORT

February 22, 2026
10:00 AM

Celebrating 325 Years
1700-2025

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AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Presentation of the 2025 Annual Report
- IV. New Business
 Open Period of Discussion
- V. The Lord's Prayer and Benediction



**Celebrating
Love of
Our Church
and
Church Family**



2025 COUNCIL

Officers

Todd Rothermel, president
D. Martin Hauser, vice-president
Monique Becker, secretary
Scott Geiser, financial Secretary
Edward Becker, treasurer

James Mack (8/21/25)
Yvonne Peto
Andrew Van Dyke
Nancy White (resigned 1/16/25)
Nicole Young (8/21/25 – non-voting)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Minutes

February 23, 2025

President Todd Rothermel called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. following the worship service.

Pastor Scott Staub provided an opening prayer.

Congregation Council President, Todd Rothermel, established that there was a quorum. He then listed the two items on the agenda.

1. Approval and adoption of the 2024 Annual Report
2. The election of the listed nominations to Congregation Council.

President Rothermel explained that the voting would be conducted in accordance with the Constitution policy for Congregational meetings.

President Rothermel announced the tellers as Marty Hauser and Zach Quigley and requested that they distribute the ballots.

Agenda Item 1: 2024 Annual Report

1. The Congregation Council is recommending approval of the 2024 Annual Report.
2. Harry White made a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Jim Brandt.
3. President Rothermel thanked those who submitted reports for the 2024 Annual Report and Office Manager, Susan Gutshall, for assembling and producing the report.

Agenda Item 2: Election of Nominations for Congregation Council

1. Congregation recommends approval of all nominees on the ballot. They are Andy Van Dyke (first term) and Ed Becker (second term).
2. Bill Tracey made a motion to approve both nominees for positions on Congregation Council.
3. Harry White seconded the motion.
4. President Rothermel expressed thanks to outgoing Council members for their service:

- i. Jim Gross – served on Property Committee, Cemetery Board, and Building Fund Committee
- ii. Steve Eisenhart – current Council Secretary, former Council President, Property Committee, Memorial Fund Board, Worship and Music Committee, Historical Research and Archives Committee, and the 325th Anniversary Committee
- iii. Jeff Wise – Endowment Fund Committee

President Rothermel explained that Congregation Council membership will be reduced from 10 members to 8 members in 2025 and that there are a lot of unassigned liaisons. He noted that Council positions may be appointed and asked that all consider giving of their time and talents to serve on Council. See any current Council member if interested.

President Rothermel requested the tellers to collect ballots and stated that the results will be posted on the volunteer office door. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Marty Hauser and seconded by Tim Mutter. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Scott offered the Benediction.

Annual Report results:

- 77 total votes were collected
 - 77 “yes” votes
 - 0 “no” votes

Election of Council Members results:

- 77 total votes were collected
 - 71 “Edward Becker” votes
 - 75 “Andy Van Dyke” votes

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Minutes

December 14, 2025

President Todd Rothermel called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. following the worship service.

Pastor Scott Staub provided an opening prayer.

President Rothermel gave an overview of how the meeting would be run. A show of hands by confirmed members who have both communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding showed that a quorum of 18 was present, as required by the constitution.

One item was on the agenda for the meeting requiring a majority vote from the assembly for approval:

1. Consider a motion regarding the adoption (approval) the proposed 2025 General Fund Budget

President Rothermel noted that the Congregational Council is recommending approval.

President Rothermel announced the teller as George Trowbridge and requested to distribute the ballots.

Treasurer Edward Becker articulated the proposed 2026 General Fund Budget, then made a motion for adoption. The motion was seconded by Josh Young.

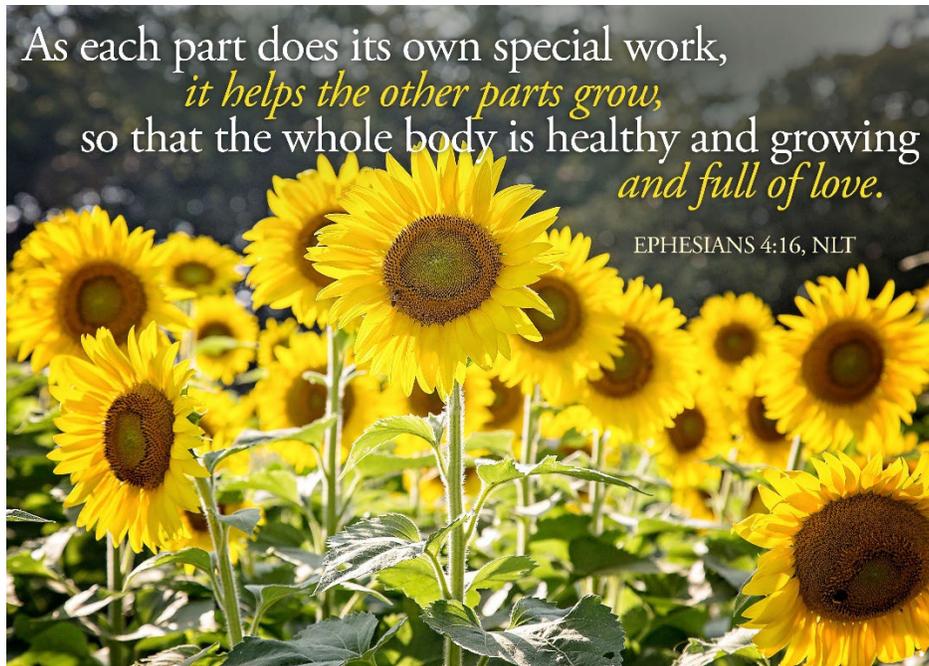
No questions or comments were presented. President Rothermel restated the motion and asked that the ballots be marked.

President Rothermel requested the teller to collect ballots and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Pastor Scott Staub and seconded by Stieven Weidner. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

President Rothermel offered the Benediction.

Budget Voting results:

- 21 total votes were collected
 - 21 “yes” votes
 - 0 “no” votes



STAFF & MINISTRY REPORTS

PASTOR — Report

Looking Through the Front View Mirror

I believe “The” New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, while celebrating 325 years of ministry on our soil has always been looking through the front view mirror these past seven years, so to speak. And never has it been more evident than this past year in mission and in worship. It is hard to argue that a year has produced more celebrations than this past year.

Celebrating our 325th year, we witnessed the return of alumni pastors and deacons in the pulpit, along with displays, celebrations of past events and the intro into new events as well. I believe everyone from those who have been serving in the community for their long lives to recent members, from old to young alike, could find a place in the celebration. With the resounding spirit, I can only imagine what year 326 will produce.

As a result of a crowning achievement in building the Sunshine Learning Center, we learned our official name started with “The” when we applied for a loan. A new beginning of name recognition of a historic holy ground. The loan itself signified our shared dedication and investment into the future by providing Christian education to young lives and families.

Investments in mission did not stop there, as we expanded our Garden of Hope by 100%! We added another 2,500 pounds of produce to help those in need, a 67% increase over 2024. Our Loaves & Fishes Food ministry expanded meals services to two new locations. With the planting of a new orchard we can witness the addition of fruit as well. We continue to expand our love by feeding our neighbors in need.

Feeding the soul also was the mission of our youth and music ministry. We saw the introduction of two new music groups. The Kids For Christ youth praise band (KFC) and the Jesus and Me Choir (JAM Choir) were inspired by the children and youth and created by our Church and Grace music directors.

Feeding of the soul was always witnessed in our recognition as a Reconciling in Christ community. We listened to God and have provided a welcoming and safe space for all to

worship. Our worship has been steadily always moving towards worthy praise unto our God, and all are worthy to participate.

Yes, much has been accomplished, and I can only imagine we will see greater things in 2026. I have been blessed to serve this community as your pastor, and I and my wife, Marsha, are truly feeling blessed to come to know each and every one of you. You, together with our church and learning center staffs, are the core to serving our neighbors in a Christ-like mission. I truly believe as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, you, The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church are capable of doing far more things than you can imagine with the help of God. Keep looking through the front view mirror.

