**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

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**Mission Statement for GSLC:**

We are a Christian community, united in God’s call, to serve others, by sharing the love of Christ.

**2022 Annual Report- Pastor**

The Rev. Joshua Krenz

Grace and peace to you from our Triune God. May the peace, comfort, and love of God be upon you always.

Leading Worship and Preaching: For 49 of the 52 weeks where Sunday worship was held, I both presided and preached as per my calling to this congregation. Please note, two Sundays in May were vacation days and one Sunday in September was absent due to positive COVID test and illness. During the season of Lent, the Ash Wednesday services (noon and 7:00 p.m.), the Lenten Midweek services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday where I also presided and preached per my calling to this congregation. I, along other worship leaders of the CAMA organization, did participate in leading the noon Good Friday service at the lake. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was the only location where I preached and presided in the year of 2022.

Visitations and Villa Services: There were approximately 20 visitations performed over the year. The majority of these visits were made to homebound congregants and done upon request. The Villa Worship Services continued the 2nd Sunday of every month until the month of November where, after multiple zero attendances, services were cancelled.

Baptisms: I had the very high pleasure to baptize 4 children (two infants and two young children) and 1 adult in the year 2022.

Confirmation: I resumed confirmation lessons with the assistance of Michael Malys beginning with Lord’s Prayer, continuing with Apostle’s Creed, Sacraments, and ELCA organization, among other topics. After discernment and discussion with Mr. Malys, it was decided to confirm all confirmation students in the class (some with three years of confirmation class and some with one year of class). Confirmation service was held June 5, 2022, confirming 5 students welcoming them into the membership of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Funerals: I presided at seven (7) funeral or graveside services: Ernie Waid, Kenneth Pew, Ernie Taylor, Chris Harco, Dianne Young, William Ingersoll, and Faye Lampela. I also was present at the funeral service for Ellen Gee, the Celebration of Life for Kenneth Pew, and met the family of Mick Poff at the funeral home with no service scheduled.

Weddings: I performed one wedding during 2022 located at Madeline’s Dining and Event Services in Pennsylvania in October.

Adult Sunday School: No adult Sunday School classes occurred.

Vacation Bible School: We resumed Vacation Bible School this year in collaboration with Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

The Wider Church: The beginning of the year, I attended the CAMA meetings as able. However, recently, the NEOSynod CLEEast Conference is meeting at the same time. I’ve tried to split my availability as possible. I, along with Mark Lytle and Michelle Logan, attended the 2022 NEOSynod Assembly. I also attended Trinity Days at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Finally, as part of the NEOSynod First Call Pastors, I’ve met, via Zoom, with the First Call Theological Education Group monthly.

Throughout my time here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, I have tried to attend, as able, events happening in the lives of the congregants such as concerts, sporting events, and graduations. I have had the pleasure to attend other events happening in the City of Conneaut such as the Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon, the Port Authority of Conneaut meeting, and the City of Conneaut Council meeting.

I look forward to continuing being a part of this community and city as well as continuing visiting the congregation.

Peace,

The Rev. Joshua Krenz

**2022 Annual Report- church office**

Jennifer Best

Chris Murtha

Jennifer was hired as the new Administrative Assistant. Chris has postponed retirement to help train and transition. We appreciate her many years of service. We are thankful for the faithful volunteers.

Goal for 2023: Develop any type of system that promotes a smooth process.

**2022 ANNUAL REPORT- FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Ministry Chairperson: Clarissa Murtha

Ministry Co-Chairperson: Linda Hall

• 2022 marked my 24th year as Financial Secretary for the church. Linda Hall continues to serve as the co-financial secretary. Duties include recording, depositing and posting your offerings and sending statements to you. We are members of the church’s finance committee to maintain the financial health of the church. We also provide council with a monthly income report. Please use your offering envelope number along with your name on any type of offering. Every effort is made to accurately record your offerings.

• Jan Uveges and Linda Hall faithfully volunteer their time to count the offering.

