

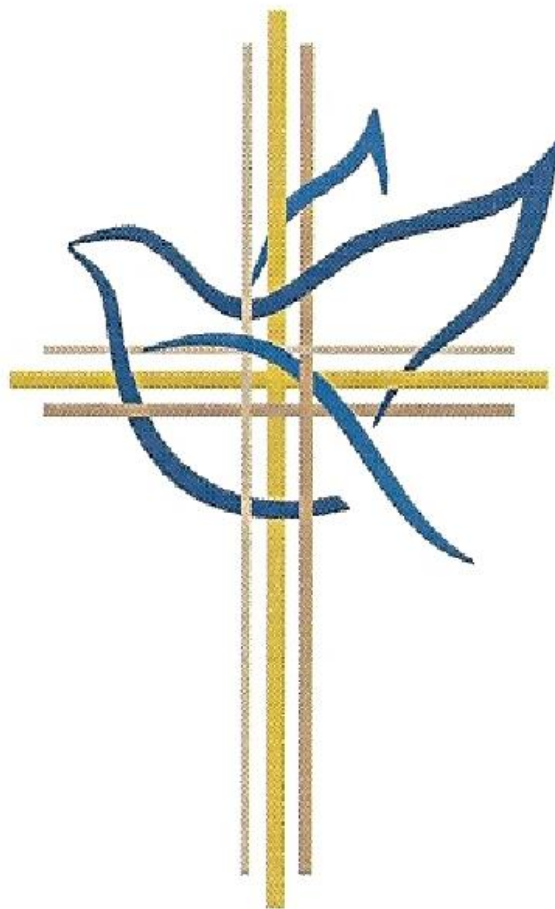
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## **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

Presented on February 5, 2023

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# AGENDA FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

To be held on February 5, 2023

10:45 Opening Prayer and Brunch

11:15 Call to Order

- Appointment of Meeting Recorder & Parliamentarian
- Attendance
- Review/approval of the minutes from 2021 meeting held 30 Jan 2022
- Special Recognitions
  - Off going Vestry members: Michele Hagen and Margie Crawford
  - Cindy Pekarek moving to Junior Warden
- Projects, Challenges, and State of the Parish
  - Continue review of parish ministries and parish organization.
  - Review and Update of parish 5-year planning
  - Continued attempts to be more visible in Community.
  - Increase the reliability and experience of our online worship.
  - Church growth and member participation
- Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of New Vestry Members
  - Ken Gomeringer (Senior Warden)
  - Cindy Pekarek (Junior Warden)
  - Barb Smith (3 years)
  - Patrick Howell (3 years)
- Nomination/Election of Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Annual Council to be held in North Platte, NE 26-28 October 2023.
  - Delegates
    - Michelle Hagen
    - Judy Darrell
    - Leslie Nutting
    - Lori Erickson
  - Alternates
    - Sharon Jones
    - Corey Hagen
- 2022 Financial Reports and Presentation of 2023 Budget
- Reports by Officers and Committees
  - Dwaine Pekarek – Endowment Fund
  - All other reports as submitted.

12:15 pm Blessing and Dismissal (approximately)

**The 2023 Parish Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, 4 Feb 2024 at 10:45 am.**

# Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting

January 30, 2022

## Meeting called to order 11:11 am

Recorder: Katarina Klimpel

Parliamentarian: Rick Sanders

## Review of 2021 minutes called by Fr Tom Jones

Motion to accept: Ken Gomeringer

Motion seconded: Lori Erickson

Approval: Unanimous

## Special Recognition – Out going vestry.

Terri Storm and Linda Blinston for their good voices and guidance

Applause from Group

Linda was home due to not feeling well.

Terri stated even though this was her second time on the vestry, she was amazed by the learning opportunity and encouraged others to consider serving on the vestry. She also thanked the congregation for their support.

Blythe Becker for a job well done with Parish finances and guidance of resources.

Marcia Adams will take on the job of Parish treasurer without joining the vestry.

Michele Hagen, Senior Warden, and Ken Gomeringer, Junior Warden, were nominated to serve another year, but in opposite positions.

Michele Hagen said she was hesitant to take on the responsibility, but realized it is a “good responsibility” with a lot of support. She also stated, “if I can do it, anyone can do it” and she encourages others to visit the vestry meetings.

Ken Gomeringer agreed with Michele.

## State of the Parish:

Fr Tom Jones stated most of it was in his sermon.

On the vestry plate for 2022

Review of the Ministries

Review Planning

Increase Visibility

Pandemic Changes

An annual meeting questionnaire was distributed, and Parish was asked to complete. Jennifer Wilson volunteered to collect. Question was asked if names could be left off to promote honesty. It was agreed this could be done, but Fr Tom requested names be included (if comfortable) as one of the questions dealt with what they could do to help.

Fr Tom Jones recognized Jennifer Wilson's work with the vestry and the questionnaire. She will help with the vestry retreat in March.

Fiscal Wellness was stated as mostly OK

Spiritual Wellness was stated as strong, but maybe a bit tired.

Fr Tom Jones recognized Dean Olander and Chris Darrel for all their work on building projects.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Lori Erickson and Kristi Smith had voiced an interest in serving on the vestry.

A call from Fr Tom Jones for nomination from the floor, there being none, nominations were closed. Motions to accept Lori Erickson and Kristi Smith to the vestry, Ken Gomeringer as Senior Warden and Michele Hagen as Junior Warden by Terri Storm, seconded by Margie Crawford.

### **Annual Meeting Delegates:**

Fr Tom Jones nominated Michele Hagen, Leslie Nutting, Judy Darrell, and Terri Storm as delegates. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion to approve by Ed James and seconded by John Parsons Approved by floor. Alternates to the meeting listed as Sharon Jones, Cory Hagen, Carol Schlismann, and Cindy Pekarek. No nominations from the floor. Motion to accept Chris Darrell and seconded by Marcia Adams.

### **Financial Report:**

Blythe Becker, outgoing Treasurer, was absent Cory Hagen, financial secretary Present.

Fr Tom Jones reported that in September the Church was \$15,000 in the hole. By the end of the year the church was in the black, thanks to the generosity of the parish.

Outreach ended the year under budget because of use of some reserve, and thanks to Federal grants there was no cost for our Mobile Pantries in 2021.

Cash Assets:

Total listed as of December 31, 2021, \$674,582.51.

Fr Tom Jones noted our endowment fund stood at \$480,895.57 which is amazing. He said it all started with a single member's gift and has continued to grow with other gifts. It has allowed the parish about \$10,000, in grant almost every year. He highlighted the difference between temporarily restricted and restricted funds, and the rules governing how they may be used.

### **Current Budget:**

Fr Tom Jones noted an increase in pledged giving for 2022. Fr Tom Jones declined to take a raise for 2022 but did shift some labels as to how he is paid, Parish administrator and financial secretary were given a 3% cost of living increase. It was noted the organist is paid by contract and is not staff. Stipends to the choir director and Christian Ed director will continue. Fr Tom Jones noted Church of the Holy Spirit has a balanced budget for 2022!

A question from the floor as to what "other income" was. It is income from building use fees, reserves from the individual ministries, etc.