Peace, and Thank you,

Pastor Scott

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL

Report

New Members Received

James Dawson, February 20, 2025
Kyle Singley, February 20, 2025
Dolly Singley, February 20, 2025
Alivia Singley (baptized child), February 20, 2025
Kadence Singley (baptized child), February 20, 2025
Carolyn Springer, February 20, 2025
John Sander, October 16, 2025
Ruth Hansley, December 1, 2025
Madison Hansley (communing child), December 1, 2025

New Members Received by Baptism

Evelynn Josephine Springer, daughter of Ryan and Carolyn (Kocha) Springer, February 23, 2025
Jackson Frederick Dugan, son of James and Danielle (Weems) Dugan, March 23, 2025
Jaxson Cole McKenrick, son of *Darien McKenrick, March 30, 2025
Nova Rae McKenrick, daughter of *Darien McKenrick, March 30, 2025
Paisley Jane McKenrick, daughter of *Darien McKenrick and *Kristen Suranofsky, March 30, 2025
Landon Joseph DeLong, son of *Dakota and *Lauren DeLong, April 13, 2025
Scarlet Jane Smale, daughter of Dustin Scot and *Lisa (Elphick) Smale, April 13, 2025
Andrew Curtis Ortiz, son of *Daniel and *Kristie (Moser) Ortiz, May 18, 2025
Jonathan Paul Rothermel, son of Andrew Todd and Kendra Diane (Heck) Rothermel, June 1, 2025
Kaci Tadley, June 29, 2025
Rylee Faye Amos, daughter of Kaci and *Kiersten Tadley, June 29, 2025

Amelia Faye Solarz, daughter of *Christopher and *Cassandra Solarz, July 6, 2025
Nora Anne Marie Buckwalter, daughter of *Darren Buckwalter and *Trisha Schearer, October 18, 2025
Parker Brian Bealer, son of Steven Richard and *Erica Lynn (Schreiber) Bealer, December 14, 2025
Vanessa Lynn Harrity, daughter of *Curtis Ryan and Jessca Lynn (Dugan) Harrity, December 21, 2025

Confirmation on June 8, 2025

Ilana Lyn Bencsik
Hannah Faye Waltermeyer

Marriages

*Daniel Joseph Guida and *Tyler Matthew Smalling, October 3, 2025

Funerals by Pastor Scott Staub

*William M. Barrow, III, January 6, 2025
Lester F. Renninger, January 18, 2025
*Willard Miller Koch, February 13, 2025
*Brian S. Heydt, February 17, 2025
Mabel D. Gaugler, March 13, 2025
Patrick Barrie Green, March 19, 2025
Virginia M. Specht, March 25, 2025
William H. Bauer, March 27, 2025
*Betty Jane Keim, March 29, 2025
*Craig Allen Kline, May 14, 2025
*John Robert Johnson, June 28, 2025
*Beatrice Joanne Johnson, June 28, 2025
*Alexis Louise Sloan, July 31, 2025
Glenn Steven Hoffman, September 22, 2025
*Walter J. DeKalb, Jr., October 8, 2025
*Betty J. (Knauer) Seroski, November 3, 2025
*Robert G. Wargo, December 2, 2025
*Alvis Loyd Harrison, December 23, 2025
Donna G. (Feight) Evans, December 29, 2025

Funerals by Pastor Scott Staub and Seminarian Nicole Young

Susan Hatch Lowry, July 2, 2025
Sandra K. Wesner, July 17, 2025
Sarah Jane (Kappenstein) Bowman, November 14, 2025
Gerald L. Eisenhart, November 20, 2025

Funerals by Pastor Matthew Finney and Seminarian Nicole Young

James L. Boyer, May 22, 2025
Donna S. Landis, August 19, 2025

Funeral by Seminarian Nicole Young

*Parke N. Humphrey, November 28, 2025

Member Removed Per Death

Patricia Ann Ehst, October 21, 2025

Josephine Irene (Bowman) Heck, December 17, 2025

* - denotes non-member

Membership Review

	Baptized	Confirmed
2015	970	714
2016	971	718
2017	969	714
2018	969	707
2019	980	717
2020	980	714
2021	985	704
2022	991	710
2023	1,004	722
2024	1,002	714
2025	1,011	707

Average Weekly Attendance

	In Person	Video/Live Stream
2015	167	
2016	157	
2017	152	
2018	154	
2019	163	
2020	126	250
2021	82	230
2022	105	237
2023*	132	147
2024	115	
2025	110	

* The 132 in person average includes Rejoicing Spirits, Walnut Woods and Chosen 300. The 147 average includes 97 Facebook views and 50 You Tube views.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN FAMILY & YOUTH

Report

2025 – The year with all the construction! In January, we had a more formal kick-off to our 325th Anniversary. At the end of the month, we had our “Cheers to Us” Gathering, and Juggler Chris Ivey did a great show for us!

In February, we celebrated our Pack/Troop 367 Scouts on Scout Sunday. We also began our 3rd group for Grief Share. This was mostly a group of four that went through the class. It runs twelve weeks and ran from Feb – May.

In March, we had a Children’s Day of Worship as part of the 325th Anniversary festivities. The children participated in various parts of the service. We also conducted a 325th Anniversary Spirit Wear sale. We hosted Box City in the dirt and construction (it made it an interesting and dusty experience). We had 54 youth and over twelve adults. We slept inside because we had to call a “Code Blue.” The youth who attended and their families worshiped with us on Sunday morning. The Bishop came for part of the evening, and the event raised over \$ 3,200 for Pottstown Beacon of Hope.

In April, we concluded confirmation classes for the year! JAM met in the construction. We held our Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, and about 70 people came out. Due to the construction, we did not advertise as we typically do because we were not sure it would be possible. On Palm Sunday, we did hold the palm parade, and it was a success.

In May, we wrapped up JAM. I really appreciate everyone's flexibility with the dirt and construction. It made for a crazy year, but I am thankful for the grace everyone gave. I attended the synod assembly along with Pastor Scott and Scott Geiser. On May 31, we hosted a celebratory dinner for the confirmation students (from our four-church confirmation cohort).

In June, on Pentecost Sunday, we confirmed two students – Hannah Waltermeyer and Ilana Benschik by Affirmation of Baptism on June 8th. A celebratory fellowship time was held afterwards. Kids Camp was a success, with 40 kids and 30 volunteers. Our Youth do a great job of helping us out during Kids Camp! Our theme was “True North.” In 2026, we will be trekking into the rainforest!

In July, we held our second Candy Bar Bingo – once again, it was a hit, with over 60 in attendance. We had it in the fellowship hall to give us all a break from the heat. We also had our outdoor worship service and, of course, Camp Falckner. Our youth and their friends did a great job of representing NHELCC wherever they went! Thanks to those that organize and help out that week!

In August, as summer ended, we went on a mini golf and ice cream outing at Waltz Farm. We had a great time, even if we had to reschedule once due to heavy storms. We also took a group of church and some Scout families to First Energy Stadium to see the Reading Phillies. 21 registered to attend, but the heat and humidity kept some away.

Then September arrived, and we were back to more normal schedules, and construction was complete! YAAAY! We continued the 325th Anniversary festivities. On Move Up Sunday/God's Work our Hands – Now Deacon Ali Clark, from Ken Crest, was our guest preacher, and we made gift bags for over 50 of their care providers. We also made wreaths for the doors of their homes. We also had an old-fashioned church picnic that afternoon. The cake walk was a big hit, and the soda floats (Coke, root beer, and orange) were tasty! We hosted another cemetery tour, and we started Confirmation again for the year.

As the year progressed, in October, we had a first communion class and had two kids participate and share in First Communion on Reformation Sunday. On October 15th, we had an online Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Service. The Pumpkin Frolic was always a hit – thanks to the Fellowship team for hosting that. We also had our first Trunk or Treat in conjunction with the preschool and pack and troop 367. We had over 125 people come out, and it was a huge success.

In November, a lot of planning led to our 325th worship celebration on November 2nd. Bishop Penman came out and it was a wonderful day. I also ran the Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Finally, in December, it got a bit busy. Due to many conflicts, we had to cancel the caroling night. The Advent/Christmas craft day was snowed out. We were able to hold our Christmas

Pageant, and a special thanks goes to Hayley Quigley, Molly Woods, and the other parents who helped out this year! We also ended the year on December 28th with Pastor Scott's last service.

I thank all the JAM teachers and helpers who make this all possible. I am blessed to serve at NHELCC and look forward to a great 2026!

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Young
Director of Children, Family and Youth

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Report

Highlights:

- Renamed the Children's Choir to JAM Choir.
- Continued to utilize the use of brass, woodwind, handbell and percussion musicians for worship services
- Coordinated and recruited various musicians as soloists, duets and/or trios for special music during June, July and August while the choir is on hiatus
- Continued with monthly hymn sings during the summer months
- Continued with the ongoing project of organizing the music library
- Assisted and accompanied singers with the Talent Show for the Fastnacht Social
- Assisted with the Gathering of Daughters Tea and Fashion Show

Goals for 2026:

- Continue to recruit additional singers for both choirs
- Coordinate worship service hymns with the handbell choir

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Nyce
Director of Music

PRAISE BAND DIRECTOR

Report

Submitted by Praise Band Director Lindsey Waltermeyer

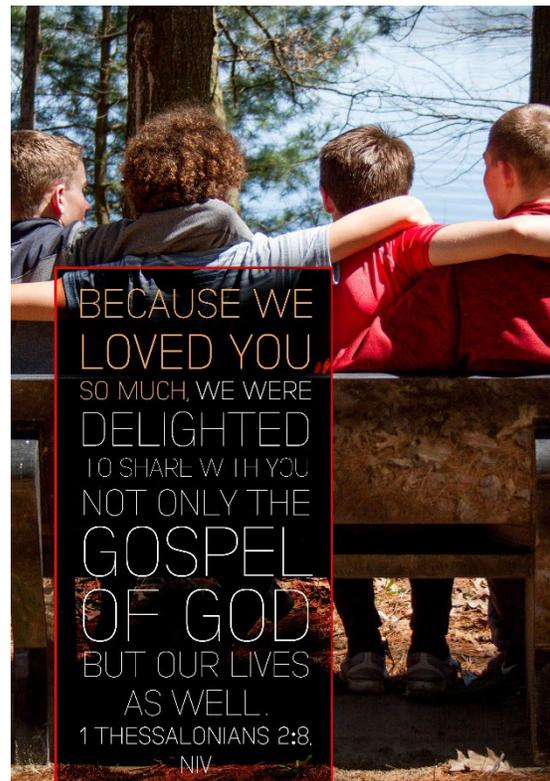
2025 was a year full of historic celebration at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. Collaborative planning was especially critical this year, especially in preparation for a huge combined anthem on Church Music Sunday, the 325th anniversary service, and Pastor Scott's farewell service. There were five Worship & Music meetings this year – more than average – to plan and coordinate for all of these extra special events.