Goals:

• Continued support in the ministries of our church.

• May our offerings be our blessings in 2023.

• If you have any questions concerning your offering, please contact the church office 599-8908

**CHURCH COUNCIL 2022**

Pastor Rev. Joshua Krenz \*

Council President Mark Lytle\*

Council Vice President Jennifer Best\*

Council Secretary Kay Peterson

Treasurer Stacy Racut\*

 Council Persons at Large Pearl Ann Curtis

 George Peterson

 Michelle Logan

 Shirley Brookhouser

 Kathy Mills

 **STANDING COMMITTEES**

 Abiding Memorial ---

 Christian Education Suzanne Malys

 Endowment Church Council

Evangelism Michelle Logan

 Property George Peterson

 Social Ministry Pearl Ann Curtis

 Co-Chair Shirley Harco

 Worship & Music ---

 **DISCIPLES SERVING**

Altar Guild Chair Ruth Brown

Accounts Keeper Jerry Brookhouser\*

Financial Secretary Clarissa Murtha\*

 Co-Financial Sec. Linda Hall\*

Member Care ---

Sunday School Superintendent Mary Vidmar

**TERMS OF OFFICE (JANUARY-DECEMBER)**

**1ST TERM 1ST TERM 1ST TERM**

**ENDS IN 2022 ENDS IN 2023 ENDS IN 2024**

 Mark Lytle (P) Shirley Brookhouser Kathy Mills

Jennifer Best (VP) George Peterson

Pearl Ann Curtis (MTL) Michelle Logan

Kay Peterson (S)

**2ND TERM 2ND TERM 2ND TERM 2ND TERM**

**ENDS IN 2022 ENDS IN 2023 ENDS IN 2024 ENDS 2025**

Pearl Ann Curtis (SM) Mark Lytle (P)

Shirley Harco (SM) Kay Peterson (S)

Michelle Logan (Evang) Pearl Ann Curtis (MTL)

\*Serves on finance committee as well

\*\*According to the Constitution and Bylaws for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Conneaut, Ohio of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **Chapter 12. 02: “**The term of office shall be for three years, with the term of office beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31. Newly elected Congregation Council members shall normally be installed at worship the **second** Sunday of January. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than two three-year terms consecutively.”

**2022 Annual Report- Church Council**

Council Members

Pastor Josh Krenz Stacy Racut, Treasurer (non-voting)

Mark Lytle, President Michelle Logan, Evangelism

Jennifer Best, Vice President George Peterson, Property

Kay Peterson, Secretary Pearl Ann Curtis, Ministry Team Leader

Shirley Brookhouser, At Large Kathy Mills, At Large

Welcome Pastor Joshua Krenz! He was called to Good Shepherd in November of 2021, and he began serving our congregation and community almost immediately in early December. The year 2022 was the first time we had a pastor for the full year since 2019. All the church operations run smoother and better with Pastor Josh with us. One of the tasks that he took on was a review and revision of our constitution. At year-end it was still a work in process but it will be ready for the congregation to vote upon at our February 12, 2023 meeting.

Between October of 2020 and December 2021, we were extremely fortunate to have Rev. David Anderson and Rev. Steve Fisher as our Sunday supply pastors. Much, much thanks to them for helping us through that period. They were excellent!

During those COVID years of 2020-21, many regular and necessary functions were severely restricted. One of those functions was property maintenance. In 2022 George Peterson volunteered to be the property chair and he quickly made a list of projects, prioritized those, and completed several. Please read his annual report for full details. Thank you, George!

For the past three years, Jennifer Best served on council as vice president. Her three-year term expired 12/31/2022 and she was eligible for a second three-year term. Instead, she chose not to be on council because she was hired as our Administrative Assistant, replacing the retiring Chris Murtha. Jen is eager to assume her new duties and I am certain she will be very effective. Jen’s position on council was not filled as there were no applicants for her seat at our December congregation meeting. At that meeting, three council members were re-elected to serve a second three-year term. They were Kay Peterson, Pearl Ann Curtis, and Mark Lytle.