A discrepancy was noticed between the Operating Budget numbers and Expense numbers (a \$300.00 deficit) Fr Tom Jones and Cory Hagen will check in to it. The budget should be balanced.

Jennifer Wilson voiced concern that the church is not anticipating increases in cost of living for Fr Tom Jones. She felt he should be given a raise. Fr Tom Jones stated that after discussing it with his wife, Sharon, they were willing to risk this year to do their part for the parish.

Fr Tom Jones noted that some of the ministry budgets could get tight this year and next. The church has made some improvements to increase efficiency (new copier and contract will cost less).

JR Pekarek added a plug for the finance committee, inviting people to join or just sit in on a meeting. The meetings are normally the second Sunday of the month after the 9:30 service. Fr Tom Jones stated he will return to posting the monthly financial statement on the bulletin board in the administration hall.

### **Endowment Fund:**

J.R. Pekarek presented the report. The parish endowment fund gained \$34,000 in 2021 and \$17,000 is available for grants in 2022. He stated there is a formula for determine the amount but spared the congregation the details. He also noted that borrowing from the endowment fund is very difficult. The church cannot tap into the initial endowment and there are limits on what can be used from the gains.

Seven grants have been applied for from the endowment fund for 2022. The Endowment Board reviews all request, to ensure they meet eligibility requirements. The requests are then forwarded to the Vestry to determine the exact amount to be awarded to each grant. This is part of the churches checks and balances policy.

J.R. Pekarek ended with a reminder to "Grow the ministry, not do ministry."

### **Ministry Reports:**

Fr Tom Jones ran down the list of the ministry reports. All were confirmed as reported in the annual report. A motion to accept was made by John Parsons and seconded by Lori Erickson. Motion passed. It was noted the calendars for parish events and parish outreach are on the last two pages of the annual report. No changes were noted from the congregation.

### **Final Note:**

Margie Crawford invited all members to approach the vestry and work with them. Also, to address any concerns to them. Reminded members that the vestry and the meeting are open to everyone.

2022 Annual meeting set for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion to adjourn made by Vince Cumming Sr. and seconded by Chris Darrell Approved by all.

## RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

As we say goodbye to 2022, it is worth taking a look back to see that despite some of the challenges we faced, as a community, we really did enjoy a year filled with many blessings. The worst of the pandemic is behind us; and for most of us, life is returning to something close to normal, in our lives, and in our worship. With only a few changes, we still give glory, praise, and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received and the love that is shared. With some of our members still taking extra precautions, one cannot help but notice a drop of 25% in our Sunday in-person attendance, even with the blessing of new families that now call CHS their church home. Thankfully, our online services are helping many of our members stay connected. However, we still face the fact, that with fewer people present, we have fewer people doing what needs to be done. This has placed a great strain on our ministry teams who try desperately to ensure our worship is joyful and fulfilling.

I have been asked how this is possible. We managed during pandemic to do so much with so little. Why do we need the size teams we had before? My answer is that during pandemic, we had one thing to focus on, a simple service shared live on Facebook. Since the return to more regular and normal worship, the needs of a simple service have grown as we moved to a fuller worship. The return of parish programs and activities have also increased the work our ministry teams do. All this has taken place with fewer people.

Despite our many accomplishments last year, many of which you will read about in this year's report, we still have a ways to go to full recovery. Pandemic caused stagnation in the energy we once enjoyed. It is my prayer, and hopefully yours, that this energy reignites in the coming year as we try to reach into the community, not only in service, but to plant seeds of faith that can enrich their lives as they have ours. Who will do this? We will, together, sharing the grace and blessings we know with others.

I am reminded of a modern-day parable. In it, a person has left the daily life of their church. The pastor visits and is invited to sit in a chair next to the fireplace. The pastor asks the question why. The person states their complaints and asks why they should return. Without saying a word, the pastor moves a glowing coal from the fireplace to the hearth; both sit silently as they watch it dim. Again, the person asks why. The pastor says nothing, puts on their coat, and before leaving, reaches down and moves the now dim coal back into the fire. Walking to the door, the pastor turns and looks at the coal, the person does too, it is once again glowing brightly red. The pastor smiles and says that's why, offers a blessing, and then leaves.

Does the person return to be part of the community? We don't know. Like many of the parables of Jesus, we are left to make our own decision of what comes next. What comes next for us, as a community, is in all of our hands. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will nudge us back into the fire where we too will find ourselves glowing brightly, filled with the energy we need to be a force of change, not only in our community, but in the world around us as well. I look forward to what the coming year brings, and the opportunities before us to invite others to glow in the warmth God's love provides.

Fr. Tom Jones



## **SENIOR WARDEN ANNUAL REPORT**

I would like to first start out by saying that the last 5 1/2 years serving on the vestry have been a great experience for me. There has been wonderful teamwork as we discussed and planned for our church family.

This year as Senior Warden was much easier and faster than I expected. I'm sure that was because of our fantastic vestry and congregation. We continued moving forward on our planning with a book study on the unconnected, discussing ways to continue making our church home more inviting both to newcomers and our long-term church family members.

After months of discussion, prayer and talking with parishioners, we came to a decision on the new time for our Sunday worship. It required adjustment but is the new normal as we move into the post covid world or perhaps I should say the covid world.

Finally, thank you to the vestry members for their support this year. May God bless each of us as we move forward in the year.

Ken Gomeringer, Senior Warden

## **JUNIOR WARDEN ANNUAL REPORT**

The Church of the Holy Spirit continues to be a blessed parish. In person and online services have continued through 2022, with our online services reaching people not only in the Omaha area, but many states beyond! The generous donations from our parishioners funded programs such as the mobile food pantries, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas presents for less fortunate families in the Bellevue area and Veterans baskets for the homeless. I want to thank the Finance committee and the Vestry for the prayerful, thoughtful work of stewardship that they do with the offerings our families give to the church. CHS is in a good financial position once again for 2023.

As I leave the CHS vestry, I pray for continued blessings for our church. I pray for God to continue to guide our leadership in the decisions that they make for the good of the church. I pray for all of you, my church family, that 2023 strengthens us and sees our parish grow in amazing ways.

Thank you, Michele Hagen

## **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Our ministry teams did a great job of staying within their budgets this year and we finished the year 4.18% below budget! Our contribution income was at 101.74% and with our other income our operating income was 100.55%. Our total operating expenses were 96.37%. We did meet 100% of Diocesan Asking and awarded \$15,000 in grants. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to help us reach our goals for the year.

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2023, and are able, please stop by the office and pick up a pledge card or visit our website ([www.chsepiscopal.org](http://www.chsepiscopal.org)) to fill out our online form. Your help will help us to make the difference in our local community, we long to make.

Marcia Adams, Treasurer

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

### **ACOLYTES**

This past year has been a good one for our acolytes. While some of our more experienced volunteers have graduated and headed off to college, the younger members of our team have stepped up to take charge. We have also been blessed with the addition of a new generation of acolytes beginning their ministry. This has enabled us to have a more regular schedule and grow new leaders. We are excited about what the new year holds as we prepare to make some changes in how our ministry team supports the worshipping community.

