

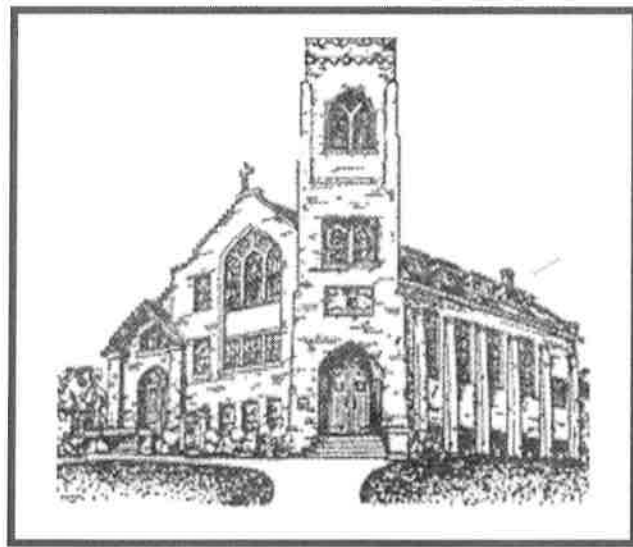
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# Annual Report

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2024

Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church



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**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Whitehall, Wisconsin**

**Annual Meeting Agenda**

**February 2, 2025**

**After 9:30am Worship**

- 1) Call Meeting to Order, President, David Anderson**
  - 2) Secretary Approval of Quorum (25 people)**
  - 3) Prayer, Scott Brown SAM**
  - 4) Approval of Agenda**
  - 5) Old Business**
  - 6) New Business:**
    - a. Presentation of 2025 Budget**
    - b. Approval of Budget**
    - c. Election of Leadership Positions**
    - d. Other items of business**
  - 7) Motion to Adjourn**
  - 8) Lord's Prayer**
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# Minutes - 2024 Annual Meeting

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting  
February 4, 2024

**Members Present:** Church Congregation, President Dave Anderson, Synod Authorized Minister Scott Brown, Council Secretary Lori Paulson.

Meeting was called to order by Dave Anderson, Council President at 10:27 a.m.

**Quorum Certification:** Council Secretary Lori Paulson confirmed enough members were present to certify a quorum.

**Prayer:** Scott Brown

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Marnie Anderson to approve agenda with a second by Clarice Laehn. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- a. **Presentation of 2024 Budget:** Dave Anderson presented the 2024 budget. The congregation was given a few minutes to review the budget. Next year's budget needs to be provided to the congregation at least a week in advance to allow more time for review. The Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) is treated as an employee of the church which is different from a pastor. The Parish Board and the SAM agree on appropriate pay. A SAM receives reimbursement for travel cost and continuing education, but is not entitled to housing pay, etc.  
Our Saviour's is responsible for 88% of the cost of the SAM and Grace Lutheran is responsible for 12%.
- b. **Approval of 2024 Budget:** Motion made by David Schaefer to approve 2024 budget with a second by Tom Richter. Motion carried.
- c. **Election of Leadership Positions:** There are still many leadership positions open. Finance and Property needs members. This is the last year that Barb Mathson and Judy Haralson will be doing the audit so there will need to be a new audit committee as well. Congregation members asked whether all the various committees are necessary or if we could go back to how it was years ago when there was a Board of Deacons, etc. A review of the church constitution was suggested. Motion made by Donna Lindberg to instruct council secretary to cast unanimous vote to approve all church board positions with a second by Jacob Paulson. Motion carried.
- d. **Other Items of Business:** Ellen Hauser has been in contact with a company regarding the church organ. It is worth approximately \$800,000. It is hard to find a person to play the organ and no one has shown interest in purchasing it. Congregation members suggested advertising the organ and/or contact the synod to see if they know of anyone interested. We need to make sure the organ is adequately insured.

