



SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MESSENGER

EPIPHANY 2023

The Annual meeting will be held on January 29, 2023 following the 9 am worship service. This is an in-person meeting; there will be no online component.

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

With a new year underway and the annual meeting coming up, this issue features a review of 2022. Some (but not all) of the reports that will be given at the annual meeting are included, including Pastor, Council President, and Finance. Please also review the proposed budget.

Don't forget to look the calendar, event ads, and prayer list over as well.

PASTOR

The past year has seen the church move out of pandemic mode to seek a new normal. I am thankful for your faithfulness in supporting Saint Paul's as we move forward while continuing to assess the changes of the last three years. We are decisively back to in-person worship, with a few joining us via the internet or watching the service later in the week. Consistent with a trend emerging in the American church, many people are making it to an in-person service about once a month. Naturally, we hope to see attendance pick up, but we are cognizant of how patterns of life have been disrupted since 2020.

I want to thank the volunteers and staff who enrich life at St. Paul's. Marilyn Robin's leadership in music has seen the choir return. With Sue Collier they are bringing excellent music to our worship experience. Thanks also to those who have signed up to read on Sundays, including Henry Robin who has allowed himself to be drafted to the task numerous times. Thanks also to those who serve, usher, and count. As always, we are grateful for new volunteers who can sign up at the hallway bulletin board; current volunteers are happy to share their skills.

At the invitation of Synod staff, St. Paul's will be engaging in a dialogue with St. Timothy's, Geneseo about the possibility of jointly funding a clergy position. The possible timeframe for this would be Summer 2023, but nothing has been decided as of this writing. I will remain in place until such a transition occurs. Meanwhile, I am grateful to be in your service, and look forward to working together this year for the Kingdom of God.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

We have made it through the pandemic and trying to get back to normal services and activities even though it won't be the way it was before the pandemic. We have started to help with HOPE lunches. We had a get together with Dean Deibler and discussed the possibility of a shared ministry with St. Timothy. We are going to meet with them this month. I would like to thank everyone that works behind the scenes on the different committees to make our worship services meaningful.

— **Bob Whiteman**

PROPERTY

In the spring of 2022, Henry and Marilyn Robin provided a shed for the storage of a lawn mower. Henry and I mowed the lawn as well as raked leaves to keep the grounds looking good.

Also the roof that was leaking in the sanctuary was repaired by General Roofing and Heating from Wellsville. The contractor stated that the roof was in good shape. So far the roof has not leaked.

Richard Dantz replaced a baseboard heater in the Fellowship Hall. He also installed LED lights in the Sanctuary as well as fixing the timer for the lights that shine on the stained glass windows. He also installed dust to dawn lights on the outside of the Church.

Roger Sutton repaired a valve on the boiler so the insurance company would renew our property insurance in the Spring. Just recently, Isaac Heating came and replaced zone valves in the basement and office.

At the Parsonage, I removed the front section of the picket fence as it was falling apart. The renter has requested some minor repairs to the porch. Bob Whiteman and I replaced some piping in the upstairs bathroom. In the spring, I will get quotes for the blacktop to be sealed at the Parsonage and the Church.

There are many more projects than need attention and hopefully some of them will be completed in the new year.

—Paul Button

FINANCE

In 2022 we spent \$12,220.83 more than we received in contributions. We borrowed \$10,000 from our Thrivent Money Market account to help with cash flow. The rental of the parsonage also helps with cash flow. Other than salaries and benefits, our largest maintenance expense continues to be for utilities and snow removal.

In 2022 our electric and gas expenses and snow removal expenses were under budget, but this is mainly due to the fact that the church is rarely open except for Sunday services and necessary Council meetings, as well as a warmer winter with less snow. We did repairs to our sanctuary roofers the area around the steeple was leaking. Various electrical projects were completed throughout the church. Zone valves in various rooms were repaired as some rooms were not receiving heat while other rooms were too hot. The elevette continues to be serviced by Bison Elevator under a monthly contract.

All parsonage expenses (taxes, repairs, insurance) are paid by the rent we receive. Church Council voted to extend the lease we have with our tenant to August 31, 2024.

Through the generosity of our members, donations were made to the following organizations outside of our regular budget -

- ELCA Disaster Relief- Ukraine - \$665
- Lutheran World Relief- Ukraine - \$61
- Upstate NY Synod World Hunger Campaign - \$1,224
- Geneseo Parish Outreach - \$146
- Dansville Community Food Pantry - \$295
- Dansville High School Backpack Program - \$423.19

We did contribute to the Upstate New York Synod's Advent campaign (Comfort Care & Joy) by using the unspent money for budgeted local Benevolence and Pastor's Discretionary accounts. The money collected by Synod will be divided between ELCA Disaster Relief- Ukraine and Upstate NY Synod's Campus Ministries.

