

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

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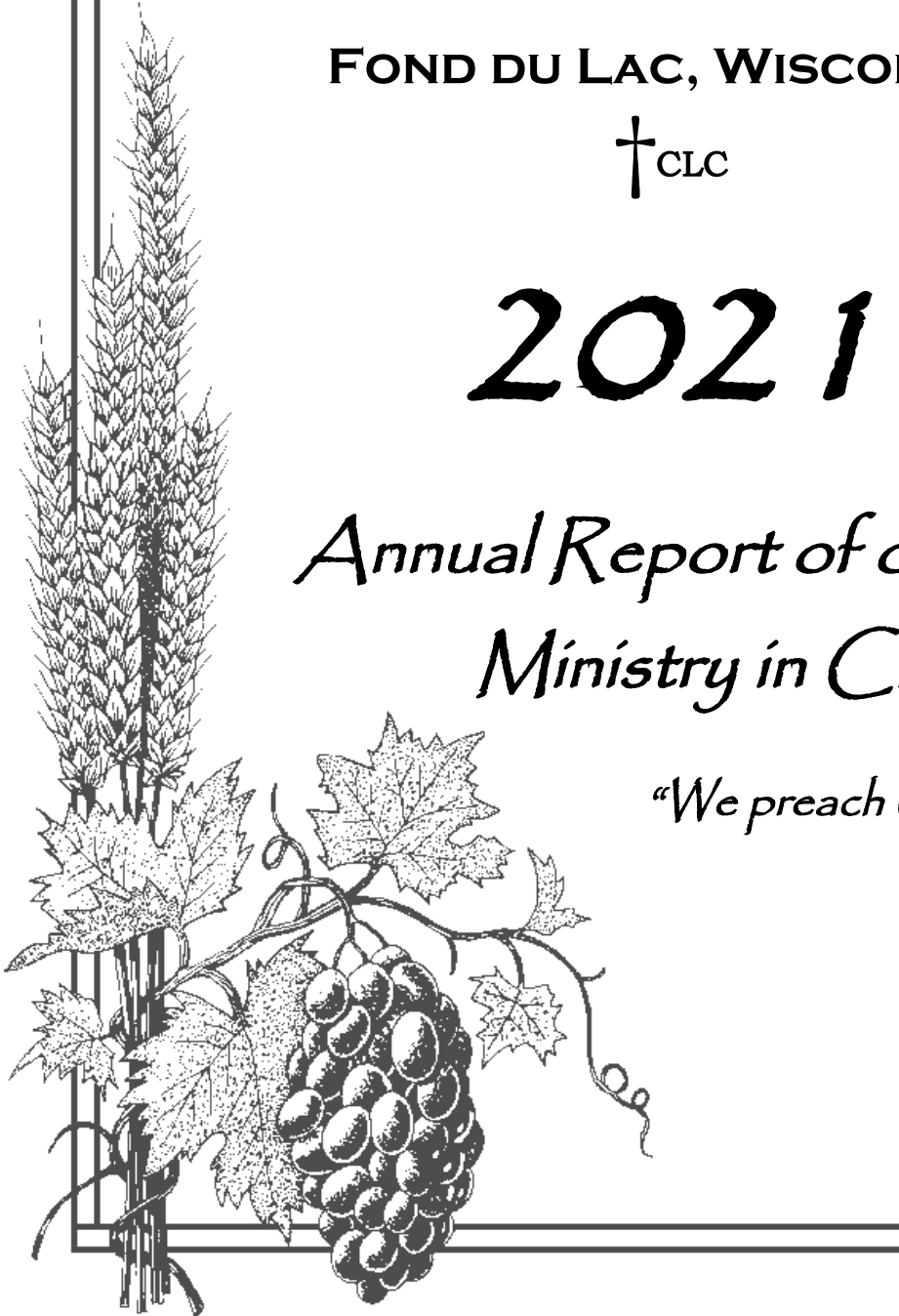


## 2021

*Annual Report of our Gospel  
Ministry in Christ Jesus*

*"We preach Christ crucified!"*

*1 Corinthians 1:23*



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# CHRIST'S WORK AT LUTHER MEMORIAL THIS PAST YEAR

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*"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." -Colossians 3:17*

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## 2021 DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENTS

"And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."  
 [1 Thessalonians 5:12-13]

<b>CHURCH COUNCIL:</b>	<b>TERM:</b>	<b>SINCE:</b>
President of the congregation	Mike Schierenbeck	2017
Vice President (shall hold other office)	Dave Bernthal	2020
Recording Secretary	Vacant	N/A
Financial Secretary	Gunnard Sippert	2019
Treasurer	Alex Scheberl	2019
Mission/Evangelism Chairman	Mike Schwersinske	2020
School Chairman	Dave Bernthal	2020
Board of Elders Chairman	Vacant	N/A
Building & Grounds Chairman	Tyler Kern	2017

**DURATION OF TERMS:** (2 yr. term x 3 = 6 years)

**MISSION/EVANGELISM:** **Mike Schwersinske**  
 Chairman + 3 members,  
 three year terms

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** **Dave Bernthal** (Chairman since 2020)  
 Chairman + 4 members,  
 two year terms.  
 Alan Kottke                      Steve Siebel

**SUN. SCH. COORDINATOR:** **Vacant**

**BOARD OF ELDERS:** **Vacant**  
 Chairman + up to 7 members  
 Rodney Kern                      Verland Ritterling                      Bob Chase

