



Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



2024 Annual Report

Clementson Lutheran Church Annual Meeting-February 9, 2025

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- V. Reports
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 - a. Building Improvements
 - i. Painting building
 - ii. Rain gutters
 - iii. Double doors
 - b. Grounds
 - 1. Tree Clean-up
 - 2.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Approval of Mission Plan
 - b. Parish Agreement
 - c. Election of officers (2-year terms/total of 10)
Open Seats: President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - d. Election of 2 voting members and alternates
 - i. Great Synod Get Together
 - ii. Northwestern MN Synod Assembly
 - e. Service Project- Hospice
- VIII. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Clementson Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Feb. 11, 2024

Members present: Gary and Roseann Swenson, Kit and Sue Hasbargen, Gary and Janet Hasbargen, Charlie and Jill Hasbargen, Rod and Marla Hasbargen, and Carrie Hasbargen.

I. Called to Order: President Gary Swenson called to order at 12:20 p.m.

II. Devotions: Gary Swenson read from the Weekly Devotional

III. Approval of the Agenda: MSC Kit Hasbargen, Gary Hasbargen

IV. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 12, 2023, MSC Kit Hasbargen, Gary Hasbargen

V. Reports Approval:

- A. Pastor/SAM Report-No Pastor's Report as Calista was not feeling well
- B. Statistical Report-presented in the report package. 2 CD's coming due. Do we want to use one to support a local charity?
- C. Financial Report-presented in the report package
- D. Treasures-presented in the report package
- E. Church Women-presented in the report package
- F. Sunday School-presented in the report package

MSC Jill Hasbargen, Roseann Swenson

VI. Unfinished Business:

A. Building improvements

1. Foundation Windows-We need new foundation windows, especially on the church side. Kit will ask Calvin Nelson if he has time to do it. We need to replace the wood ones with vinyl or aluminum.
2. Finish entryway, There was a discussion about getting new inside entry doors including the double doors, the kitchen door, and the closet door. Most agreed they should have the panels and be stained to match the one leading into the furnace room. Kit was going to ask Calvin Nelson if he could do it.
3. Siding- get estimates to replace the siding on the church, not including the fellowship hall and Sunday School room side, as that siding is newer. Carrie will check with Corey McDowney of Slab Town Construction and Kit will get an estimate from S & S Construction.

B. Grounds:

1. Tree cleanup-six to eight oak trees need to be removed before they fall, Kit will see if anyone is going by the church with the buncher. We need to get some new ones planted. Maybe check with someone to see if we can move some bigger saplings.
2. Playground equipment-It was decided that the wooden playground set is not in good enough shape to move down to the church and would be unsafe in its current condition.

VII. New Business:

A. Approval of Mission Plan

1. Mission Plan-change telephone to internet service only.
2. There was a discussion on whether we need to increase the building material budget with the proposed building improvements. A motion was made by Roseann Swenson to



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A year end message from Bishop Bill Tesch:

*Faith, however, is a divine work in us which changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. It kills the old Adam and makes us altogether different [people], in heart and spirit and mind and powers; and it brings with it the Holy Spirit. **O it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith!***

-From the "Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans," by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

Dear Beloved Siblings in Christ of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod,

The faith that is stirred up in us by the Holy Spirit and that reaches the depths of our hearts is more than merely agreeing to specific ideas about God. A Living Faith roots our lives in Jesus and transforms us into lovers of the world and of our neighbor. This is the faith we want for ourselves, our children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. **Such a faith needs a living, active, mighty congregation** where the good news is proclaimed and where the faithful collaborate to teach the word of God and love their neighbors. Everything we do as your synod staff is for this purpose. Here are just some of the ways that your synod staff partnered with you in the last year to foster **living, active and mighty congregations**.

- ❖ We ordained and installed 4 new ministers into their first calls.
- ❖ We welcomed 6 new individuals into candidacy for rostered ministry. Our synod now has a total of 16 people in candidacy, as we prepare gifted leaders for the future of our congregations.
- ❖ We installed 13 new pastors or deacons who joined our synod's congregations and ministries.
- ❖ We placed 10 new Synod Authorized Ministers in congregations while guiding and supporting the work of 53 authorized ministers in total.
- ❖ We empowered 13 congregations to share the Gospel in innovative ways on Synod Vitality Day.
- ❖ We fortified 18 congregations who were experiencing divisive internal conflict with coaching, mediation and accompaniment.
- ❖ We traveled 100,000+ miles to show up for the joys and struggles of our congregations and leaders.
- ❖ We provided 4000 hours of face-to-face engagement with leaders and congregations across the 21,100 square miles of our synod's territory.
- ❖ We inspired and equipped 36 congregations to grow their members' generosity through two synod-sponsored stewardship days or through synod-created video resources.
- ❖ We gathered 14 Sr. Pastors for collaboration, learning and fellowship at our annual Sr. Pastor retreat.
- ❖ We paid off just under \$60,000 worth of student loan debt for 13 pastors or deacons.
- ❖ We are forming and equipping dozens of leaders with innovative programs such as Jeremiah 29 and FACES of leadership.