Motion to adjourn made by Barb Mathson with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary

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# SAM Annual Report for 2024

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Matthew 22:34-40, The Greatest Commandment: 34 When the Pharisees heard that he (Jesus) had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind'. 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

In the Gospel of Luke, when Jesus is asked, "who is my neighbor" He tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This is a story of two "neighbors", who traditionally did not even associate with one another, and their coming together because great physical harm had been done. We are living through a period in time in which great physical harm is being done by humans and nature to multitudes of our "neighbors". Unfortunately we are not able to stop the damage. We are, however, able to help. The scope of that help is up to each of us individually and collectively as God intended for us to do.

We as Christians must make choices. How do we help and how much help can we give. Can we donate money to helping organizations? Can we give our time somehow as a volunteer for a helping organization? Can we do a fundraiser to raise money to help these organizations? I have mentioned many times that the ELCA is a solid conduit for getting money to needed areas of the world without taking administrative fees to do so. I looked up ELCA Disaster Relief and found these areas of need: **International:** Eastern Europe Crisis Response; Horn of Africa Drought; Middle East Crisis; South Sudan Relief; AMMPARO (Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunity) Protecting Migrants. **Domestic:** Flooding; Hurricanes; Severe Storms; Tornadoes; Wildfires. I list all of this because even I didn't realize the scope of help our greater ELCA provides.

You can donate by going directly to the ELCA website and donate to the area you feel is most in need of your help. As Congregations we can choose to do some type of fundraising event to donate as a whole. We have many neighbors, near and far, each one has a need that we can help with.

Many of you do God's work every day and may not even think about it. It is a part of who you are. If everyone would choose to spend a little more time as a volunteer for church and community activities, think of how much can be accomplished to overcome the needs of our neighbors. Each of our two congregations will be more productive when we have someone in each committee position with an opening. First time volunteer or seasoned veteran, please step forward, we need you.

Peace be with you, United in Faith Parish, we are all Christians and a part of the Body of Christ.

Scott W. Brown, Synod Authorized Minister

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 2025  
Proposed Budget

# OSLC GENERAL FUND BUDGET

|  | As Of 11/30/16 | 2023 Actual | 2024 Budget | 2024 Actual | 2025 Budget |
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

## EXPENSES

| <b>Ministry</b> |                                                   |    |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|----|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1               | Pastor Discretionary                              | xx | \$-        | \$-        | \$-        | \$-        |
| 2               | Ministry Teams (separate account "On-Going" Fund) | xx | \$-        | \$-        | \$-        | \$-        |
| 3               | Church Consultant - Conflict Mediation            |    | \$-        | \$-        | \$-        | \$-        |
| 4               | <b>Sub Total - Ministry</b>                       |    | <b>\$-</b> | <b>\$-</b> | <b>\$-</b> | <b>\$-</b> |

| <b>Administration</b> |                                    |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5                     | Postage                            | \$604.07          | \$903.67          | \$700.00          | \$-               | \$700.00          |
| 6                     | Office Supplies                    | \$1,190.56        | \$1,367.36        | \$300.00          | \$1,187.76        | \$900.00          |
| 7                     | Subscriptions                      | \$463.27          | \$850.57          | \$1,000.00        | \$932.81          | \$1,000.00        |
| 8                     | Office Equipment: Copy Machine     | \$1,629.98        | \$1,291.72        | \$3,000.00        | \$3,543.23        | \$3,000.00        |
| 9                     | Miscellaneous Office               | \$1,050.64        | \$3,689.32        | \$1,000.00        | \$3,538.72        | \$3,000.00        |
| 10                    | Worship Supplies                   | \$2,598.76        | \$346.00          | \$1,500.00        | \$-               | \$500.00          |
| 11                    | Synod Convention/Strategic Retreat |                   | \$-               | \$-               | \$-               | \$-               |
| 12                    | <b>Sub Total - Administration</b>  | <b>\$7,537.28</b> | <b>\$8,448.64</b> | <b>\$7,500.00</b> | <b>\$9,202.52</b> | <b>\$9,100.00</b> |