**TRUSTEES:** Alex Scheberl                      Mike Schierenbeck  
 One newly elected council (2 yr)

**AUDITING COMM.:** **Vacant**

**PLANNING COMM.:** **Tyler Kern** (Building and Grounds since 2018)  
 B&G Chairman, 1 Trustee,  
 + 5 other members.  
 Don Eserhut                      Don Seibel

**GIFTS COMMITTEE:** Dave Bernthal                      Don Eserhut                      Don Gescheidle

**CONSTITUTION COMM.:** Steve Seibel

**USHER CHAIRMAN:** Steve Seibel

**CHURCH SECRETARY:** Barb/Ron Haensgen

**CUSTODIAN:** Trisha Sabel and family

## PASTOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT - "Is the LORD Among Us?"

**Exodus 17:5-7** – <sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

"Is the LORD among us or not?" That's what the Israelites demand at a place called Rephidim. Not, "Why is the LORD making things so difficult?" or "What is the LORD up to?", but "Is He even here?" It's hard to believe that they're quarreling now: it was only three chapters ago, in Exodus 14, that the LORD led them across the Red Sea on dry land before drowning the Egyptian army in pursuit. The people of Israel spent chapter 15 singing praise to God for that deliverance. That leaves just chapter 16, where the people complained that there was no food, and so God promptly provided manna and quail. That brings us to chapter 17, where the people openly quarrel, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

To be fair, a little bit of time has gone by: the people of Israel have camped in a couple of places in between. And as they move away from the sea towards Horeb, the terrain is getting rockier, the valleys deeper and water is tough to find. They're in a strange land, a little on the tired side, worried about the future and getting thirsty; and as the anxiety mounts, that pillar of cloud that's been leading them starts to look like just a cloud, not the LORD's presence. Facing trouble, His gracious promises are replaced by their yammering worries. Whenever adversity comes along, people are immediately tempted to think that God has let them down or left them behind, and it's no different for these people in the wilderness. Has God brought them out there to die and then abandoned them—and is Moses in cahoots with this complicated execution? "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Although the people prove themselves faithless, God remains faithful. When Moses cries to the LORD, "What shall I do?", the LORD has a plan: "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink."

Moses does so. At Horeb, he strikes the rock where God stands, and water flows. The people drink and are satisfied because the LORD has provided. Moses names the place "Massah and Meribah," something like "Strife and Contention," because the people quarreled there with the LORD, testing Him as they doubted His faithfulness and said, "Is the LORD among us or not?" The LORD answered the question with a definite "yes:" water flowed from the rock, and by that water He kept His people alive.

We're tempted to ask the same question: "Is the LORD among us or not?" When we're swamped with worry and adversity, dogged by illness or injury, worried about loved ones or our own future, the Gospel just sounds like more words. Our baptism feels only like a splash of water in the distant past, and the Supper feels like an empty ritual of unfulfilling food. It is not that these things have lost their power, that they are no longer the Lord's means of grace for us. Rather, it's just that we're tempted to see our troubles as far more real than the Lord's promises and deliverance. This danger is real: for if we see our afflictions as greater and more real than the Lord's promises, then we have made them into a false god! And if we see ourselves as beyond God's help, then we might well just decide forsake Him and do whatever brings us some comfort along the way.

Rest assured, we are tempted to ask this question about our church: “Is God among us or not?” Our membership continues to decline a little more each year, and our worship attendance hasn’t returned to pre-Covid levels. And so the question comes again: “Is God among us or not?”

Well, when we’re tempted to ask that question, let’s remember this story of the people of Israel in the wilderness and remember that the LORD proved His presence and gave them water when Moses struck the rock. But more than that, let’s remember the cross. Up on the hill at Calvary, the people demanded, “Is the LORD among us or not?”; except that it was with the words, “If you are the Christ, save yourself! Come down from the cross and we will believe.” Jesus didn’t come down from the cross: He could have, but He stayed in order to die for the sins of the world, that He might be the Rock, the cornerstone on which the Church is built. And as Moses struck the rock and water flowed, the soldier pierced the side of Jesus, and water and blood flowed. Where we are tempted to wonder if the Lord is with us, He says, “Here I am in the waters of Holy Baptism for you.” He declares, “This cup is the New Testament in My blood for the forgiveness of sins.”

Oh, the Lord is with us. He is with our congregation. He is as near to us as His Word and His Sacraments. He forgives us for our sins and our doubts. He promises His presence with us through this wilderness to the Promised Land, for by water and the Word He has said to us, “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Pastor Rob Sauers

## ELDERS / PASTORAL REPORT

*“The Board of Elders... purpose is to work closely with the pastor for the spiritual welfare of the congregation. They shall assist the pastor in the general planning and work that may be undertaken in the interest of the faithful fulfillment of the congregation’s membership responsibility, as pertaining to Article 3 in this constitution... The duties of the Elders shall include setting the proper example, motivating others, solving problems, restoring peace, helping others to greater faith and diligence and, in general, promoting faith, righteousness and harmony in this Christian congregation...”*

*(LM Constitution: ARTICLE XXI THE BOARD OF ELDERS)*

**“Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.” [1 Thessalonians 5:14]**

### Membership at a Glance:

*(To date)*

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	loss/gain
<b>Communicants (cs)</b>	169	170	167	158	<b>150</b>	-10/+2
<b>Pre-Communicants (s)</b>	38	29	31	30	<b>29</b>	-2/+1
<b>Total Souls</b>	207	199	198	188	<b>179</b>	-12/+3

*Member: Soul (s), Communicant (cs), Voter (v)*

**Membership Removals: 10 Communicants (cs), 2 pre-communicants (s) = 12**

"A member who is **guilty of living in open sin** shall become the deep concern of the congregation. He shall be offered patient, loving admonition according to Matthew 18:15-18. Should such a person remain manifestly impenitent in spite of these efforts, the congregation shall excommunicate him with the earnest prayer that he may be brought to repentance. He gives up all rights in the congregation and its property until he repents and is again accepted into membership of the congregation."

