

Annual Report 2021



Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Our Vision: Making Christ known as we worship, serve and grow in faith

**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held
Sunday, January 23, 2022 in the Sanctuary at noon
following the 10:30 AM service.**

***Please read the enclosed reports and bring this report to the meeting.
Please bring any errors or omissions in this report to the
attention of the Church Office before the Annual Meeting.***

Annual Report for the Year 2021

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Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church Statement of Mission

The congregation of Christ's Lutheran Church, having been nourished by the gifts of Word and Sacrament, is called to:

Be faithful to the Gospel and its proclamation in word and deed;

Worship God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit with devotion, piety and vigor, according to the mandate of the Scriptures and practices of the Church;

Be involved in apostolic works of mercy and love to our community and, through our benevolence, to the world;

Be a community of learning, encouraging one another to become involved in opportunities to deepen our understanding of the Gospel and the faith of the Church;

Be a community whose common life is characterized by understanding, support, fellowship and forgiveness;

Develop leadership for the work of the parish and the wider work of the Church, i.e., Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America;

Grow in our appreciation for God's good gifts by giving generously of our time, abilities and money;

Proclaim the Gospel to those outside the Church as an invitation to share in the life of Christ's people;

Love one another as Christ has loved us;

Work and pray for peace and justice in our nation and the world;

Work and pray for the unity of the Church;

Affirm the future as filled with opportunities for growth in obedience to our Lord and His service.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL VISION:

Making Christ known as we worship, serve and grow in faith.

Church Staff 2021

Pastor The Rev. William Henderson
Interim Pastor.....The Rev. Erwin Roux
Organist/Music Coordinator Joanne Vasey
Coordinator of Faith Formation Charlene Rineer
Choir Director Brandy Aguirre
Secretary Brenda Boyer
Bookkeeper Diane Zacker
Cooperative Preschool Teachers..... Donna Laroya & Erinn Gramley
Cooperative Preschool AM & PM Aides..... Dana Haile & Kathleen Dadalt
Authorized Lay Worship Leader Tom Booth

Congregation Council 2021

President Tim Goff
Vice-President Tom Stahlnecker
Secretary Diane Miller
Treasurer Tim Eshelman
Recording Secretary
Assistant to the Treasurer Bill Bollinger

Terms Expire 12/31/2021

Tim Goff
Colleen Nevil
Sam Stroh
Dan White

Terms Expire 12/31/2022

Bill Borys
Diane Miller
Bob Lamparter

Terms Expire 12/31/2023

Rick Faux
Darlene Rowe
Rick Slear
Tom Stahlnecker

2021 Parish Committee Chairs/Council Representatives

Administration & Personnel Committee Amy Coleman / Diane Miller
Benevolent Endowment Fund Tim Apple/Bill Borys
Evangelism & Fellowship Ministries Lisa Veloz / Rick Slear
Faith Formation Team Charlene Rineer / Colleen Nevil
Finance Committee Tim Apple /Bill Borys
Implementation Team no chairperson / Rick Faux
Kunkel Trust Committee..... Dennis Meckley/ Bill Borys
Property/Parsonage CommitteeKevin Baker / Rick Faux
Public Relations Committee Gary Parks/Bob Lamparter
Social Ministries.....Janet Shuman
Staff Support Committee..... Carole Bollinger / Sam Stroh
Stewardship Committee no chairperson / Tim Goff
Technology Committee no chairperson / Tom Stahlnecker
Worship & Music Committee Tom Booth /Darlene Rowe

Council Appointments

Upper Susquehanna Synod DelegatesBill Borys/ Chad Hershberger
Representatives to the Lewisburg Council of Churches..... Julie Borys
Representative to the Cooperative Preschool Carole Bollinger
Congregational Representative to Camp Mount Luther..... Tom Stahlnecker
Kunkel Trust..... Tim Apple
Benevolent Endowment Fund..... Tim Apple
Council Representatives on Nominating Committee..... Tim Goff, Colleen Nevil
Lindig Foundation..... Dennis Meckley, Ken Bolig

***April Congregational Meetings to
Approve 2021 Budget & Elect 2021 Council Members
April 18, 2021**

* Council postponed the Sunday, December 6, 2020 and January 24, 2021 due to Covid 19 concerns and held a combined meeting April 18, 2021.

CALL TO ORDER – President Goff called the Congregational Meeting to Order at 11:30 a.m. It was established that there was a quorum for the meeting to be held.

OPENING PRAYER – Pastor Henderson offered the Opening Prayer.

TREASURER’S REVIEW OF BUDGET – Tim Eshelman reviewed the budget with the congregation.

- The receipts were reviewed from 2017 through 2020.
- A \$35,000.00 PPP Loan was received through the Cares Act. (\$29,000.00 to the Church, \$6,000.00 to the Preschool)
- Personnel expenses -were up in 2018 as a Pension Plan was added for some of the employees (Joanne Vasey, Charlene Rineer and Brenda Boyer); 2019 the night lock up position was eliminated resulting in a savings of \$4,500.00; and in 2020 – The sexton, Ruth Mull had health issues, and we utilized a Temp Agency for sexton services which made the costs increase. It has been difficult to find staff through the Temp Agency. Currently, Lewisburg High School students are cleaning the church at no cost. Council did make a donation to the school for the students cleaning.
- The first 3 months of this year personnel costs were running below budget.
- Property and Insurance costs – 2017 expenses were unusually low; 2018 expenses were higher due to elevator expense and snow removal; 2019 we renegotiated insurance; and in 2020 expenses were lower because there were not as many in person services due to COVID.
- Committee costs – In 2017 and 2018 costs were stable; 2019 costs dropped; 2020 costs were very low because no flowers, no radio broadcast and no in person worship due to COVID.
- 2020 had a \$7,000.00 surplus without including the PPP Loan.
- In prior years, we lowered the Synod support. In 2020, the Council did vote to give the Synod \$15,000.00.
- Council also voted to give \$10,000.00 to support Camp Mt. Luther.

- The Parsonage is currently in need of repair. There is a hole in the roof, and the two porches are in poor condition, and also need to be repaired. The church still has air conditioners that need to be replaced, and the other half of the church roof also needs to be replaced.