| <b>Physical Plant</b> |                                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 13                    | Heating                             | \$5,384.38         | \$8,222.95         | \$13,000.00        | \$6,716.00         | \$13,000.00        |
| 14                    | Electric/Water                      | \$5,367.88         | \$5,395.70         | \$8,450.00         | \$5,022.62         | \$6,000.00         |
| 15                    | Telephone                           | \$725.38           | \$746.95           | \$800.00           | \$751.15           | \$800.00           |
| 16                    | Internet                            | \$607.10           | \$857.84           | \$900.00           | \$862.02           | \$900.00           |
| 17                    | Insurance-Property                  | \$5,472.50         | \$10,541.25        | \$8,000.00         | \$13,155.00        | \$13,000.00        |
| 18                    | Maintenance                         | \$5,233.11         | \$2,282.06         | \$3,500.00         | \$763.78           | \$2,500.00         |
| 19                    | Elevator Maintenance                | \$1,346.84         | \$1,001.40         | \$1,200.00         | \$1,024.08         | \$1,200.00         |
| 20                    | Waste Disposal                      | \$567.05           | \$684.00           | \$500.00           | \$649.00           | \$200.00           |
| 21                    | Custodial Supplies                  |                    | \$87.03            | \$500.00           | \$14.99            | \$300.00           |
| 22                    | Miscellaneous Buildings and Grounds |                    | \$191.94           | \$1,500.00         | \$1,601.42         | \$1,500.00         |
| 23                    | Lawncare & Snow Removal             |                    | \$1,310.00         | \$2,000.00         | \$1,805.00         | \$2,000.00         |
| 24                    | <b>Sub Total - Physical Plant</b>   | <b>\$24,704.24</b> | <b>\$31,321.12</b> | <b>\$40,350.00</b> | <b>\$32,365.06</b> | <b>\$41,400.00</b> |

| <b>Salaries and Benefits</b> |                                                                              |             |             |             |             |             |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 25                           | Pastor Compensation Package (includes Salary/Pension/Health/Housing/Soc Sec) | \$89,324.29 | \$34,451.96 | \$31,391.36 | \$31,391.40 | \$34,103.52 |
| 26                           | Pastor - Mileage                                                             | \$3,323.87  | \$1,080.00  | \$1,760.00  | \$1,760.04  | \$1,760.00  |

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 2025  
Proposed Budget**

|    |                                                  |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|----|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 27 | Pastor - Continuing Education & Professional Exp | \$1,495.78          | \$616.00           | \$1,144.00         | \$1,144.08         | \$1,000.00         |
| 28 | Supply Pastor                                    |                     | \$3,086.68         | \$704.00           | \$704.04           | \$352.00           |
| 29 | New Ministry Training/Education                  |                     | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                |
| 30 | Church Secretary - Salary                        | \$9,916.17          | \$7,483.16         | \$9,000.00         | \$6,712.00         | \$9,000.00         |
| 31 | Church Secretary - Cont. Ed./Mil                 |                     | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                |
| 32 | Custodial - Salary                               | \$5,912.77          | \$2,568.75         | \$4,000.00         | \$2,505.00         | \$4,000.00         |
| 33 | Organist - Salary                                | \$2,700.00          | \$3,290.00         | \$3,000.00         | \$3,010.00         | \$4,500.00         |
| 34 | Taxes-Withholding                                | \$5,334.00          | \$1,020.75         | \$2,000.00         | \$935.39           | \$2,000.00         |
| 35 | Miscellaneous Salary & Benefit Exp               |                     | \$2,800.00         | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                |
| 36 | <b>Sub Total - Salaries and Benefits</b>         | <b>\$118,006.88</b> | <b>\$56,397.30</b> | <b>\$52,999.36</b> | <b>\$48,161.95</b> | <b>\$56,715.52</b> |