As mentioned above, Chris Murtha is retiring, effective January 31, 2023, after many years in the church office. Chris loves this church and served it very well over the years. She took on many office tasks, was efficient, extremely reliable, and never complained. Chris will remain as the financial secretary, which is a volunteer position, responsible for leading the team of offering counters and entering the offering data for all contributors. Thank you, Chris, for your service and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

The church treasurer has always been a member of council but did not have a vote at the meetings. That changed at our December 11, 2022 congregation meeting when a resolution was approved to make the treasurer a full voting member of council. Our treasurer, Stacy Racut, began as Bob Hybert’s assistant about eight years ago and has served as the only treasurer after Bob retired a few years ago. We cannot thank Stacy enough for the work she does. Every week she comes in after her corporate job and pays bills, including payroll, prepares year-end W-2s and 1099 statements. Stacy works with Jerry Brookhouser to help keep the financial accounting accurate. This is a volunteer position that demands much time and attention to detail and she performs it extremely well. Be sure to thank Stacy next time you see her.

Our tenant at 448 Sandusky moved out and we determined that there were extensive improvements to be made. The congregation approved expenditures up to $25,000 at its February, 2022 meeting. We hired Briestensky’s Electric to replace the circuit panel, replace all wall switches and outlets, hang three ceiling fans, install two attic lights and an outlet, and a light in the pantry. All carpeting was removed and is in the process of being replaced by quality waterproof, attractive, vinyl plank flooring by Rick Vidmar. Rick also replaced the fifteen 100-year-old windows with energy efficient vinyl windows plus three basement windows. All ceilings, walls, doors, and woodwork trim has prepped and painted. New kitchen cabinets will be installed in early 2023. The work is almost done and you will be pleased and proud of all those nice improvements.

It has been my pleasure to serve as council president the past three years. I appreciate your confidence in me as I was re-elected to serve a second three-year term on council.

God’s peace and blessings to you,

Mark Lytle

Council President

**2022 Annual Report- Altar guild**

The Altar Guild’s primary function is to prepare the altar and chancel area for worship services. Every week, the altar is cleaned. We take care of the candles and flowers, and arrange for Holy Communion. The Altar Guild is also responsible for preparing for baptisms, funerals, and weddings; and for changing the paraments and banners. New members are needed and always welcome.

Current volunteers:

Ruth Brown

Mary Lou Moisio

Stephanie Newsome

Stephanie Van Norman

Amanda Sanford

Pearl Ann Curtis

Peggy Harco

Shirley Harco

Kelly Sanford

Katrina Pavolino

Janelle Cole

Susan Comes

Susan Tan

Susan Chapin

Betty Monday

Robin Bryant

Pam Deemer

**2022 Annual Report- Abiding memorial**

Donations:

Ernest Waid

Mick Poff (James)

Kenneth Pew

Ellen Gee

Joan Richards

Ernest Taylor

Charles Lloyd

$ 10,144.18 Ending Balance December 31, 2021

$3800 Deposits

Expenditures:

$151.64 clock and plaque for office

$619.99- computer for finance

$983.38 Altar Vestments: chasuble and stole, veil and burse for 4 liturgical seasons

$22,503 Ending Balance December 31, 2022

Volunteers: Ruth Brown, Susan Tan, Ellen Gee, Molly Todaro, Patricia Haas

**2022 ANNUAL REPORT- SOCIAL MINISTRY**

* January 15 Welcome party for Pastor Krenz
* March 5 First Nisua Bake of 2022
* March 10 Funeral Dinner/Ellen Gee
* April 9 Nisua
* May 21 Nisua
* August 19 Fish Dinner
* October 1 Helped Evangelism with Basket Raffle
* October 16 Blanket Sunday
* November 12 Nisua
* November 29 Covered dish dinner/Hanging of the greens
* December 18 Remove gift ornaments from the giving tree
* December 20 Pack and deliver gifts to 11 families

Social Ministry attended committee meetings monthly. I attended council meetings as scheduled, and several Zoom meetings led by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted

Pearl Ann Curtis

Social Ministry chairperson

**2022 Annual Report- NISUA**

During the 2022 year, we baked 5 times and made 550 loaves. We had many volunteers, a few of whom were not church members. They worked diligently, from measuring the ingredients to labeling and bagging the Finnish sweet bread, for church members and community Nisua connoisseurs. Nisua donated $300 to the Christmas Family Fund.