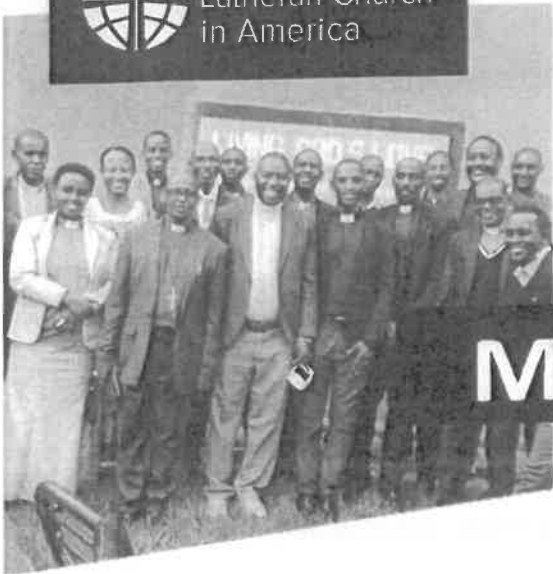
And the list could go on, but we must stop here because we are out of space! THANK YOU for your partnership in sharing the Gospel and for your generosity of time, treasure and spirit. God bless all of you as you gather in annual meetings to make important decisions about the ministry of your congregation.

In Christ our Savior,

Pastor Bill Tesch, Bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA



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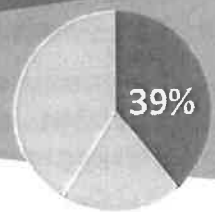
MISSION SUPPORT A DEEP DIVE

Northwestern Minnesota Synod FY2023 Thank You

We believe that the ELCA's members, congregations, synods and churchwide organization are called to be church together. Every year around \$1.6 billion is shared as regular offerings to ELCA congregations and worshipping communities. Over 5% of that generosity is shared with our 65 synods, a portion of which is then shared with the churchwide organization. We call this Mission Support. In FY2023, the Northwestern Minnesota Synod shared \$622,838 directly in Mission Support for ELCA churchwide ministries. Whether utilized locally, regionally, nationally or internationally, Mission Support enables us to have a greater impact in communities — working together to share God's abundant grace with others.

Your Mission Support funds a variety of churchwide ministries.

39% builds Christian communities in the United States by:



Thank you for \$242,907 from the Northwestern Minnesota Synod for these ministries!

- Planting and supporting hundreds of worshipping communities.
- Revitalizing congregational ministries and reaching out to their surrounding communities.
- Promoting leadership opportunities, discernment and education through leadership initiatives.
- Supporting the work of seven ELCA seminaries and 26 ELCA colleges and universities.
- Hosting events and leadership opportunities for youth and young adults.
- Supporting regional work through directors for evangelical mission as well as candidacy and leadership managers.
- Preparing and implementing a system for recruiting and assigning rostered ministers.



Front Row: Kristina Johnson Dernier, Pr. Genelle Netland, Pr. Rebel Hurd, Kathy Levenhagen (SAM),
 Joan Meulebroeck, Pr. Chris Leach. Back Row: Pr. Keith Pearson, Pr. Dennis Preston,
 Bp. Bill Tesch, Dn. Jon Leiseth, Pr. Jon Olson

Full and Part-time staff:	Ministry Focus:
*Pr Bill Tesch, Bishop (605) 351-8098 (cell) (218) 299-4015 (office) btesch@cord.edu	• Providing pastoral care to the synod • Preaching the Word and teaching the faith • Leading the synod in vision, mission, values and goals, including as president and CEO • Cultivating and sustaining relationships with faith, interfaith and community partners
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Members of Clementson Lutheran Church,

Though our numbers are small our gratitude is large for the many blessings God has given us.
May the Lord fill us with wisdom as we plan our congregation's mission and ministries,

Thank you for your continued support for our church, both financially and spiritually this year.
Thanks also to everyone who has volunteered their time and talents to serve on the council, and
those who help maintain our church building.

We are so grateful for Calista - you are a blessing. Thank you to Joyce for your help in the
Parish office.