Administrative duties were completed throughout the year to keep both praise bands operating smoothly. Song choices, based on weekly scriptures and themes, were chosen and shared with the office each month. Songs were printed and copied for praise band members as needed. A shared document with the praise band members was maintained, and weekly texts provided scheduling updates. Texts were sent to KFC parents regularly to keep them in the loop.

The Grace praise band maintained a rigorous schedule of Sunday service leadership and rehearsals. Beyond standard services, the band participated in special events such as Maundy Thursday and collaborated with the adult choir for Church Music Sunday. A major highlight of the fourth quarter was the preparation for the church's 325th Anniversary service in November. Additionally, the band extended its ministry into the local community by performing a 45-minute concert for the Frederick Living Christmas event in December. To ensure continuity during periods of absence, musical coverage was coordinated with Ben Fowler, Diana Hazel, and John Hazel.

The KFC youth praise band saw active engagement through rehearsals held during JAM following Sunday services. The youth participated in several high-profile moments, including the annual Talent Show, Youth Sunday, an outdoor worship service in July, the 325th Anniversary celebration, and Pastor Scott's farewell service. The kids bring an exciting energy to New Hanover's music program, and many of the musical choices are based on their suggestions.

I truly find profound joy in fostering musical worship within our church community. There is a unique fulfillment in collaborating with talented musicians and seeing our collective efforts enhance the worship experience for the congregation. Leading these groups is more than a responsibility; it is a privilege to facilitate moments of praise that resonate throughout the sanctuary and beyond.



HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

Report

The Handbell Choir practices weekly from fall through spring to learn songs to present during worship services. Songs are chosen that correspond with the Church year and that tie in with the theme of the day.

A handbell quartet accompanied the Children's Choir anthem in January, and the choir played a special selection, "Sweet Caroline," at the Fastnacht Social in February. On August 24, a quartet presented "God of Grace and God of Glory" at the worship service. For the Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary service on November 2, a quintet presented "Gentle Praises." In addition to these special renderings, the Handbell Choir presented selections at eight worship services, including two on Church Music Sunday.

This year the Handbell Choir was comprised of fourteen people. I thank each one for their dedication to the choir and the music program of New Hanover Lutheran Church. Each one brings a spirit of joy and enthusiasm to the group. We work hard but also have a lot of laughs as we learn the music. A sincere thank you is extended to Vicki Dotterer, Lynn Fegley, Ben Fowler, LuAnne Fowler, Wayne Fowler, Marlene Hansley, Brenda Hunsberger, Donna Kehs, Jayne McHugh, Tom McHugh, Jean Moser, Barbara Noecker, Carolyn Springer, and Marsha Staub. Sadly, because of Pastor Scott's retirement at the end of December, Marsha will be leaving the Handbell Choir for one year, the required length of time established by the Synod for a retired pastor and his family to leave the place of call upon retirement. The group has graciously welcomed Arden Moore who will be playing in Marsha's position. In November, we bid farewell to Lynn Fegley and Brenda Hunsberger, and we thank them for sharing their musical talent with us. Special thanks are extended to Lindsey Waltermeyer, Mark Webb, and Nikki Young for serving as supply ringers.

I also thank the following instrumentalists who accompanied the choir this year: Patricia Nyce, organ and keyboard; Hank Droneberg, bass guitar; and Josh Young, drums.

The Handbell Choir looks forward to an exciting and fun 2026 as we continue to praise God with music.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Eisenhart
Handbell Choir Director

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD MINISTRY

Report

Submitted by: Stieven Weidner, President, Food Ministry

The NHELC Food Ministry wants to thank everyone who has donated their time, talents and financial support to these two extremely important missions!

Garden of Hope

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/garden-of-hope/>

Year to date financial balance: \$22,800 (approximate)

The Garden of Hope (GoH) produced **6,500 lbs. of produce this year** (22,746 lbs. [over 11 tons!] since 2021). We continue to coordinate our efforts for providing healthy organically grown produce to families in need through the Boyertown and Pottstown Food Banks and the Montgomery County Food Council.

We invite all to join us in this amazing ministry. Our planned 2026 activities include the following:

- Replacing our watering system as the original system is prone to leaks
- Installing raised beds for our school children, so they can experience the joy of gardening
- Installing sturdier and higher trellises making it easier to harvest our climbing plants
- Installing a washbasin to make it easier to clean our harvests prior to Food Bank delivery

To continue the success of the GoH and provide our neighbors with nutritious produce we need the **support of volunteers**.

It's not hard work and I promise you'll enjoy the comradery. The core team meets every Monday and Thursday at 7:30 AM, HOWEVER, we encourage you to come whenever it's convenient for you. Any support is always greatly appreciated. There will be a list of tasks posted for your review. Pick a task and check it off once it's completed. It's that simple! All you need to bring is your hands; we provide the tools and any guidance that may be required.

Loaves and Fishes

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>

Year to date financial balance: \$12,000 (approximate)

Our Loaves and Fishes ministry has produced and delivered approximately **23,500 meals this year** with over 300,000 meals produced and delivered since 2021! In addition, we provide monthly luncheons for 80 homeless people at the Opportunity House in Reading and for 40 homeless veterans through the Veteran's Coalition of PA. We also produce 300 meals per month for Good Shepard UCC who serve those meals to local residents in need. Our resident Chef

Chris can produce 1,000 meals per week, but due to financial constraints we are limited to producing only 450. Imagine the community's impact if we could find the finances to maximize our capabilities.

The Food Ministry asks each of you to prayerfully consider your "community connections" and introduce us to local companies, organizations and personal contacts that may be willing to help feed their neighbors. There may be tax incentives available for those who support us. Loaves & Fishes is always looking for volunteers to deliver meals on Wednesdays and Sundays. Please consider helping whenever you can. Sign-ups are conveniently distributed over NHELCL's messaging system. Also, please consider asking your friends, neighbors and relatives to assist! All are welcome in this community ministry!

Please click the above links to learn more or reach out to Steve Weidner
foodministry@newhanoverlutheran.org

*And the crowds asked him, "what then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."
Luke 3:10-11*

SUNSHINE LEARNING CENTER

Report

Introduction

This year marked an exciting chapter for the Sunshine Learning Center as we built a strong foundation for high quality early childhood education in our community. With new leadership, increased community engagement, and meaningful milestones, Sunshine has grown in visibility, trust, and enrollment.

Leadership Update

In 2025, Sunshine welcomed **Jena Marinelli** as the Educational Director. Jena has played a key role in shaping our curriculum, strengthening family communication, and ensuring that our center reflects the warmth, structure, and excellence that define our mission.

Community Engagement

A major focus this year was increasing our presence within the community. Sunshine proudly participated in several local events, helping families learn more about our programs and meet our team. These events included:

- **The Great Swamp Picnic**
- **NHELCL's 1st Trunk or Treat**
- **The Boyertown Chillin' on Main Festival**

Our participation in these events significantly increased awareness of our center and allowed us to build meaningful relationships with families, neighbors, and community partners.

Family Outreach & Tours

Throughout the fall and winter, we welcomed many families for **open houses and guided tours** of our beautiful learning center. These visits gave families the opportunity to meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and learn about our curriculum and philosophy. The positive feedback we received affirmed the care and intentionality behind every detail of our space.

Licensing & Compliance

In November, Sunshine successfully passed our state inspection, a major milestone that reflects our commitment to safety, compliance, and high-quality standards. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work of our staff and volunteers and the strong operational systems we have in place. We wanted to give a huge shoutout to our amazing volunteers who put the time and effort into attending a number of meetings and assembling everything from classroom furniture to the playground. Their dedication played a vital role in preparing our center for this achievement. We are truly grateful for their partnership, enthusiasm, and unwavering support.

Enrollment Growth

In **January**, we officially welcomed our first group of enrolled students. This moment marked the beginning of our journey as a fully operational childcare center, and we are thrilled to see our classrooms come to life with learning, laughter, and community.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, Sunshine Learning Center is excited to continue expanding enrollment, strengthening partnerships, and enhancing our curriculum. With a dedicated team and a growing community of families, we are well-positioned for continued success.



COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

325TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Report

The Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary Committee organized in August 2024 to plan events to celebrate this milestone anniversary in the life of the New Hanover Lutheran congregation. Many thanks are extended to the members of the committee for their tireless efforts in the success of the celebration: Dee Berger, Barbara Eisenhart, Steven Eisenhart, Ligia Garcia, Ricardo Garcia, Leslie Gates, Jane Manthorne, Jayne McHugh, Amanda Schlick, Pastor Scott Staub, Sharon Tracey, Lee Wesner, and Nikki Young. The sixteen-month celebration began in September 2024 and continued through December 21, 2025.

Below are the commemorative events and activities that took place in 2025.