Due to covid, the ELCA allowed us to continue spending the grant money we had received for Laundry Love and Moms and Babies. It was a 3-year grant and if not completely spent in that time, the unspent money was to be returned. We did spend out the \$3,587.10 that remained in the grant. We have been able to continue this mission as we have received donations from various individuals and civic clubs that were put into our regular Laundry Love account. We are also continuing to seek other donations. The number of families being served is growing. On a particular Laundry Love day, the number of families participating that day has ranged from 5 to 19. We do thank the 4 volunteers who are not members of our church who help Ann Myers with this program.

The 2023 budget reflects the following:

- A tithe of 10% of total expected contributions to the Upstate New York Synod.
- Increased pay rates for the Sexton and Secretary. Increases in repair expenses to cover the purchase of a new rear door and the removal of two diseased trees on our property.

If all 2023 revenues/expenses are as expected, it is anticipated the church will need to use \$28,982 from our Thrivent accounts to pay our bills. But, I do have faith (as I do every year) that contributions will increase and we will continue to find ways to conserve and reduce the expected budget deficit as 2023 unfolds.

— Gerri Long

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Revenues & Expenditures

	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions	
Designated Income	
Initial Offering Envelopes	220.00
Other	8.00
Special Envelopes	1,010.00
Total Designated Income	1,238.00
Loose Plate	298.81
Miscellaneous	24.00
Weekly Offerings	53,635.64
Total Contributions	55,196.45
Other Income	
Transfers	10,000.00
Vanguard Dividends	169.23
Total Other Income	10,169.23
Total Income	65,365.68
Expense	
Expenses	
Admin/Office	
Advertising	440.58
Copier	2,005.02
Other Office Materials	21.99
Total Admin/Office	2,467.59
Benefits	
Conf/Seminars/Assembly	542.66
Total Benefits	542.66
Hope Team	
GV Finger Lakes Conference	250.00
Stewardship	120.27
Upstate NY Synod	5,708.16
Total Hope Team	6,078.43
Insurance	
Disability Insurance	309.69
Property	5,644.00
Worker's Comp Insurance	498.00
Total Insurance	6,451.69
Social Ministry	
Benevolence	
Benevolence	150.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
Total Benevolence	250.00
Fellowship	
Funeral Receptions	21.03
Total Fellowship	21.03
Total Social Ministry	271.03
Staff	
Covenant Supply Pastor	20,794.80
Organist	4,900.00
Pastor Supply	450.00
Pastor Supply Mileage	3.52
Secretary	2,201.10

	Jan - Dec 22
Sexton	6,084.58
Total Staff	34,434.00
Worship and Music	
Evangelism	65.50
Organ/Piano Tuning	540.00
Worship	63.86
Total Worship and Music	669.36
Total Expenses	50,914.76
Maintenance - Church	
Cleaning Supplies	216.57
Elevette	2,270.00
Gas & Electric	6,443.59
Repairs	3,902.14
Snow Removal	320.00
Telephone/Internet	1,712.42
Water/Sewer	798.42
Total Maintenance - Church	15,663.14
Payroll Expenses	1,008.61
Total Expense	67,586.51
Net Ordinary Income	(2,220.83)

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Accrual Basis

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

	Dec 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Community Bank Checking	10,095.46
Community Bank Savings	602.57
Thrivent Investment Management	
Diverse Income Plus Fund	16,178.31
Global Stock Fund Class A	8,688.13
High Yield Fund	25,254.63
Income Fund	23,145.99
Limited Maturity Bond Fund	8,971.87
Money Market Fund	4,904.12
Total Thrivent Investment Management	87,143.05
Vanguard - L.R. Bornt Fund	
Federal Money Market Fund	0.25
Mid CapValue Index Admiral Fund	17,858.06
US Growth Fund Admiral Shares	34,822.21
Total Vanguard - L.R. Bornt Fund	52,680.52
Total Checking/Savings	150,521.60
Total Current Assets	150,521.60
TOTAL ASSETS	150,521.60