(Matthew 18:15-20; I Corinthians 5: 4-5, &13) – Article 6.1; 3.4,6 of LM Constitution

None	
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"The congregation shall **terminate the membership** of a person who causes divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which we have learned or who severs his association with the congregation."

(Romans 16: 17-18) – Article 6.2 and Article 3.3,7 of LM Constitution

None	
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"The congregation shall **release from membership** those who no longer wish to be members. The Church Council may act in behalf of the congregation if the congregation does not meet for some time. The action of the Church Council shall be brought to the congregation for approval." (1 Corinthians 14:40) – Article 6.3; 3.8 of LM Constitution

1. Don Whitenight (vcs)	Released from membership on 04.06.21 upon his request
2. Shannon Whitenight (cs)	Released from membership on 04.06.21 upon her request
3. Joshua Whitenight (s)	Released from membership on 04.06.21 upon his request
4. Karen Dins (cs)	Released from membership on 07.26.21 upon her request
5. Reuel Dins (vcs)	Released from membership on 07.26.21 upon his request
6. Karlene Ditter (cs)	Released from membership on 10.24.21 upon her request
7. Kenneth Ditter (vcs)	Released from membership on 10.24.21 upon his request

"The congregation shall grant a **transfer of membership** to a sister congregation when a transfer is requested for valid reasons. The Church Council may act in behalf of the congregation if the congregation does not meet for some time. The action of the Church Council shall be brought to the congregation for approval." (1 Corinthians 14:40) – Article 6.4 of LM Constitution

None	
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Members who have been called from this earthly veil of tears by our gracious Lord in **death**...

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." [Psalm 116:15]

8. Lester Wollerman (vcs)	Called home on 01.21.21; Victory Service on 01.26.21
9. Lois Jean Martin (cs)	Called home on 01.23.21; Victory Service on 01.28.21
10. Elaine Tagliapietra (cs)	Called home on 03.15.21; Victory Service on 03.22.21
11. Dakota Goldapske (vcs)	Called home on 03.31.21; Victory Service on 04.05.21

Pre-communicants who in **confirmation** of their faith are now communicant members...

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." [1 Timothy 6:12]

12. Allison Shafer (s)	Confirmed on 05.23.21
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**Membership Additions: 2 Communicants (cs), 1 pre-communicant (s) = 3**

*"I planted, another watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." [1 Corinthians 3:6-7]*

**By profession of faith or confirmation...**

1. Allison Shafer (cs)	Confirmed on 05.23.21
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**By Baptism...**

2. Sylvie Wiese (s)	Born 08.09.21 / Baptism 09.05.21
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**By transfer...**

3. Shelby Haanstad (cs)	Welcomed as a communicant member by transfer 05.11.21
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**Weddings:**

At Luther Memorial	Shelby Sabel and Walker Haanstad – Affirmation 05.01.21
At Luther Memorial	Janice Schwersinske and Matthew King 05.15.21

**Baptisms (non-member of LM):**

Sawyer Guell	Born 06.16.21/ Baptized 08.15.21
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**Use of the Means of Grace:**

*"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." [Acts 2:42]*

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Total Worship Services</b>	69	67	69	57 <sup>a</sup>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total Attendance</b>	6644	5978	5873	2874 <sup>a</sup>	<b>3575</b>
<b>Avg. Attendance</b>	96	89	85	50 <sup>a</sup>	<b>51</b>
<b>Avg. Sunday Attendance</b>	107	95	92	55 <sup>a</sup>	<b>55</b>
<b>Avg. Bible Class Attendance</b>	27	23	20	13 <sup>a</sup>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Communion Services</b>	16	16	17	15 <sup>b</sup>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Communion Attendance</b>	1024	883	998	462 <sup>b</sup>	<b>619</b>
<b>Avg. Communion Attendance</b>	64	55	59	31 <sup>b</sup>	<b>36</b>
<b>Preaching Stations/Shut in Services</b>	4	4	4	4 <sup>c</sup>	<b>3</b>
<b>Avg. Attendance at all Stations</b>	19	19	21	20 <sup>c</sup>	<b>25</b>
<b>Baptisms during the year</b>	Children 3 Adults 1	Children 1 Adults 0	Children 4 Adults 0	Children 2 Adults 0	<b>Children 2 Adults 0</b>

<sup>a</sup>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person worship services were canceled from 3/22/20 – 5/10/20. During that time, worship services were live-streamed. Services continued to be live-streamed for the remainder of 2020. Due to continued COVID-19 concerns, some members continued to make use of these live-streamed services rather than attend in-person, largely accounting for the decrease in attendance from the previous year.

<sup>b</sup>The total communion services include nine during church services and six weeks where communion was made available by appointment during the first week of the month when there were no in-church communion services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic largely accounts for the decrease in attendance from the previous year.