Each Sunday, beginning in September 2024, a Moments in Time article (or two) was inserted in the weekly bulletin. Written by members of the Historical Research and Archives Committee, the articles reflected on a different topic of the congregation's rich history. An index and a cover were made available for preserving the collection.

A "Cheers to Us" gathering on January 26, 2025, a historical presentation by R. Leland Wesner, Jr., during the Congregational Dinner on February 23, the return of the Fastnacht Social and Talent Show on March 2, and Children's Day on March 16. More historical displays followed in the Welcome Center, and the weekly Moments in Time bulletin inserts continued.

The anniversary guest preacher series included The Revs. Richard Elliott and Wayne Shelor, former pastors; former Student Assistant, The Rev. Dr. Carl Filer; The Revs. Kevin Tracey and David Pflieger, sons of the congregation; and Seminarian and daughter of the congregation, Nikki Young.

An online store was set up where members could purchase clothing and other items with the Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary logo and other logos of New Hanover's church groups. Other anniversary souvenirs included pens, church history coloring books, two kinds of key chains, and a backpack.

The May anniversary event was the Gathering of Daughters and Fashion Show on May 4. After a tea party luncheon of finger sandwiches, quiches, tea, and pastries, sixteen members modeled nearly 70 fashions dating from the 1700-1900s.

Nineteen people toured Historic Trappe on July 22 where they visited the Dewees Tavern and toured The Henry Muhlenburg House and The Speaker's House. Following lunch at the Trappe Tavern, the group joined the campers from Camp Falckner and listened to a presentation at the Old Trappe Church.

The Great Swamp Picnic on August 23 saw the return of the fish pond for children. Placemats showcasing programming at New Hanover were used at place settings and the Picnic Committee provided Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary pins for everyone in attendance.

The Fellowship Committee planned an Old-fashioned Picnic for Move-up Day, September 7, with picnic foods, root beer floats, and a cake walk. The Anniversary Committee provided guessing games, prizes, and placemats.

A Living History Cemetery Tour was held on Saturday, September 27, for church members and the community. A narration, written and recorded by The Rev. Edgar Cooper in 1964 to accompany the Revolutionary War painting on display in the Welcome Center, was incorporated and made available for visitors by QR code at the tour. The code may be found in the Welcome Center next to the painting, in the anniversary booklet, and on New Hanover Lutheran Church's website.

During the months of November and December, a table containing souvenirs and memorabilia of the congregation was set up in the Welcome Center with the invitation for members and visitors to 'take home a piece of our history.'

On November 2, a Festival Service of Holy Communion was held with Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Bishop, The Reverend Bryan Penman, preaching. A dinner for guests and members of the congregation followed in the Fellowship Hall. The Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary booklet, compiled and edited by Steven Eisenhart and Barbara Eisenhart, was made available to those in attendance. This booklet contains updated history and some never-before-seen photos.

The preaching series in October, November and December continued with The Reverend Dr. Carl Filer, The Reverend Dr. Timothy Wengert, The Reverend Dr. Karl Krueger, Deacon Carol Detweiler, The Reverend Thomas Lang, and The Reverend Rebecca Knox.

Over the course of the celebration, the congregation was honored to receive recognition of this milestone from the following:

- The Reverend Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- The Reverend Bryan Penman, Bishop, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
- Josh Shapiro, Governor, The State of Pennsylvania
- Madeleine Dean, U.S. Representative, Pennsylvania's 4th Congressional District

- John K. Fetterman, United States Senator, The State of Pennsylvania
- Tracy Pennycuick, Senator, The State of Pennsylvania
- Donna Scheuren, Representative, The State of Pennsylvania
- County of Montgomery, County Commissioners
- The Board of Supervisors, New Hanover Township

With reverence and gratitude, the anniversary celebration closed on December 21, 2025. On behalf of the Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary Committee, I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who played a part in this extraordinary milestone. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and love for our church have made the celebration unforgettable. As we reflect on three and one-quarter centuries of faith, fellowship, and service, we look ahead with hope and purpose. May God continue to bless our congregation and guide our ministry as we carry forward the legacy of those who came before us. Thank you for being part of this journey.

In Christ,

Barbara Eisenhart, chairperson
325th Anniversary Committee

CEMETERY BOARD

Report

Board Members:

Ron Hedrick, president

John LeVan, historian

Jeff Renninger, secretary

Donald Swavely, treasurer

Norm Hunsberger, caretaker

Ron Fegley

Rick Hausch

Rick Solazzo

The Cemetery Board thanks the many people who donated time and money to help out in the cemetery.

The Cemetery Board will continue to work with the church Property Committee on church grounds along with the cemetery property for care and upkeep.

Rick Hausch continues to upload burials on the church website for those seeking genealogy resources.

We strive to, within our budget and finances, to move forward and maintain the grounds with the equipment we have and adding new equipment as needed to get the job completed.

If you would like more information on lots, burial costs, etc., contact Ron Hedrick or Norm Hunsberger.

The following is a list of dates to remove decorations from the cemetery.

Christmas February 15th

Easter May 15th

Fall December 1st

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hedrick
President

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Letter

To the Congregation of The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church:

As 2025 has come to a close I reflect on all that we have witnessed and experienced as a congregation in one year and at its ending bid farewell to Pastor Scott Staub and Marsha. It was a pleasure working with him throughout the years. I can't help but be proud and fulfilled in our accomplishments with and through God's will. As president of the council it is my responsibility to lead, but to also listen to the voices, loud and soft of our congregation members. It truly takes a village to accomplish all that we have done and I give thanks for each and every one of you that have hopped on the NHELCA bandwagon in support of our work and mission. None of it could have been done without you!

As we move into 2026 we will be experiencing change and change can be good! Progress and growth are all important to our thriving in this community. Please prayerfully consider how you can give, share and help in our success.

We celebrated 325 years of importance in the community in 2025. Here are just a few of the many blessings God had led us in this past year:

- Loaves & Fishes (Food Ministry) delivered over 250,000 meals served since it began in 2020, with 25,000 of those delivered in 2025.
- The Garden of Hope (Food Ministry) doubled its growing area in 2025 and distributed 6500 pounds of produce to the surrounding communities.
- The construction and planning of a Learning Center to enable the growing community access to a safe, faith-based education for the needs of the area families and their children.
- The continuation of our Peer Ministry support services and providing meeting space for multiple NA groups in support of bettering the mental health of our surrounding communities.

- We adopted a broad welcome statement “welcoming all” in association with our partnership with Reconciling in Christ
- Supported our own Vicar Nikki Young on her transformative growth as a seminarian into our Interim Minister.
- Began the process of replacing our 35-year-old HVAC system in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
- Provided meaningful worship and music opportunities.

A huge THANK YOU to all who have had a part in all of this amazing growth! I am blessed to have the opportunity to work with and be supported by a great group of people. In all we do volunteer support is needed to make these ministries happen!

2026 promises to be another “mission first” year as we officially open the Learning Center, continue to feed the hungry, provide support services for mental health betterment, hopefully welcome a new Senior Pastor and look toward further growth. Our now retired Pastor Scott has left us with an upward trajectory of growth in outward-facing ministries to our community - it is up to us to continue the progress.

In 1 Peter 4:10 we are reminded, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its many forms”.

With gratitude and peace,



Todd Rothermel

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

Report

Members are Don Wirt Chairperson, Allen Care, Bryce Manthorne, Jeff Wise, and Herman Richard.

Member Jeff Wise resigned from the Endowment Fund Committee during the last quarter of 2025. Jeff decided to resign due to the family’s decision to relocate from the area. We will miss Jeff and his many contributions to the reorganization of the committee, preparation of organizational documents, serving as liaison to the Congregational Council and participating in the selection of the professional services to be provided by our financial advisors. Thank you, Jeff.

We welcome our newest appointee, Robin Fatzinger, after the Council approved of her three-year appointment to the Endowment Committee, at their November 2025 meeting.

The committee has been in regular communication with our financial advisors in reviewing investment performance and trends of markets influencing our growth goals. The Endowment Committee thanks Cornerstone Advisors Asset Management, LLC, our financial advisors, for their expertise in helping us manage the Endowment Fund.

Most importantly, the fund distributed quarterly payments of approximately \$10,000 of earnings to the General Fund throughout 2025.

Submitted by

Donald Wirt
Chairman

FLUTTER — Report

Lindsey Waltermeyer and Hayley Quigley, Flutter advisors

Flutter had a busy year, full of fun events and volunteer opportunities.

We started the year with some winter-themed events. In January, we invited the congregation to join us for ice skating at Center Ice in Oaks. We had a huge group of kids come out, along with some members of the congregation. In February, we braved the sleet and freezing rain to go snowtubing at Bear Creek. Despite the weather, a good time was had by all.

March was a busy month! On March 15th, Flutter members helped serve at NHELCC's spaghetti supper. Later that month, a few of the Flutter members participated in Box City, an overnight homelessness awareness event, right here at NHELCC. We ended the month with Youth Sunday, where Flutter members led the worship service.

In April, several Flutter members stripped the altar during the Maundy Thursday worship service. After the service, Flutter met in the picnic grove for a flashlight egg hunt. Spring is a busy month for our families, so we were unable to schedule a Flutter event in the month of May.

Flutter takes a break from official events in the summer, but there are still opportunities to get together. In June, many Flutter members volunteered at Kids' Camp. In July, we have Camp Falckner where Flutter members participate in a variety of service projects, fun events, and spiritual growth. In August, Flutter members led the children's games at the Swamp Picnic.