**OTHER INCOME
JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2022**

Account	Beginning Balance 1/1/022	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance 12/31/2022
Altar Guild	379.27			379.27
Backpack Program	423.19		423.19	0.00
Bathroom Renovation	605.10			605.10
Christian Education	160.00			160.00
Church Expenses		50.00		50.00
Confirmation Camp	117.00			117.00
ELCA Hunger Grant				0.00
Laundry Love	3469.36		3469.36	0.00
Moms and Babies	127.82		127.82	0.00
ELCA - Ukraine		665.00	665.00	0.00
Enduring Gift Fund	33.29	66.62		99.91
Fellowship	514.92			514.92
Flowers	709.89	830.00	909.39	630.50
Funeral Luncheons	56.06		56.06	0.00
Geneseo Parish Outreach		146.00	146.00	0.00
Gifts of Comfort & Joy		200.00	200.00	0.00
Laundry Love	563.31	1703.80	1641.81	625.30
Living Lutheran Magazine	19.92	17.90	59.80	-21.98
Loyal Club	871.35		308.79	562.56
Lutheran World Relief		61.00	61.00	0.00
Music/Choir	582.12			582.12
Office Supplies	195.05		58.00	137.05
Parking Lot Paving	350.00		350.00	0.00
Parsonage - Carryover 2021	18711.17			18711.17
Parsonage - Rent		9200.00		9200.00
Parsonage - Taxes			4313.29	-4313.29
Parsonage - Repairs				
Parsonage - Insurance			1219.00	-1219.00
Prayer Blanket Ministry	40.00			40.00
Rally Day	51.15			51.15
Reimbursements	-130.00	255.00	125.00	0.00
Roof Repair		775.00	775.00	0.00
Ron Sahrle Memorial	42696.01			42696.01
Rummage Sale	47.75			47.75
Social Ministry	80.00			80.00
Stained Glass Restoration	1268.84	15.00		1283.84
Sunday School	91.00			91.00
Thrivent Action Team Projects		300.00	298.84	1.16
Thrivent Choice Dollars	987.73	56.00		1043.73
Undesignated Memorials				
Jan Hawk		1005.00		1005.00
Jane Symon		50.00	50.00	0.00
Joanne Firsaris	100.00		100.00	0.00
Norm Henrich		60.00	60.00	0.00
Robert Brydges	100.00	390.00	490.00	0.00
Steve Cole	150.00		150.00	0.00
Undesignated Donations				
Jan Hawk		5000.00		5000.00
Jane Schriver		5000.00		5000.00
Vanguard - L.R. Bornt-Smith Fund	3000.00		3000.00	0.00
World Hunger		1224.00	1224.00	0.00
Youth - Dogwood Craft Fair	1385.00	480.00	420.00	1445.00
Youth -Kids Cooking	869.19			869.19
Youth	7.18			7.18
Youth Fundraisers	1169.39			1169.39
TOTAL	79802.06	27550.32	20701.35	86651.03

PROPOSED BUDGET 2023.1

	Budget 2022	2022 Actual 12/31/2022	Proposed Budget 2023	Notes
CONTRIBUTIONS				
Weekly offerings	55000	53636	55000	
Loose plate	750	299	300	
Special Envelopes	1000	1010	1000	
Misc	325	24	25	
Other		8		
Initial Offering Envelopes		220	200	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	57075	55197	56325	
OTHER INCOME				
Vanguard Dividends	0	169	0	
Transfer from Savings	30304	10000	28982	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	30304	10169	28982	
TOTAL INCOME	87379	65366	85307	
EXPENSES				
ADMIN/OFFICE				
Advertising	375	441	100	
Copier	1900	2005	1900	
Other Office Materials	200	22	200	
Postage/Messenger	250	0	250	
TOTAL	2725	2468	2450	
HOPE/FINANCE				
Stewardship	175	120	140	Envelopes
Synod	5708	5708	5632	10% tithe
GV Finger Lks Conf	250	250	250	
TOTAL	6133	6078	6022	
WORSHIP AND MUSIC				
CE-Sunday School	250	0	50	Other income first
Confirmation	100	0	50	
Vac Bible School	300	0	50	
Music	200	0	200	Other income first
Organ/Piano tuning	530	540	550	Organ only. Piano pd by donation
Evangelism	65	65	70	Christ in our Home
Worship	100	64	100	
Altar Guild	50	0	50	Other income first
Youth	50	0	50	Other income first
TOTAL	1645	669	1170	
SOCIAL MINISTRY				
Prayer Blanket Project	50	0	50	Thrivent Choice First
Fellowship	100	0	100	Other income first
Funeral Receptions	200	21	200	
Benevolence	150	150	50	Fire Dept
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100	100	100	
Community Food Pantry			100	New addition to budget
TOTAL	600	271	600	