There was a concern raised from a member of the congregation that we no longer have the radio broadcast for shut ins and members in the nursing home. It was hoped that the radio broadcast would be reinstated. Tim Goff addressed the concern. We tried contacting several different radio stations for the radio broadcast, but were unsuccessful. We will continue to try and find a station, if people are still interested in the radio broadcast.

Ron Laniewski made a motion to accept the 2021 budget as stated. Matt Hepner seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

2021 COUNCIL NOMINEES – Tim Goff reviewed the nominees for church council. He then opened the floor for nominations. The congregation was instructed that in order to nominate an individual from the floor for church council, they must have the prior consent of the individual being nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. New members elected to council are: Rick Faux, Darlene Rowe, Tom Stahlnecker, Rick Slear and Bob Lamparter.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT – Tim Apple made a motion to accept the 2020 Annual Report as presented. Ron Laniewski seconded the motion.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY – Bill Borys and Ron Laniewski have agreed to serve as representatives for the Synod Assembly. We are able to have a third representative to represent our congregation at the Synod Assembly. Chad Hershberger agreed to be the third member.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER – Pastor Henderson expressed his appreciation to everyone in this difficult year. We tried to keep things going. A special thanks to Joanne Vasey, Brandy Aguirre, Charlene Rineer, Shawn Baker, Tom Booth, Chad Hershberger, the worship team. Tim Goff and Bill Borys working to make sure things were done on time. Tim Vasey for video editing. Dan and Kaylynn White for their tech support.

ADJOURNMENT – Dennis Meckley made a motion for adjournment. Matt Hepner seconded the motion.

2021 Parochial Report

Average Attendance at Sunday Worship

*2021 Ave. Sunday Worship: 95 * Avg. based on April 4 – Dec. 26 Worship services were video only Jan. 3 – March 28 due to the pandemic.	*2020 Ave. Sunday Worship: 130 * Avg. based on Jan. 5 - March 15 In-person services were replaced by video worship services due to the pandemic.	2019 Ave. Sunday Worship: 187
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Attendance at Special Services

	2021	2020	2019
Ash Wednesday	*N/A	74	67
Easter Sunday	124	*N/A	410
Christmas Eve 4:30 pm	127	*N/A	266
Christmas Eve 7:00 pm	88	*N/A	205
Christmas Eve 10:00 pm	*N/A	*N/A	*NA

***NOTE:** No in-person service held on Ash Wednesday and only two Christmas Eve Services in 2021.
 No in-person services held for Easter Sunday & Christmas Eve in 2020.

Changes in Membership

Baptized Membership: 12/31/20	725	Confirmed Membership: 12/31/20	581
Baptized Members received:		Confirmed Members received:	
By Child Baptism	7	By Confirmation	2
By Adult Baptism	0	By Adult Baptism	0
By Affirmation of Faith	0	By Affirmation of Faith	0
By Transfer from ELCA	0	By Transfer from ELCA	0
By Transfer other Lutheran	0	By Transfer other Lutheran	0
By Transfer Non-Lutheran	0	By Transfer Non-Lutheran	0
Total Members Received 2020	7	Total Members Received 2020	2
Baptized Members Removed:		Confirmed Members Removed:	
By Death	17	By Death	16
By Transfer Lutheran	4	By Transfer Lutheran	4
By Transfer Non-Lutheran	2	By Transfer Non-Lutheran	2
By Other Means	0	By Other Means	0
Total Baptized Removed 2021	23	Total Confirmed Removed 2021	22
Baptized Membership 12/31/21	709	Confirmed Membership 12/31/21	561

Ten-Year Statistical Pattern

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	*2020	*2021
Ave. Sunday Attendance	228	213	200	185	186	195	193	187	130	95
Baptized	764	759	749	746	736	744	741	741	725	709
Child	131	116	102	96	69	67	74	77	71	78
Confirmed	625	616	605	603	592	598	602	592	581	561
Communing (Members)	521	505	491	453	418	464	434	398	396	238
(All)			579	588	668	773	777	610	774	298
*Voting	466	449	447	409	391	404	332	313	268	127

*Voting Members are confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current year (2021) and the preceding year (2020).

* 2021 totals based on in-person services April 4 – Dec. 26 & 2020 totals based on in-person services Jan. 5 - March 15.

Staff Report 2021

The following personnel were the paid staff of Christ's Lutheran Church during the year 2021:

Pastoral Staff:

The Rev. William S. Henderson Senior Pastor
Began service at CELC – June 24, 2008
Retired from service – August 31, 2021

The Rev. Erwin Roux Interim Pastor
Began service at CELC – September 1, 2021
Ended service at CELC – December 31, 2021

Program Staff:

Charlene Rineer Coordinator of Faith Formation
Employment: October 2011 – present
Duties & Responsibilities: Oversee the Faith Formation program.

Joanne Vasey Organist/Music Coordinator/Director Parish Peal Handbell Choir
Employment: May 2011 – present
Duties & Responsibilities: Oversee the Music program, act as organist, select hymns, direct Parish Peal Handbell Choir, assists with instrumental ensembles, Children's Choir, Youth Drumming Ensemble, and Orff Ensemble.

Brandy Aguirre Choir Director/Director Youth Drumming Ensemble
Employment: September 2014 – present
Duties & Responsibilities: Directs the Parish Choir, Men's Choir & Children's Ensemble, assists with the Orff Ensemble.

Support Staff:

Brenda Boyer Church Secretary
Employment: September 17, 2018 – present
Duties & Responsibilities: receptionist, secretary, computer, edit newsletter, web page, order supplies, produce & print Sunday bulletins, etc.

Diane Zacker Bookkeeper
Employment: September 2005 - present
Duties & Responsibilities: Bookkeeping, financial reports.

Preschool Staff:

Donna LaroyaTeacher
Employment: September 2021 – present
Duties & Responsibilities: Lead teacher Pre-Kindergarten class Monday through Friday.

Erinn GramlyTeacher
Employment: October 2015 - present
Duties & Responsibilities: Lead teacher 2 to 3 year old class Tuesday/Thursday and 3 to 4 year old class Monday/Wednesday/Friday.