<sup>c</sup>Services were discontinued after March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Current shut-ins:

*"You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man,  
and fear your God: I am the LORD." [Leviticus 19:32]*

Our Shut-ins are members who have significant trouble getting to church on their own or who can't make it at all. Pastor visits and gives devotions with communion to our shut-ins as often as possible, usually once a month. Elders also continued making visits to shut-ins as they had opportunity. Our shut-ins received their mailbox items regularly. Here is the most current list of our shut-ins:

	Name	Address	Facility	City	ST	Zip	Phone
1.	DeClue, Joan	448 Tompkins St	At Home	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	921-4718
2.	Hintz, Arlean	524 Windsor Court	At Home	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	322-0804
3.	Jacobs, Ed	868 W Scott St FF#105	At Home	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	960-5355
4.	Lenburg, John	769 Mustang Ln	At Home	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	933-3733
5.	Mueller, Bernice	573 S. Park Ave	At Home	Fond du Lac	WI	54935	922-0467

**SHUT IN WORSHIP SERVICES** – Over the last few years pastor has usually had at least one nursing home service or more conducted on a regular basis. Over recent years services were held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at each of the three Woodlands Senior Centers and St. Peter's Place here in Fond du Lac with an average of 20-30 guests between the four services. This year, services were restarted in July. One of the buildings closed at Woodlands closed, but services are still held at the other two buildings. Please let pastor or an elder know if you think one of our members ought to be included on the shut-in list or needs more regular visits. We thank the Cheer Committee, as well as so many of our members who go out of their way to encourage them with visits and/or cards! The shut-ins are so appreciative of their church family!

**MINISTRY BY MAIL** – Our church secretary sends bi-weekly sermons and bulletins to our shut-ins and other members living at a distance. If you would like to help out in this area please let our church secretary know. Pastor continues to try to help them make use of their facilities' internet to access our online worship services that are live-streamed each week at: [www.FDLlutheran.com](http://www.FDLlutheran.com).

**BIBLE STUDIES** – Our Sunday Bible class completed a study on personal evangelism in the spring and began a study of the Book of Revelation. This fall, we had our Vicar, Zack Sippert, take us through a study of the liturgy. We then continued our study of Revelation. Midweek Bible study meets Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. The class completed a study on the Book of Romans this past year and is currently studying the Minor Prophets.

**CATECHISM** classes continue with the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade day school students meeting two days a week. This year, there are seven LMS students in class (including one non-member). Pastor currently has five non-LMS school students in Catechism class meeting weekly. Pray for pastor and these classes that all may continue to grow in the Word!

**VICAR** – Seminary Senior Zachery Sippert served as our Vicar from August 15<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup>. By the end of his time here, he was carrying out most of the regular pastoral duties in our congregation. We pray that the Lord will bless his final year of seminary as he looks forward to a call this spring.



**CHURCH ORGANISTS, INSTRUMENTALISTS, AND SINGERS** practice for many hours! Their level of devotion involved with all the music playing for our services should not go unnoticed. To the praise and glory of God we give thanks for Rhoda Eserhut and Barry Hay for playing the organ for our worship services. We also thank the Moodie family, pastor, and others for their instrumental efforts that help to lift our hearts in song to our Lord. If any of our members are interested in singing or playing before, during, or after our service, please let pastor or an Elder know!

### **OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THIS PAST YEAR**

- **Visits** were made by pastor and the elders which usually included a devotion, prayer, and often private Communion. Pastor and the elders have made efforts to contact everyone in the congregation. Currently, the elders are considering other ways to be in regular contact with members. Continue to support one another in Christ!
- **Midweek Lenten/Advent Services** continue to be held for Lent in the Spring (Feb-March), and for Advent in the Fall (Dec.) at 6:30pm. The spring Lent theme was "Hands of the Passion". The fall Advent theme "Symbols of Salvation" focused on various "types" in the Old Testament that pointed to the coming of the Savior.
- **Joint Reformation Service** this year was held on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at Ascension Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL, followed by a potluck meal. Attending congregations included: Living Hope Lutheran Church of Appleton, WI; Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton (Madison) WI; Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI; Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI; Ascension Lutheran, Batavia (Chicago), IL; and Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI.
- **Youth Group** resumed their activities this summer. They hosted an escape room at Luther Memorial in August and a Christmas Lunch in December.
- **The Annual Church Picnic** was held Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>. We thank the many volunteers that make this fellowship activity happen.

**Audio/Video Support:** *The Kern Family, The Seibel Family*

**WORK OF OUR SYNOD – CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION** - Visit our synod's web pages found at [www.clclutheran.com](http://www.clclutheran.com) and [www.LutheranMissions.com](http://www.LutheranMissions.com) as well as Immanuel Lutheran College ([www.ILC.edu](http://www.ILC.edu)) for more information/resources for your walk with/for Christ!

**THE GREAT LAKES DELEGATE CONFERENCE** is held every spring the first Monday and Tuesday of June. The 2021 conference was held at Luther Memorial. We thank the many volunteers that helped to provide housing and prepare snacks and meals for the delegates.

**THE CLC GENERAL CONVENTION** is held bi-annually in June in Eau Claire, WI. The 2020 convention was held this past year due to COVID-19. The 2022 convention is scheduled for June 23-26. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please speak with pastor.

**ENCOURAGEMENT** – There is a great deal of work that our congregation’s leaders and members do as they volunteer their time, talents and abilities, as well as their earthly treasures behind the scenes. We give thanks to the Lord for how He continues to move our hearts out of our love for Him. We pray that He would also move all our hearts to lovingly and encouragingly reach out to those we haven’t seen in His house for some time, as well as gladly greet and rejoice in the ones that we do!