Respectfully submitted, Fr. Tom Jones

### **ALTAR GUILD**

2022 brought the Altar Guild back to some normalcy with a few changes to the long-standing traditions of setting the altar for communion.

There is still the challenge of finding new members as well as dealing with health issues of our wonderful existing members. If you are interested or just want to know more about this important ministry, please contact me or the church office. It is normally only about 2 hours out of your month. All in all, we adapted to everything new that came from Covid.

Submitted with respect, Leslie Nutting

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Although we have an aging building, we didn't have any significant issues to contend with this year other than normal maintenance. This was truly a blessing.

Next spring, landscaping work is planned on the circle drive in the areas where the spruce trees used to be. Currently proposed are two cherry trees that bloom twice a year. Other bushes and flowers will be included to beautify the two areas.

We are requesting bids to upgrade to the administration/education wing and the nursery that we missed on previous undercroft light upgrades to LED lights. Our electrician looked at the areas and proposed an option that would allow LED upgrades without needing to replace all the fixtures. This could be a big money saver. A restricted light fund exists that will help pay for the project.

Other projects needed with the next two years include the staining or painting of the northern exterior wall which is badly weathered. The parking lot also has a few areas where the asphalt is breaking up, plus areas where weeds and grasses grow in the summer. The normal asphalt life cycle to have the parking lot resealed five years, so it is due. Restricted funds also exist to help fund these projects but existing funds in each would not cover the costs. Additional funds will be needed so request parish members consider donating funds towards these projects.

Another area of concern are the flower beds throughout the grounds. We are in need of more volunteers to help keep them attractive. Last summer some contained large weeds that needed to be removed. If you have a few hours during the 2023 growing season to assist in this ministry, it would greatly be appreciated.

Our spring and fall cleanups seem to have the same volunteers who come and help. Cleanups are on a Saturday and normally take 3-4 hours which shouldn't be too much for those who are physically able to assist. Please contact me, Chris Darrell, or Doug Chisam if you can help.

Dean Olander

### **BELL CHOIR**

The Bell Choir purchased a 3rd octave this past year, which we were able to use for our Easter worship service. We also adopted the nickname, "Spirit Ringers." This coming year, we hope to recruit a couple more ringers and collaborate more with other music ministries within our church.

Katarina Klimpel

### **VOCAL CHOIR**

This year has been all about returning to some pre-COVID practices for the CHS choir. We are back to all members invited to sing every Sunday, rather than a rotating schedule. We finished out the spring and summer seasons with our organist, Ahchen Edwards, before we said goodbye to him as he started the next step of his journey. In August we welcomed Dr. Julie Niesh as our wonderful new organist. In the fall, we experimented with different amounts of hymns and service music for the service, looking for a good balance for our small group. We sang for all special services to round out the year, including Christmas Eve and the new Blue Christmas service.

Choir participation is at a steady 2-5 singers on every Sunday. We are continuing to look for new members to join us for 2023, no prior experience or music reading ability is necessary. Singers are welcome to participate every week, but they are not obligated if other ministries or calendar conflicts occur. Please feel free to talk to Ali Clark if you are interested in singing with us.

Ali Clark, Vocal Choir

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL & VBS**

Sunday School Annual Report 2022

Christian Education preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

We had another great year of both fun and growth. We have been blessed with both new and returning faces. Our families have really jumped in to make this year a success. What is success in Sunday School? Success is children who talk more to God, learn bible stories, and most importantly they learn, by Jesus' example, how to have loving relationships with each other & family. Between the kids jumping and playing, craft projects, and stories, I have been touched by the spirituality growing within all of our kids.

So, what did we **do** in 2022? We had a Valentine's Day party in February with the focus on what love looks like. We followed the lectionary readings from January-May 2022 for curriculum. As we walked through Lent, the kids and families got to sample foods from Jesus' time on Palm Sunday. This is a neat tradition that Mrs. Cook does every year. On Easter we managed to pull off the Easter egg hunt again! There were extra prizes for some eggs. The toys and prizes were primarily bible related. What fun!! We finished the year in May with a party of course. Mrs. Cook provided craft Sundays a few times over the summer. She always has such great art ideas!

VBS: Vacation Bible School, was a success as usual. We learned about The Armor of God. I always have such great volunteers. We only had a total of 6 kids this year. Although the adults & teens outnumbered the kids, everyone was blessed and learned a little something. God must have thought our few kids needed extra attention this year! This VBS was especially fun VBS because we made all of the pieces of armor. The kids' loved sword fighting bad guys for God. They learned that they fight for God by being honest, caring, and faithful. A lot of time, energy, and resources go into VBS each year. Prayers for more kids to join us next year are appreciated.

With back-to-school we changed the curriculum a bit. The older class learned about Heroes of the Old Testament with Mrs. Cook. The Littles started learning bible stories through the alphabet. They had, "A is for Adam, G is for Goliath," and all the letters in between. We had Anika Smith return as the Little's teacher. We were also blessed to have Lisa Weilandt join us as a Little's teach again. Halloween brought Trunk-or-Treat with a HUGE crowd this year. The Sunday after we had an "All-Saints and Monsters Party." We learned that anyone can be a saint for God. We learned some neat stories of saints and learned that God's love is unconditional and even includes monsters (like Disney & Sesame Street).

In November we had an Advent workshop. For a 2<sup>nd</sup> year we invited all the church to join us in the undercroft. It was fun to do crafts with everyone! A big goal I set for December was to make sure all the kids knew the Nativity Story. By the time they performed the play, they each could tell me what happened. I think it made it more special when they became part of the story. The Christmas party afterwards was filled with Santa visits, snickerdoodles, and cookie-decorating. Each child got a bag of toys and candy from Santa & the Sunday School teachers.

We had such a fantastic year! Thank you to the teachers, volunteers, students, and parents for the participation in all our events. Next year we are looking forward to more church-themed parties, great lessons, and spiritual growth.

Peace & Prayers, Cindy Pekarek, Christian Ed. Director

## **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**

Our Church of the Holy Spirit sponsored Education for Ministry (EfM) program is an on-line, layperson-led worship opportunity for adult members of our church and beyond. For the past few years, all members have been from out of state. The EfM Mentors are CHS members and EfM graduates Ruth Richter ('14) and Cindy Pekarek ('17), in their 9<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years of mentorship, respectively. Mentors are trained and recertified every 18 months.

We currently have six EfM members in the 2022-23 program including returning 4th year members Cleve, Evelyn and Julia from Tennessee, and 1st year members Christina and Will from Pennsylvania and Carlotta from Texas. We meet on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 8:15pm CT.

### **What is EfM?**

EfM is an adult education, small-group program that uses a licensed curriculum from the University of the South, School of Theology out of Sewanee, GA. Our church is one of the few Episcopal churches in the region to offer an EfM group annually. EfM offers four years of theology, students find that developing a theology is a wonderful way to discover and discern your life calling as a baptized Christian. Mentors and students use the curriculum schedule to guide us through our reading. Each year participants receive a new EfM resource and reflection guide. The participants purchase their textbook, and two

“interlude” books we read and discuss as a group. Those in years one and two read the Bible as well. A certificate of commendation from the University of the South School of Theology is provided upon completion of the four years.