Dana Haile Teacher’s Assistant
Employment: September 2021 – present
Duties & Responsibilities: Teacher’s assistant AM classes

Kathleen Dadalt Teacher’s Assistant
Employment: April 2019 – present
Duties & Responsibilities: Teacher’s assistant PM classes

Carole Bollinger Administrator (Volunteer)

Council President's Report

Dear Members of Christ's Church,

This has been a difficult year. We have lost several key members of our congregation. We have had to change the way we deliver our church service. We have done "You Tube" services and then "Live Stream." It has been a learning experience but the members who do the streaming are doing an excellent job. This is thanks to Jason Baker, Tom Stahlnecker and Jason Baker. Additional people who assisting are Bill Borys and Bob Lamparter.

I want to thank our staff: Brenda Boyer, Joanne Vasey, Diane Zacker, Charlene Rineer and Brandy Vasey Aguirre. They have been very cooperative with all the changes that were needed to be made this year.

Thanks goes out to this year's council members:

Tom Stahlnecker, Diane Miller, Bill Borys, Bob Lamparter, Colleen Nevil, Rick Faux, Rick Slear, Darlene Rowe and Dan White. There have been extra meetings since Pastor Henderson's retirement. They have worked hard to make sure we have done everything needed for the call process.

Tim Eshelman has worked tirelessly on this year's budget. He applied and got a loan for us to be able to pay our staff while we were shutdown. He also added useful input during our council meetings.

Thanks to our congregation who during this Pandemic supported the church even when we shut down. While attendance has dropped, giving has been steady throughout the year. Many people worked behind the scenes doing things that are important parts of our church.

In closing, please support Rick Faux and our council as they continue to do God's work at Christ's Church.

Thank You,

Tim Goff
2020 Council President

Dear Disciples of Christ's Church,

I hope that many of you have now heard that our Congregation Council, at our June meeting of the 18th, acted to alter our Covid-19 protocols, effective immediately. To summarize the Council actions:

- 1) Our seating distancing protocol, using only marked pews for seating, is eliminated.
- 2) We ask worshippers to wear masks if they are not fully vaccinated; anyone may wear a mask if they wish to.
- 3) Singing will return as a part of worship, as will the use of wind instruments in time.
- 4) The Worship Assistant and I will sanitize our hands prior to the Eucharist. I will not wear gloves.
- 5) We are returning to the use of a pouring lip chalice; you will take a cup as you come forward.
- 6) Readers will read God's Word from the pulpit once again.
- 7) Other, more subtle changes will take place over time.

As I said in the email blast, I continue to encourage everyone to become fully vaccinated. The benefits, in my view, far outweigh the risks of side effects – and the results have been very encouraging!

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In a second – unrelated – matter, included with this newsletter is a copy of the letter I presented to the Council late last month, informing them of my decision to resign my call at the end of this summer. The Council felt you should see this notification, so it is included this month.

I am grateful for our thirteen years together – they have been a huge blessing, but it is time for me to step aside. With God's help in the call process, this will be a wonderful opportunity for CELC to build a future with a new pastoral voice. I will be rooting for you from not too far away. This brings me to another, related matter.

At the end of August, as I step down, I will no longer be available to conduct pastoral acts for any members of CELC. This duty will be in the hands of your Interim Pastor, and later, your next called Pastor. Please do not ask me to do baptisms, weddings, funerals, and the like – I must, and will refuse them. This is necessary so that your next pastoral leadership has no interference in the performance of their duties.

All this being said, I am glad to have the remainder of the summer with you! Again, it has been 13 years of celebrating God's love together, and I will always treasure the time we've shared in ministry. Let's enjoy these remaining weeks through August 29!

Yours in Christ's Service,

Reprinted from July August 2021 newsletter



2021 Statistical Report Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church

During 2021, the following events and "pastoral acts" were recorded:

Received as Baptized Members by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Kylie Ann Kieffer | May 9, 2021 |
| Emberly Grace Geer | July 25, 2021 |
| Sebastian Kole Lauver | August 22, 2021 |
| Laurel Lee White | August 22, 2021 |
| Brylee Marie Hook | August 22, 2021 |
| Lane Michael Hook | August 22, 2021 |
| Hailee Marie Kieffer | August 22, 2021 |

Received as Confirmed Members by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

None in 2021

Received as Baptized Members by Transfer or parents' Affirmation of Baptism:

None in 2021

Received as Confirmed Members by Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation):

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Quintin Alexander Michaels | May 23, 2021 |
| Orissa Senora Reed | May 23, 2021 |

Received as Confirmed Members by Transfer or Affirmation of Baptism:

None in 2021

Removed from Membership due to Transfer or other action:

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| Donald and Sally Holmes
to Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church, Charleston, SC | July 18, 2021 |
| Bob and Viola Soper
to Sharon Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove, PA | October 10, 2021 |
| Paul and Bonnie Smith
to First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, PA | November 7, 2021 |

Fred & Jackie Schaeffer
to Crossroads Church of the Nazarene, Milton, PA

December 23, 2021

The following were received into the Church Triumphant and Funeral or Memorial services held:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Death</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Lloyd E. Livingston | January 1, 2021 |
| Audrey L. Baylor | January 3, 2021 |
| W. Earl Stogner | January 11, 2021 |
| Edwin Y. Fisher | January 13, 2021 |
| Gerald W. Gemberling | January 19, 2021 |
| Roger K. Hepner | January 31, 2021 |
| Betty K. Hook | February 2, 2021 |
| Jean S. Derr | February 19, 2021 |
| Richard L. Jarrett | June 3, 2021 |
| Donna L. Derk | June 29, 2021 |
| Ruth S. Kostenbader | August 26, 2021 |
| Donald A. Moyer | August 27, 2021 |
| Rine G. Winey Jr. | October 16, 2021 |
| John P. Irwin. | October 27, 2021 |
| Melvin J. Diehl | November 13, 2021 |
| Helen L. Steeley | December 21, 2021 |
| Kenneth I. Kaufmann | December 30, 2021 |

The following Baptized Members received their first Holy Eucharist:

Class not held in 2020 due to Covid precautions

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Aaron Hershberger | October 31, 2021 |
| Violet Hauck | October 31, 2021 |
| Sebastian Lauver | October 31, 2021 |
| Marie Winder | October 31, 2021 |

2021 Marriages

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| Bethany Beaver and John R. Gradwell III
(non-members) | July 17, 2021 |
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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Matt Smith and Cathy Mandora | December 18, 2021 |
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2021 Affirmations of Marriage:

None in 2021

| Membership Summary: | December 31, 2020 | December 31, 2021 |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Baptized Members | 725 | 709 |
| Confirmed Members | 581 | 561 |
| Communing Members | 396 | 127 |

2021 Faith Formation Coordinator Report

We had a vastly different year in 2021. In the beginning of the year, I was zooming a lot with the elementary aged youth and the confirmation aged youth. To keep in contact with the high school youth I would message them frequently, either via phone text, e-mail, or on Facebook messenger. I also tried to watch what I could of their activities on Facebook live. I also continued to post Children's messages on Facebook weekly. A lot of mailings to families also took place to stay connected, and I posted more on Facebook than normal – both the church page and the private youth page. Helping with the recorded worship services and getting them posted was also something that I had a hand in. As more things opened-up and live streams started to happen, I got tasked with the announcement power points for the services. I also got to participate in more seminars and conferences since no travel had to take place. I could just listen and participate on ZOOM or Facebook Live or watch what they posted to YouTube. The annual ELCA Youth, Children, and Family Ministry Network's Extravaganza was one such conference and the theme was Holding Loosely. The Faith Formation committee got to participate this year since it was opened-up to more people since it was being live streamed. A few of our church members participated in the various workshops and some did the large group sessions with me.

In January we did our annual soup and bread sale. It was order ahead and pick up on Sunday, late in the morning. After Easter more things were opening-up and we got to have Sunday School and Confirmation classes in person. In May we held our Italian Dinner and Silent Auction. We just did not eat in or hang out by the auction tables. During the summer we held a mini mission Day camp week for the elementary age children and youth. It was staffed by a few Camp Mount Luther counselors. Of course, we took precautions with everything we did to keep everyone as safe as possible. The children and youth who participated were grateful for things to do together, and they were very helpful with all the projects. It was nice to see them grow in their relationship with God, and with each other.

As fall and the school year arrived it was back to trying to decide how to do ministry with all age groups in these times. It was also a little different since there was no Pastor to share the load with as far as confirmation classes. We did add being involved with the United Youth Group of Lewisburg. That is a group for 6th through 12th graders from four churches that work together to help form the youth's faith. For the elementary youth we held a few fun nights. We held a few family events for all ages, and many mini mission Mondays. Also added in the mix was the start of preparing to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2022. As of now we have 4 youth and 2 adults registered to go.

Trying to plan and do ministry in 2021 was complicated. Ministry still happened, but it was not ideal. We had a small group of regular attendees, some that were coming to a few things, or some were still not participating. As always it was fun juggling all the

families' schedules to reach out to all the ages. Trying to go see them in their activities was a nice thing to add back to my workload.

A huge thank you to all who continue to help and support the Faith Formation of all at Christ's.

Report Submitted by
Charlene Rineer, Coordinator of Faith Formation

2021 Music Team Report

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the music ministry of CELC continued to adapt to an ever changing dynamic. Below is a summary of 2021.

- * Pre-taped video worship for Sundays was the standard for Jan., Feb. and most of March.
- * Anthems featuring choirs/ensembles were downloaded from archival CD's and plugged in as prelude selections. Photos and images were added. Live music for the tapings was provided by Joanne Vasey (organ, piano, handbells) and Brandy Aguirre (vocals, violin, handbells, Orff).
- * Holden Evening Prayer was pre-recorded and broadcast on Wed. evenings during Lent.
- * Live-streaming of the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday mornings began on March 28 (Palm Sunday) and continued throughout the remainder of 2021. Additional services that were live-streamed included Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Family Christmas Eve and Traditional Christmas Eve.
- * In addition to Brandy, several musicians in the congregation provided anthems and/or served as a cantor for live-streamed worship on Sundays.
- * Erring on the side of caution, wind instruments were not permitted and soloists/cantors were encouraged to mask.
- * Pastor William Henderson retired as of the end of August. Synod Authorized Lay Worship Leaders and retired clergy provided pulpit supply for the remainder of the year.
- * Prior to the commencing of the choir/ensemble season in Sept., Joanne contacted Amy Kenny to inquire about her plans to continue directing Renew Ensemble and leading contemporary worship. Amy stated her intention to resign as director of Renew

Ensemble and leader of Contemporary worship. Contemporary worship was last celebrated in March of 2020 just prior to the shut-down.

- * Due to the pandemic and other factors, some choirs and ensembles needed to be put on hold, temporarily discontinued or re-invented. Choirs/ensembles in this category included Men's Choir, Parish Choir, Renew Ensemble, Children's Color-Coded Bell Choir, Brass Ensemble and Orchestra.
- * As of September, it was feasible to re-start the following choirs/ensembles: 12-Bell Handbell Ensemble, Parish Peal Handbell Choir, Youth Drumming Ensemble.
- * During the season of Advent, a new choir consisting of young children and their families shared a vocal anthem in worship. Plans are to have this choir continue in 2022.
- * An Orff Ensemble (4:30 pm) and Vocal Ensemble (7:30 pm) were organized for Christmas Eve worship. All interested singers were invited to participate in the Vocal Ensemble.
- * Christmas Eve Family Worship (4:30 pm) with Eucharist and candlelight featured an interactive telling of the Christmas story led by Tom Booth and assisted by Charlene Rineer and youth. Children were given a prop bag. A nice variety of musicians of all ages (age 4 to age 60) provided anthems. Selections included a mother/daughter vocal duet, a violin solo, two 12-bell accompanied anthems, an anthem by the Orff instrument ensemble; piano solos by a youth, an anthem by the Youth Drumming Ensemble, a vocal solo, vocal duet, organ solo and congregational carols.
- * Christmas Eve Traditional Worship (7:30 pm) with Eucharist and candlelight featured a carol liturgy. Anthems featured a variety of vocal and instrumental music by folks of all ages. Anthems included piano solos, two selections by Parish Peal Handbell Choir, vocal solos, a violin solo, and two anthems by the Christmas Eve Vocal Ensemble. There were numerous congregational carols.
- * Father/daughter piano duets for special music during communion rounded out the Christmas season (actually yr. 2022).
- * Thanks to all musicians for their faithfulness during another difficult year

Respectively submitted,

Joanne Vasey & Brandy Aguirre

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Personnel Committee

The A & P Committee is responsible for our Personnel Manual. This detailed manual contains many policies and procedures for all members of Christ's Lutheran Church.