**Benevolence**

|    |                                          |                    |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|----|------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 37 | Synod/World Hunger                       | \$10,003.38        | \$2,200.00        | \$2,200.00        | \$2,200.00        | \$2,200.00        |
| 38 | Camperships                              |                    | \$-               | \$1,000.00        | \$-               | \$1,000.00        |
| 39 | Foreign Missionaries                     |                    | \$1,500.00        | \$1,500.00        | \$1,500.00        | \$1,500.00        |
| 40 | Luther Park                              |                    | \$350.00          | \$350.00          | \$350.00          | \$350.00          |
| 41 | Lutheran Social Services                 | \$375.00           | \$125.00          | \$125.00          | \$125.00          | \$125.00          |
| 42 | Dairyland Conference                     |                    | \$125.00          | \$125.00          | \$125.00          | \$125.00          |
| 43 | Misc. Benevolence (Designated offerings) |                    | \$-               | \$-               |                   | \$-               |
| 44 | Star & Cross                             |                    | \$500.00          | \$500.00          | \$500.00          | \$200.00          |
| 45 | <b>Sub Total - Benevolence</b>           | <b>\$10,378.38</b> | <b>\$4,800.00</b> | <b>\$5,800.00</b> | <b>\$4,800.00</b> | <b>\$5,500.00</b> |

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

|    |  |                     |                     |                     |                    |                     |
|----|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 46 |  | <b>\$160,626.78</b> | <b>\$100,967.06</b> | <b>\$106,649.36</b> | <b>\$94,529.53</b> | <b>\$112,715.52</b> |
|----|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|

**REVENUE**

**Contributions**

|    |                                                       |                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 47 | Christmas & Christmas Eve Offering                    |                     | \$4,920.00         | \$5,000.00         | \$4,656.00         | \$5,000.00         |
| 48 | Easter Offering                                       | \$3,883.00          | \$260.00           | \$2,500.00         | \$2,883.00         | \$2,500.00         |
| 49 | <b>General Fund Income (Sunday Offering)</b>          | <b>\$107,879.03</b> | <b>\$77,833.92</b> | <b>\$60,349.36</b> | <b>\$63,812.86</b> | <b>\$65,115.52</b> |
| 50 | Good Friday Offering                                  | \$248.90            | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                |
| 51 | Improvement Fund/Bldg Repair (separate bank account)  | \$5,025.00          | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                |
| 52 | Lenten Offering                                       | \$2,969.03          | \$-                | \$1,500.00         | \$-                | \$1,500.00         |
| 53 | Maundy Thursday Offering                              | \$203.11            | \$-                | \$200.00           | \$-                | \$-                |
| 54 | Miscellaneous Income (Auction, Ins. Reimb, Memorials) | \$966.21            | \$10,751.77        | \$600.00           | \$4,105.26         | \$600.00           |
| 55 | Memorials                                             | \$1,145.00          | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                | \$-                |
| 56 | Building Use Income                                   | \$2,225.00          | \$1,635.00         | \$2,000.00         | \$2,040.00         | \$2,000.00         |
| 57 | Simply Giving                                         | \$26,927.00         | \$39,620.95        | \$25,000.00        | \$33,985.80        | \$30,000.00        |
| 58 | Thanksgiving Offering                                 | \$193.00            | \$-                | \$-                |                    | \$-                |
| 59 | <b>Thrivent Choice Dollars</b>                        | <b>\$1,433.00</b>   | <b>\$1,218.00</b>  | <b>\$1,000.00</b>  | <b>\$711.00</b>    | <b>\$1,000.00</b>  |
| 60 | Weddings                                              | \$-                 | \$-                | \$-                |                    | \$-                |

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|    |                                         |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|----|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 61 | <b>Window Fund</b>                      |                     | \$-                 | \$-                 |                     | \$-                 |
|    | <b>Specified Gifts</b>                  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 62 | Bulletin Sponsors                       | \$430.00            | \$-                 | \$500.00            | \$-                 | \$-                 |
|    | <b>Fund Raising</b>                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| 63 | Harvest Dinner (net = income - expense) | \$5,441.90          | \$2,385.00          | \$5,500.00          | \$2,495.00          | \$2,500.00          |
| 64 | Harvest Raffle (net = income - expense) | \$2,611.00          | \$1,635.00          | \$2,500.00          | \$1,581.00          | \$2,500.00          |
| 65 | <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                    | <b>\$161,580.18</b> | <b>\$140,259.64</b> | <b>\$106,649.36</b> | <b>\$116,269.92</b> | <b>\$112,715.52</b> |