### **Join Us!**

If you are motivated to learn more about your faith with other Christians and experience corporate worship with a small group, this is the group for you! The 2023-24 EfM year will begin in mid-September after Labor Day. The program year takes approximately 8 months to complete. Although most students prefer to complete the program in 4 years, it is possible to take time between years. Graduates can return to review a year if interested.

### **How to Learn More**

Our class is open to 6+ adults, one need not be a member of the Episcopal church to participate. Tuition is \$325 per year; tuition cost should never be a reason why you do not participate. Books are also purchased by the participants. There are partial and full scholarships available.

For those of you who have not yet taken EfM, we would love to have you join us for an evening to experience it for yourself. Please contact the EfM mentors, Ruth Richter (402-880-7580, [richterfamilyne@gmail.com](mailto:richterfamilyne@gmail.com)) or Cindy Pekarek, (402-670-0575, [circlecnp@gmail.com](mailto:circlecnp@gmail.com)) or Father Tom if you are interested.

Thank you for your prayers and support,  
Cindy Pekarek, Christian Ed Director

## **MONTHLY LECTIONARY STUDY**

Wednesday mornings, beginning at 10:15 am (following the Wed morning service) we gather in the parish hall to explore the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Our discussion lasts about 60 minutes and focuses primarily on what in the scripture causes us to think about, or that which grabs our attention in a way that creates in us a motivation to learn more or to act out of faith. Monthly reading packages can be picked up at the Spirit Hub. For more information about this study, please contact Fr. Tom

Submitted respectively, Fr. Tom Jones

## **COMPUTER 2022 MINISTRY REPORT**

First let me thank the Vestry for their support throughout the years. We bought a new All-In-One HP computer for the sanctuary for broadcasting the services on Sunday. This purchase was made to upgrade the performance and is much simpler to operate for the ushers. The cost was covered by a grant by the vestry.

Our current security video cameras are not going to be supported after April of this year. We are looking into the cost of new cameras to replace the 4 we have installed now. We would like to have them hardwired instead of wireless. The cost of the cameras will be more expensive if they are hardwired, but it would help with the cameras going offline due to storms or wind. The big cost in hardwired is the installation due to the running of cable to each camera. Most of the quotes received have been around 4 to 5 thousand dollars which includes the cameras in most cases. Fr Tom and I are still doing some research into this problem.

As of April 2025, Microsoft will no longer support Windows 10. That means that we will need to look into purchasing new computers for the Church. The only computers that we

have at the moment that are capable of running Windows 11 are the new Sanctuary HP and the Christian Ed. This means 4 computers will be needed to be bought unless Microsoft changes their timeline. I am still looking for another person or persons to take over the computers.

Thank to everyone, Alan Wyant

## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING®**

The St. Margaret Chapter of Daughters of the King® at Church of the Holy Spirit currently has 18 members. This September, Wanda Marsh replaced Judy Darrell as secretary. Sharon Jones and Linda Simodyness remain in their positions of president and vice-president. Karen Gray will lead the ministry of birthday and anniversary note cards and the mailing of the College Care boxes. Toby Wingert will continue to be the point of contact for prayer requests throughout the month. Toby Wingert and Karen Gray are currently leading the discernment process for 2 prospective members. All members of the order of the Daughters of the King® accept a rule of life--the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. Besides our own personal prayer life, the DOK does maintain a prayer list for CHS. If anyone has need of prayer for themselves or anyone else, the person can send a prayer request to the office by email or phone call, or the request can be sent by email to Sharon at [mathteach2000@aol.com](mailto:mathteach2000@aol.com).

Following the Rule of Service, the chapter sends the birthday and anniversary note cards. If you are a member and didn't receive a birthday or anniversary card, please check with the church office to see if the church has your birthday or anniversary and a correct address. The DOK sends out care boxes to college students or first year military members. College care boxes were sent out to 15 college students this past November and 16 boxes last April.

In 2022, the DOK hosted a Labrinth Day in Lent, and a luncheon to hear about the Read Me a Story program run by Deacon Rebecca Smith from St. Augustine.

If anyone is interested in the order and would like to consider being a member, please contact Sharon. The study to become a member is a 12-week discernment process.

Faithfully submitted, Sharon Jones, Chapter President

## **HOSPITALITY TEAMS**

The greeters and ushers are a part of the Hospitality Care Ministry which also includes our kitchen team members that provide refreshments after our worship service. Each of these groups are made up of four teams. We are always looking for more volunteers. Each usher and greeter team are made up of two people and you can even volunteer to do both of these important ministries on separate teams. You can also volunteer individually or as a family unit. People are also welcome to join the coffee hour host teams. If we can get more volunteers, this will allow us to expand to five teams and more time to explore other opportunities to help engage in other church roles.

It's an easy way to make use of your valuable time and talents. It will only require about an extra 15 minutes of your time before service begins (ushers and greeters) and another 15 minutes after service ends (ushers for counting and coffee hosts for snacks and cleanup.) The ushers are very important as they are key to providing livestream of the service using our church computer and camera and assisting parishioners with seating and any special needs such as hearing aids or help in seating. The greeters help welcome both

new and current parishioners to the church and provide any newcomers with a Welcome Bag to CHS. The coffee host teams are invaluable in ensuring that we are able to provide a welcome environment for both current and new members to share important social contact after our 9:30 service.

Piece of cake, right? You, as an usher, greeter, or coffee hour host become an ambassador for the church, and a key part in the Body of Christ. You may be the first person a newcomer sees and, as a result, their first impression may be that welcoming smile and greeting that you provide them. Please consider offering your time and talents as an usher, a greeter, or even as a member of the kitchen teams.

If you believe this is something you might be interested in doing, contact Father Tom Jones, our head usher Chris Darrell, our head greeter Bill French, Pauline Parsons our coffee hour supervisor, or any of our current ushers, greeters, or kitchen team members to find out more about this important ministry.

Faithfully submitted, Chis Darrell

### **LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

The LEM Ministry has developed a strong core of volunteers that helped lead service through 2022. Having such a dedicated team of people that enjoy assisting Father Tom each service has been such a blessing to Church of the Holy Spirit. Personally, I have enjoyed working with our LEMs and Father Tom each church service. Serving our Lord, church, and parishioners as a LEM is very fulfilling. It simply brings me joy. I pray for all current Lay Eucharistic Ministers that serving during 2023 also fills them with the same joy. Volunteers are always appreciated, please see a current LEM or Father Tom if you are interested in learning what we do and how you can join our team.

Thank you, Michele Hagen

### **LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

Our Lay Eucharistic Ministry has been largely inactive through the pandemic. This year, we are planning to make a concerted effort to resume serving those in our community who can no longer join us in-person for worship, or those who because of an illness, are separated from the body of Christ. Volunteers serve on a weekly rotational basis, and if we can rebuild our teams, it is hoped that volunteers only serve one week a month. During the week, volunteers reach out to those we know who wish to receive a visit or communion, to visit with them either over the phone or in-person. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Fr. Tom.

