

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato, Hampshire

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Steve Sporleder at 7:03 pm. Steve Sporleder opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members Present: Steven Sporleder, president, Christy Petersen, president Preschool Board, Dave Neisendorf, chairperson Board of Trustee, Pam Neisendorf, chairperson Board of Christian education and youth, Sonja Sporleder, assistant financial secretary, Beth Jack, chairperson Board of Outreach, Heidi Blezien/recording secretary

Members Absent: Burt Andrews, vice president, Darlene Tegtmeier, treasurer, Jeff Pergande, chairperson Board of Elders, Shana Flatland/, financial secretary, Reverend Thomas Eaves, pastor

Guest: Kathy Pergande, church member

Secretary's Report: Heidi Blezien passed out the last Church Council minutes dated October 24, 2023. Motion was made by Christy Petersen to approve the minutes as written and Sonja Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Distribution of minutes electronically to all committee members following each meeting was discussed. It was agreed that Heidi Blezien would type up the minutes, within a day or two, and forward to each council member for approval. The members will "reply all" when offering suggestions or changes to said minutes in a reasonable timeframe. The final draft will be typed and given to Denise Kohlmeyer, office administrator, to be copied and inserted in each member's Church Council binder.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Sporleder handed out the treasurer's report and reviewed each page. The unofficial Income and Expense pages were reviewed. Our current checking account is \$45,860.66. Out of this total \$2,871.78 is restricted and \$42,988.88 is unrestricted. The handouts contained the full explanation of the income and expenses in 2023. The sound system numbers were discussed as well as \$900 that is yet to be collected from some promised donors. The surplus funds of \$17,142.46 will be used for continued technical help with the sound system in the future. (See attached for copy of full handouts.) There was no vote to accept the treasurer's report since it is an unofficial report.

Preschool Board's Report: Christy Petersen handed out her Preschool Report (also attached). There are currently 19 students enrolled in the Pre-K class, and 10 students enrolled in the 3 year-old class. For the 2024-2025 school year there are already 11 students enrolled in Pre-K, and 6 students enrolled in the 3 year-old class. The preschool board is very happy with these numbers since it is only February. The current general operating balance is \$17,955.34 and it is not anticipating needing the \$10,000 line item from the church this school year. Discussions were had regarding the personnel for this year and next school year, and it was noted that they are searching for a director/teacher replacement for the 2025-2026 school year. There have also been a few changes within the Preschool Board. Steve Sporleder has retired as treasurer, and Chuck Petersen has taken his position as treasurer. Fred Rakow has also joined the board. The annual Family Fun Fest was successful; and the Puff Pastries will again run this spring as their annual fundraiser.

Board of Outreach's Report: Beth Jack began with an update on the Signage Committee. (also attached) Adding additional signage requires a variance from Kane County which would cost approximately \$750. Other requirements must be met including but not limited to, notifying all surrounding neighbors and having all the information regarding the signage (photo, square footage, signage company) to be included in the application. A

current plat of survey is also recommended. The committee suspended the discussion due to cost and possible changes in the future. Pam Neisendorf made a motion to suspend discussion on the signage and Sonja Sporleder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beth Jack continued with updates on Outreach Committee. The committee has designed a flyer to pass out to all preschool parents encouraging them to attend St. Peter's Church and Sunday School and to inform them of upcoming events hosted by Outreach. (Flyer attached.) Beth Jack continued to share all the upcoming activities the Outreach Committee has been planning for the upcoming year including Lenten meals, Pictures with the Easter Bunny and Santa Clause, bingo, etc. They also continue to send out cards to any person in need such as sympathy cards or baby congratulations in addition to sending the monthly birthday and anniversary cards to church members. The board is also looking into helping St. John's Lutheran Church with the comfort dog ministry. They are in need of helpers to care for the dog when the handlers are on vacation or the like. Discussion followed and the interest of this board was enthusiastic.