PROPOSED BUDGET 2023.2

	Budget	2022 Actual	Proposed Budget	Notes
	2022	12/31/2022	2023	
MAINT - CHURCH				
Cleaning Supplies	100	217	250	
Gas & Electric	9000	5592	9000	
Repairs	6000	3902	6500	New rear door + tree removal
Telephone/Internet	1550	1712	1560	
Water/Sewer	800	798	800	
Snow Removal	1500	320	1500	
Elevette	2150	2270	2300	
TOTAL	21100	14811	21910	
MAINT-PARSONAGE				
Repairs	0		0	Paid out of rental income
Taxes	0		0	Paid out of rental income
Insurance	0		0	Paid out of rental income
STAFF				
Covenant Supply Pastor	20795	20795	20795	
Secretary	7020	2201	7020	\$15/hr x 9 hr/wk x 52
Sexton	10400	6085	8424	\$18/hr x 9 hr/wk x 52
Organist	5600	4900	5800	\$100/Sun x 58
Organist Supply	50	0	50	
Supply Pastor	900	450	900	
Supply Pastor Mileage	600	4	600	
TOTAL	45365	34435	43589	
BENEFITS				
Auto	0	0		
Continuing Education	0	0		
Publications/Books/Media Resources	0	0		
Conf/Seminars/Assembly	1000	543	1000	
TOTAL	1000	543	1000	
INSURANCE				
Property	5840	5644	5840	Church only
Disability Insurance/Paid Family Leave	150	309	450	
Worker's Compensation	1060	498	650	
TOTAL	7050	6451	6940	
PAYROLL EXPENSES				
Taxes	1761	1009	1626	Soc. Sec./Medicare
TOTAL	1761	1009	1626	
TOTAL EXPENSES	87379	66735	85307	

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:00 AM Annual Meeting</p> <p>29</p>	<p>3:30 PM Laundry Love @ Family Laundromat</p> <p>30</p>	<p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>1:30 PM St. Paul's Council</p> <p>31</p>	<p>6:00 PM Meditation Communion & Supper @ St. Peter's</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Groundhog Day</p> <p>2</p>		<p>8:30 AM Laundry Love @ Family Laundromat</p> <p>4</p>
<p>9:00 AM Communion</p> <p>5</p>	<p>9:00 AM Communion</p> <p>12</p>	<p>5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ St. Peter's</p> <p>21</p>	<p>6:00 PM Meditation Communion & Supper @ St. Peter's</p> <p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>8:30 AM Laundry Love @ Family Laundromat</p> <p>11</p>
	<p>8:30 AM Laundry Love @ Family Laundromat</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service @ St. Peter's</p> <p>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service @ St. Paul's</p> <p>22</p>	<p>9:00 AM Lenten Study Series @ St. Peter's Parish Hall</p> <p>6:00 PM Meditation Communion & Supper @ St. Peter's</p> <p>1</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>11:30 AM HOPE Luncheon Provided by St. Paul's @ St. Peter's Parish Hall</p> <p>25</p>
<p>9:00 AM Service of the Word</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Presidents' Day</p> <p>20</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Food & Fellowship

Saturday,
January 28th

11:30-1:00

No Charge

at St. Peter's
Episcopal Church

25 Clara Barton St. Dansville, NY 14437



Saint Paul's will be cooking and serving for the HOPE Community Luncheon on February 25th. If you are interested in volunteering, please let a Council Member know.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 21, 5-7p.m.

Dine-In or Carry Out

at
SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Donations collected for
Vincent House & Laundry Love



Family Laundromat
20 Franklin St.

Feb. 4 8:30 - 11:30

Feb. 6 3:30 - 6:30

Feb. 18 8:30 - 11:30

Feb. 20 3:30 - 6:30

Hundreds of Dansvillians are helped by Laundry Love each year. Unfortunately, because of a change in grant allocation by the ELCA this year, the grant that funds Laundry Love was not renewed this year. We want to continue this important program, but we need your help to do so. Laundry Love costs as much as \$500 per month. Please consider donating to this important program. Checks can be made to St. Paul's, with "Laundry Love" in the memoranda line.

Save the Date!

Bishop Lee Miller, II of the Upstate New York Synod will be visiting Saint Paul's on July 9th.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Judy Babcock
Lindsey Backus
Carolyn Baker
Jan Blum
Ginger Buck
Maya Buckley
Rodney Button
Bill Caton
June Collier
Don & Madge Cuddeback
Kim Greene
Michael
Jeannie
Kay Howe

Dick & Marilyn Lemen
Jim Lewis
Michelle Mackey
Bob Minemier
Barb Mitchell
Jim Rex
Dick Sahrle
Mary Sahrle
Chris
Bill Shaver
David Smith
Chris
Jim Thompson
Jim Wagner

January & February Birthdays

Penny Leven - 1/10
Cindy Gates - 1/22
Trinity Robin - 2/9
Arthur Leven - 2/21
David Smith - 2/24
Heather Robin - 2/25
John Buck - 2/26
Rosie Alexander - 2/27

*If you want a birthday included,
please contact the office.*



**I WANT YOU
TO SERVE**

We welcome volunteers to read in worship, assist with communion, and serve as ushers and counters. If you want to help out, let a council member know or sign up at the bulletin board in the hallway.

Need to chat? Office hours are by appointment. Just call Pastor Eric at (585) 447-3623 or email him at pastor@stpaulsdansville.org.



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