**“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.” [Hebrews 13:17,18]**

In the service of our Savior,

Pastor Rob Sauers

Elders Bob Chase, Rodney Kern, and Verland Ritterling

## **MISSIONS/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT**

**From the Luther Memorial Constitution bylaws:** *“The Mission Committee shall assist the pastor in searching out the unchurched in the area, those who have no church affiliation, and watching for newcomers. The Mission Committee shall, as the need may suggest or require, assist the pastor in other general planning and work that may be undertaken in the interest of the faithful fulfillment of the congregation’s missionary responsibility and the promotion of the Savior’s Kingdom at home and abroad.”*

### **Highlights of the Missions work:**

- Continued a weekly emailed newsletter from the pastor. If you are not receiving this newsletter, please make sure to check your junk folder for an email from [contact@fdllutheran.com](mailto:contact@fdllutheran.com). You can also send an email to [contact@fdllutheran.com](mailto:contact@fdllutheran.com) and ask to be put on the list.
- Continued live-streaming worship services and Sunday Bible class on our website and YouTube.
- The Mission Committee organized this year’s Vacation Bible School. We tried an evening VBS this past year with classes and activities for the whole family. We anticipate taking the same approach to VBS in 2022.
- We once again participated in Fondue Fest. Many children visited our booth and enjoyed the games and free popcorn. We thank the LM families that volunteered in making Fondue Fest 2021 another success. This is still one of our largest community involvements with interaction with hundreds of Fond du Lac and local community individuals / families.
- Postcards were mailed to invite members to our “Back to Church” Sunday in September.

## **Online presence statistics:**

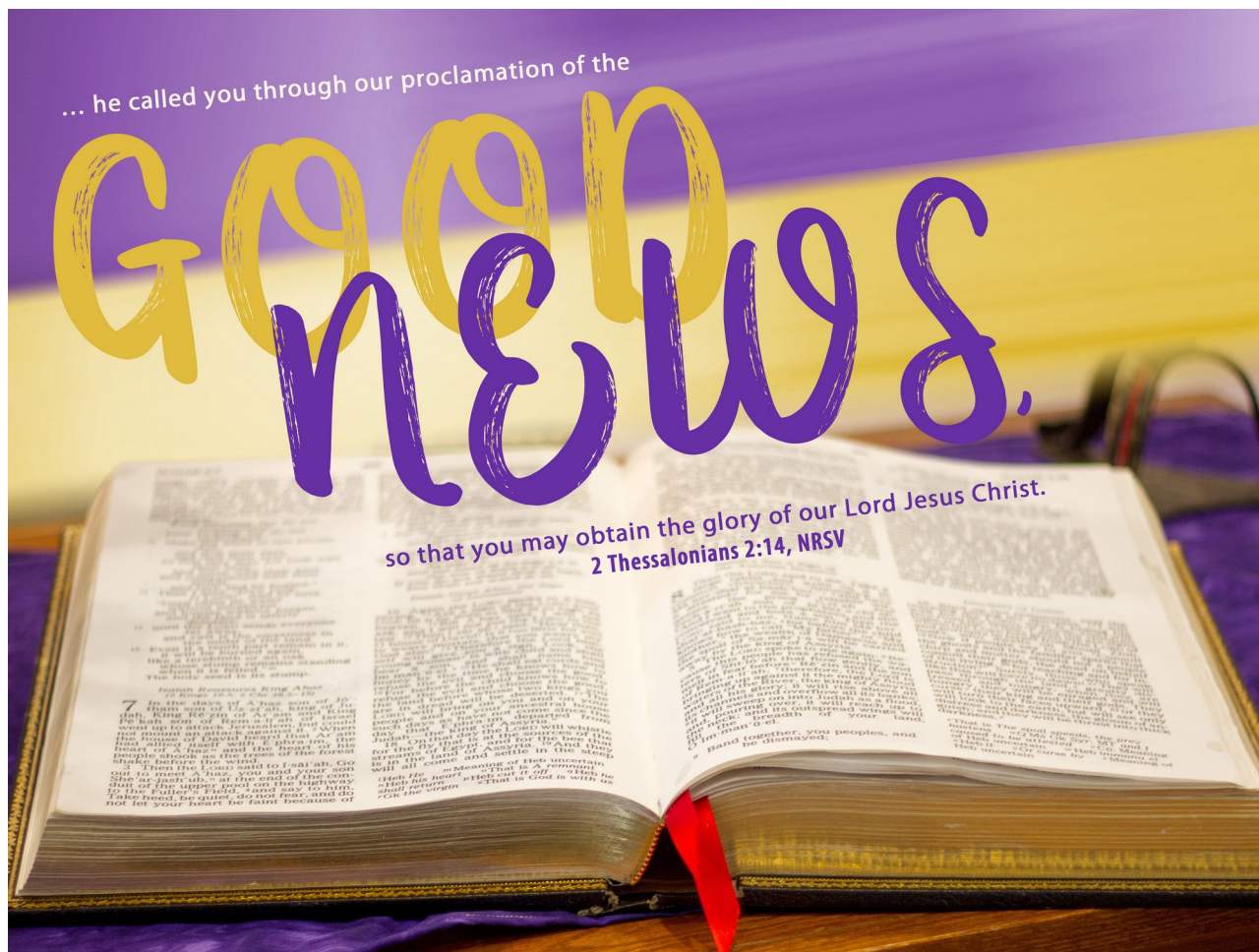
YouTube Channel (fonddulaclutheran)

- Online with YouTube since August of 2011
- Total Estimated Minutes Watched for 2019 = 9,408 and 1,757 views
- Total Estimated Minutes Watched for 2020 = 80,568 and 5,132 view
- Total Estimated Minutes Watched for 2021 = 66,450 and 3,356 view
- Subscribers = 92 (+6 from last year).
- There are over 661 Videos on our channel

Our website and YouTube channel continue to be our biggest venture online, with Facebook being third. If you would be interested in helping maintain, add to, or just participate in helping at times, please speak to the missions committee.