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

|    |                       | As Of 11/30/16 | 2023 Actual  | 2024 Budget  | 2024 Actual  | 2025 Budget  |
|----|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 46 | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> | \$10,595.07    | \$100,967.06 | \$106,649.36 | \$94,529.53  | \$112,715.52 |
| 65 | <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>  | \$201,986.08   | \$140,259.64 | \$106,649.36 | \$116,269.92 | \$112,715.52 |

**NOTES:**

Pastor Compensation, Mileage, Cont. Ed, Payroll taxes paid by Parish, & Supply Pastor - 2025 Parish budget

# Life & Growth

## Life and Growth Year End Report – 2024

As in past years we continue to support activities at OSLC. The newest activity was the Quilt retreat. All the quilters had such a good time that we are now planning for a 3-day event. The L&G team assists the quilting group with building use set up and take down.

We assisted with 5 Baptisms by gifting the families a Memory Box, children's bible, a quilt provided by the Stitches of Love group, and a name tag to the Cradle Role Banner.

Our Christmas Good Gifts mission had a total of \$530.00 for animals, fish and trees. We were able to send 11 Baby Care, 45 School, 28 Personal Care Kits and 24 Quilts to the Lutheran World Relief mission project this year thanks to the generous donations from you.

Finally, we are asking for help. The Life and Growth Team has not had new members for several years. We ask All of our church family to consider joining this team. Fresh eyes and new ideas will help Our Saviour's not only remain an active caring presence in Our Saviour's but also "Share Gods Love with All". This should sound familiar.

The duties of Life and Growth are really quite simple. Support, facilitate and introduce congregational events in faith building and "Sharing Gods Love with All".

We should. \*Help organize new ideas and continue to support ongoing events.

\*Work to make our Church a warm and welcoming Christian community.

\*Explore fun and interesting activities that include Christians of all ages.

Please consider joining any one of the teams that form the Church Council. Pray. All are needed and welcome. *Life and Growth Team 2024*

| <b>Group: Life and Growth</b> |                                        |                 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                               | <b>Balance as of: 1/1/2024</b>         | <b>\$634.55</b> |
|                               | <b>Income:</b>                         |                 |
|                               | Donation to missions                   |                 |
|                               | Chetek storm relief                    |                 |
|                               | Oktoberfest                            |                 |
|                               | Hurricane Relief                       |                 |
|                               | Directory                              |                 |
|                               | Trees                                  |                 |
|                               | Good Gifts                             | \$530.00        |
|                               | Soup Supper                            |                 |
|                               | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$530.00</b> |
|                               | <b>Expenses:</b>                       |                 |
|                               | Good Gifts - ELCA                      | \$530.00        |
|                               | Music License/Worship                  |                 |
|                               | Christmas treats for kids              |                 |
|                               | Easter candy                           |                 |
|                               | Chetek storm relief                    |                 |
|                               | Flood relief                           |                 |
|                               | Improvement Fund                       |                 |
|                               | Lutheran World Relief                  |                 |
|                               | Tremp. Co. Human Srv.                  |                 |
|                               | Food pantry                            |                 |
|                               | WHTL                                   |                 |
|                               | Postage                                |                 |
|                               | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$530.00</b> |
|                               | <b>Ending Balance as of 12/31/2024</b> | <b>\$634.55</b> |

Notes:



# MEN'S BROTHERHOOD



## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Men's Brotherhood of Our Saviour's is the group organized to assist the congregation in supporting various missions in our community, the church and the world.

Men's Brotherhood is the charter organization for the Scouting Program in Whitehall. The dues paid each year are used to pay the charter fees and provide space for meetings. We provide space in Berkland Hall and the fellowship hall for meetings and storage of program supplies. The Brotherhood is responsible for the license, insurance and maintenance of the Scouts' travel/storage trailer.

In place of the spring pancake breakfast a " No Pancake, Pancake Breakfast " is held to raise money to support the ELCA World Hunger Mission. This is a simply a letter sent each year along with the Brotherhood membership form asking all of us to contribute the cost of a pancakes breakfast. The proceeds from this project were sent to the Northwest Synod World Hunger Mission.