Submitted respectfully, Fr. Tom Jones

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

This year we returned to our full calendar of events, starting with the annual meeting, moving through the summer, the parish picnic and ending with the fun of Thanksgiving pies and our wonderful Christmas Eve celebration. Of course, we had our sadder moments, but felt blessed to be able to offer some help in the form of funeral receptions and memorials. As ever, we welcome any and all help that comes our way. Please call the church office for information.

Lynda Wyant

## **SPIRIT GIFT SHOP**

The Shop has been busy updating inventory and removing hard to sell items. We have increased our supply of Christian reading material and stationary items. With Lent fast approaching, this would be a good time to check out these new items. We have also added sodas and snacks to the shop offerings. Although we did not have any grant requests last year, we still have funds for future grants in 2023. Contact Judy Darrell for more info on grant approval. This holiday season the shop was able to give Christian Ed. a large amount of school supplies and fun craft kits. Leslie Nutting and I have worked to keep the shop updated and create fun attractive displays of the shop merchandise. We hope to have a great 2023 and welcome back all our members and friends to visit the Spirit Shop.

Judy Darrell

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Our Youth Group was very busy again this past year and we have been blessed to watch it grow as youth invite friends to join them. We now have 16 youth (between the ages of 12-18) who attend our weekly journeys program and several more (10 years and older) who join us in our group activities.

This past year, we enjoyed horseback riding, laser tag, bonfires, scary hayrides, working together to find our way out of an escape room, dinner together, and of course our Journeys groups. Regrettably, there was no mission trip for our youth, as the diocese coordinator was unable to organize one.

Our youth group could not enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship we have been so blessed with, were it not for the love and support of their parents, and some very special volunteers. At the top of the list, we must thank Marcia Adams, who tirelessly plans and prepares the meals we share during our Wednesday night meetings. Along with Marcia, there is Pam Chisam, Lori Stevens, Sharon Jones, Michele Hagen, and Kathy Buser who work so hard to make sure our youth find both real and spiritual enjoyment in all that they do.

In the coming year, we are hoping to enjoy many more activities together, including a youth pilgrimage/mission trip to western Nebraska. Our plan is to leave CHS and visit several smaller parishes throughout the diocese, offering prayer and service at each. Along the way, we will visit several sites of historic and spiritual importance, and to journey along trails that showcase the beauty of God's creation. A highlight of our trip will be a sunset Eucharist atop Scott's Bluff, looking out over the wheel ruts of the Oregon Trail. A few adult volunteers will be needed for this trip. If you might be interested, please contact Fr. Tom.

Our Journeys Group meets on Wednesday evenings, beginning with dinner at 6:30pm. After dinner we break into groups for talk and study, or, at least once a month for some kind of group activity just to have fun. Journeys is for youth 12-18 (in 6th - 12th grade). Several activities throughout the year are also open to parish youth 10-18 years old, their friends and family. For more information about Journeys, or how you can help us support the youth of our parish, please contact Fr. Tom.

Respectfully submitted, Fr. Tom Jones



## **OUTREACH**

During 2022, we saw an energetic return to sharing the many blessings we have received with those in need. Our commitment to serving the local community can be seen looking at our budget, noting that outreach once again was the largest budgeted parish ministry. Thank you to all who helped make our efforts such a success. Most of the local ministries we supported over the last year are described below.

### **BELLEVUE FOOD PANTRY**

Besides a \$500 donation given in support of the assistance the Bellevue Food Pantry provides, we also donated all remaining product from each of our mobile pantries, and an assortment of goods and product needs from offerings in the entryway shopping basket. While we may not be the largest contributor to their ministry, the staff has recognized on several occasions all that we give to help meet the food insecurities of fellow Bellevue residents, and they want me to pass on their thanks.

### **BELLEVUE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Bellevue Senior Center has had a rough couple of years due to the pandemic and our \$500 cash donation last year helped them meet some of the needs of those they serve. We plan to continue our support for this local ministry in 2023.

### **BELLEVUE TOGETHER**

Bellevue Together is a local effort by businesses, faith communities, and volunteers working together to meet the needs of Bellevue Public School families. Offering a wide array of support, such as clothes, furniture, food, school supplies, and Christmas gifts, their efforts have made a difference in the lives of hundreds of the youth in our local community. As a parish we have taken up collection for many of the items needed and distributed, and we continue our support for this local ministry in the coming year. For more information about this ministry, please visit with Margie Crawford or visit <https://bellevuetogether.com>.

### **FOOD IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

Occasionally a parishioner can benefit from having a meal provided. During the last year we provided meals several times for people in trying circumstances, such as surgery, illness, etc. Thank you to those who helped! If you are interested in occasionally helping with this ministry, or if you would like us to bring you meals, please call Jan Sinram.

### **ESSENTIAL BASKETS FOR VETS**

(formerly known as Laundry Baskets for Vets)

Moving Veterans Forward (MVF) is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization in Papillion, Nebraska. When Nebraska and Iowa homeless veterans are placed in housing by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs with nothing more than the clothes on their back, they need furnishings to make their apartment or house a home. MVF accepts donated furniture and household items from members of the public and places them in their

warehouse. Accompanied by a counselor, veterans select the items they need and MVF volunteers deliver their chosen items to them on move-in day.

Since 2018 the Church of the Holy Spirit has supported this endeavor by raising funds to buy the essentials identified. This ministry project takes place in the month of October. The list of items changes from year to year. MVF identifies essential items not available in their inventory and needed for a given year. Early on only laundry and household cleaning products, paper products and hygiene items were needed. Over time other items such as small kitchen appliances and food preparation utensils, laundry baskets, blankets, winter socks, and gloves have been requested to meet Vets essential needs. Due to the ever-changing nature of this ministry, cash (rather than item) donations are requested. CHS estimates \$25 to \$30 per basket.

In 2022 nearly \$620 was raised to purchase the items identified. During the same time period, Richmond Village residents donated additional items. Together the essentials collected made it possible for MVF to serve as many as 25 veterans.

CHS Ministry Leader – Nancy Baxter - Basket Items Buyer 402-676-3614

MVF Director – Ron Hernandez - Veteran Coordinator & MVF Fund Raiser 402-301-6300

MVF Household and Personal Items Manager – Kim Wischmann 402-490-2265

## **LUNGE & LAUGHTER**

I hold classes in the CHS Undercroft: We teach several types of low impact exercises. We incorporate light weights, bands, as well as Isometric Exercises. We also learn some basic Tai Chi based forms to help with mental alertness. We include lots of Laughter and Social interaction for ALL. All members at CHS and their family and friends are invited. The class charge is Free or a free-will donation! I hopefully plan on starting in March! Probably Mondays or Tuesdays, no later than 1:30pm. I will start announcing the date at least a couple of weeks before we start!! Contact me if you are interested to let me know what times and days work for you.

Kathy Buser 402-8715848

## **MAGDALENE OMAHA**

Church of the Holy Spirit has supported Magdalene Omaha (formerly the Friends of Tamar) since 2016. This local outreach, which has expanded to an entire Magdalene Campus, offers comprehensive support for survivors of sex trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. Magdalene Omaha's various services offer opportunities for survivors to safely restore a sense of hope during their healing journey.