Respectfully Submitted in His service,  
Mike Schwersinske - Missions Committee Chairman  
Pastor Rob Sauers

***Let us proclaim his good word to everyone. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops. Luke 12:3***



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

### Our Called Workers:

Pastor Rob Sauers  
Mrs. Jennifer Wiese – Principal/Teacher

Installed August 12, 2018  
Installed August 11, 2013

### School Committee Members:

David Bernthal – Chairman, Alan Kottke, Steve Seibel

### Principal's Annual Encouragement

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." James 1:2-4, 12*

If you're anything like me, the last two years have become one big blur. Most days, I struggle to recall when lockdown really started and how we got to where we are today. What I can remember is that throughout these last two years, our good and gracious God has been faithful throughout.

God has promised that this life will have trials and troubles. From pandemics to politics, to personal and professional, our lives will continue to be filled with trials. In James, God assures us that these many trials are not in vain. God has a plan and purpose for them all. Trust in that!

Mrs. Jennifer Wiese

The TESTING of your  
FAITH  
PRODUCES  
ENDURANCE.  
James 1:3, NRSV

## **Luther Memorial School 2021 Highlights**

*Student Body 2021-2022: Initial Enrollment: 11 students in 6 grades.*

### *Highlights:*

- We started the 3rd quarter of the 2020-2021 school year with 7 students in 3 grades. We welcomed Ms. Kathleen Naumann as our student teacher for the 3rd quarter.
- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we remained in masks throughout the school year. We also stayed in a blended learning model of in-person learning Mon-Tues and Thurs-Fri, with virtual learning on Wednesday. This not only gave our students a break throughout the week from masks, but it also allowed us to keep our online learning skills in check.
- There was no Grade School Tournaments held at Immanuel in Eau Claire, WI, due to the continued pandemic.
- We welcomed a new student (Charlotte Rabe) to our classroom for the last 8 weeks of the school year. We were able to have our End of the Year program as scheduled.
- The 2020-2021 school year started out as anticipated with 11 students in 6 grades enrolled. We began the year as masks optional and have continued with the virtual learning on Wednesday.
- Mr. Bernthal was the long-term substitute teacher to start the school year as Mrs. Wiese was on maternity leave. We thank Mr. Bernthal for his help in getting the year started and making Mrs. Wiese's transition seamless!
- The students were able to have their Fall Party and Christmas Parties as scheduled thanks to the help of our parent volunteers.
- The students created ornaments for our Young at Heart and Shut-In Members.
- The students along with our Sunday School children, prepared and presented the Christmas Eve Program on December 24. There were 16 children involved.
- The school year has been one where many curve balls have come up along the way in regards to sickness, exposure, and ever changing guidance from the local DHS department. Our parents and students continue to be flexible and understanding as we all work through this together. What a blessing!
- Our current enrollment as we begin the 3rd quarter is 9 students in 5 grades.

# 2021-2022 LM Pre-Communicant & LMS Student Roster

LM Pre-Communicant

*LMS Student LMS*

*Non-member student*

(Birth month and year)

## 29 total Pre-Communicants

## 7 total LM Students

Kindergarten in Fall of 2026
Emma Sauers (Sept. 2020)
Sylvie Wiese (Aug. 2021)
Kindergarten in Fall of 2025
Joseph Shafer (June 2020)
Kindergarten in Fall of 2024
Caius Arguelles (July 2019)
Ziva Wiese (Jan. 2019)
Maverick Siedschlag (July 2019)
Kindergarten in Fall of 2023
Ryder Schwersinske (June 2018)
Aria Bernthal (Dec. 2017)
Jacob Sauers (Dec 2017)
Kindergarten in Fall of 2022
Gabriel Arguelles (Apr. 2017)
Issac Krebsbach (May 2017)
Kobe Siedschlag (Nov 2016)
Kindergarten
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
Bryce Rademann (June 2014)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
Benjamin Bernthal (Jan 2014)

3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Blayn Rademann (June 2012)
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Lucas Bernthal (Sept. 2011)
Landen Dziuba (May 2012)
<i>Alliyah Kiefer (June 2012)</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<i>Kayla Kern (Mar. 2010)</i>
<i>Samuel Kiefer (Aug. 2010)</i>
Cooper Sabel (Jan. 2010)
<i>Magdalene Seibel (Sept. 2010)</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Noah Dziuba (Jan. 2009)
<i>Caleb Goldapske (July 2008)</i>
<i>Madysyn Goldapske (July 2008)</i>
Austin Immerfall (July 2009)
Sid Shafer (Aug. 2009)
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Brett Moodie (Apr. 2008)
<i>Joanna Seibel (Sept. 2008)</i>

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**Luther Memorial Church & School  
Offering Summary - Monthly