Please view the financial statements for update of exact numbers on income and expenses.

### Group: Men's Brotherhood

|                                        |                   |                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Balance as of: 1/1/2024</b>         | <b>\$8,490.80</b> |                                                                               |
| <b>Income:</b>                         |                   | <b>Notes:</b>                                                                 |
| Dues                                   |                   |                                                                               |
| Boy Scout Trailer                      |                   |                                                                               |
| Boy Scouts                             |                   |                                                                               |
| DMV Refund                             |                   |                                                                               |
| World Hunger                           |                   |                                                                               |
| No Pancake Breakfast                   | \$1,330.00        | 4/8 deposit - Did not receive breakdown between dues and No pancake breakfast |
| New sign for church                    |                   |                                                                               |
| Miscellaneous                          | \$465.00          | 5/5 \$415 deposit reason not noted, 12/23 \$50 deposit reason not noted       |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$1,795.00</b> |                                                                               |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                       |                   |                                                                               |
| Postage                                | \$97.24           |                                                                               |
| World Hunger                           | \$1,155.00        |                                                                               |
| Whitehall Food Pantry                  |                   |                                                                               |
| Bulk mailing permit                    |                   |                                                                               |
| News Publ                              |                   |                                                                               |
| WELCA                                  | \$300.00          | to reimburse for website charges for 4 more years                             |
| WHTL                                   |                   |                                                                               |
| Cub Scouts                             | \$340.00          |                                                                               |
| Boy Scouts                             | \$50.00           |                                                                               |
| Insurance                              |                   |                                                                               |
| Pastor's gift                          |                   |                                                                               |
| Registration fee trust                 |                   |                                                                               |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$1,942.24</b> |                                                                               |
| <b>Ending Balance as of 12/31/2024</b> | <b>\$8,343.56</b> |                                                                               |

# Board of Education

## Board of Education

Balance as of: 1/1/2024 \$1,293.30

### Income:

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday School Offering        | \$35.00           |
| Sunday school picnic offering |                   |
| Miscellaneous                 | \$1,500.00        |
| Confirmation                  |                   |
| Interest income               | \$1.16            |
| VBS Registration              |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$1,536.16</b> |

### Notes:

1/28 General fund Sunday offering deposited in ongoing fund in error

### Expenses:

|                                                              |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| OSLC general fund                                            | \$1,500.00        |
| Quilters                                                     |                   |
| Confirmation                                                 |                   |
| 1st Communion                                                |                   |
| Sunday school building                                       |                   |
| Postage                                                      |                   |
| Bovines of the Bible VBS Sail Flag                           |                   |
| Fed and Forgiven - Grade 1-3 and 4-6 Learner Resource Bibles |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                                 | <b>\$1,500.00</b> |

1/28 General fund Sunday offering deposited in ongoing fund in error, Barb Mathson wrote up check request to correct account

Ending Balance as of 12/31/2024 \$1,329.46

# Praise Team

## Group: Praise Team

Balance as of: 1/1/2024 \$649.36

### Income:

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Donation          |               |
| Easter flowers    |               |
| Pointsettia sales |               |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$0.00</b> |

### Notes:

### Expenses:

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Cost of Easter flowers   |                 |
| Miscellaneous            | \$100.00        |
| Feed My People Food Bank |                 |
| Music                    |                 |
| Copyright license        |                 |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$100.00</b> |

Kay Nelson

Ending Balance as of 12/31/2024 \$549.36

# Quilters

## Group: Quilters

Balance as of: 1/1/2024 \$832.80

### Income:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Memorials        | \$10.00         |
| Donations: WELCA | \$100.00        |
| Bd of Education  |                 |
| Misc. Donations  | \$50.00         |
| <u>Total</u>     | <u>\$160.00</u> |

### Notes:

1/7/24 \$10 unknown

4/8/24 deposit - no information given

### Expenses:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Quilt batting  | \$380.50        |
| Fabric         |                 |
| Sewing machine |                 |
| Sheets         |                 |
| Supplies       | \$142.07        |
| <u>Total</u>   | <u>\$522.57</u> |

sewing machine needles, 6 outlet power strips, supplies from Pammy's Patchwork Playhouse, supplies from Joann Fabrics