In Christ,
Gary Swenson
Council President

2024 Statistical Report

Baptisms		
Ivy Noelle Hanson		
Beck Dietrich Potucek		
Confirmation/Affirmation of Faith		
Deaths/Funerals/Memorial Services/Burials		
Pernell Sather		
Jackson Morisch		
Membership		
<i>Transferred to other churches/removed by own request/removed by council action</i>		
<i>Members Received</i>		
	Baptized	Confirmed
December 31, 2023	107	88
December 31, 2024	76	57

Clementson Lutheran 2024 Financial Secretary Report

Month End Offering Totals

January	\$2708.00
February	\$2935.00
March	\$2951.00
April	\$3015.00
May	\$2540.00
June	\$2685.00
July	\$2896.00
August	\$2730.00
September	\$2760.00
October	\$3815.00
November	\$2505.00
December	<u>\$4876.00</u>
Total	\$36416.00

Breakfasts

June 8	\$1015.00
October 19	\$ 810.00

2023 Total	\$34954.00
2022 Total	\$42060.00
2021 Total	\$38260.00

CHURCH OUTREACH

1077	03/13	Northwestern MN Synod	\$3,000.00
1108	10/09	Peoples Church	750.00
Total			\$3,750.00

Clementson Benevolence

1094	7/1	Sannie Morisch	\$1,000.00
1109	10/10	Calista –appreciation	500.00
Total			\$1,500.00

WINE	10/10	\$.00
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SNOW PLOWING	Total	\$. 00
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ELECTRICITY

EFT	1/23	North Star Electric	\$134.00
EFT	2/21		142.00
EFT	3/21		134.00
EFT	4/23		130.00
EFT	5/21		120.00
EFT	6/21		110.00
EFT	7/23		93.00
EFT	8/21		83.00
EFT	9/20	Capital credits applied \$146.73	.00
EFT	10/22		13.00
EFT	11/21		137.00

EFT	9/10		36.95
EFT	10/10		36.95
EFT	11/12		36.95
EFT	12/10		36.95
		Total	\$443.40

MISSION SUPPORT

1075	january	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,410.58
1078	february	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,060.15
1080	march	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,311.03
1084	april	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,328.44
1089	may	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,180.39
1095	june	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,520.15
1103	july	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,421.15
1106	august	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,345.67
1107	september	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,022.38
1113	october	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,697.79
1118	november	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,754.34
1121	december	Baudette Lutheran Parish	1,251.91
		Total	\$16,303.98

LAWN MOWING

1087	06/02	Tim Cook	\$100.00
1099	07/12	Jack Cook	100.00
1100	07/12	Tim Cook	50.00
		Total	\$250.00

Total	\$10,902.55
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MISC EXPENSE

1074	2/5	Hometown Hardware-material for quilts	\$85.08
1076	2/15	Hometown Hardware-material for quilts	27.63
1079	4/3	Hometown hardware-material for quilts	100.54
1082	5/3	Hometown hardware-material for quilts	215.31
1086	6/2	Marla Hasbargen-material for quilts	18.04
1088	6/4	Hometown Hardware-material for quilts	8.42
1101	7/16	Roseann Swenson-tree for Border Church	122.23
1112	11/9	Birchdale hall-rent for use of fundraiser	30.00
1117	12/9	Linda Bauer-food for advent dinner	41.91
		Total	\$649.16

Total 2024 disbursements	\$39,424.95
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Checking Account funds 1-1-24	\$19,716.31
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Checking Account funds 12-31-24	\$15,953.40
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CD for \$25,000.00 purchased 8/9/23 due 3/9/25	\$26,372.49
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CD for \$50,000.00 purchased 10/10/24 due 10/10/25	\$50,000.00
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Misc Expenses	147.49	1,000.00	649.16	1,000.00
Electricity	1,039.00	1,300.00	1,245.00	1,300.00
Insurance	1,381.78	1,300.00	1,687.50	1,300.00
Internet	221.70	450.00	443.40	450.00
Fuel	2,442.36	2,300.00	2,378.36	3,500.00
Building Supplies	3,464.41	5,000.00	10,827.55	25,000.00
Snow Plowing	.00	300.00	.00	300.00
Lawn Mowing	300.00	350.00	250.00	350.00
Music	110.00	250.00	315.00	500.00
Totals	\$9,201.09	\$12,725.00	\$23,175.97	\$34,275.00

,BAUDETTE LUTHERAN PARISH	Actual 2023	Proposed 2024	Actual 2024	Proposed 2025
Mission Plan Support	\$18,993.09	\$25,000.00	\$16,303.98	\$
Totals	\$47,545.96	\$44,955.00	\$39,479.95	\$

Funds from the sale of the bible camp	\$26,037.53
Ruby's Pantry 8-16-22	672.25
Ruby's Pantry 8-21-22	924.73
Ruby's Pantry 11-08-22	336.03
Ruby's Pantry 11/28-22	206.84
Ruby's Pantry 5-7-23	117.54
Peoples Church-meals 10-9-24	750.00
Hospice of the Red River Valley 11-21-24	5,000.00
Balance left	\$18,030.14

Clementson Lutheran Sunday School

Beginning balance 1/1/24 ----- \$608.23

Deposit: 5/22/24 64.25

Expenses:
Nelson Store 204.00

Ending balance 12/31/24 ----- \$468.48