Board of Christian Education and Youth Report: Pam Neisendorf reported we currently have six to eight children in Sunday School, however that number could vary with visitors. There are no high schoolers at this time in Sunday School. Pastor Eaves currently has three students in Confirmation Class. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is deep into the planning stage and Pam reports all is going well. She simply asks for prayers right now but will need help closer to the time of VBS, which will be June 24-28, 2024. (see attached report)

Board of Trustees' Report: Dave Neisendorf reports the brick wall is completed. The manger has been taken down and put away. Cracks in the blacktop may need sealing and Denny Hecker is looking into that. Metal doors and outside doors need painting, and canopy posts under awning need new brackets. He will be looking into getting that completed. The new garage outside needs electricity and new garage door openers installed. Dave is also looking into getting 2024 contracts for lawn maintenance and snow plowing secured. A new vacuum is needed for the church and he is also looking into this purchase. Dave also discussed how an intruder got into one of the classrooms on January 29th. Footsteps show she/he entered through an unlocked window in one classroom and walked through the Fellowship Hall and into the kitchen. Apparently some food was eaten and then she/he exited the same way she/he got in. The church was searched and nothing was found to be stolen or damaged. Security cameras did not catch anything. (see attached report)

Memorial Committee's Report: Sonja Sporleder reports the Memorial Fund currently has \$38,114 in the account. (See attached.) There are 18 families currently that carry a balance from a person who has passed. Sonja is going to reach out to these families to see how they wish to spend their money. Several options were discussed with unrestricted being the most favorable.

New Business: Sign damage from the incident occurring on June 12, 2023 was discussed. The total cost realized by the church for full repair of the sign is \$10,800. Insurance proceeds of \$5,000.00 were received through a claim made with Church Mutual. Due to limited insurance coverage of the perpetrator, a "Release for Property Damage Only" form was submitted to the church by State Farm with a proposed figure of \$2,708.04 as the final settlement. Sonja Sporleder and Dave Neisendorf have performed thorough research into both the reasonings of State Farm and the potential for recourse by the church and find no further and reasonable options exist. Beth Jack made a motion to accept the "Release for Property Damage Only" form and figure of \$2,708.04 as submitted by State Farm, Dave Neisendorf provided a second to the motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The church will realize the outlay of \$3,091.96 for this occurrence. It was discussed that insurance coverage for replacement cost of the signs be increased to an amount which is more aligned with current or future value.

Security cameras were discussed. Denise Kohlmeyer is concerned about the quality of the video from the security camera at the front door. Discussions followed and a sub-committee is going to be formed to look into getting a new security system for the church. There are ladies and children here alone much of the day and keeping them

safe is essential. Several individuals who are members of St. Peter's will be approached to see if they would be interested in being on this committee.

Darlene has said this will be her last term as treasurer of the church. In 2026 we will need to find someone who is qualified to take on this important job. Darlene is happy to work and train someone if we find them in 2025.

The Share Program was introduced (see attachment). This program would provide meals for people in need. Discussions followed regarding the logistics including listing the ingredients in all dishes in case of allergies, and who and how this will be run. Christy Petersen will get this in the messenger and see if someone would be interested in taking charge of this program. The Ladies' Aid will also discuss possibly running this program at their next meeting.

Kathy Pergande also suggested we start a Mission Committee (See attachment) to help keep our members informed on missions in and around our area. She suggested a Mission Corner where information can be shared. The ideas sounded great to everyone and Kathy will work with Denise Kohlmeyer to get the information out to our church members.

Easter breakfast will once again be served. Discussion followed on the menu and it was decided to ask for casserole donations from members. Christy Petersen will get a sign-up sheet for breakfast casseroles and workers to help with the event. This breakfast will be served between the two services Easter morning.

The sound system is up and working and all church services can be found on our website. A question on who is the current administrator of the church Facebook page came up? It is believed to be Denise Kohlmeyer. Also, do we have a Google email account where we can share pictures and events? Discussions followed but clarification is needed.

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce has been inquiring about St. Peter's Church paying \$140 for advertisement in their paper. Discussion followed. It was decided that the church does not get much for this money so we were not going to pay this amount or be involved. Steve Sporleder made a motion to reject the Chamber of Commerce fee and Beth Jack seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held April 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Steve Sporleder, president ended the meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heidi Blezien, Recording Secretary

CHURCH COUNCIL, OCTOBER 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING: Burt Andrews, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Eaves opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion.

ATTENDANCE:

Members in Attendance:

Pastor Eaves	Christy Petersen, Preschool Board
Fred Rackow, President	Steve Sporleder, Board of Elders
Burt Andrews, Vice President	Pam Neisendorf, Board of Christian
Marilyn Maas, Recording Secretary	Education and Youth
Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer	Dave Neisendorf, Board of Trustees
Sonja Sporleder, Asst. Financial Secretary	
Memorial Committee	

Members Absent:

Beth Jack, Outreach Committee
Shana Flatland, Assistant Financial Secretary

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING:

It was noted by Pastor Eaves that council member titles should be included in the minutes. Christy Petersen moved to accept the amended minutes and Darlene Tegtmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

All written committee and officer reports presented at the September 28 meeting were attached to the minutes of the August 8 meeting as updated per Pastor Eaves.