Ending Balance as of 12/31/2024 \$470.23

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# ***Star and Cross***

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STAR & CROSS FUND  
OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2024

Balance in Fund as of December 2023      5,941.76

Expenses as follows: Electric bill

|          |       |             |
|----------|-------|-------------|
| February | 76.81 |             |
| March    | 69.58 |             |
| April    | 59.67 |             |
| May      | 4.95  |             |
| December | 9.67  |             |
| January  | 80.36 | (Dec. 2024) |

total electric      \$

Total Expenses 2024      \$301.04

Deposits for 2024

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| WELCA                    | \$ 100.00 |
| Whitehall Community Fund | 750.00    |
| Noisy Offering           | 371.51    |
| Interest                 | .58       |
| Memorials/Gifts          |           |

Total contributions 2024      \$1,222.09

Plus 500.00 from 2024 Church Budget deposited in 2025

Balance in Fund as of December 2024      \$7,362.81

Fund should keep a minimum balance of 2,500 this would be in case of major damage to the structure, as our insurance deductible is 2,500. This way the church doesn't have to come up with that amount.

Star will stay lit until the Lenten Season when we would change to the Cross.

Steve Lamberson  
Kurt Johnson  
Dawn Sauerwien  
David Loga  
Randall Lindberg  
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## Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (W-ELCA) 2024

All women of Our Saviour's are members of Women-ELCA and are invited to come to our meetings. Our fund-raising comes from donations for serving funerals and the Bakeless Bake Sale letters. All these and other generous donations make it possible to continue our philanthropic efforts.

In April we collected donations for the Head Start program's Birthday boxes that are given to families that request them for their children. Cake mixes, frosting, candles, small toys, paper plates and books are some of the items collected.

We packed Mission kits in the fall again this year. We had 12 boxes donated to Lutheran World Relief. There were 40 personal care kits, 40 school kits, 15 baby care kits, and 6 quilts donated by OSL Quilters. The Mitten Tree was set up in the narthex again this year and collected many hats and mittens. A Thrivent Gift Card was obtained to buy socks, sweat pants and underwear also. These were all donated to the Whitehall Elementary School.

We also set up gift collection boxes for Pajama Gramma and Trempealeau County Health Care Center along with donations of \$100 to each of those causes and also to New Horizons. A donation box for TCHCC was also set up at Ritter's Hardware in Whitehall in December which collected a generous amount of donations from the community.

A collection box for the Whitehall Food Pantry was available in the narthex all year long.

Thank you for all your donations as we support missions here in Whitehall and in the world.

Our budget shows we continue to support Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits Project Comfort (\$100+\$300 in donations for shipping the kits), Whitehall Schools Student Weekend Food Project (\$100), WI-Nicaragua Partners (\$100), World Hunger (\$100), New Horizons (\$100), and RIF (\$100). We also pay the General Fund of OSL \$500 per year for the telephone in the kitchen. We give financial support of \$100 each to the Dairyland Conference of W-ELCA, the Synodical Women's Organization of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, and the National W-ELCA.

Please join our efforts and if there are projects you think would help others or improve our church, please contact one of the officers or the church office.

**We thank the many helpers that carry on the supportive work of the church:** Altar Guild – Karen Witte & all the monthly volunteers, Flower Caller – Barb Johnson and all the monthly volunteers, Sunshine – Barb Mathson, Baptismal towels- Melanie Sygulla, Funeral Service coordinators- Linda Schaefer, Bev Waldera, Marnie Anderson. **We also thank the serving section leaders for calling their members, all who donate, and those who help serve at funerals through out the year.**

We continue to meet monthly with Grace Lutheran in Pleasantville for Bible Study and a short business meeting on the first Thursday of each month We will begin our monthly meetings on March 6, 2025 at Grace. Please come for fellowship and inspiration.