The committee assists the Pastor, as needed, with staff evaluations and advises the Council Executive Committee with personnel issues, if requested. Members of this committee are also available to hear other issues from congregation members that may be pertinent to administration and/or personnel matters of Christ's Lutheran.

The Committee is always in need of new members. If you have experience in management, administration, or human resources and would like to give back of your time and talent, please contact the Council President for more information.

Altar Guild

The responsibility of the Altar Guild is to make sure the Sanctuary is ready for any and all services.

The teams are responsible for setting up for communion, baptisms, changing the seasonal colors, delivery of flowers (including seasonal Easter Flowers and Christmas flowers) as well as the weekly Sunday service flowers and laundering the linens. Many hands make this all possible.

Supplies (wine, bread, cups, candles, etc.) continued to be ordered by Jackie Goff and Beverly Harvey. Due to the pandemic however, the weekly flower delivery which is coordinated by Gloria Walters, was suspended in mid-March.

The Covid 19 virus did not stop us from having beautiful displays of holiday flowers in the Nave for the video recordings of the Easter and Christmas Eve services.

There are currently 3 teams which alternate months throughout the year. All teams share in the duties during Easter and Christmas. If you would like to join the committee please contact Jackie Goff at 570-523-0848 / goff@dejazzd.com.

Altar Guild Committee members are: Jackie Goff, Chairperson, Beverly Harvey, Co-Chair. Members: Marian Thomas, Jane Williams, Carol Lewis, Patti Faux, Laura Faux, Linda

Woodling, Kathy Gibson, Paules Gibson, Brian Miller, Cindy Reed, and Diane Miller. Sub: Charlotte Winter.

Submitted by,
Jackie Goff

Archives Committee

Committee Members: Charlotte Winter, Ethel Snook, Gary Parks

The Archives Committee has made steady, but slow progress. A Catalogue outlining the items within the Archives is now over 160 pages and a printed copy will be available in the office by midsummer. Among the inventoried sources are weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters, memorial programs and obituaries, wedding programs, Luther's Catechisms, Bibles, hymnals and songbooks, Sunday School Attendance Books, Confirmation Class Photographs, and Committee meeting Minutes.

Several gifts have been received within the last year:

Gloria Walters, a Wimodasi dinner plate, a Wimodasi bread plate, and silverware from the Wimodasi (Wives, Mothers, Daughters & Sisters) organization.

Slonaker Family, a large collection of manuscript and printed materials relating to the participation of Gloria and Bob Slonaker in the Stephen Ministry, participation on the Fine Arts Committee, the Organ Committee, and the refurbishment of the Church's Sanctuary. Gift of their sons Paul and Mark Slonaker.

Bob Lamparter, as liaison to the Church Council, updates progress on the organization of the Archives and when needed, requests archival supplies on behalf of the Committee. He has been helpful in installing shelving.

The Archives Committee put out a call for Nativity Scenes/Crèches for the Advent Season 2021 and were gratified to see a beautiful array of crèches loaned by Viki Campbell, Bev Harvey, Janie Keiser, Gary Parks, Charlene Rineer, and Charlotte Winter.

Banner Committee

Chair: Vicki Heberlig. Members: Emma Gearhart and Marian Jarrett

The Banner Committee hangs seasonal banners appropriate to the liturgical year in the

worship space. It also is responsible for keeping the banners in repair, and designing and constructing new banners. In addition the committee makes the small baptism banners for each child on their baptism.

Benevolent Endowment Fund Committee

The Benevolent Endowment Fund (BEF) Committee was established in February 2007 to oversee the yearly distribution of proceeds from Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church's BEF. All undesignated bequests and gifts of whatever amount received from estates of persons who have named our church will be placed in the BEF for Christ's Lutheran Church. The BEF is managed by the ELCA Mission Endowment Pooled Trust account. The BEF should not be confused with the Kunkel Trust Fund. The purpose of the BEF is to enhance the mission outreach of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation.

The BEF Committee consists of seven (7) members: Pastor, Church Council President, Finance Committee Chair, Treasurer, and three (3) at-large members of the congregation who each serve a three year term. The Committee meets as necessary for requests up to four (4) times a year. Available distributions amounts are determined annually and are calculated using 4.25% of the assets in the BEF. The funds are distributed through a review of applications submitted by members or committees. Applications are accepted anytime during the year are available at the church Welcome Center. The application provides a description of the BEF, directions for filling it out and how to make a gift or bequest to the BEF.

In 2021 there was one (1) BEF grant awarded for \$1,000 to Kingdom Kidz Inc.

Unused funds will be retained for future disbursement or reinvestment in the fund at the discretion of the BEF Committee. The amount for disbursement in 2022 will be approximately \$30,000.

The BEF balance as of 10/31/21 was \$470,150. The ELCA Mission Endowment Pooled Trust account also manages the Everett E. & Marie C. Ernst Trust Fund with a balance of \$13,409 as if 10/31/21. The Ernst Trust Fund is restricted to specific uses and is not managed or disbursed by the BEF Committee.

2021 Members of the BEF Committee were: Pastor Henderson, Tim Eshelman (Treasurer), Tim Apple (Finance Chair), Tim Goff (Council President), Wayne Hook (at-large 2021), Carol Apple (at-large 2022) and Julie Albright (at-large 2023).

The Cooperative Preschool

The Cooperative Preschool program provides socialization and school readiness activities for children aged two to five years. The program involves the development of all aspects of the child-physical, emotional, social and intellectual. Its purpose is to foster an understanding of the child's self, others and the world. Because the school is a cooperative, parents participate by helping monthly in the classroom and donating items when requested by staff. In addition, field trips and classroom visitors are scheduled throughout the year.

This past school year was more normal than last year. All classes were held following CDC guidelines. The students were good about wearing masks and following other procedures. Most activities were held but in a different manner. Our Kid's Market fundraiser was not held.

There were a couple of times that we closed the school for two days due to students being exposed to Covid in their families. The classroom and toys were thoroughly cleaned and sanitized, thankfully, none of the students got Covid.

Due to health issues, the lead teacher in the MWF AM classes will not be returning for the 2022-2023 school year. We will be advertising for this position in the near future.

We are blessed to have a great staff who go above and beyond their duty to the school and parents who are willing to do their part to make the preschool a success.