Service Dates - From 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

<b>Account</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Budgetary	Communion	2.00
	General Fund	138732.83
	<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$138,734.83</b>
Missions	General Missions Fund	19231.00
	ILC Improvement Fund	5.00
	ILC Student Aid Fund	555.00
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund	505.00
	Mission Development Fund (MDF)	2750.00
	Project Kinship	3416.52
	<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$26,462.52</b>
Non-Budgetary	Debt Retirement	365.00
	LM Building Fund	1070.00
	LM Student Aid Fund	360.00
	Local Missions / Outreach	904.05
	M&I - Duplex Rent	16200.00
	Maintenance & Improvement Fund	870.00
	Memorial - Non Designated	102500.00
	Miscellaneous	244.00
	Spokesman	157.00
	<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$122,670.05</b>
School	General School Fund	1160.00
	<b>Account Total</b>	<b>\$1,160.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$289,027.40</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Gunnard Sippert, Financial Secretary

# TREASURER REPORT

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Beginning balance	1/1/21	7676.18
OFFERINGS		138734.83
DISBURSEMENTS		139817.08
Ending balance	12/31/21	6593.93

	Offered	Disbursed	Comparisons
Jan - Mar	34043.23	37589.71	-3546.48
Apr - Jun	35691.00	34846.37	844.63
July - Sep	29570.40	33639.30	-4068.90
Oct - Dec	39430.20	34118.86	5311.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138734.83</b>	<b>140194.24</b>	<b>-1459.41</b>

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>Y T D</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Church Expenses	4435.66	5000.00	-564.34
CLC Retirement	4800.00	4800.00	0.00
Debt Service	3000.00	18000.00	-15000.00
Insurance-Other	9902.00	9750.00	152.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operations	5895.21	8000.00	-2104.79
Salaries	91346.84	89078.00	2268.84
School Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taxes	3885.00	3684.00	201.00
Utilities	16552.37	21688.00	-5135.63
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>139817.08</b>	<b>160000.00</b>	<b>-20182.92</b>

	<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>COMPARISONS</u>
<b>Year to date total</b>	138734.83	139817.08	-1082.25
<i>Weekly average (52)</i>	2667.98	2688.79	-20.81

## LOANS Summary

<b>BUDGETARY LOANS</b>				
<u>Source</u>	<u>Balance</u> 1/1/21	<u>Advances</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u> 12/31/21
Non-Budgetary, 2017	3000.00		3000.00	0.00
Non-Budgetary, 2018	15000.00			15000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3000.00</b>	<b>15000.00</b>



**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

Beginning balan	1/1/21	34020.52
OFFERINGS		122670.05
Repayment of Budgetary lo		3000.00
DISBURSEMENTS		77285.21
Loans to Budgetary		0
Ending balance	12/31/21	82405.36

	Offerings	Disbursed
Jan - Mar	6385.00	4112.60
Apr - June	107046.00	3081.09
July - Sept	4904.05	6593.04
Oct - Dec	4335.00	63498.48
	<u>122670.05</u>	<u>77285.21</u>

FUND ACTIVITY	Beg. balance	Receipts	Expenses	End balance
1 Debt Retirement	2067.00	365.00		2432.00
2 Pflueger Maint & Build	2487.56		2487.56	0.00
3 LM Student Aid	706.72	360.00		1066.72
4 Maintenance & Improver	28462.07	17070.00	26784.90	18747.17
5 Undesignated-Bequest	594.91		*	594.91
6 Undesignated-Memorial	1752.80	102500.00	39974.93	64277.87
7 Misc Non-budgetary	4284.80	301.00	494.00	4091.80
8 Local Mission Outreach	1408.81	1004.05	632.45	1780.41
9 Rein Student Aid	416.37			416.37
10 Rein Missions	3998.11		*	3998.11
11 Fellowship Hall REGULAR	5641.37	1070.00	6711.37	0.00
12 Fellowship Hall PRINCIPAL	200.00		200.00	0.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	52020.52	122670.05	77285.21	97405.36
DEBT owed to Non-budge	-18000.00	3000.00		-15000.00
	34020.52	125670.05	77285.21	82405.36
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34020.52</b>	<b>125670.05</b>	<b>77285.21</b>	<b>82405.36</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

- 2 Shed door, HVAC
- 4 HVAC (\$20000), Window repair, CEF payments, plumbing backup, dryer, oven
- 6 Repay member loan, member loan interest, HVAC
- 7 Lutheran Spokesman and Daily Rest subscriptions
- 8 Fondue Fest, VBS
- 11 Monthly CEF payments

**Edward Jones fund summary**

	Beg. Balance	Interest	Disbursed	End Balance
*Rein Missions	10815.91	412.83	0	11228.74
Und-Bequest, Manowske	22790.03	4.86	0	22794.89

**BUILDING PROJECT LOANS**

	1/1/21	Payments	12/31/21	YTD Totals
Member Loans, Int due 12/31/21	25000	25000	0	25000
CEF Loan (orig 7/2/17; \$130K)	113943.65	5556.63	108387.02	5556.63
Interest paid (CEF)		3899.37		3899.37
<b>TOTALS (Principal)</b>	<b>138943.65</b>	<b>30556.63</b>	<b>108387.02</b>	

**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Offerings to Missions**

	CLC General*	Non Budgetary	TOTAL
January	1683.00	245	1,928.00
Februar	1101.50	795	1,896.50
March	1655.50	410	2,065.50
April	1509.00	335	1,844.00
May	1981.00	680	2,661.00
June	1658.00	1622	3,280.00
July	1021.00	400	1,421.00
August	2128.00	564.52	2,692.52
Septeml	1095.00	400	1,495.00
October	1817.00	530	2,347.00
Novemb	1252.00	575	1,827.00
Decemb	2330.00	675	3,005.00
	<b>19,231.00</b>	<b>7,231.52</b>	<b>26,462.52</b>