We thank Peace Lutheran of Pigeon Falls for again inviting us this past year to join their interesting speakers via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Nelson – Coordinator & treasurer

Barb Johnson – Altar Flower Caller

Nancy Lyngen - Mission Action (Quilting)

Marnie Anderson- Mission Growth (Mission Kits)

Marnie Anderson - Secretary

Karen Witte – Altar Guild Chairwoman

Barb Mathson- Mission Community (Sunshine)

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# W-ELCA

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## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA Financial Statement - 2024



Women  
of the  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
IN AMERICA

|                                 |                               |                                           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Balance on hand January 1, 2024 |                               | \$ 4823.72                                |
| Receipts                        |                               |                                           |
| Paying members & offerings      | \$ 398.00                     |                                           |
| Memorials/serving funerals      | 1000.00                       |                                           |
| Bakeless Bake Sales             | 1655.00                       |                                           |
| Mission kits                    | 312.00                        |                                           |
| Reimbursements/interest         | 2387.86                       | (includes \$ for food for a funeral)      |
|                                 | \$5752.86                     | + \$ 5752.86                              |
|                                 |                               | \$ 10576.58                               |
| Disbursements                   |                               |                                           |
| Basement Phone                  | \$ 500.00                     |                                           |
| Gifts                           | 300.00                        |                                           |
| Kitchen expenses                | 1927.39                       | (includes reimbursement for funeral food) |
| Postage                         | 136.00                        |                                           |
| Donations                       | 1930.00                       |                                           |
| Conference/Synod/National WELCA | 200.00                        |                                           |
| Luther Park                     | 500.00                        |                                           |
| Program expenses                | 631.09                        |                                           |
| Misc.                           | 00.00                         |                                           |
| Total                           | \$6124.48                     | - \$ 6124.48                              |
|                                 | Balance on hand Dec. 31, 2024 | \$ 4452.10                                |
|                                 | Reserved for scholarship fund | - 3100.00                                 |
| Treasurer Kay Nelson            |                               | \$ 1352.10                                |
| Audited by Brenda Loga          |                               |                                           |

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# **Noisy Offering**

## **NOISY OFFERING REPORT FOR 2024**

Our Saviour's Noisy Offering was collected most every Sunday of 2024 and was designated for a specific cause every month. Your generosity was able to help hundreds of people locally and around the world.

|            |                                                     |                  |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| January:   | ELCA-Middle East Crisis (Gaza)                      | \$279.17         |
| February:  | Our Saviour's Improvement Fund                      | \$367.89         |
| March:     | Northwest Synod of WI-Well Project to Malawi        | \$899.35         |
| April:     | Whitehall Food Pantry                               | \$318.00         |
| May:       | Our Saviour's Improvement Fund                      | \$271.45         |
| June:      | Relay for Life-American Cancer Society              | \$412.79         |
| July:      | Shipping of WELCA Mission Kits                      | \$191.54         |
| August:    | Our Saviour's Improvement Fund                      | \$276.97         |
| September: | Discretionary Fund (Kwik Trip Cards)                | \$333.34         |
| October:   | Lutheran World Relief-Hurricanes Helene and Milton  | \$361.45         |
| November:  | Christmas is for Kids-Tremp. County Sheriff's Dept. | \$459.56         |
| December:  | Our Saviour's Improvement Fund                      | \$851.41         |
|            | <b>TOTAL</b>                                        | <b>\$5022.92</b> |

Submitted by: Ellen Hauser 1-15-2025

# **Senior Choir**

| <b>Group: Senior Choir</b>             |                 |                                       |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Balance as of: 1/1/2024</b>         | <b>\$167.94</b> |                                       |
| <b>Income:</b>                         |                 | <b>Notes:</b>                         |
| Memorial                               |                 |                                       |
| Misc donations                         | \$20.00         | No reason noted for donation          |
| Sale of Choir Robes to WHS             |                 |                                       |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$20.00</b>  |                                       |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                       |                 |                                       |
| Appreciation gift                      | \$100.00        | Donna Shepherd for accompanying choir |
| Music                                  |                 |                                       |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$100.00</b> |                                       |
| <b>Ending Balance as of 12/31/2024</b> | <b>\$87.94</b>  |                                       |