We kicked off a new school year with a "Games in the Grove" event in September. Members

had the opportunity to brainstorm ideas for events, and they elected officers. Hannah Waltermeyer was elected president, Landon Woods was elected vice-president, and Ava Parsia was elected secretary. This group hasn't utilized youth officers for years, and it is nice to have youth providing more vision and taking more responsibility for the group.

We held a double event on October 25th. First, we participated in the Trunk-or-Treat at NHELCC. Several Flutter families decorated their trunks, and youth were available to help during the event. After Trunk-or-Treat, Flutter members went on a haunted hayride at Colonial Gardens.

On November 16th, we used the time between JAM and Catechism to have a pizza lunch and decorate Senior Bags.

Flutter was scheduled to participate in the Advent Craft Social and have a Gingerbread House decorating party afterwards in December, but snowy weather canceled our plans.

Flutter currently has more than 15 active members. Most members consistently show up for each event, showing that they value the connections being made. The group is expected to grow in 2026, as none of our members are graduating this year and several more will be eligible to participate in the fall. This is an exciting time for the youth of our congregation!

MEMORIAL FUND

Report

Committee Members: Steve Eisenhart, president; Jo Anne Wirt, secretary/treasurer; Andy Van Dyke

The Memorial Fund serves the congregation by providing a holding account for contributions donated to NHELCC in the memory of a church member. We acknowledge all contributions following the death of a loved one and apprise the family of the contributors. During this time, we also help determine the family's intention as to how they would like the church to use these contributions. Their requests are submitted to the Congregation Council for approval. Once Congregation Council approves the request, the funds are transferred for use as approved.

In 2025, the Memorial Fund received \$8,490.00 in contributions given in memory of church members.

Memorial Fund Monies that were received to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones were given to the following designated funds or used for the purchase of items as directed by their families in 2025.

Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund

Contributions Given in Memory of Hilda Knauer

MISSION SERVICE

Report

Transforming lives through mission and service. Empowering the people of God to fulfill our church's mission of promoting Love, Justice, Freedom and Peace!

Committee: Pastor Scott, Nikki Young, Scott Geiser, Marlene Hansley, Rosali Lisa, Vicki Mutter, Barbara Noecker, and Terry Santangelo.

Angel Tree

This year KenCrest families were blessed with our yearly Christmas angel tree, presents donated by our church family.

Benevolent Monies

Money was internalized this year to support Garden of Hope, Loaves and Fishes, Pottstown Cluster (Emmanuel Lutheran Church location) meal ministry, and St. James Church Beacon of Hope.

Books and Puzzles

Used items are donated to local seniors.

Boyertown Multi-Service

Hundreds of pounds of groceries and household items have been collected and delivered!!

Bosom Buddies (Mastectomy pillows)

A dozen pillows were created by our very own sewers and donated to Manatawny Manor. We'll miss you, Sandy Wesner.

Box City

This year we hosted 56 youth (seven of our own) in a Box City gathering. Due to weather they bunked down in our unfinished Sunday School wing (cement floor and no heat!). Experiencing homelessness is a true challenge you want no one to know.

Clothes Collection

Support of local church clothes closets. This year we donated two carloads of clothing to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Thanks to two Thrivent action teams, we were also able to supply \$500 worth of new undergarments, sizes for the whole family. Pastor Scott also received donations from the VA of new gloves and socks!!

Feeding the Hungry

We continue to support the hungry the third Friday of each month. Chef Chris whips up a healthy lunch, and we transport it to feed over 80 folks at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, which is part of Pottstown Cluster Meals.

Flea Market

The Great Swamp Picnic flea market was a huge success once again! Raising over \$1,000 to support Loaves and Fishes.

Peer Ministry

The peer support recovery ministries continues to support those in need through information provided in our bulletins, monthly newsletter, and on our website!!

Grief Booklets

As part of our bereavement care ministry, we send a series of four grief-care booklets during the first year to families after a loved one dies. The mailings are set to arrive at meaningful intervals reminding people that they are continually thought of and prayed for during their grief.

Prayer Shawls

Handmade prayer shawls are created by our Church knitters and shared with those in need! Many more are ready when needed.

Redner's Save-a-tape

Church folks stop at Redner's and use their save-a-tape card!! And we receive 100's of dollars each year to support our church's outreach.

Rejoicing Spirits Worship

A vibrant all-inclusive worship ministry especially for the differently abled, their caregivers, families, and anyone who seeks an open and joyful worship experience. Join us the third Sunday for fellowship at 2:30 pm followed by worship at 3:00 pm.

Senior Care Bags

This outreach ministry tries to visit members monthly. Fun bags filled with puzzles, jokes, church news, snacks, and lots of love are delivered so folks know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Soda Tabs and Cans

Our soda tab fish tank is back in the Fellowship Hall. Drop off your tabs there, and the Ronald McDonald House turns them into cash!! Our Church's Scout Troop 367 continues to collect cans in the wooden box located under the portico.

God's Work, Our Hands,

Vicki Mutter



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Report

The Property Committee oversees and directs all of the cleaning, maintenance and improvements to the church buildings and grounds. The committee is especially grateful to Thomas Faust who continues to look after and care for our building in his role as Facility Maintenance Supervisor. We are also blessed to have Jennifer Boyer serving as our sexton who continues to keep our building looking its best.

The following was accomplished in 2025:

1. Supported the renovation work occurring for the Sunshine Learning Center.
2. Boiler Room exterior door replaced by H. Mininger and Son of Telford.
3. Memorial Plaque hung in the Welcome Center.
4. Relocated stage apron flood lights.
5. Additional equipment added to the water filtration system as required to open the Learning Center.
6. Installed a First Aid cabinet and an AED enclosure in the Sunday School wing.
7. Louver replaced in the East gable of the sanctuary by Mark Trotter of Telford.
8. Sanctuary air conditioning units removed in anticipation of replacement in 2026 by M.A. Yeakel of Allentown.
9. Rubber roof membrane installed in the sanctuary attic to prevent potential bell tower and air conditioning equipment leaks from compromising the organ by the Weaver Company of East Earl.
10. Fire department knox box (contains building keys) relocated at the request of the New Hanover Fire Department.

The Property Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month. Please join us! The 2025 members included: Steven Eisenhart, Ronald Fegley, James Gross, D. Martin Hauser, Ronald Hedrick, Gary Moser and William Tracey.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven C. Eisenhart

SCOUTING AMERICA

Report

Unit Leadership

- **Chartered Organization Representative:** Scott Repa
 - **Pack 367 Cubmaster:** Matt Cassel
 - **Pack 367 Committee Chair:** Jess Cassel
 - **Troop 367 Scoutmaster:** Ryan Gieder
 - **Troop 367 Committee Chair:** Don Eastburn
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A Historic Year of Growth

2025 was a busy and historic year for the Scouts of New Hanover’s Cub Scout Pack 367 and Scouts BSA Troop 367. From elementary-age youth to young adults preparing for the “real world,” our Scouts engaged in a wide range of learning, adventure, and character-building opportunities. These programs remain firmly grounded in the traditional values of Scouting and the mission of New Hanover Lutheran Church.

Cub Scout Pack 367

The leaders of Pack 367 maintained a full slate of activities for our youngest Scouts. Weekly den meetings and bi-monthly pack meetings offered ongoing opportunities for advancement and fellowship. Highlights of the year included:

- The annual **Pinewood Derby**.
- Weekend camping at the **NHELC Picnic Grove** and **Musser Scout Reservation**; our oldest, 5th grade, Scouts in the Arrow of Light den spent a weekend with Troop 367 and competed in the **Cardboard Boat Regatta!**
- 17 Scouts and a dozen parents and leaders attended a week-long resident summer camp program at **Camp Minsi** in the Poconos.
- Participation in the Cradle of Liberty Council’s **Fall Fest**.

Pack Committee Chair Jess Cassel led an active committee of six parents, working alongside Cubmaster Matt Cassel and a team of over a dozen adult den leaders. Together, they executed a high-quality program for the unit’s **45 youth members**.

Troop 367: Leading the Way

In 2025, our two troops, formerly Troop 367B (boys) and Troop 367G (girls), participated in a nationwide pilot program to merge into a single, combined-gender troop. On December 15, this pilot concluded successfully, and **Troop 367 became one of the nation’s first officially combined troops**.

Throughout the year, the **twelve girls and 20 boys** of Troop 367, supported by 35 adult leaders and led by Scoutmaster Ryan Gieder, focused on skill-building and high adventure. Scouts worked together to plan weekly activities and numerous outdoor excursions, including:

- **Winter Fun:** The Klondike Derby at Musser Scout Reservation and cabin camping at Camp Serranova.
- **Adventure:** Hiking the Falls Trail at Ricketts Glen State Park, a cardboard boat regatta, and a float trip on the Lehigh River.
- **High Adventure Prep:** Four adults and eight youth spent many weekends preparing for a two-week trek at the acclaimed **Philmont Scout Ranch** in New Mexico, scheduled for Summer 2026.