The preschool remains under the charter of the congregation of Christ's Lutheran Church as a valuable ministry. The Preschool's income and expense numbers are included in the total church report found in the back pages of the Annual Report.

Carole Bollinger
Administrator

Evangelism & Fellowship Ministries

Our Mission: To lead the members of the congregation in spreading the love of Jesus to current and prospective members of Christ's Church and to enrich and encourage growth in faith and discipleship to all people.

Matthew 28:19— "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Even though the pandemic has continued to curtail many of our activities, the Evangelism and Fellowship Team has been able to provide fellowship opportunities' in 2021.

We were able to provide the following this year:

- Distributed flowers for Mother's Day in May
- Provided pies (individually wrapped whoopie pies) for the guys on Father's Day in June
- Hosted an campus picnic/retirement celebration for Pastor Henderson in August
- Congregation members who have been members for 50 or more years were acknowledged on Anniversary Sunday in September
- Provided a light lunch for the Greening event in December
- Returned to a modified coffee hour service in January
- Cards continued to be sent to our homebound members throughout the year to let them know their church family is thinking of them.
- Welcomes a new committee chair, Lisa Veloz and council representative, Rick Slear

A special thank you to all members of our committee and the congregation who were involved in helping with any of our projects.

The Team meets the second Sunday of each month and welcomes new members at any time. Team members are: Judy Bechtel, Jackie Goff, Lisa Veloz, Jackie Cvik, Laura Adams, Julie Albright, Bill & DeDee Wagner and Council representative/member Rick Slear.

Faith Formation Team Annual Report for 2021

This was another wild year because of the pandemic with things slowly getting back to normal. Thanks to the team members - Colleen Nevil, Beckie and Tom Stahlnecker, Nikki Steiner, Joseph Martin, and Sarah Patte.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At the beginning of the year Sunday School classes for the elementary aged children were held on Zoom. We used the All-Age Sunday school Material from Spark Publishers. We typically had 3 to 4 students present. After Easter we started back in person Sunday school, and we usually had 2 students present. In the fall we continued to us the same material with 2 students present. The teachers for the class rotated teaching, and they included Sarah Patte, Joseph Martin, Chad Hershberger, and Charlene Rineer

Confirmation Classes used the Here We Stand Material from Augsburg. The classes were taught by Pastor Henderson and Charlene Rineer on Zoom until Easter; then after Easter we meet in person. We had a steady 6 in attendance. 2 got confirmed on Pentecost – Orissa Reed and Quentin Michaels. In the fall Charlene got to do all the teaching with a steady attendance of 5 to 6.

High Schoolers and Adults started Sunday School again in the fall with Joe Keller leading the lectionary class.

Preschoolers started a class in the fall with Kailyn White teaching a class of three with the other parents helping. They use the FROLIC material from Augsburg.

FIRST COMMUNION – In October Charlene led sessions for children/youth for their first communion instruction. Since the pandemic, this was missing in the past two springs when it usually happens. Four children got to take their “first communion” on Reformation Sunday – Aaron Hershberger, Violet Hauck, Marie Winder, and Sebastian Lauver.

MINI MISSION WEEK/DAY CAMP – In July we held our annual mini mission week, but this year we increased the ages and had camp staff help us. The theme was From Generation to Generation. It was for elementary and middle school youth. High schoolers were invited to help. We had 12 children/youth participate, (four of them were from the neighborhood, and one was a friend from camp.) It was a great week of learning, playing, crafting, singing, and helping. The major projects were yard work, fleece blankets, school kits, and cleaning the nursery toys.

YOUTH GROUPS -

Elementary Aged – Movie nights and Game days as well as Family Events – 3-4 participants.

Middle School - High School Youth - Mini mission Mondays, other service projects, overnights, movie nights, fundraisers, and family events. In the fall we started to participate in the United Youth Group averaging 7-9 participants.

Report Submitted by
Charlene Rineer, Coordinator of Faith Formation

Finance Committee

The mission of the Finance Committee is to oversee the budget of the church, to monitor the financial position of the church and to recommend appropriate action to the Church Council for consideration.

Members of the Finance Committee for 2021 were Pastor Henderson, Tim Goff (Council President), Tim Eshelman (Treasurer), Tim Apple (Finance Committee Chair), Bill Borys (Council liaison), Bill Bollinger, Andy Wargo, Wayne Hook and Ron Laniewski.

The Finance Committee meets every month the Sunday before the monthly Council meeting.

The 2021 budget and provisional 2022 budget are printed on the pages at the end of the Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Apple

Implementation/Strategic Plan Team

The implementation team was developed as a method to review the recommendations from Dr. Daubert and then come up with ideas to address each area of need for the church. Once these task forces are created and they implement each idea, the ideas should be passed onto the committees designated to address them in the church. If the committees chose to not continue them then those ideas will die off unless an outside person takes it under his wing. An example is the church float for the 4th of July parade. The task force make the float possible for 2 years and then the evangelism committee was asked to take it over. They did not feel they could do it. Ron Laniewski has taken this project under his wing despite evangelism not being able to take it on.

The committee was developed in 2015/2016 and it has worked on improvements with the church. These included the website update, revamping the welcome center, encouraging visitation of members of the church by other church members to supplement Pastor's visits, helping with the dinner by the River, the church float in the 4th of July parade, looking into youth gathering with other churches, the importance of offering hospitality training (although that one did not happen), worked on finding sponsors for new members, created and sold church t-shirts, VBS for a 1 day event instead of 3 or 5 days, and creating a new brochure for the church.

The implementation/strategic plan team is always in need of new members. If you would like to give back of your time and talent, please contact the Council President for more information.

Kunkel Trust Committee

The purpose of the Kunkel Trust Committee is to screen applicant requests for funds from the income generated by the Joseph Kunkel Trust. The committee recommends action to Church Council who can authorize monies to be paid to the approved applicant. The Kunkel trust was established in 1982 for the benefit of Christ's Lutheran Church and other community endeavors. M&T Bank controls the principal amount of the trust, while a portion of the income from the trust investments is paid semi-annually to the church. The trust currently generates approximately \$37,000 in annual income. Our church is very fortunate to have such a fund which not only benefits our church but the community of Lewisburg as well.