### **CHS Ingathering**

CHS parishioners generously supported this ministry in March with an ingathering of items to stock Tamar's Pantry, where survivors can select personal items that fit their current needs. Donations included 90 pairs of socks, 39 washcloths, 19 towels, 13 new T-shirts to be used as sleep shirts, 68 toothbrushes, 52 tubes of toothpaste, 36 combs and hairbrushes, 27 tissue packs, 26 deodorants, 18 bottles of lotion, 13 bottles of hand sanitizer, 13 packages of dental floss, and other items such as shampoo and conditioner, soap, bandages, ibuprofen, hair ties, and more. According to Fr. Tom Jones, an additional \$765 was received between cash donations in lieu of items and a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner hosted by the Daughters of the King® on March 1.

An emailed thank-you note received in April from the Rev. Deacon Teresa Houser, founder of the Friends of Tamar and Chief Executive Officer of Magdalene Omaha, said, "On behalf of the 166 survivors we served in the past year, we are deeply grateful for the continued love you have shown to Magdalene Omaha. Your collection of approximately 500 items and the hundreds of dollars generously given are already making such a difference! We always are so moved that you bring these items forth at a service for a blessing. We are honored to be your partners in this work."

According to the Rev. Deacon Houser, Magdalene Omaha has been going through a massive reimagining about its programs and everything has been restructured. It has found a new home for its offices and will be moving in late January or early February of 2023. Our 2023 Ingathering will be designed to complement these changes and its needs.

### **Additional Information**

For more information about Magdalene Omaha, visit [www.magdaleneomaha.org](http://www.magdaleneomaha.org)

For more information about donating to Magdalene Omaha, please contact Deanne McCarrison at [dmccarrison@cox.net](mailto:dmccarrison@cox.net) or 402-515-9300.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

CHS volunteers continue to deliver Meals on Wheels, every 2nd Thursday of each month, at 11:00 pm, in Old Town Bellevue with ENOA. Our volunteers have been amazing covering for others who have not been able to make their route for some reason! Meals on Wheels does not handle any money or donations of any kind. We are continuing in 2023! We deliver 8-14 meals within the Bellevue area. It usually takes us about an hour, sometimes more, sometimes less. If you can volunteer one Thursday a month: Please, contact me!

Kathy Buser 402-8715848

### **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

In the twelfth year of our partnership with the Foodbank for the Heartland, we held nine mobile pantry events serving over 1,100 families. As during pandemic, we are still distributing pre-boxed product which is placed directly in the trunk or backseat of a car. Special thanks to all the Scouts and parish volunteers who make this ministry such a success. We currently have nine more events planned for the coming year. Dates for our events may be found in our parish calendar, located at the back of this report. To help us reach even farther, please share with your friends and family our Facebook event postings that provide dates and times for those in need of grocery assistance. If you have time to offer, and wish to assist in during distribution, please arrive at the church by 9:30am on event days, entering through and parking near the Thomas Dr parking lot entrance. For more information about our mobile pantry ministry, please contact Margie Crawford

### **SERVING LINE AT SIENA FRANCIS HOUSE**

We have been going to Siena Francis House homeless shelter for over 30 years on the 3rd and 5th Saturdays (if there is one), but COVID has continued to put a stop to that as it did for most in-person things. We were able to help them by continuing to provide \$400 in food 4 times during the year (\$1600 from our grant.) Their staff is exhausted as almost all of the volunteer help dried up, and they quickly implemented a different way of serving

guests food. Their goal is to have 2 weeks food ahead - serving 200 lunch bags and about 500 for dinner each day plus breakfast on Sunday. We will return to serving dinner there when it is safe to do so. If you would like to help with this ministry, let me know. Be Jesus' hands in the world.

Jan Sinram

### **THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

This year, thanks to the many generous donations, we were blessed to be able to provide 30 Thanksgiving Boxes to the Bellevue Pantry and Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership for distribution. As one might expect, the cost for each box was a little higher this year as item prices rose and we increased the amount of the gift card given to purchase the protein of their choice. As reported, we provided 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of green beans, 1 can of canned yams, 2 packets of mashed potatoes, 2 boxes of stuffing mix, a large container of chicken broth, 1 can of cranberry sauce, 2 boxes of jiffy biscuit mix, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 1 box of dessert mix (brownies), 1 medium sized foil pan with baking bag, and a \$20 gift card to Bakers.

### **YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES (YES)**

Once again, we raised over \$400 in support of Sarpy County Youth Emergency Services water bottles program. This program offers water to homeless, and near homeless youth during the heat of the summer. Our funding helped them purchase even more cases of water than we could provide as they get special discounts. That means our donation went even farther than we expected. Thanks to all who helped make this in-gathering such a success. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Margie Crawford or Fr. Tom

## 2022 FINANCIAL REPORTS

### ENDOWMENT & LEGACY

In 2010, the Church of the Holy Spirit (CHS) received a substantial bequest from the estate of Grace E. Hoshall, which enabled the CHS Vestry to initiate an endowment fund and appoint a board of directors to oversee the fund. **The CHS Endowment Fund was established to fund approved grant requests that are limited to maintenance and support of the physical “plant” of the parish, outreach, youth ministries, grants and scholarships, seed money for new ministries, special one-time projects and other projects specified by donors to the fund.** It is not intended for distribution to the CHS operating budget unless it is to fulfill the purposed stated above.

This report will summarize the activities of the Endowment Fund in 2022.

The 2022 board consisted of 6 voting members: chairman, JR Pekarek, Brian Wilson, Rick Sanders, Chris Darrell, Bill French and our Junior Warden Michelle Hagen. It also included 3 non-voting members: Senior Warden Ken Gomeringer, Treasurer Marcia Adams and our Rector, Tom Jones. The board meets at least three times per year and reports to the Vestry.

The fund operates from CHS Endowment Fund policies modeled after the Episcopal Church Foundation and these policies are on file in the church office. First Nation Bank’s wealth management division manages the funds and they were chosen because they have experience managing other Episcopal endowment funds. CHS receives monthly statements from First National Bank and the CHS Treasurer maintains the financial records and posts the current status of the endowment fund to the financial statements that are reviewed by the CHS finance committee and vestry.

Each year, disbursements of funds for grant requests approved by the Endowment Committee and Vestry are made in January and the amount made available for disbursement is determined by the board based on fund policies and market performance of the fund. This amount normally does not exceed 5% of the market value of the total fund assessment based on a 3-year average or 50% of net total returns for the preceding year, whichever is lower.

As of 12/31/22, the fund balance was \$407,057.39, which is down \$58,688.18 (including management fees but not the prior year distribution of \$15,150). Since the fund had a loss for the year, this will mean that there will be no funds available for grant requests in January 2023.

We are very blessed at CHS to have this endowment fund. It is the hope of the endowment fund board that we will create a legacy of giving that will continue to support the future of the endowment fund through bequests to the fund by our members. For more information on how you can support the endowment fund, please contact JR Pekarek at [drpekarek@hotmail.com](mailto:drpekarek@hotmail.com).