\*NOTE: Offerings for CLC General Missions include Mission Festival offerings

Mission Offerings by Category

<i>CLC General (Missions Budgetary)</i>	
General Missions	19,231.00
Mission Festival	0.00
<i>Other Funds (Missions Non-Budgetary)</i>	
ILC Building	0
ILC Improvement	5
ILC Student Aid	555
ILC Family Student Debt	0
LM Ladies Orphan	505
Mission Development	2750
Mission Helper Program	0
Project Kinship	3416.52
<b>TOTAL for YEAR</b>	<b>26462.52</b>

**Missions Budget for CLC Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 (July 1 - December 31, 2021)**

Budget/YR	20000	Budget-needed/wk	384.62
<i>July 1 - December 31</i>		<i>January 1 - June 30</i>	
Budget/26 weeks	10000	Budget/26 weeks	10000
Offerings/26 wee	9643	Offerings needed	10357
SURPLUS YTD	-357	Needed, Jan-Jun 2020	398.35

Respectfully submitted,  
Alex Scheberl, Treasurer

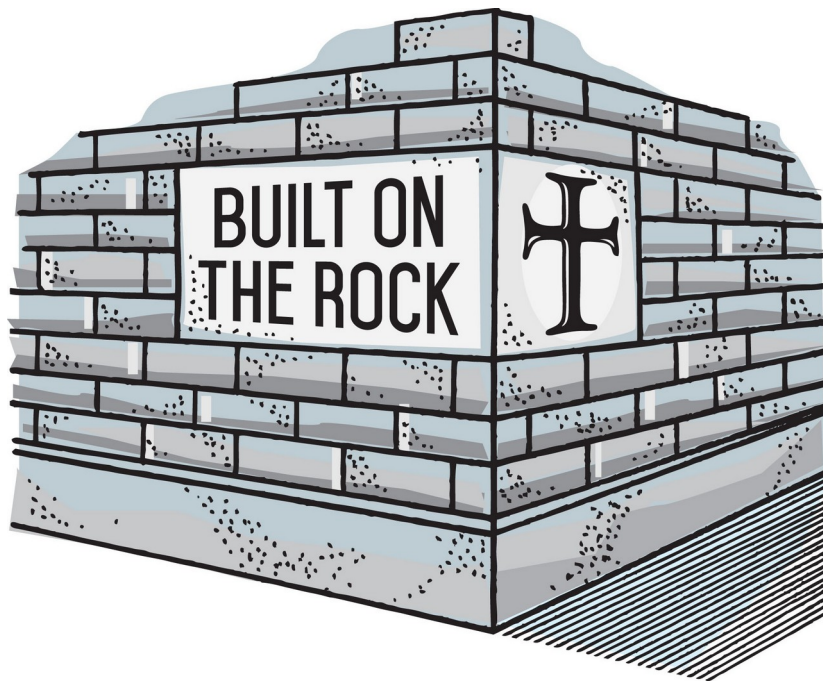
## BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

### Tasks Completed in 2021:

1. New Dryer for Pastor's House
2. New Garage Door for Church Next to the Playground
3. New HVAC Controller: We're still working out the kinks with this new system, but we now have the ability to schedule and control the heating and cooling on demand.

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Psalm 23:1,5-6, KJV*

Respectfully submitted,  
Tyler Kern, Buildings and Grounds



## OTHER – LADIES GROUP

**THE LUTHER MEMORIAL LADIES GROUP** normally meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month - March, May, October, December. The meetings are opened with a devotion by the Pastor, followed by a business meeting. Aside from their mutual encouragement in God's Word, the women of the congregation serve God in many areas such as; organizing potlucks, funeral and wedding lunches, flower committees, delivering cards from the congregation to the hospitalized, cradle roll organization, and many other important functions in the work of God's Kingdom. Due to COVID-19, no meetings took place in 2021.

Chair – Rhoda Eserhut / Secretary - Jodimae Seibel / Treasurer - Barb Haensgen

### General Checking Account

**Balance January 1, 2021**-----\$511.71

#### Receipts

Individual Donations-----70.00  
 Transfer from Orphan Fund for Project Kinship-----592.00  
 ILC Professors Donations-----300.00  
 Called Workers Donations-----80.00  
 Scrip Deposits-----15,481.00  
 Transfer from Scrip Savings-----335.72  
 50-50 Store return-----32.14  
**Total Receipts**-----\$16,890.86

#### Disbursements

Project Kinship Sponsorship-----600.00  
 Scrip ACH W/D-----15,278.78  
 Scrip Transfer to Kitchen Fund (Income)-----502.94  
 Withdraw for Called Workers donation-----80.00  
 CLC Missions-----145.00  
 Katie Naumann Farewell-----80.00  
 5 Culver's gift cards (ILC after banquet)-----50.00  
 Mail gift cards to ILC-----4.00  
 Needsome Supply (table covering)-----35.72  
 Kinship Christmas donation-----100.00  
 50-50 Store (paper products)-----52.03  
 EP Direct (Advent by Candlelight promo)-----100.27  
 Table covering-----17.86  
 2 poinsettias-----49.98  
 NSF fee-----35.00  
**Total Disbursements**-----17,131.58

**Balance December 31, 2021**-----\$270.99

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### Project Kinship Account (India Orphan)

**Balance January 1, 2021**-----\$226.96

Donations-----580.00  
 Dividends-----.19  
 Disbursements-----592.00  
**Balance December 31, 2021**-----\$215.15

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**Scrip Savings (Kitchen Fund)**-----\$741.30