The Kunkel committee consists of seven (7) members. The church constitution designates four (4) members: Pastor, President of Church Council, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Council appoints three (3) other members. The 2021 appointees were: Ron Laniewski, Wayne Hook and Ken Bolig.

The Kunkel committee meets at 9:15 am the Sunday before the monthly Council meeting. The committee also meets yearly with representatives from M&T Bank to review the investment strategies; however, because of the terms of the trust, the bank has control of the investment decisions.

Kunkel Trust applications are available in the Kunkel Trust Form mailbox. The form can be filled out and placed in the Kunkel Trust mailbox for discussion by the committee at their monthly meeting. If approved by the committee, the request will be sent to Council for final approval.

Parsonage

The Parsonage continues to be leased to Transitions. Transitions provides advocacy, empowerment, and education to victims, survivors, families, and communities to end patterns of violence and abuse. They have been leasing the parsonage since 2009 and will continue with periodic reviews of the lease agreement. Transition uses the parsonage strictly for office space for their staff. The agreement includes general maintenance and

upkeep to the parsonage. This has been a great benefit to Christ's Church as otherwise it would be unoccupied and require maintenance and other expenses.

Transitions has made several improvements to the parsonage over the course of the lease. Over the last year, they painted the front porch and the trim around the dormers on the front of the house. There are many areas of the parsonage that need continuing repair or improvement that cannot be currently funded from the operating budget. Part of the lease agreement includes continued improvements by Transitions with approval from the Property Committee and the Church Council. A larger project, replacement of the roof shingles, was completed by the church.

Property Committee

The property committee oversees the maintenance of the church and Parsonage. This committee is served by a small group of volunteers who have a large responsibility to keep everything 'running' smoothly. We are always looking for additional volunteers to help in any way.

This year we had one larger project which included replacing a section of rubber roof over the sacristy. Additionally, a large tree was pruned to prevent damage to the roof on the northeast section of the property.

We take care of daily maintenance issues as they occur such as replacing light bulbs, repairing toilets, replacing filters in the a/c units. We also coordinate annual outdoor tasks such as mulching, weeding, trimming, grass mowing, and leaf raking. We contract for snow removal during the winter season. Thank you to everyone who serves on this committee and those who assist with the property committee work. Volunteer efforts like these help reduce what we have to pay to outside vendors to complete our work.

Kevin Baker
Property Committee Chairperson

Public Relations

Unfortunately due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we have had limited opportunity for publicity. Many of the activities which normally require or inspire publicity in our local newspapers were curtailed or cancelled.

Social Ministry Committee Report

“We look to the future of our church and respond to the needs of the world with confidence in God’s grace”.

Committee members: Emma Gearhart, Beverly Harvey, Joe Keller, & Janet Shuman

This has been another year of changes in our lives and our church. Regular committee meetings and activities were resumed in June.

There are many volunteers and donors who support our programs. They do not attend regular meetings. We do not express our thanks to them as often as we should, but we could not function without them. The Social Ministry Committee usually meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month except during the summer and in December.

With warm hearts and hands, we aim to serve others. We have a number of programs that are ongoing throughout the year and others that run at specific times during the year. The year round programs include:

Healing Dinners – when needed, meals are prepared and delivered to individuals or families with temporary health problems (just out of the hospital, short term incapacitating injuries or illness). None were distributed this year.

Emergency Food Pantry, Supplemental Food Program, Soup & Scripture, and Transient Program are all Lewisburg Council of Churches programs that we support. CELC dues for that organization are paid from our budget. Our representative to the Council of Churches is Julie Borys. Julie is also the Director of the Emergency Food Pantry that is located in our building. She is on call for distribution.

Holy Sew ‘n Sews (also known as the Sewing Ladies) – this group of 7 meets Wednesday mornings in the Lower Church Hall. Emmy Gearhart coordinates the making of quilts and health kits. 34 quilts that we made after activity resumed in June were taken for shipment to Lutheran World Relief on October 9. Contributions were solicited June through September from the congregation to be assembled into personal care kits by the Sewing Ladies. 8 kits were sent with the quilts. Sunday School groups prepared 12 school kits that were included in the shipment.

The Kitchen Krew works to clean cupboards, defrost the freezer, and try to keep outdated and unclaimed food items out of the downstairs refrigerator. There was no activity this year. All groups using the kitchen are asked to follow the posted guidelines.

Medical Equipment Loan Program – donations of usable equipment are stored in an upstairs closet. Items may be signed out in the church office for use as needed.

Prayer Shawl – led by Emmy Gearhart, this ecumenical group of knitters makes and prays over shawls given to persons recovering from illness or mourning the loss of a loved one.

Knitters resumed activity by taking inventory of shawls on hand. They are continuing to work from home. 3 baptismal shawls were presented to infants and 4 were presented to older children being baptized. 9 regular shawls have been distributed.

Delivery of Bulletins – weekly bulletin delivery has been suspended, but Devotional Guides are taken by a committee member to friends and members in assisted living and nursing care facilities in the area.

Remembrance Sunday - carnations were purchased and distributed to families and a candle on the altar was lit for this year's 14 deceased members at services on November 7. A central candle was lit when remembering other departed saints named silently or aloud. Memorial flowers are placed on the altar on the 1st anniversary of a death within the congregation.

Pinochle Club has not resumed.

Other programs have specific dates. They include: The February Meat Project in Lewistown. This year we collected \$1,068 including a matching Kunkel Grant. The luncheon Soup and Scripture program and Lenten Suppers did not happen. Blanket Sunday – envelopes were provided for contributions toward purchase of blankets to be sent by Lutheran World Relief. In October, we collected \$975, including a matching Kunkel grant. The Summer Youth Lunch Program did not prepare and serve meals this year, but did include extra food bags for qualifying families at the local food bank during summer vacation. CELC helped with packing and distribution of bags on June 18. Sue Smalley helped with the ordering. Charlene Rineer and Diane Zacker helped with records on the financial end. Registration was markedly down this summer. By the end of the summer, 18 families were being served.

We welcome new members and visitors to the committee at any time. Committee service can be selective with no obligation to attend a regular meeting. Contact any listed committee member for details.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is made up of Marion Jarrett, Tim Eshelman, Bill and Dee Wagner, and Tim Goff. We were unable to meet this year due to COVID and health concerns of our members. We did meet to do the addressing of our offering envelopes. We will mail any envelope that has not been picked up. Please let the church office know if you are unable to pick them up. Hopefully, next year we either meet in person or by zoom. Anyone looking for a great committee to make a difference should call the church office.