An updated statistics report from Pastor Eaves, dated October 26, 2023, is attached to these minutes. Also attached is a report from Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer, comparing Budget 2023 to Budget 2024. It was advised that the current amount for savings is \$45,936.49.

Christy Petersen, Preschool Board Chairman, reported DCFS required two corrections and then the Preschool will be relicensed.

Pastor Eaves reported one new baptism.

NEW BUSINESS:

The draft of the proposed 2024 budget was presented. Discussion followed, with adjustments made to the proposed budget. The final 2024 budget proposal will be presented to the Congregational Assembly in November for approval.

Pastor Eaves reported on a discussion he had with a financial advisor regarding the Church's financial reports. Further discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn E. Maas, Recording Secretary

UNOFFICIAL St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church UNOFFICIAL Income & Expense

Jan 01, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023

Account	Budgets 2023	Actuals 2023	% of Budget	Remaining
Income	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 358,189.54	214.48%	\$ (191,189.54)
Other				
Building Use (I)	\$ -	\$ 22,300.18	0.00%	\$ (22,300.18)
Benevolence Fund (I)	\$ -	\$ 14,249.00	0.00%	\$ (14,249.00)
Eternal Light (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
L.E.R.T. (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Mission Fund	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Thrivent Choice (I)	\$ -	\$ 907.00	0.00%	\$ (907.00)
Lutheran Church Charities (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Able Light (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Walcamp (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Lutheran Hour (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Lutherans for Life (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Amazon Smile (I)	\$ -	\$ 24.74	0.00%	\$ (24.74)
Vanco (I)	\$ -	\$ 140.04	0.00%	\$ (140.04)
Miscellaneous (I) X 1 X	\$ -	\$ 6,979.40	0.00%	\$ (6,979.40)
Offerings	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 235,596.80	141.08%	\$ (68,596.80)
Envelope	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 212,350.80	127.16%	\$ (45,350.80)
Loose	\$ -	\$ 16,337.00	0.00%	\$ (16,337.00)
Memorials (I) X 2 X	\$ -	\$ 3,490.00	0.00%	\$ (3,490.00)
Improvement (I) X 2 X	\$ -	\$ 2,404.00	0.00%	\$ (2,404.00)
Misc X 3 X	\$ -	\$ 1,015.00	0.00%	\$ (1,015.00)
Worship Life				
Worship aids & supplies	\$ -	\$ 2,791.10	0.00%	\$ (2,791.10)
Altar Guild				
Communion	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Candles	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Altar Flowers (I)	\$ -	\$ 2,380.00	0.00%	\$ (2,380.00)
Special Flowers (I)	\$ -	\$ 411.10	0.00%	\$ (411.10)
Music Department (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Portal Pray/Luth Wit (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Outreach/Inreach				
Outreach Comm (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Human Care Comm (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Fellowship Events (I)	\$ -	\$ 67.00	0.00%	\$ (67.00)
Burl/HampFood Bank (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Trash to Treasure (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Christian Education				
Christian Education (I)	\$ -	\$ 1,081.40	0.00%	\$ (1,081.40)
Adult Bible Study	\$ -	\$ 162.40	0.00%	\$ (162.40)
Youth Ministry (I)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
VBS (I)	\$ -	\$ 39.00	0.00%	\$ (39.00)
Confirmation (I)	\$ -	\$ 880.00	0.00%	\$ (880.00)
Bank				
Interest Income - Memorial	\$ -	\$ 118.06	0.00%	\$ (118.06)
Interest Income - Improvement	\$ -	\$ 10.07	0.00%	\$ (10.07)
Interest Income - Savings	\$ -	\$ 95.80	0.00%	\$ (95.80)
Pre-School	\$ -	\$ 12.19	0.00%	\$ (12.19)
Pre-School reimbursement inc	\$ -	\$ 1,545.00	0.00%	\$ (1,545.00)
preschool school general income X 4 X	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -
Brick Wall(I)	\$ -	\$ 1,545.00	0.00%	\$ (1,545.00)
Sound System (I)	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	\$ (5,000.00)
		\$ 89,690.00	0.00%	\$ (89,690.00)