Eagle Scout Honors: We are proud to announce that three Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2025: **Luna Calcagni, Josh Dawson, and Brandon Scaduto.**

Service to Others

Service remains at the heart of our program. In November, the Pack and Troop combined forces for the annual “Scouting for Food” drive. Together, they collected more than **4,000 pounds of food**, which was donated to **Boyertown Multi-Service’s Preston’s Pantry** and **NHELCL’s Food Ministry.**

A Heartfelt Thank You

As we look forward to an eventful 2026, the Cubs and Scouts of New Hanover thank the congregation for its continued support. Scouting is a vital component of NHELCL’s outreach, serving as a visible extension of our church’s commitment to developing strength of character and values in the young people of the surrounding community.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Report

The Worship and Music Committee plans and coordinates all of New Hanover’s worship services as well as oversees the recruitment and training of all of the volunteers who participate in worship. These volunteers include greeters, ushers, acolytes, crucifers, worship assistants, communion assistants, children’s sermon presenters, and sound system operators. The committee also supports the Rejoicing Spirits planning team as well as the Altar Guild. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these positions, please ask. Training is provided and no prior experience is necessary – all you need is the willingness to serve. Thank you to those who already do!

The committee also oversees the vibrant music program of the congregation. New Hanover has a long tradition of fine music which enhances our worship experience. Director of Music Ministry, Ms. Patricia Nyce continues to provide musically uplifting worship services and outstanding direction of our vocal choirs. The Handbell choir, under the direction of Mrs.

Barbara Eisenhart and the GRACE worship band, led by Lindsey Waltermyer, bring new textures and sounds to enhance the worship experience. The primary role of each of the groups is to encourage and lead the people of God in praise and the proclamation of the Gospel. Each of them will gladly welcome new participants; all that is needed is the love of music and the willingness to attend a few rehearsals. Thank you to everyone who served in 2025 as a choir or band member, vocalist or instrumentalist.

People of all ages are welcome to be involved in the workings of the Worship and Music Committee. The committee meets on an as-needed basis while the Worship Planning Team meets regularly to plan our worship services.

Those with specific positions assisting the committee include:

Chairperson – Steven Eisenhart

Altar Guild – Barbara Eisenhart

Worship Assistant Coordinator – Faye Weidner

GRACE Worship Band – Lindsey Waltermyer

Rejoicing Spirits – Donna Kehs

Respectfully submitted,

Steven C. Eisenhart

ALTAR GUILD

Report

The purpose of the Altar Guild is to provide for the care of the altar, paraments, communion ware, baptismal ware, candles, flowers, confirmation gowns, and to decorate the worship space for special festivals in the church year. The altar flowers are delivered to hospitalized and/or homebound members after the Sunday service. The duties of the Altar Guild are vital for each worship service, and the members work closely with the pastor in preparing for all regular and special worship services plus festivals and special observances. These include Ash Wednesday, Mid-week Lenten services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Blessing of the Fields, Pentecost, Harvest Home, All Saints' Sunday, Thanksgiving Eve, Advent, Christmas, and in 2025, the Three Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary service. Throughout the year, members also prepare for baptisms and funeral/memorial services when needed.

The Altar Guild wishes to thank the following youths who reverently stripped the altar on Maundy Thursday: Genesis Garcia, Maddie Hansley, Miller Quigley, Hannah Waltermyer, Landon Woods.

Serving on the Altar Guild in 2025 were Corrine Bartholomew, Sue Care, Vicki Dotterer, Barbara Eisenhart, Lynn Fegley, Becky Gallagher, Nancy Gross, Brenda Hunsberger, Jane Johnson, Kay Kurtz, Jean Moser, Yvonne Peto, Terry Santangelo, Debbie Solazzo, Judy Sloan, Jo Anne Wirt, and Sharon Wise. The members were divided into four teams with each team

serving three months of the year. Many thanks are extended to all the members for giving so generously of their time and their dedication to prepare God's house according to the seasons of the Church Year.

Greatly appreciated was the help of the many people who assisted the Altar Guild in various ways throughout the year: Ed Becker, Jennifer Boyer, Phillip Boyer, Brian Eisenhart, Carl Eisenhart, Steven Eisenhart, Chris Fatzinger, Noah Fatzinger, Ron Fegley, Rick Hausch, Diane Laverty, Gary Moser, Jeff Renninger, Keith Renninger, Scott Repa, Todd Rothermel, Rick Solazzo, Pastor Scott Staub, Don Wirt. Also, thank you to Tina Phillips for providing the beautiful altar flower arrangements each week, and to Doug Senne who makes the communion wine. The Altar Guild is grateful to all members and friends who sponsored the altar flowers, lilies, geraniums/carnations, poinsettias, poinsettia tree, and Christmas trees to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary on special festivals and observances.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Eisenhart
Altar Guild Chairperson



FINANCIAL REPORTS

2025 TREASURER REPORTS

General Fund

	Amount	2025 Budget	Difference	Percent of Budget
Income				
Congregation Offering	298,389.33	281,000.00	(17,389.33)	106.19%
Interest & Dividend Income	44,121.88	41,000.00	(3,121.88)	107.61%
Regular Income	342,511.21	322,000.00	(20,511.21)	104.93%
Christian Education	4,766.43	6,316.00	1,549.57	75.47%
Miscellaneous	138,678.39	17,900.00	(120,778.39)	774.74%
Other Income	143,444.82	24,216.00	(119,228.82)	592.36%
Miscellaneous	5,293.99	0.00	(5,293.99)	0.00%
Transfers from Other Funds	16,370.20	0.00	(16,370.20)	0.00%
Other Funds	16,370.20	0.00	(16,370.20)	0.00%
Total Income	507,620.22	346,216.00	(161,404.22)	146.62%

Expense

SEPA Synod Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Benevolence to Other Agencies	1,294.36	0.00	(1,294.36)	0.00%
Designated Offering Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Pastor's Discretionary Benevolence	700.00	500.00	(200.00)	140.00%
Benevolence	1,994.36	500.00	(1,494.36)	398.87%
Pastor Compensation	122,880.84	119,308.00	(3,572.84)	102.99%
Mowers Compensation	20.65	0.00	(20.65)	0.00%
Staff Compensation	108,999.34	111,264.00	2,264.66	97.96%
Other Administrative Expenses	24,252.60	16,502.00	(7,750.60)	146.97%
Payroll & Related Expenses	256,153.43	247,074.00	(9,079.43)	103.67%
Office	22,539.66	15,059.00	(7,480.66)	149.68%
Property	125,463.51	106,500.00	(18,963.51)	117.81%
Property & Equipment Expenses	148,003.17	121,559.00	(26,444.17)	121.75%
Christian Education	5,818.81	6,860.00	1,041.19	84.82%
Evangelism	245.00	0.00	(245.00)	0.00%

Fellowship	1,175.67	1,622.00	446.33	72.48%
Hist Research & Archives	0.00	115.00	115.00	0.00%
Memorial	14.99	73.00	58.01	20.53%
Stewardship	1,424.67	1,296.00	(128.67)	109.93%
Worship & Music	21,687.46	25,342.00	3,654.54	85.58%
Miscellaneous	2,579.75	1,460.00	(1,119.75)	176.70%
Program Expenses	32,946.35	36,768.00	3,821.65	89.61%
Other Funds	77,990.46	0.00	(77,990.46)	0.00%
Total Expense	517,087.77	405,901.00	(111,186.77)	127.39%
Over/Under	(9,467.55)	(59,685.00)	(50,217.45)	

Building Fund

Balance December 31, 2024	22,182.99
Deposits in transit from General Fund, December 31, 2024	-
Total Balance from January 1, 2025	22,182.99

Receipts

Donations/offerings	6,072.61	
MMR Account Interest	517.61	6,590.22

Available Funds **28,773.21**

Expenses

Reimbursements to SLC – capital maintenance	7,816.00	7,816.00
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Balance December 31, 2025 **20,957.21**

Cemetery Fund

Balance December 31, 2024	Checking	Total
	15,344.64	15,344.64

Receipts:

In Memory of Hilda Knauer – Invesco T. F.	305.00	305.00
Interest	4,828.29	4,828.29
Offerings	2,585.00	2,585.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Sale of Lots	0.00	0.00
Foundations	788.00	788.00
Grave Openings	200.00	200.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	277.33	277.33
Interments	3,300.00	3,300.00
50% of Fuel & Repairs	1,554.89	1,554.89
New Equip Fund –Badman, Moser, Hoffman, Moyer	1,201.33	1,201.33
Simply Giving	2,001.16	2,001.16

Cemetery Tour	224.00	224.00
Total Receipts	17,264.94	17,264.94

Available Funds		32,609.58
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Expenses

Labor	8,516.19	
Perpetual Care Account	305.00	
Gas, Oil, Filters	876.10	
Repairs & Parts	2,219.47	
Concrete Mix	88.75	
Stamps	15.60	
Little's – X-380 48" Tractor	4,293.00	
Late Fees	26.49	
Total Expenses	13,340.60	13,340.60

Balance December 31, 2025		16,268.98
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Funds at Invesco – Market Value as of December 31, 2025		83,538.24
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Memorial Fund

Balance January 1, 2025		44,177.31
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Receipts

Contributions	8,490.00	
Interest	1,121.84	
Deposit Error	50.00	
Total Receipts		9,661.84

Available Funds		53,839.15
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Expenses