Suzanne Malys, Chairperson

**2022 Annual Report- quilting**

There are approximately 10 members who volunteer time for quilting. Between September 2021 and May 2022, they have made 76 quilts! 5 have been donated to the Monroe Area Fire Department for victims of a fire. 7 were donated to our high school graduates. 47 boxes were shipped for Lutheran World Relief. The rest are set aside for additional donations for Blanket Sunday, those in need, and LWR. Some are also available for sale.

**2022 Annual Report- Evangelism**

This past year has continued to be a blessing for the Evangelism committee. We have experienced so much love and support from our church family as well as from the community. We continue to have angels visit us in many different forms. They have come in the form of donations of money, time, and items that we use in our Fishes and Loaves Ministry. Angels have also come in the form of those who need a hot meal, food, hygiene items, or just a smiling face and a warm “how are you doing today”. They often come when we are questioning if we should continue this ministry. Then we get our answer that, Yes God wants this ministry to continue.

**Fishes’ and Loaves Ministry**: We have served, on average, 120 lunches per weekend. That is 500 meals a month for a total of 6000 meals for the year. We have seen the cost rise from $1.20 per lunch to make to $2.80 per lunch to make. With the increase in cost, we felt that needed to limit our lunch giveaway to Saturdays only. We have also started to provide lunches for the residents that reside at Conneaut Manor. We presently have 25 individuals signed up to receive meals each Saturday. David and Martha Jayne Thompson stepped forward to help deliver the meals every weekend.

**The Food pantry**: Our food pantry is seeing a continued increase in those that are facing food insecurity. We are serving now on average 35 families per month with an average of 55 individuals. We are ordering on average 1000 pounds of food a month for a total of 12,000 pounds of food for the year. We are continuing to partner with Country Neighbor. This past year we were eligible for a grant through Country Neighbor to purchase equipment for our food pantry and lunch program. We were awarded a grant to purchase a refrigerator for the food pantry and two hot boxes for the lunch program. In addition, we received notification that during the months of November and December each food pantry had received month to cover the cost of food. We were able to purchase food not only for the food pantry but also to purchase food for our Christmas families.

**Nick’s Closet**: Nickolas continues this ministry every Saturday. He serves on average 15 families each Saturday. That is a total of 60 families per month and 720 families per year. We did have to make a limit on how many items a family can receive at a time. They are limited to 4 items. We need to do this to cut costs.

**Fundraising and Donations**: This past year we have been so blessed with many donations. These donations included: (2) $1000.00 grants from Conneaut Elks Club. These donations have helped us purchase items for all three different ministries that fall under the Fishes and Loaves ministry. We also received a $1000.00 grant from Walmart to purchase supplies, $500.00 from Dairy Queen, and $1000.00 from the Eagles club. We have also received multiple donations from anonymous donors. Gail and Ray Burlingham, Susan Tan, and Judy Barch continue to support our ministries on a monthly basis. Words alone cannot express how thankful we are for your continuing support of these ministries. Shirley Harco, Peggy Harco, Jan Uveges, and Janice Boyle have provided us with Thrivent cards to help purchase paper products and food for our Christmas dinner. We received a wonderful donation of hygiene items from the Conneaut Garden Club. This year, instead of purchasing gifts for each other, the Garden Club decided to support Nick’s Closet by purchasing items for the closet as well as a cash donation.