Expense	\$	257,719.05	\$	348,431.51	135.20%	\$	(90,712.46)
Missions	\$	3,250.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	3,250.00
Stephen Ministry (E)	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	2,500.00
Prison Ministry (E)	\$	250.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	250.00
Mission Central (E)	\$	500.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	500.00
Synod Ministries	\$	1,900.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	1,900.00
Lutheran Church Charities (E)	\$	300.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	300.00
Bethesda (E)	\$	250.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	250.00
Walcamp (E)	\$	600.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	600.00
Lutheran Hour (E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Lutherans for Life (E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Concordia Seminary (E)	\$	750.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	750.00
LWML (E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Synod	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,478.62	106.84%	\$	(478.62)
Northern Illinois Distric (E)	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	100.00%	\$	-
Pastorial Confer & conventions (E)	\$	1,000.00	\$	807.26	80.73%	\$	192.74
Other	\$	-	\$	671.36	0.00%	\$	(671.36)
Labor	\$	147,074.49	\$	139,834.99	95.08%	\$	7,239.50
Pastor's Salary & Housing	\$	87,132.78	\$	87,132.76	100.00%	\$	0.02
Pastor's Benefits	\$	21,460.11	\$	20,348.29	94.82%	\$	1,111.82
Dental	\$	1,080.00	\$	1,001.33	92.72%	\$	78.67
Disability	\$	1,960.49	\$	1,817.45	92.70%	\$	143.04
Vision	\$	300.00	\$	277.83	92.61%	\$	22.17
Medicare	\$	1,978.80	\$	1,834.29	92.70%	\$	144.51
Insurance CoPay	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,288.06	76.27%	\$	711.94
Retirement (USAA)	\$	7,580.55	\$	7,580.52	100.00%	\$	0.03
Tricare	\$	158.04	\$	146.57	92.74%	\$	11.47
Social Security	\$	5,402.23	\$	5,402.24	100.00%	\$	(0.01)
Pastor Travel Expense	\$	1,200.00	\$	189.22	15.77%	\$	1,010.78
Continuing Ed. & Travel	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Guest Pastors	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	1,000.00
Organists	\$	7,650.00	\$	6,715.00	87.78%	\$	935.00
Office Administrator	\$	19,731.60	\$	17,473.05	88.55%	\$	2,258.55
Janitorial	\$	7,000.00	\$	6,140.00	87.71%	\$	860.00
Accounting Service	\$	600.00	\$	500.00	83.33%	\$	100.00
Employer Taxes (E)	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,336.67	102.82%	\$	(36.67)
Building & Maintenance	\$	62,885.00	\$	54,538.64	86.73%	\$	8,346.36
Board of Trustees	\$	3,500.00	\$	2,088.23	59.66%	\$	1,411.77
HVAC Contract	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,125.00	93.75%	\$	75.00
Security Contract	\$	510.00	\$	504.00	98.82%	\$	6.00
Lawn & Landscaping	\$	6,000.00	\$	6,000.00	100.00%	\$	-
Snow Removal	\$	8,000.00	\$	9,295.00	116.19%	\$	(1,295.00)
Electric	\$	6,000.00	\$	5,752.23	95.87%	\$	247.77
Propane	\$	20,000.00	\$	10,393.50	51.97%	\$	9,606.50
Disposal Service	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,565.51	128.28%	\$	(565.51)
Eco Water	\$	375.00	\$	395.51	105.47%	\$	(20.51)
Building Insurance	\$	13,000.00	\$	14,207.00	109.28%	\$	(1,207.00)
Workmen's Comp	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,075.00	89.58%	\$	125.00
Property Tax	\$	500.00	\$	468.52	93.70%	\$	31.48
Janitorial Supplies	\$	600.00	\$	669.14	111.52%	\$	(69.14)
Buildings (New & Improve) (E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Worship Life	\$	7,800.56	\$	10,136.23	129.94%	\$	(2,335.67)
Worship Aids & Supplies	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,034.30	135.62%	\$	(534.30)
Palm Branches	\$	80.00	\$	76.29	95.36%	\$	3.71
Lutheran Service Builder (LSB)	\$	225.00	\$	225.00	100.00%	\$	-
LSB add on	\$	125.00	\$	125.00	100.00%	\$	-
Creative Worship(E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
One and One Rejoice	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Contribution Envelopes	\$	300.00	\$	353.56	117.85%	\$	(53.56)
Music (E)	\$	150.00	\$	55.19	36.79%	\$	94.81