Cemetery Board Donation	305.00	
Deposit to General Fund – correction of deposit error	50.00	
Total Expenses		355.00

Balance December 31, 2025		53,484.15
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Mission Service Fund

Balance January 1, 2025		7,500.02
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Receipts

325 th Memorabilia	293.00	
Mission Offering Envelopes	310.00	

Moments in Time	25.00	
Other	105.00	
Redner's Register Tapes	141.72	
Rejoicing Spirits	375.00	
Simply Giving	497.00	
Total Receipts		1,746.72
Available Funds		9,246.74
Expenses		
325 th Anniversary	2,482.82	
Community Support	700.00	
Other	200.00	
Other Projects	105.00	
AED for Sunshine LC	1,782.99	
Total Expenses		5,270.81
Balance December 31, 2025		3,975.93

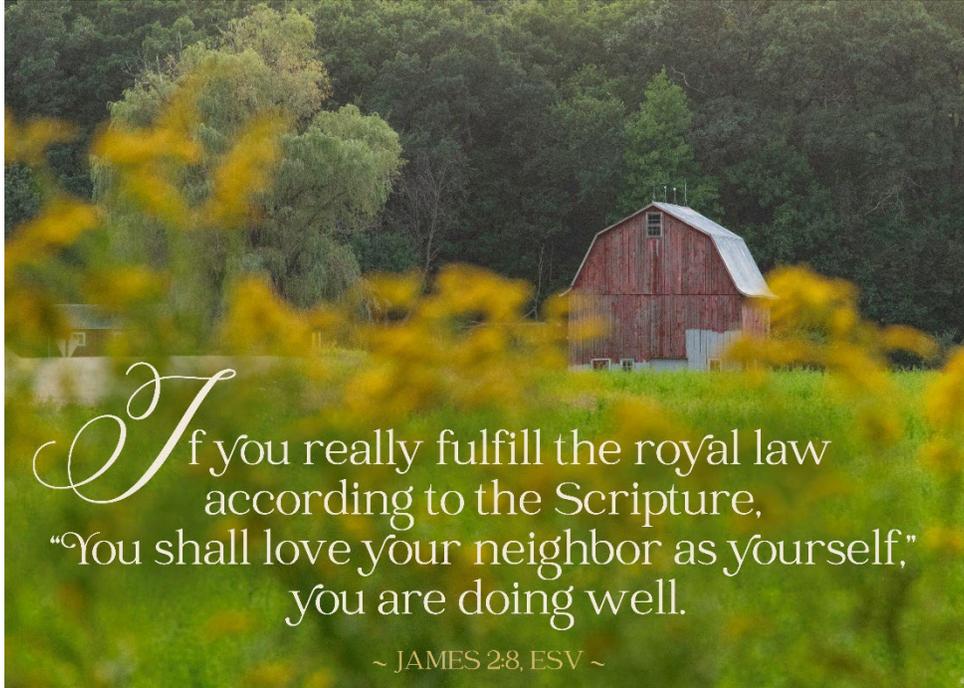
Picnic Grove Fund

Balance January 1, 2025		18,041.84
Receipts		
Interest for Year	124.86	
Deposit Pork Dinner Donation	72.00	
Deposit 2/18/2025 Soup Sale	1,164.00	
Deposit March 2025 Spaghetti Dinner and Soup Sale	2,166.00	
Deposit April 2025 Soup and Spaghetti Dinner	201.00	
Deposit 8/19/2025	175.00	
Deposit 8/27/2025 – Erb (Picnic Grove Rental)	100.00	
Deposit 8/27/2025 GSP Deposit	10,221.08	
Deposit 10/17/2025 GSP Deposit	50.00	
Deposit 12/5/2025 Gerald Eisenhart Memorial	825.00	
Deposit 12/29/2025 Gerald Eisenhart Memorial	150.00	
Deposit 12/30/2025 Gerald Eisenhart Memorial	75.00	
Deposit June 2025	2,133.00	
Total Receipts		17,456.94
Available Funds		35,498.78
Expenses		
Met-Ed Autopay 1/22/2025	149.41	
Met-Ed Autopay 2/25/2025	160.35	
Soup Start Up Cash 2/7/2025	50.00	
Soup Supplies Christ Fatzinger Check 839	427.75	

Met-Ed Autopay 3/26/2025	165.22	
Spaghetti Start Up 3/17/2025 check 840	250.00	
Spaghetti Dinner Exp. Check 841, 842, 843 3/20/25 Chris F	747.64	
Longacre Dairy Spaghetti Dinner 3/27/2025 Check 844	144.00	
Met-Ed Autopay 4/25/2025	183.56	
Met-Ed Autopay 5/27/2025	265.51	
Cash for Chicken Dinner Start Up 5/19/2025	250.00	
Christ Fatzinger Food Reimbursement 5/20/2025 Check 845	403.54	
Freed's Supermarket Chicken Dinner 5/19/2025 Check 847	242.45	
Sally Sugita Band Reimbursement Check 848	300.00	
Met-Ed Autopay 6/25/2025	263.57	
Longacre Dair May Chicken Dinner Check 849	144.00	
Levengood Septic Service 7/2/2025 Check 850	415.00	
Met-Ed Autopay 7/25/2025	321.06	
Kelly Hauser Sink and Faucet Check 851	179.14	
Kelly Hauser Faucet Men's Bathroom Check 852	100.42	
Kelly Hauser Women's Bathroom Sink Repair Check 853	51.25	
Levengood Septic Service Check 854	365.00	
Washit Pavillion Cleaning Check 855	900.00	
Boyertown Co. Inc. Check 856	474.00	
Freed's Supermarket GSP Food Check 857	1,154.17	
Boyertown Alumni Band Check 858	1,000.00	
Christ Fatzinger Food Reimbursement Check 859	1,723.93	
Glen-Alsace Farms Potatoes 8/22/2025 Check 860	96.00	
Start Up GSP Check 861	650.00	
MBR2 GSP Tickets Check 862	585.78	
Lindsey Waltermyer Prizes Swamp Picnic Check 863	49.88	
Met-Ed Autopay 8/25/2025	353.30	
Sally Sugita Food & Supplies 8/23/2025 Check 865	115.51	
Levengood Septic Service Check 864	315.00	
MBR2 GSP Posters Check 866	103.75	
Longacres Modern Dairy 8/26/2025 Check 867	480.00	
Met-Ed Autopay 9/25/2025	439.49	
Levengood Septic Service Check 868	265.00	
Suburban Water Check 869	170.50	
Casella 10/9/2025 Check 871	286.00	
Met-Ed Autopay 10/24/2025	318.99	
Heather Scaduto Eagle Project Checks 870, 872, 873	691.33	
Met-Ed Autopay 12/1/2025	255.06	
Met-Ed Autopay 12/26/2025	179.99	
Total Expenses		16,186.55
Balance December 31, 2025		19,312.23
American Funds Account – Mark Levengood's Eagle Project Quarterly Reports		
2025 Starting Balance	8,972.18	
March 2025	9,429.57	

June 2025
 September 2025
 December 2025

10,063.91
 10,478.22
 10,800.24



2026 SPENDING PLAN – (Approved Budgets)

Regular General Fund Income

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Regular Envelope Offering	\$ 171,500	\$ 172,000
Regular Simply Giving Offering	\$ 104,000	\$ 100,000
Tithe.ly Contributions	500	\$ 500
Regular Loose Offering Plate Offering	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Total Envelope & Simply Giving Offerings	\$ 281,000	\$ 278,500
Endowment Funds Income	\$ 41,000	\$ 42,500
Thrivent Choice	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,500
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 4,500	\$ 6,500
Total Endowment & Miscellaneous Income	\$ 47,000	\$ 53,500
Total Regular Income	\$ 328,000	\$ 332,000

Other General Fund Income - Designated

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Designated Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Music Ministry	\$ 500	\$ 500

Fuel Oil Contributions	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,960
Bulletin Contributions	\$ 1,200	\$ 780
Flower Contributions	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,049
Candle Oil	\$ -	\$ -
Communion Wine	\$ 200	\$ 144
Facility Gratuity	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,831
Fellowship Activities	\$ 1,500	\$ 746
Food Ministry – shared costs contributions	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Sunshine Learning Center – shared costs contributions	\$ -	\$ 15,700
Total Designated Income (excl. Christian Ed.)	\$ 11,900	\$ 25,710

Christian Education

Christian Education Envelopes	\$ 882	\$ 858
Sunday School Offering	\$ 395	\$ 293
Adult Education	\$ -	\$ -
Camp Falckner	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,754
Vacation Bible School	\$ 1,351	\$ 1,200
Simply Giving – Christian Education	\$ 1,327	\$ 852
Special Events	\$ 94	\$ 106
Catechetical Retreat	\$ 300	\$ -
Youth Conference Individual Fees	\$ 100	\$ -
Senior Ministry	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 36	\$ 199
Tithe.ly – Christian Education	\$ 106	\$ -
Total Christian Education Income	\$ 6,315	\$ 5,262
Total Other General Fund Income – Designated	\$ 18,215	\$ 30,972
Grant Income	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other General Fund Income	\$ 18,215	\$ 30,972

Total Income	\$ 346,215	\$ 362,972
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Transfer from Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -
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Total Income (inc. transfer from Other Funds)	\$ 346,215	\$ 362,972
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Benevolence Expenditures