Tim Goff, Chairperson

Technology Committee

The church has about 10 computers, desktops and laptops, and several Wi-Fi networks, with modem, routers, and boosters. Jason Baker fine-tunes our WIFI networks to get stronger, more seamless coverage throughout the building and is our primary technology maintenance person providing many hours of service each week.

This fall, after 10 years and 1 million copies, our primary copier broke down and it was determined not to be economical to repair. We did some quick research and have placed an order for a new one. Due to supply issues, it will not arrive for another month or two, but we managed to have the old one repaired with used parts, at no cost, to serve until the new one arrives.

Last year after months of research and planning, a new camera system was assembled and installed in the Nave. This year we began producing live and recorded videos of our services and posting them on CELC's website. We hope this provides outreach and alternatives for the homebound, but not a substitute for in person worship when you are able.

There are currently only five of us covering the sound and video and it generally takes two per service. We very much need volunteers to assist us. Anyone interested or with tech skills is encouraged to join us. We have committee meetings on the second Tuesday of every other (odd) month. Please contact Tom Stahlnecker (570-713-5055) or tstahlneck@gmail.com if interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas R. Stahlnecker, Chairperson

Thrivent Report

Thrivent Financial provides a variety of services and gifts to our church. A pewter medallion is given to all who are baptized with their baptism date and name engraved on it. Also the confirmation students receive a pewter cross on their rite of confirmation.

Members of Thrivent can direct Choice dollars to the charity of their choice. Many choose to donate to Christ's. Thanks to those who have donated! The church council has directed these monies to go to the building fund.

Thrivent also has a program of granting money through Action Teams. All members of Thrivent can lead two such teams each year. Each team receives seed money of \$250.00 for a service or educational project. This year our church members took advantage of this

program for seed money for fundraisers for the youth mission trip, and for children's mini mission week. Hopefully in 2022 we can get more action team grants for more projects!

Worship & Music Committee

Committee members: Tom Booth, Chairman, Pastor Henderson, Joanne Vasey, Brandy Aguirre, Barb Baylor, Beverly Harvey, Vicki Heberlig, Amy Kenny, and Bob Lamparter (council liaison for part of the year) Darlene Rowe (remainder of the year)

Our goal of providing a quality worship experience for all who worship with us was again a challenge due to the CORONA virus. We had hoped that worship would go back to worship as we knew it, but that was not the case. Even as cases seemed to diminish, the variants created a new challenge; what protocols do we need to insure the safety of those who worship here? So in some ways, worship regained some sense of normalcy. I reported that the changes to worship last year were almost unbelievable, but after last year and this year we are beginning to see the reality that worship will probably never go back to the way it was and at some point we will be at a “new normal”. We’ve talked a lot about what that might look like and it’s almost impossible to predict or plan for. The result of the impact of the virus was another very busy year for the committee, and I want to thank everyone on the committee for all their hard work, help and support. With your help we again accomplished a lot. We believe that the worship environment here still continues to be a positive one, especially in the area of music. As always, we are grateful for Pastor Henderson and our excellent music staff. The virus brought a lot of stress, and a lot of extra work on our staff, but in spite of that they continued to work tirelessly to insure that our worship services, no matter what the format of the services were, were the best possible.

Many thanks to Joanne and Brandy who worked tirelessly this year to provide special music for the services. It was a lot of work in light of the circumstances; i.e. people were cautious because of COVID, people moved away, we lost some choir members due to deaths, no wind instruments, and the list goes on. In spite of all that, the music was great! And, especially the Christmas Eve services were spectacular!

Many thanks to our choirs, soloists and ensembles who did a great job in providing wonderful service music for this year. Last year we were looking forward to the day when choirs will resume again, and we got a taste of that on Christmas Eve. This year with the live streaming of the service we needed to add a cantor to our list of worship assistants since the congregation wasn’t singing when it began and when the congregation did resume singing the cantor was a help for the congregation in the absence of a choir to

lead singing as well as the quality of the recording. Thanks to everyone who helped as a cantor, especially Brandy Aguirre.

As I reported last year, there are some very good things that came out of the pandemic. Our recorded worship services continued to be well done and turned out to be a wonderful ministry and outreach of the church. We continued to receive excellent comments about the quality of the service. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with these services! It's a lot of work to put these services together, but, what a blessing they have been in the midst of what is happening all around us! Thanks Joanne for all the work to put the music together, and a very special thank you to Tim Vasey whose "magic" makes the broadcasts so great!

Also, we were blessed with a terrific tech team who not only did our recorded services but put together an excellent audio/visual recording system that allowed us to record the service and simulcast in real time as well as have the recording posted to our website. These services have also received great comments from viewers.

Our Wednesday evening Lenten services were recorded this year. They went well. Many thanks to all who helped put them together, especially: Pastor Henderson, Chad Hershberger, Joanne Vasey, Brandy Aguirre, and Charlene Rineer. Easter was different this year with in person worship with no singing.

One event that had a significant impact on the committee was the retirement of Pastor Henderson. Our goal was to continue to provide a quality worship experience even with the use of a number of different Pastors and Authorized Lay Worship Leaders. We made sure the services were planned and bulletins were prepared to make it as easy as possible for our guest preachers/presiders. We relied on our worship assistants to provide leadership in the services as well. Many thanks for a job well done to them as well.

The Advent and Christmas season went well. This year at the 4:30 pm service we tried something new; an interactive message for children and their families. It seems to have been well received. Thanks to Joanne, Brandy and Charlene for helping to put that together.

We decided that we should cancel our benefit Christmas concert again this year. Hopefully we can continue that tradition in 2022.

We want to thank Pastor Henderson for everything he had contributed to the committee and to worship here at Christ Church. It was a pleasure working with him. We wish him the very best in this next chapter of his life.

Finally, we want to thank everyone who helps with our services in any way. Whether you are a greeter, usher, communion usher, communion pourer, worship assistant, cantor, do children's messages (hopefully soon!), lector, acolyte, sound/recording technician, altar guild, take care of the nursery take care of the banners, we couldn't do it without your help. Special thanks to each of you for a job well done!

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Booth, Chairman