Portals of Prayer/Luth. Witness (E)	\$	400.00	\$	1,194.82	298.71%	\$	(794.82)
Worship Licenses	\$	520.56	\$	1,059.00	203.43%	\$	(538.44)
Copyright License	\$	150.00	\$	308.00	205.33%	\$	(158.00)
Streaming Plus	\$	155.56	\$	310.00	199.28%	\$	(154.44)
Song Select Premium	\$	215.00	\$	441.00	205.12%	\$	(226.00)
Altar Guild	\$	4,500.00	\$	5,013.07	111.40%	\$	(513.07)
Communion (E)	\$	600.00	\$	498.08	83.01%	\$	101.92
Candles (E)	\$	600.00	\$	370.49	61.75%	\$	229.51
Altar Supplies (E)	\$	100.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	100.00
Altar Flowers (E)	\$	2,600.00	\$	3,400.00	130.77%	\$	(800.00)
Special Flowers (E)	\$	600.00	\$	744.50	124.08%	\$	(144.50)
Christian Education	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,550.24	62.01%	\$	949.76
Christian Education (SS) (E)	\$	500.00	\$	147.98	29.60%	\$	352.02
Adult Bible Study (E)	\$	700.00	\$	387.45	55.35%	\$	312.55
Youth Ministry (E)	\$	300.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	300.00
Vacation Bible School (E)	\$	500.00	\$	1,014.81	202.96%	\$	(514.81)
Confirmation (E)	\$	500.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	500.00
Church Library (E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Outreach/Inreach	\$	12,700.00	\$	16,043.37	126.33%	\$	(3,343.37)
Benevolence Fund (E)	\$	-	\$	14,784.00	0.00%	\$	(14,784.00)
Outreach Comm (E)	\$	2,500.00	\$	1,114.37	44.57%	\$	1,385.63
Human Care Comm (E)	\$	100.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	100.00
Little Saints Subsidy (E)	\$	10,000.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	10,000.00
Fellowship Events (E)	\$	100.00	\$	145.00	145.00%	\$	(45.00)
Administrative	\$	11,859.00	\$	16,475.48	138.93%	\$	(4,616.48)
Church Office Supplies (E)	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,040.70	102.04%	\$	(40.70)
Technical Assistance Contracts	\$	1,850.00	\$	3,700.00	200.00%	\$	(1,850.00)
Ledger 360 (E)	\$	250.00	\$	500.00	200.00%	\$	(250.00)
Membership (E)	\$	550.00	\$	1,100.00	200.00%	\$	(550.00)
Unite (E)	\$	1,050.00	\$	2,100.00	200.00%	\$	(1,050.00)
Office Equipment (E) x5x	\$	3,700.00	\$	5,650.08	152.70%	\$	(1,950.08)
Technology (E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Box	\$	240.00	\$	337.50	140.63%	\$	(97.50)
Church Art Pro	\$	69.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	69.00
Phone(E)	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,130.07	86.93%	\$	169.93
Postage & Shipping (E)	\$	1,500.00	\$	2,164.88	144.33%	\$	(664.88)
Internet (E)	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,416.80	141.68%	\$	(416.80)
Administrative Miscellaneous (E)	\$	200.00	\$	35.45	17.73%	\$	164.55
Bank	\$	750.00	\$	631.69	84.23%	\$	118.31
Bank Fees	\$	-	\$	18.55	0.00%	\$	(18.55)
Safe Deposit Box	\$	-	\$	65.00	0.00%	\$	(65.00)
New checks	\$	250.00	\$	94.80	37.92%	\$	155.20
Vanco (E)	\$	500.00	\$	453.34	90.67%	\$	46.66
general misc x6x	\$	-	\$	20,892.25	0.00%	\$	(20,892.25)
Preschool (E)	\$	-	\$	50.00	0.00%	\$	(50.00)
Sound System(E)	\$	-	\$	70,000.00	0.00%	\$	(70,000.00)
Brick wall (E)	\$	-	\$	10,800.00	0.00%	\$	(10,800.00)
Memorial(E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Improvement(E)	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	-
Income less Expense	\$	(90,719.05)	\$	9,758.03	-10.76%	\$	(100,477.08)

2024/02/09

As of January 31, 2024

Checking - \$45,860.66

Restricted:

VBS - \$653.58
Improvement - \$90.00
Benevolence - \$1094.01
Able Light - \$57.00
Youth Ministry - \$977.19
\$2871.78

Usable money for unrestricted accounts:

\$42,988.88

Improvement savings : \$69,442.36
Memorial savings : \$38,114.00
General savings : \$84,143.78 *

* Sound system money is in this account. As of 1/31/2024 that amount is \$38,205.00

2024/02/09

Sound System

Givings	\$64,670.00
Memorial	18,515.00
NID	15,000.00.
Donation	<u>20.00</u>
	\$98,205.00

Down payment for system	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
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Balance as
of 12/29/2023 \$38,205.00

- Contractual Project Total \$81,062.54
- Support Plan (per month) \$267⁵/₁₀₀, Annually \$3,210¹²/₁₀₀
- Remaining obligation (2024/02/09) = \$21,062⁵⁴/₁₀₀
- Surplus Fund / Support = \$17,142⁴⁶/₁₀₀ (Approx. 5 yrs.)