Initial Gift	\$270,900.00
Interest/other donations	\$127,801.49
Columbarium restricted	\$ 3,455.50
Memorial in Endowment	<u>\$ 4,900.40</u>
Total	\$407,057.39

## 2022 OPERATING BUDGET REPORT

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2022 %
<b>Contribution Income</b>			
Pledge Income	\$200,453.00	\$197,346.80	98.45%
Non-pledge Income	\$7,940.00	\$13,863.00	174.60%
Plate Offering	\$1,698.00	\$2,439.15	143.65%
Pledge Offering Prior Year	\$2,500.00	\$2,650.00	106.00%
Sub-Total Contribution Income	\$212,591.00	\$216,298.95	101.74%
Sub-Total Other Income	\$5,350.00	\$2,834.00	52.97%
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$217,941.00</b>	<b>\$219,132.95</b>	<b>100.55%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Fixed Expenses			
Administrative Expenses	\$22,607.00	\$19,553.94	86.50%
Building/Grounds	\$33,345.00	\$33,208.12	99.59%
Diocese	\$27,524.00	\$27,524.00	100.00%
Rector	\$94,844.00	\$94,689.75	99.84%
Salaries	\$34,136.00	\$31,694.22	92.85%
Sub-Total Fixed Expenses	\$212,456.00	\$206,670.03	97.28%
<b>Ministry Expenses</b>			
Altar Guild	\$1,400.00	\$2,065.50	147.54%
Annual Council	\$700.00	\$990.00	141.43%
Building and Grounds Exp	\$1,000.00	\$1,545.94	154.59%
Christian Education	\$1,000.00	\$292.69	29.27%
Communications	\$206.00	\$107.36	52.12%
Daughters of the King	\$639.00	\$462.09	72.31%
Evangelism	\$150.00	\$112.27	74.85%
Fellowship	\$1,000.00	\$958.60	95.86%
Greeters	\$250.00	\$56.17	22.47%
Outreach	\$3,900.00	\$1,755.59	45.02%
Rector Misc Exp	\$250.00	\$392.32	156.93%
Stewardship	\$250.00	\$206.71	82.68%
Vestry	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Worship Exp	\$250.00	\$315.83	126.33%
Youth Exp	\$3,035.00	\$3,110.50	102.49%
Sub-Total Ministry Expenses	\$14,030.00	\$12,371.57	88.18%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$226,486.00</b>	<b>\$219,041.60</b>	<b>96.71%</b>
<b>Income vs Expenses</b>	<b>-\$8,545.00</b>	<b>\$91.35</b>	

**Fund Account Balances  
Checking and Savings Accounts  
as of December 31, 2022**

**Accounts**

Checking Account	\$141,506.96
Savings Account	\$89,003.04
Clergy Discretionary Checking	\$2,476.27
FNBO Endowment	<u>\$407,057.39</u>
<b><u>Total Accounts</u></b>	<b>\$640,043.66</b>

<b>RECTOR SUPPORT</b>	
Rector Search Fund	\$2,500.00
Rector Sabbatical Fund	\$1,739.13
Rector Prof Dev Fund	\$2,536.13
Deacon Prof Development Fund	\$529.61
Rector Discr - Checking	\$2,476.27
Rector Discr Fund - Sav	\$19,823.23
Rector Discr Fund - Covid	<u>\$395.82</u>
Subtotal Rector Support	\$30,000.19

**TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS**

<b>CHRISTIAN FORMATION FUNDS</b>	
Christian Ed Fund	\$442.70
EFM Scholarship Fund	\$1,068.58
Godly Play Fund	\$112.94
Journey Fund	\$86.11
VBS Fund	<u>\$158.00</u>
Subtotal Christian Formation	\$1,868.33

<b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	
Income for Next Year Fund	\$6,550.00
Birthday Offering Fund	\$1,970.00
Seasonal Offering Fund	\$9,120.48
Special Offering Fund	\$20,313.17
CHS Grants from Endow	\$3,144.42
Fundraiser Earnings Fund	\$3,227.79
Scholarship Fund	\$2,000.00
Seminarian Support Fund	\$0.00
Brown (Reva) Memorial	<u>\$490.00</u>
Subtotal Special Funds	\$46,815.86

<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	
Fellowship Misc Fund	\$54.77
Funeral Fund	\$291.45
Kitchen Fund	\$54.68
Oktoberfest/Bingo Fund	<u>\$731.76</u>
Subtotal Fellowship	\$1,132.66

<b>YOUTH SUPPORT FUNDS</b>	
Youth Activities Fund	<u>\$3,937.31</u>
Subtotal Youth Support	\$3,937.31

<b>FHFO FUNDS</b>	
United Thanks Offering Fund	\$0.00
ERD Fund	\$45.37
ERD Diocesan Grant	\$1,872.44
Good Friday Offering Fund	\$0.00
Outreach Misc Fund	<u>\$6,795.00</u>
Subtotal FHFO Funds	\$8,712.81

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

<b>MISSION</b>	
Msn Trip/Camp Scholar Fund	\$3,541.57
Vicar of Mission Fund	<u>\$6,129.53</u>
Subtotal Mission Fund	\$9,671.10

<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS FUNDS</b>	
Building Fund	\$7,010.76
Columbarium Active Fund	\$1,667.72
Landscaping Fund	\$3,500.00
Parking Lot Fund	\$4,500.00
Lighting Fund	\$4,865.00
Roof Repairs Fund	\$0.00
Music/Sound System	\$200.00
Computers	\$3150.00
Exterior Painting	<u>\$5,299.96</u>
Subtotal Building Fund	\$30,193.44

<b>MINISTRY</b>	
Men of Spirit Fund	\$998.19
Women of Spirit Fund	\$434.79
DOK Fund	\$1,089.94
Werner Park Concessions	\$4,985.86
Rummage Sale/Holiday Fair	\$5,570.96
Communications Fund	\$16.89
Eagle Scout Project Fund	<u>\$462.98</u>
Subtotal Ministry	\$13,559.61

<b>MEMORIAL FUNDS</b>	
Altar Guild Fund	\$3,767.93
Named Memorials	<u>\$17,856.19</u>
Subtotal memorial Funds	\$21,624.12