This year we were able to conduct several fundraisers. The sub sale profits of $650.00 benefited fishes and loaves. D Day Parking raised over $5000.00. We were able to give $1000.00 to the general fund from the profits from the parking, and the remaining balance was shared with the following ministries: outreach, Fishes and Loaves and Nick’s closet. Evangelism and Social Ministry worked together on our first basket raffle. We were able to raise $2050.00, which was shared equally between the two ministries. The Basket Raffle received such positive feedback from the community that we will hold the Basket raffle again.

The biggest donation that we have received is all the volunteer time that people have provided, either by cutting vegetables, bagging cookies, or helping prepare lunches on Saturday Mornings. A Huge thank you to the following for all their hard work throughout the year: David and Martha Jayne Thompson, Janice Boyle, Ruth Brown, Sue and John Chapin, Betty Monday, Mary Lou Moisio, Amy Gallagher, Robin Bryant, Peggy and Shirley Harco, Julie Kantola, Pearl Anne Curtis, Gail and Ray Burlingham, Nickolas Mason, Emily McQueeney, Tammy Kobernik, Suzanne and Mike Malys, and Mark Lytle. It has been such a privilege and honor to work with all those people. Each one is a blessing to our church and our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Logan

Evangelism Chair

**2022 Annual Report- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Christian Education Chairperson: Suzanne Malys

Christian Education Director: Mary Vidmar

Sunday School began with our Rally Day on September 11 2022. We welcome our newest teacher, Jasmine Steighner. Many of youth and family activities happen in conjunction with efforts from the Evangelism committee. We continue to try to expand to new and current families, and rebuild after the pandemic. Many of the previously planned activities and events that we hope to bring back in 2023 include trunk or treat and bowling at El Camp Lanes.

It has been good to work with Pastor Joshua Krenz. Pastor Krenz completed many activities with the youth: VBS (in conjunction with Amy Gallagher and St. Francis Cabrini), acolyte training, Bible Sunday, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

Our goals for 2023 include expanding youth and family events with the continued interest from the congregation and local families. We are hoping to grow the Sunday School program with more attendance and re-grow the youth program. These are some activities we would like to bring back: haunted hayrides, family Christmas program, family fun nights, swimming at the YMCA, and TGIF. We are always happy to receive new volunteers and helpers. Many hands make light work.

**2022 Annual Report- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS for 2022 was held in conjunction with Corpus Christi Parish. Attendance was as follows:
24 children in Preschool- grade 3
15 children grade 4- high school
32 adult volunteers