2024/01/04

Explanation to Income + Expenses 2023

x1x Miscellaneous (1) insurance \$6000
insurance refund 271
Internet over pay 708
6979.40

x2x Monies collected from offerings and then
transferred to savings

x3x Misc \$1000.00 - Donation from Ladies Aid
15.00 - given in offering but for
Ladies Aid
\$ 1015.00

x4x Preschool general income
\$1545 - given to church but
directed to Preschool

x5x Office Equipment (E) - Copies

x6x General Misc - \$14,947.50 - organ
\$ 4,360.00 - bell
1,253.00 - lawyer
331.75 - other
\$ 20,892.25

MEMORIAL FUND - Account #XX9162
AS OF 12/31/2023

BEGINNING BALANCE INCOME EXPENDITURES ENDING BALANCE

UNDESIGNATED FUNDS:

Bahr-Riley, Linda	\$	925.00	\$	25.00	\$	-	\$	950.00
Bartels, Carol	\$	6,893.04	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,893.04
Bartels, Ken	\$	29,692.98	\$	-	\$	15,000.00	\$	14,692.98
Brammer, Ray	\$	650.00	\$	-	\$		\$	650.00
Butt, Jim	\$	1,040.00	\$	-	\$		\$	1,040.00
Butts, Joe	\$	1,560.00	\$	-	\$		\$	1,560.00
Calhoon, Mary Ann	\$	470.00	\$	-	\$		\$	470.00
Dittman, Alta	\$	785.00	\$	-	\$		\$	785.00
Gehrke, Gordon	\$	-	\$	300.00	\$		\$	300.00
Henk, James	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$		\$	1,000.00
Maas, Harry	\$	2,320.00	\$	-	\$		\$	2,320.00
Maas, Mabel	\$	735.00	\$	-	\$		\$	735.00
Roby, Dean	\$	50.00	\$	-	\$		\$	50.00
Rousch, Betty	\$	1,370.00	\$	-	\$		\$	1,370.00
Schuring, Virginia	\$	1,590.00	\$	-	\$		\$	1,590.00
VonKaenal, Gene	\$	735.00	\$	-	\$		\$	735.00
VonKaenal, Lenore	\$	475.00	\$	-	\$		\$	475.00
Weig, John	\$	-	\$	505.00	\$		\$	505.00
Wesemann, Marnie	\$	50.00	\$	-	\$		\$	50.00
Wiese, Carlton	\$	50.00	\$	-	\$		\$	50.00
Wiese, Wally	\$	448.00	\$	-	\$		\$	448.00
Wine, George	\$	1,855.00	\$	-	\$	1,855.00	\$	-
Wood, Dick	\$	700.00	\$	-	\$		\$	700.00

TOTAL UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

\$	52,394.02	\$	1,830.00	\$	16,855.00	\$	37,369.02
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Christian Education Committee Report
Church Council Meeting
February 12, 2024

There are currently 6-8 children in our SS classes in total. We have visitors from time to time as well. The younger children are still using the Group Publishing Curriculum called Simply Loved, and Denny Sunderlage is following the stories for his class as well, preparing his own lessons. Casey Flatland, Pam Neisendorf and Darlene Tegtmeier rotate in teaching the younger children.

We do not have a HS class at this time. Pastor Eaves has 3 children in the Confirmation class.

Currently there is a Sunday morning after worship adult Bible class, a Thursday afternoon Bible class, a Saturday morning women's Bible class and a once a month LWML devotion Bible study on a Monday evening. Pastor and Marilyn Eaves lead all of these.

Vacation Bible School will be held this year June 24-28 using Group Publishing curriculum. The program is entitled "Scuba...diving into friendship with God." Last year's families have been sent a "Save the Date" which is on our church website as well. There will be ways the congregation can help, but mostly now we just ask for prayer asking God to prepare us to share these important Bible truths with our community.

Respectfully submitted
Pam Neisendorf, Chairperson

Missions Committee Proposal

February 12, 2024

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, working for the Lord, not for men."