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
SEPA Synod Benevolence	\$ -	\$ -
Other Agencies	\$ -	\$ -
Pastor's Discretionary Benevolence	\$ 500	\$ 500
Total Benevolence Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500

Payroll & Related Expenses

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Pastor Salary/Housing	\$ 83,289	\$ 95,134
Pastor Social Security/Medicare Taxes	\$ 6,372	\$ 7,278

Total Defined Compensation	\$ 89,660	\$ 102,412
Pastor Health Insurance	\$ 11,088	\$ 29,126
Pastor's Pension & Benefits Contribution	\$ 13,359	\$ 10,753
Total Pastoral Compensation	\$ 114,108	\$ 142,291
Director of Senior Ministry Salary	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Director of Children/Youth/Family Ministry Salary	\$ 34,499	\$ 35,465
Director of Music Ministry Salary	\$ 18,141	\$ 18,649
Administrative Assistant	\$ -	\$ -
Office Manager Salary	\$ 31,318	\$ 32,194
Bell Choir Director Salary	\$ 6,101	\$ 6,272
Grace Worship Leader Salary	\$ 6,365	\$ 6,543
Facility Maintenance Wages	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Mowers' Wages	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Bookkeeper Salary	\$ 6,240	\$ 6,240
Staff Social Security/Medicare Taxes	\$ 8,512	\$ 8,642
Pastoral Automobile & Travel Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Other Pastoral Professional Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500
Pastoral Continuing Education	\$ 700	\$ 700
Staff Mileage	\$ 150	\$ 150
Office Manager Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ -
Seminary Support/Continuing Education	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Director of Music Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ -
Dir. of Senior Ministry Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ -
DCYFM Continuing Education	\$ -	\$ -
Synod Assembly/Convocation	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
State Background Checks	\$ 100	\$ 100
Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Payroll Processing	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,820
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
Total Payroll & Related Expense	\$ 243,773	\$ 274,366

Property Expenses

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Fuel Oil	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000
Propane	\$ -	\$ -
Electric	\$ 13,837	\$ 22,000
Trash/Recycle	\$ 800	\$ 3,000
Telephone	\$ 1,913	\$ 2,508
Sewer	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1,466	\$ 1,400
General Maintenance	\$ 14,574	\$ 16,700
Janitorial Services	\$ 24,570	\$ 24,570
Janitor Supplies	\$ 1,534	\$ 1,500
Equipment	\$ 231	\$ 500
Fire Alarm Contract	\$ 3,075	\$ 1,304
Water Testing	\$ 1,800	\$ 10,000

Snow Removal	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000
Fire/Liability Insurance	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
Food Service License	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 106,500	\$ 128,482

Office Equipment Expenses

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Copier Leases	\$ 5,004	\$ 4,706
Equipment Maintenance/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Email/Internet Subscription	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,919
Professional IT/Network Support	\$ 428	\$ 1,238
Office Supplies/Bulletins	\$ 3,140	\$ 3,628
Simply Giving Fees	\$ 2,050	\$ 1,628
One Call (Auto-Messaging Service)	\$ 1,156	\$ 1,232
CDM+ (Membership Management Software)	\$ 1,020	\$ 1,020
Office 365 Subscription	\$ 106	\$ 138
Postage	\$ 750	\$ 916
Bank Deposit Box	\$ 55	\$ 135
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 15,059	\$ 17,559
Total Property & Equipment Expenses	\$ 121,559	\$ 146,041

Program Expenses

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -
Fellowship Expenses	\$ 1,622	\$ 658
Historical Research/Archives Committee	\$ 115	\$ -
Memorial Fund Supplies	\$ 73	\$ 15
Evangelism Committee/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Social Ministry Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Stewardship Offering Envelopes/Supplies	\$ 1,296	\$ 1,037
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -

Worship/Music

Supply Pastor Gratuity	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,350
Supply Organist Gratuity	\$ 600	\$ 600
Word in Season	\$ 960	\$ 1,080
Altar Guild	\$ 588	\$ 166
Alar Flowers	\$ 4,256	\$ 4,213
Choir Music/Supplies	\$ 152	\$ 200
Handbell Music/Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 200
Copyright License	\$ 1,563	\$ 985
Organ Maintenance	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,000
Piano Maintenance	\$ 350	\$ 465
Guest Musician Gratuity	\$ 900	\$ 900

Supplies and Instrument Purchase	\$ 808	\$ 1,328
Video Services	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,000
Handbell Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -
Christian Education		
Adult Education	\$ 400	\$ 400
Camp Falckner	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,750
Catechetical Curriculum and Confirmation Dinner	\$ 300	\$ 300
Youth Retreat	\$ 750	\$ 250
Confirmation Gifts	\$ 150	\$ 150
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ -	\$ -
First Communion	\$ -	\$ -
Graduation Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Library	\$ -	\$ -
Senior Ministry	\$ 150	\$ 150
Special Events	\$ 900	\$ 500
Story Bibles	\$ 260	\$ 250
Sunday School	\$ 300	\$ 500
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Teacher Resources	\$ -	\$ -
Third Grade Bibles	\$ 150	\$ 250
Vacation Bible School	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,200
Youth Conference	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Ministry	\$ -	\$ -
Total Christian Education Expenses	\$ 6,860	\$ 5,700
Total Program Expenses	\$ 39,568	\$ 31,896
Total Expenses	\$ 405,400	\$ 452,804
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses (incl. transfer to Other Funds)	\$ 405,400	\$ 452,804

**Other Non-General Fund Ministry Budgets
(non-voting/informational purposes only)**

Cemetery Budget

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Income		
Interest	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,100
Offerings	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Donations	\$ 500	\$ 500
Simply Giving	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Interments	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Sale of Lots (\$1,000/lot)	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
Grave Openings	\$ 200	\$ 250
Foundations	\$ 2,871	\$ 2,800

Cremation Type Burials	\$ 350	\$ 350
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
50% Fuel/Repairs	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
New Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Totals	\$ 18,621	\$ 18,600

Expenditures

Labor	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000
Perpetual Care	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Gas & Equipment Filters	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Repairs/Parts	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Concrete	\$ 500	\$ 500
Flower (Gaukler/Parents)	\$ 50	\$ 50
Grass Seed/Fertilizer	\$ 125	\$ 125
Stamps	\$ 35	\$ 35
Blank Check & Stationery Purchase	\$ 35	\$ 35
Miscellaneous (i.e. Garage Repair/Maintenance)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,500
Total Cemetery	\$ 19,245	\$ 22,745

Peer Support Ministry Budget

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Income		
Peer Support Ministry Contributions	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Peer Support Ministry Grants	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Expenditures		
Peer Support Compensation	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200
Professional Counseling Insurance Cost	\$ 800	\$ 800
Peer Support Facility Costs (to General Fund)	\$ -	\$ -
Peer Support Supplies, food, Zoom costs	\$ 500	\$ 500
Peer Support Marketing Costs	\$ 500	\$ 500
Totals	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000

Food Ministry Budget

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Income		
Food Ministry Contributions	\$ 39,600	\$ 39,600
Food Ministry Grants	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000
Totals	\$ 79,600	\$ 89,600
Expenditures		
Food & Supplies	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
Food Ministry Director Compensation	\$ 39,890	\$ 41,000
Total Food Ministry	\$ 81,890	\$ 83,000

Garden of Hope Budget

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Income		
Contributions	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Grants	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000
Totals	\$ 57,000	\$ 32,000
Expenditures		
Trellis Support	\$ 12,000	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 15,250	\$ 1,000
Plants and Seeds	\$ -	\$ 2,500
Water/Electric to Garden	\$ -	\$ -
Endowment Fund Start-up Funds Payback	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Total Garden of Hope	\$ 29,250	\$ 3,500

Capital Projects Budget

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Income		
HVAC Contributions	\$ 10,000	\$ 80,000
Audio Visual Project Contributions	\$ -	\$ -
General Capital Campaign Contributions	\$ 68,000	\$ 5,000
Organ Rehabilitation Contributions	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Capital Project Grants/Loans	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 78,000	\$ 185,000
Expenditures		
Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary HVAC Expenses	\$ 68,000	\$ 80,000
HVAC Expenses (2021 – Sunday School Wing)	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Audio Visual Project Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Organ Rehabilitation	\$ -	\$ 275,000
Other Capital Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -
Total Capital Projects	\$ 78,000	\$ 355,000

Sunshine Learning Center Budget

(Assumption – 60% enrollment)

	2026 Budget
Income	
Total Tuition	\$ 628,858
Registration Fees	\$ 3,100
Fundraising	\$ -
Grants	\$ -
Totals	\$ 631,958
Expenditures	
Payroll	\$ 497,820
Benefits	\$ 63,683
Total Payroll and Benefits (% of income 88.9%)	\$ 561,503

Insurance	\$	4,580
Utilities & Janitorial	\$	21,700
Procare	\$	1,266
Training/Clearance	\$	1,704
Miscellaneous	\$	13,700
Truist Loan Payment 20-yr Balloon (\$680K @ 5.99%)	\$	58,524
Additional Loan Payment toward Principle	\$	12,000
Yearly Expenses	\$	674,977
Total Start Up Expenses	\$	6,938
Total Expenses (Yearly and Start Up)	\$	681,915
Profit/Loss	-\$	49,958