## 2023 Operating Budget

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	% Change
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>CONTRIBUTION INCOME</b>	212591.00	224946.00	6%
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	5,350.00	5,550.00	4%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$217,941.00	\$230,496.00	6%
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	22,607.00	22,601.00	0%
<b>BUILDING/GROUNDS</b>	33,345.00	38,095.00	14%
<b>DIOCESE ASKING</b>	27,524.00	22,101.00	-20%
<b>RECTOR</b>	94,844.00	95,987.00	1%
<b>SALARIES</b>			
Admin (Secretary) Salary	14,247.00	15,066.00	6%
Nursery Staff Salary	2,779.00	1,540.00	-45%
Organist Salary	8,850.00	9,450.00	7%
Financial Sec Salary	4,141.00	4,290.00	4%
Choir Dir Stipend	900.00	1,000.00	11%
Christ Ed Dir Stipend	900.00	1,000.00	11%
Supply Musician	0.00	250.00	250%
Supply Clergy	1,000.00	900.00	-10%
Employer Payroll Tax	1,319.00	2,321.00	76%
Subtotal Salaries	34,136.00	35,817.00	5%
<b>MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>			
Altar Guild	1,400.00	2,924.00	109%
Annual Council	700.00	1,110.00	59%
Building & Grounds	1,000.00	1,000.00	0%
Christian Education	1,000.00	1,000.00	0%
Communications	206.00	175.00	-15%
Daughters of the King	639.00	663.00	4%
Evangelism	150.00	300.00	100%
Fellowship	1,000.00	1,325.00	33%
Greeters	250.00	250.00	0%
Seminarian Support	0.00	0.00	0%
Outreach	3,900.00	2,850.00	-27%
Rector Miscellaneous	250.00	250.00	0%
Stewardship	250.00	250.00	0%
Vestry	0.00	0.00	0%
Worship	250.00	250.00	0%
Youth & Journeys	3,035.00	3,135.00	3%
Ministry Expenses	14,030.00	15,482.00	10%
<b>SAVINGS</b>	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$226,486.00	\$230,083.00	2%



## 2023 PARISH CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>		<u>Event/Program</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Event/Program</u>
<b>Jan</b>	19	Vestry Meeting	<b>Jul</b>	1	Youth DR Mission Trip (1-7)
<b>Jan</b>	25	Youth Group Bingo Night++	<b>Jul</b>	13	Vestry Meeting
<b>Jan</b>	28	Mobile Food Pantry	<b>Jul</b>	17	Diocese Summer Camp (17-20)
			<b>Jul</b>	26	Family Fun Plex/Picnic
<b>Feb</b>	4	Red Cross – Blood Mobile			
<b>Feb</b>	5	Annual Parish Meeting	<b>Aug</b>	6	Sunday School Open House
<b>Feb</b>	10	Valentine’s Extravaganza	<b>Aug</b>	13	Sunday School Begins
<b>Feb</b>	22	Ash Wednesday	<b>Aug</b>	16	J2A Parent’s Night
<b>Feb</b>	23	Vestry Meeting	<b>Aug</b>	17	Vestry Meeting
<b>Feb</b>	25	Mobile Food Pantry	<b>Aug</b>	20	Parish Picnic
<b>Feb</b>	25	Ministry Team Ldr Mtg	<b>Aug</b>	26	Mobile Food Pantry
<b>Feb</b>	26	Sunday Evening Lent Program			
<b>Mar</b>	5	Sunday Evening Lent Program	<b>Sep</b>	9	Ministry Team Ldr Mtg
<b>Mar</b>	8	Youth Group Roller Skating	<b>Sep</b>	10	Youth Group Horseback Ride
<b>Mar</b>	11	Vestry – Retreat	<b>Sep</b>	14	Vestry Meeting
<b>Mar</b>	12	Sunday Evening Lent Program	<b>Sep</b>	16	AEY – Vala’s
<b>Mar</b>	16	Vestry Meeting	<b>Sep</b>	23	Mobile Food Pantry
<b>Mar</b>	18	DOK Labyrinth Day	<b>Sep</b>	27	Journeys Papio Fun Park
<b>Mar</b>	19	Sunday evening Lent Program			
<b>Mar</b>	25	Mobile Food Pantry	<b>Oct</b>	1	Pet Blessing
<b>Mar</b>	26	Sunday evening Lent Program	<b>Oct</b>	12	Vestry Meeting
			<b>Oct</b>	13	Oktoberfest
<b>Apr</b>	1	Parish Clean-up Day (inside)	<b>Oct</b>	15	Youth Group Berrypatch/Pumpkin Farm
<b>Apr</b>	2	Palm Sunday	<b>Oct</b>	26	Annual Council (26-28 North Platte)
<b>Apr</b>	2	Sunday evening Lent Program	<b>Oct</b>	29	Trunk – or – Treat
<b>Apr</b>	6	Maundy Thursday			
<b>Apr</b>	7	Good Friday	<b>Nov</b>	4	Parish Clean-up (outside)
<b>Apr</b>	8	Easter Vigil	<b>Nov</b>	4	DioNeb Adult DR Mission Trip (4-10)
<b>Apr</b>	9	Easter Sunday	<b>Nov</b>	5	All Saints Sunday
<b>Apr</b>	12	Youth – Papio Fun Park	<b>Nov</b>	16	Vestry Meeting
<b>Apr</b>	13	Vestry Meeting	<b>Nov</b>	18	Mobile Food Pantry
<b>Apr</b>	15	DioNeb Adult DR Msn Trip (15-21)	<b>Nov</b>	22	Service of Thanksgiving
<b>Apr</b>	22	Mobile Pantry Event	<b>Nov</b>	26	Family Advent Workshop
<b>Apr</b>	23	Youth Sunday			
<b>May</b>	10	Journeys Crossings Service	<b>Dec</b>	2	Holiday Craft & Bake Sale
<b>May</b>	14	Sr/Sun School Recognition Day	<b>Dec</b>	9	Mobile Food Pantry
<b>May</b>	18	Vestry Meeting	<b>Dec</b>	14	Vestry Meeting
<b>May</b>	20	Parish Clean-up (outside)	<b>Dec</b>	16	Blue Christmas
<b>May</b>	28	Pentecost Sunday	<b>Dec</b>	25	Christmas
			<b>Dec</b>	31	Youth Group Lock-in
<b>Jun</b>	4	Trinity Sunday			
<b>Jun</b>	15	Vestry Meeting			
<b>Jun</b>	18	Mission Sunday - Bishop’s Visit			
<b>Jun</b>	18	CHS Journeys Pilgrimage (18-23)			
<b>Jun</b>	24	Mobile Food Pantry			
<b>Jun</b>	26	CHS VBS (26-29)			

## 2023 PARISH FUNDRAISERS / OUTREACH

<b><u>Date</u></b>		<b><u>Fundraising Event/Program</u></b>
<b>Jan</b>	22	Collection for Friends of Tamar Ministry (2 wks)
<b>Feb</b>	21	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Vestry for Magdalene House)
<b>Feb</b>	26	(5 wks)
<b>Mar</b>	cont.	Collection - Episcopal Relief and Development
<b>Apr</b>	2	Pantry Collection – Soap, small toothpaste, mouth wash (2 wks)
<b>May</b>	16	Collection – Funds for water for Youth Emergency Services (2 wks)
<b>Jun</b>	11	Pantry Collection – Sml boxes of laundry detergent & paper towels
<b>Jul</b>	16	Collection for Bellevue Together (School Supplies) (2 wks)
<b>Aug</b>	TBD	
<b>Sep</b>	10	Pancake Breakfast (Magdalene House)
<b>Oct</b>	1	Collection – Laundry Basket/supplies for Vets (2 wks)
<b>Oct</b>	29	Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets (2 wks)
<b>Nov</b>	19	Collections for Bellevue Together (Hands of Hope) (2 wks)
<b>Dec</b>	2	Holiday Craft and Bake Sale (Setup 1 Dec)