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Gallagher

**2022 Annual Report- Property**

Property Chairman: George Peterson

**Accomplishments For 2022**

* Name Change of 3M’s to be all inclusive
	+ Formerly known as Men’s Maintenance Ministry
	+ New name Member’s Maintenance Ministry
* Re-hung Cross in front of Stained Glass
* Replaced Carpeting in the Sanctuary and Music Room
* Repaired and upgraded Carillons (Church Bells) had not worked for two years.
* Closed Church Library to convert back to Family Room
	+ Found outlet for all books through donations and membership give away
* Cleaned out years of collection and clutter creating more spaces for much needed storage of church equipment
	+ Gave to church members over 100 old wooden chairs and tables
* Cleaned out and reorganized both the garage and shed creating more room for mowers and equipment storage. Disposed of damaged traffic control markers.
* Waterproofed basement area under organ pipe room.
* Removed old and moldy sliding curtains from Fellow ship hall both sides of stage area.
* Built carts to store older plastic tables for storage and ease of mobility for use throughout the church. All Tables and chairs are now stored on each side of the stage in Fellowship Hall.
* Relocated Quilters storage to one location and installed better lighting.
* Cleaned out Grease trap in kitchen, and cleaned and sanitized dish washer chasing odor in kitchen. Assumption: odor was from stagnant drains from Covid shutdown.
* Sealed and re-striped all asphalt around the church property
	+ Created Visitors Parking Spaces to welcome visitors to our church
* Repaired and refurbished WW2 recognition case with names of former members of Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (one of the original churches to form Good Shepherd Lutheran)
* Removed dead tree and trimmed 4 trees from church building and overhang of new dumpster area.
* Moved Trash Dumpster Location to allow for dumpster pick up (utilizing old trash bin for cardboard collection). Removed old trash enclosure
* Installation of New Trash Enclosure has not been completed. As of this writing, approximately 50% complete. Remaining construction may have to be hired out.
* Relocated Food Pantry from old office space and multiple areas around the church to one location utilizing one double room
	+ Relocated shelving from closed library to new food pantry and secured to walls.
	+ Assembled and installed new shelving- two rows
	+ Investigated electrical service to support two freezers and one refrigerator
	+ Installed new flooring in Food Pantry
* Upgraded and expanded Wi-Fi service in Church building
	+ Service now reaches all areas of church including Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary
	+ Upgrade allows for video and remote connections for AC units
* Entire Church has been re-keyed and New Key policy has been issued
	+ Master Keys for external doors only have been issued to all members that must have access to the church, and a separate Master Key for all internal doors (excluding Pastor’s office) have been issued on a limited basis. Separate keys to specific internal doors have been issued to those as needed.
	+ All keys distributed are numbered and assigned to individual.
* New Alarm system has been installed in church, and all areas of the church are now protected.
	+ All members with keys have been assigned alarm codes and have agreed to alarm code policy
	+ New system has reporting of all alarm activities as well as when armed or disarmed and by whom.
* Replaced all spotlights in the Chancel area of the Sanctuary with new or rebuilt cans and new daylight LED bulbs. Much improved lighting. The Stained glass behind the altar is beautiful when lit up at night.

**2022 Property Financials and 2023 Budget**

**Narrative:**

Property budget had an overrun of 14% with “Maintenance Building” and “Electricity” accounting for 93% of the total overrun. Natural Gas was a bright spot but not enough to offset all the category overruns. 2023 Budget is more realistic and can be obtainable with many of the actions put in place in 2022.

In 2022 we were able to utilize “free labor” from outside the church membership but even with this added volunteer help we still had to hire more support than we have in the past. Some was due to extended none use and maintenance but the majority was due to lack of membership volunteers. We desperately need your help!!! We do not have to meet on Tuesdays at 9:00am we can adjust! We adjusted on a couple projects this past year and are very willing to do more adjustments. **Let us know what works for you!**



**2023 Goals and Objectives:**

* *Be Under Budget!*
* Finish dumpster enclosure installation.
* Finish “Family Room”
* Locate and repair leak underground to storm sewer. This leak is creating very wet and soggy ground near the flower garden.
* Clean out all Storm sewers on church property.
* Repair or replace all damaged down spouts around the church.
* Clean out all gutters around the church.
* Remove “Boy Scout” shed floors and sides have been destroyed by rodents.
* Paint all interior doors the same color.
* Paint walls in both hallways on each side of the stage in fellowship hall
* Install new “rubber” base board in fellowship hall.
* Replace counter curtain between kitchen and fellowship hall.
* Replace lights in Nave section of sanctuary with LED bulbs.
* Repair “bubbled” floor with focus on floors in education wing.
* Find a solution for stall walls in both men’s and women’s restrooms.

**2022 Annual Report- ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

These three endowment funds are managed by the church council.

**Purpose**

Our principle responsibilities are to prudently invest the funds and to manage the accounts in complete compliance with the bylaws. The bylaws allow for distributions of income or growth but never the principal. The following is a brief description of each fund, the 2022 activities, and investment performances.

**Capital Improvement Fund**

This fund was established to provide funding for the purchase and maintenance of capital assets (land, buildings, and equipment) owned by Good Shepherd as well as making loan payments associated with those assets. In 2022, we were debt free. Therefore, there were no disbursements for loan payments. However, we did use **$24,446.06** for improvements. At our 448 Sandusky Street property, we replaced the circuit breaker box, all wall outlets and wall switches, installed 15 new energy efficient vinyl windows, re-painted the entire inside, and are in the process of laying waterproof vinyl plank flooring throughout all rooms. In addition, this fund helped pay for the seal coating of our parking lots and the new vinyl fencing for the relocated rubbish containers.