Colossians 3:23

"The Lord's work is anything on which we might lay our hands or focus our minds that is pleasing to God..." Alistair Begg

Do you think it would be possible (and beneficial) to have a Missions Committee at our church?

The purpose would be to keep our church family informed about current mission/ministry projects, under one umbrella, so to speak: OGT, Deerpath, Ladies Aid, Burlington Food Bank.....

A second goal would be to keep our church family informed of opportunities for serving in the community. I have attached one idea that we are not necessarily involved in, but someone may be interested. Others like FMSC, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Lazarus House....

And finally, to involve as many people as possible in missions and ministry.

We could ask Denise to design a "Missions Corner" to keep everyone informed, perhaps monthly.

Kathy Pergande



Proposal - Share Program

Utilize existing freezers to hold meals for people needing them - members, friends or family of members
Members can both stock meals and take from the freezer as needed
Pastor can take if visiting

Cost to Church body - \$0

Notes: Name of meal should be provided
Ingredient listings should be provided to allow those with allergies to know what is in the meal
Date of preparation
Bible verse or note of encouragement optional
will be no guarantee)
of containers donated by Dolores Schuring.
Food should already be cooked such that it only needs to be heated

Needed: Some type of monitoring if food goes past 6 months

Potential Information Card:

Meal Enclosed:	_____
Ingredients:	_____
Notes:	_____
Date:	_____

We should discuss how to track the meals in the freeezer. One suggestion is to utilize the bulletin board - put a copy of the meal on the board, and number the containers in the freezer (ie: meal #4 if this)? We do not want to make this difficult, but at the same time members could see what is in the freezer and then find it.

Trustee's Report February 12, 2024

The west side brick front entrance wall repairs have been completed. Insurance issues regarding the settlement on this incident will be discussed later in this meeting.

The manger has been taken down and when doing so the Trustee's noticed some cracks in the parking lot that need to be filled. Denny Hecker will get some bids for fixing the ones that most need it at this time.

We still have the outside doors to be sanded and painted this summer. The double door entrance on the south side and the 2 fire exit doors on the west side. The trustees will be doing this work later in the spring/summer. Denny is also looking into what is needed to fix the large 6 x 6 post under the front canopy.

We are still working on getting power into the large storage building for lighting and electric garage door openers. Dave is working with Marty Razo to do this when he has the time.

Pastor contacted me when the sound system was being put in and there was some electrical work needing to be done that was not in the contract, so Marty Razo did that work and he may have a bill to submit for parts and/or labor. Pastor may know more.

Fox Valley Fire and Safety are going to test the fire extinguishers and the kitchen stove, etc. on Friday, February 23 at 7 a.m.

On January 29th Kristina discovered a window in the SS room was open and it was clear someone had been in the church. The matter has been taken care of and we are looking into updating our outside security, etc.

Hopefully winter is over soon with regard to snowplowing and propane bills. Not much we can do about weather conditions.

I am currently in the process of getting bids for lawn mowing for this summer, and snowplowing for the winter 2024/25.

We are in need of a new vacuum for the church. I am working with Fern regarding this decision. The cost should be around \$500.00.

David then asked if there were any glaring projects for the Trustees that those at the council meeting thought should be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,
David Neisendorf

Happenings at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church North Plato

43W301 Plank Road, Hampshire, IL 60140



Everyone is WELCOME!

Rev. Thomas Eaves *Pastor* office: 224-242-4151

Church Office: 847-464-5721

Director Kristina Kolodziej Little Saints Preschool: 847-464-5134

Sunday Service 9:00 am (Communion celebrated every Sunday)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, September through May at 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School (Ages 3 – 8th Grade)

High School Sunday School (9th – 12th Grades)

Adult Bible Study - Sundays at 10:30 am

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14

- Services at 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Worship Services for Lent

Wednesday, February 21 and 28; Wednesday, March 6, 13, and 20

- Services at 1:30pm and 7:30pm
- Light Supper served at 6:30pm

Further information to follow for Holy Week and Easter Sunday services – **Easter is Sunday, March 31**

– Upcoming Events Offered by The Board of Outreach –

WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO

Outreach will be hosting a potluck bingo on **Sunday, February 18** after church. Potluck will be served **starting 11 am** with bingo starting at 12 noon and end when we run out of white elephant prizes. Bring a dish to pass and stay for a few rounds of fun bingo. **All ages are welcome.**

SAVE THE DATE !!