**Mission and Education Fund**

This fund provides money for internal and external missions of Good Shepherd and to provide higher education for qualified members. In 2022, we disbursed a total of **$5,200**, of which $3,500 was for scholarships, $500 for a donation to the ELCA Church Together, and financial support to our food pantry mission.

**Family Center**

This fund was established in 2015 with $20,000 to provide seed money for a future family center. The cash came from donations and fund raisers over several years from GSLC members and other citizens of Conneaut. There have never been any disbursements.

**Investment Summary**

Our funds are invested in various mutual funds with Vanguard and grew modestly from January through March. In the second and third quarters of the year, there was a sharp decline in the value of our funds brought on by 40-year record high inflation in the U.S. economy and severe supply chain problems. The fourth quarter saw the start of a rebound but overall, our accounts lost value in 2022. The outlook for 2023 is uncertain mainly because a business recession is expected by many economists and business leaders sometime during this year. The severity of the possible recession is difficult to predict but at this time it is not considered to be high or long. Other world events can have impact our economy, both in a positive and negative direction. We are invested for the long-run and will ride it out. We have experienced these market fluctuations before and this strategy has served us well.

**Capital Improvement Mission & Education Family Center Totals**

Beginning Balance 12/31/2021 $913,678 $127,443 $41,127 $1,082,248

Purchase Additions -0- -0- -0- -0-

Dividend & Capital Gain Additions + 33,752 + 6,401 + 1,739 + 41,892

Disbursements - 24,446 - 5,200 -0- -29,646

Change in share price valuation -140,037 - 20,417 -8,187 -168,641

**Ending Balances 12/31/2022 $782,947 $108,227 $34,679 $925,853**

**GSLC CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2022**

General Fund (including Sunday school) $ 10,015

GENERAL SAVINGS

Discretionary 542

Bulletins, Altar Flowers, Memorial Candle – Savings 2,074

 Education 262

Abiding Memorial 22,503

Estate Distribution 38,003

Detroit Street 15,865

Sandusky Street 13,332

Youth Mission 10,610

Capital Campaign – Phase II - 0 -

Continuing Education 240

Miscellaneous Other Savings Accounts 35,134

 **TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS $ 138,565**

**LONG TERM ASSETS**

Mission & Education Endowment Fund: Investment Portion $ 108,227

Capital Improvement Endowment Fund: Investment Portion 782,947

Family Center Fund 34,679

Thrivent Fund 11,093

 **TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS $ 936,946**

**FIXED ASSETS**

Land $ 294,000

Church Building 1,207,500

Other Buildings 3,675

Parking Lots 42,000

LED Sign 50,000

Furniture and Fixtures 131,250

Office Equipment 7,350

Pipe Organ 253,575

Pianos 18,900

Hand Bells 8,295

Digital Keyboard 8,925

Art Glass Windows 88,515

472 Detroit Street 60,000

448-450 Sandusky Street 85,000

 Carillon 14,700

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS $ 2,273,685

 TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS 945,113

 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 138,565

 TOTAL ASSETS **$ 3,357,363**

**LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH**

**LIABILITIES**

 4th Quarter 2022 Accruals (Payroll taxes & Synod Benevolence) $ 2,609

 Benefits Accruals $ 1,250

 **TOTAL LIABILITIES $ 3,859**

 **NET WORTH $ 3,353,504**

 **NET WORTH AND LIABILITIES $ 3,357,363**

**GSLC GENERAL FUND INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT**

**INCOME ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**GENERAL FUND INCLUDING SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Weekly Offerings $ 142,569