Free!!! Pictures with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, March 23** from **10 am until 12 noon**. Join us for a few fun hours to play games, make a craft, eat a yummy snack, search for a bag of eggs, and of course visit and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. **And it's ALL FREE!**

Please contact **Beth Jack**, Chairman for the Board of Outreach, with any questions:

630-702-5897 or Elizabethannjack@gmail.com

Beth Jack 12 Feb 2024

SIGNAGE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING 11/15/2022

Attendees: Paul Tegtmeier, Sonja Sporleder, Chuck Petersen, Burt Andrews (via phone)

We reviewed the Minutes of the Meeting of 10/06/22 and the responsibilities assigned at that meeting.

Sonja reviewed notes of the conversation with Keith at the Kane County Zoning Division (630-232-3495):

- A certified plat of survey is recommended as it will be to scale and reflect all current changes and/or set-backs, but we can choose to use Google Earth or another resource
- K-DOT can provide the "right of way" set back requirements. If we need to encroach on this, a "right of way" set back variance will be required.
- We need only sign the certification that neighbors have been notified – we do not have to send those notifications via certified mail, and it is recommended we do not mention any dates of zoning hearings or installation of signage
- We must be able to explain all info provided in the application; this puts the petition on "solid ground".
- It is recommended that we provide as much information as possible with the application (renderings or mock-ups from signage company; photos; square footage of building signage) so that most questions are answered BEFORE the hearing.
- Once the application is received, it will take 2-3 days to process same. Once the application is processed, a period of 45 days is allowed for public review and comment (township, neighbors, etc.) When this 45 day period is complete, a hearing will be scheduled.
- Our presence at the hearing will be to answer any questions or concerns not already made clear in the application.

Another discussion about the availability of a plat of survey occurred. To date, no one has been able to provide/present any plat of survey. Paul & Chuck would prefer to avoid the cost of a new survey by using an old survey or Google Earth. Sonja disagreed and believed a new, certified survey will provide the best opportunity to acquire the variance.

Chuck received a quote from Nate at SPL (the folks quoting the church IT renovations) on an electronic sign at \$52,645 (sign only, 50 feet from roadway, no allowance for infrastructure or additional labor/expenses).

There was some discussion of continuing with the variance application to secure same. There were also concerns about acquiring a variance now for signage we may not choose for years. Burt agreed there were some risks to applying now, as codes change and what we want now may not be what we want years from now – if we receive a variance now, we must adhere to that variance.

We discussed the challenges of affording signage with the cost of the variance of up to \$750, the possibility of the cost of a certified survey of \$300-\$500, the anticipated cost of proposed signage, as well as the 2023 budget deficit of \$91K and the proposed electronic IT upgrades of \$53K - \$78K.

Our final decision was to approach the Council at their next meeting and recommend a halt to the signage research and variance process, and let them decide what direction to take. We can store all

data acquired (including the partially completed variance, Paul's building signage renderings, minutes of our meetings, etc.) on a flashdrive for use in the future if this process is officially halted.

There is no meeting scheduled for the future, but members of this committee should be available to attend the next Council meeting (2023) to propose a halt to the process and answer any questions the Council may have.

Beth Jack 12 Feb 2024

Preschool report – February 12, 2024

We have the following students currently enrolled:

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday Pre-K class has: 19
- Tuesday/Thursday 3 year-old class has: 10

School year for 2024/2025 has the following students enrolled:

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday Pre-K class has: 11
- Tuesday/Thursday 3 year-old class has: 6

As of January 31, our general fund/operating budget balance is \$17,955.34. We do not anticipate needing the \$10,000 line item for this school year.

Staffing changes for this year:

- Director Kristina remains with us for an additional year (2024/2025).
- Assistant Danielle left the Preschool in December, as she needs full time and benefits.
- Religious coordinator/Prep work Shana remains with us M/T/W.
- Ashley is our Prep/work coordinator for Thurs/Friday.
- We have hired Sue Reddy as the Assistant. She has a 4 year degree Psychology, but very little in preschool age classes. She is doing well and enjoying her time with the Preschool. Her sons attended our program, and the youngest is now a Junior in High School.
- At this time, we are searching for a Director/Teacher replacement for the 2025/2026 school year.

We have also had changes within the Board this year.

- Steve has retired from his position as Preschool Treasurer. Chuck Petersen has returned to the Board as Treasurer.
- Fred has joined the Board

We have run our Annual Family Fun Fest (February 2nd). This was attended by 16 of our 29 families currently enrolled in the Preschool, as well as 4 new families to the school.

We are planning to run our Puff Pastries this spring, with delivery close to Mother's Day.

Respectfully submitted – Christy Petersen (02/12/2024)