 Special Offerings 2,664

 Other Income 6,309

 **TOTAL** **$ 151,542**

**EXPENSE ACCOUNTS**

**GENERAL FUND**

Christian Education including Sunday school $ 2,298

 Evangelism 0

 Social Ministry 0

 Worship and Music 2,847

 Stewardship 420

 Staff Salaries 87,701

 Staff Benefits 25,226

 Property 32,113

 Utilities (Annual)

 Electricity 10,395

 Gas 4,738

 Water & Sewer 771

 Telephone 913

 Other Property Costs 15,296

Parish Administration 9,545

 Other 16,944

 **TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES** **$177,094**

**ESTIMATE OF MISSION FUNDING**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022 Budget** | **2023 Budget** | **Difference** |
| *Christian Education* |  |  |  |
| Sunday School | $1,000.00 | $1,300.00 | $300.00 |
| Vacation Bible School | $300.00 | $0.00 | -$300.00 |
|  | $1,300.00 | $1,300.00 | $0.00 |
|  |  |  |  |
| *Worship and Music* |  |  |  |
| Worship Supplies | $900.00 | $700.00 | -$200.00 |
| Maintenance - Music Equip. | $1,450.00 | $1,100.00 | -$350.00 |
| Supply Pastor (@$220) | $1,500.00 | $880.00 | -$620.00 |
| Guest Organists | $300.00 | $300.00 | $0.00 |
| Altar Guild | $800.00 | $800.00 | $0.00 |
|  | $4,950.00 | $3,780.00 | -$1,170.00 |
| *Stewardship* |  |  |  |
| Offering Envelopes | $400.00 | $400.00 | $0.00 |
| Hospitality | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
|  | $400.00 | $400.00 | $0.00 |
|  |  |  |  |
| *Staff Salaries* | $96,343.00 | $92,885.00 | -$3,458.00 |
|  |  |  |  |
| *Staff Benefits* | $28,424.00 | $26,728.00 | -$1,696.00 |
|  |  |  |  |
| *Property* |  |  |  |
| Janitorial Supplies | $500.00 | $460.00 | -$40.00 |
| Maintenance - Building | $3,000.00 | $5,000.00 | $2,000.00 |
| Safety/Security | $1,000.00 | $1,100.00 | $100.00 |
| Electricity | $8,500.00 | $10,000.00 | $1,500.00 |
| Gas | $6,000.00 | $4,700.00 | -$1,300.00 |
| Water & Sewer | $600.00 | $600.00 | $0.00 |
| Trash Removal | $550.00 | $800.00 | $250.00 |
| Snow Removal | $1,900.00 | $2,875.00 | $975.00 |
| Insurance | $5,400.00 | $6,300.00 | $900.00 |
| Telephone | $900.00 | $900.00 | $0.00 |
|  | $28,350.00 | $32,735.00 | $4,385.00 |
|  | **2022 Budget** | **2023 Budget** | **Difference** |
|  |  |  |  |
| *Parish Administration* |  |  |  |
| Office Supplies | $2,000.00 | $1,550.00 | -$450.00 |
| Postage | $1,500.00 | $725.00 | -$775.00 |
| Maint - Office Equip. | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Copier Contract | $5,150.00 | $4,410.00 | -$740.00 |
| Internet Service | $600.00 | $1,200.00 | $600.00 |
| Sundays & Seasons | $600.00 | $600.00 | $0.00 |
| One Call | $700.00 | $700.00 | $0.00 |
|  | $10,550.00 | $9,185.00 | -$1,365.00 |
| *Finance* |  |  |  |
| Finance Charges | $30.00 | $30.00 | $30.00 |
| Bank Fees (checks/deposit slips) | $75.00 | $75.00 | $75.00 |
|  | $105.00 | $105.00 | $0.00 |
|  |  |  |  |
| *Congregational Council* |  |  |  |
| Administrative Expense | $100.00 | $100.00 | $0.00 |
| Benevolence (10% giving) | $19,100.00 | $18,725.00 | -$375.00 |
|  | $20,200.00 | $20,325.00 | $125.00 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | $190,622.00 | $187,443$ | $3,179.00 |