

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – Provost, Alberta
ANNUAL MEETING – January 16, 2022

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**Central Lutheran Church
Annual General Meeting - January 17, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Trevor Provick called the meeting to order. Attending were:

Paul McCormick	Carol Paulgaard	Norma Paulgaard	Floyd Johnston
Wenona McCormick	Donna Johnston	Kim Larson	Carol Johnston
Ruth Pahlke	Darlene Downing	Julie Olson	Dawn Paulgaard
Norris Pahlke	Alyssa Rab	Lorne Olson	Dirk Brouwer
Elton Paulgaard	Brenda Sullivan	Cheryl Bouma	Elaine Brouwer
Linda Paulgaard	John Sullivan	Trevor Provick	Ove Aasen
Susan McEhlinney			

2. **Opening Prayer and Devotions:** Pastor Paul led the congregation in opening prayer and devotions.

3. **Consideration of Agenda:** Kim Larson made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan McElhinney. Carried.

4. **Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting:** The minutes from the Annual Meeting dated January 19, 2020 were presented. Trevor Provick asked if there was any discussion regarding these minutes. Ruth Pahlke moved the minutes be adopted as printed, seconded by Brenda Sullivan. Carried.

5. **Old Business:**

A. - Second Reading of Revised Constitution and Bylaws: Pastor spoke regarding the proposed revision to the Constitution and Bylaws. There were no questions or concerns regarding this change. Donna Johnston made a motion to adopt the Revised Constitution and Bylaws as presented, seconded by Carol Paulgaard. Carried.

6. **Correspondence:** Bishop's letter as printed in the Annual Report.

7. **Reports:**

a. **Committees**

- i *Mission and Outreach*
- ii *Worship*
 - Attendance record
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- iii *Education and Youth*
 - Sunday School Superintendents'
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- iv *Property*
- v *Cemeteries*
 - Skyline Historical Society
 - Our Saviour's

b. **Treasurer's**

c. **Pastor's**

All reports have been printed and distributed prior to the Annual Meeting. Trevor asked if there were any questions or comments on the reports. Kim Larson made a motion to adopt all reports as printed, seconded by Elton Paulgaard. Carried.

8. **2021 Budget:** Donna Johnston presented the proposed Budget for 2021 and reviewed the Actual Budget from 2020 giving explanation on some of the expenses from the previous year. After discussion, Floyd Johnston moved that we accept the Budget proposed for 2021, seconded by Norma Paulgaard. Carried.

9. **Nominations and Elections:**

a. Church Council: Council members whose terms are expiring this year are: Darlene Downing, Kathy Kazakoff, Melanie McGowan, and Trevor Provick as well as a one year term needing to be filled for a resigned council member. Two members have agreed to let their names stand for council: Cheryl Bouma and Susan McElhinney. Trevor Provick asked for further nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Kim Larson suggested we install these two new members and look for two others to fill the remaining positions. Darlene Downing volunteered to take the one year term of the council position that had been resigned during the year. Pastor thanked the outgoing council members and those taking on new council positions.

b. National Convention - 2022: We will need a delegate to National Convention in 2022. Pastor Paul volunteered to attend on our behalf. Trevor asked if there was anyone else wanting to attend. There were no volunteers to attend as a delegate and as such, Pastor Paul will be delegate to the National Convention in 2022. Thank you Pastor for agreeing to do this.

10. **New Business:**

a. Date of 2022 Annual Meeting: After discussion, Donna Johnston made a motion to hold the next Annual Meeting on January 16, 2022 following church service, seconded by Alyssa Rab. Carried.

11. **Closing Devotions**

12. **Lord's Prayer**

13. **Adjournment**

Donna Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Norma Paulgaard. Carried.

January 2022

Beloved of God,



May grace and peace be yours in abundance (1 Peter 1:2a).

I send you greetings in the Name of the One who is the light of the world, Jesus our Lord, as you gather for your Annual General Congregational Meeting. When you gather know that I am filled with gratitude to God for you; that I am thankful for our partnership in the gospel; and, that you continue to be in my prayers as I know I remain in yours.

This COVID-era has been a time of liminal space. The word “liminal” refers to a threshold; it is a word used to describe that which exists at the threshold, the border, between one thing and another.

You, as lay leaders, rostered leaders, congregations and ministries, have navigated these challenging times with perseverance, compassion, and hope. You have worked hard to ensure that your communities would be sustained and encouraged during these times. You have found ways to stay in touch, to communicate with one another, often in new and unexpected ways.

This threshold time has brought with it new understandings and learnings, changed attitudes, a re-assessing of what we should be about, treasuring some things and perhaps setting others aside.

But even aside from COVID, for many years now, the church has been living in a liminal space, seeking to discern God’s activity among us, in our communities, out there in our neighbourhoods.

There are new opportunities and possibilities before us, including recommitting to a missional model of listening, discerning, experimenting, reflecting, and learning, while continuing to ask the questions: where is God in our neighborhood? our community? our world? And equally important: how might we join God in God’s mission?

Creativity, ingenuity, openness, support, encouragement, trust, community.

When you gather, you will be making decisions about your priorities for ministry. You will be adopting budgets that enable ministry that joins in God’s mission of reconciliation in the world. You will be supporting your partners in ministry – the rostered ministers of this Synod, and especially those who serve among you as they, first and foremost, seek to equip you for the work of ministry: the building up of the Body of Christ.

Joining God’s mission means that your ministry is among the people with whom you live and move and have your being. Your ministry is done each day in the living out of your baptismal identity as God’s beloved children through your service in word and deed.

Ministry continues beyond the neighborhood and congregation through the many faces of the church and many facets of its ministries: our Synod and its staff, our National Church expression, the Lutheran World Federation, and our Companion Synod – The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia.

As you gather be sure to join others across the Synod as you:

Receive and share the 2022 Synod Narrative Budget. I encourage you to share the brief Narrative Budget prepared in two formats for your use, hard copy text and video format

Review the Synod Council Meeting “Talking Points” (<https://albertasynod.ca/synod-council-highlights/>)

Subscribe to our Synod’s e-mail newsletter: Wednesday’s Word, Subscribing is easy on our Synod’s website

Participate in learning and conversation the second Thursday (noon-1pm) of each month through Synod Connect, and/or the Rostered Leaders Zoom Gathering the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and/or the Lay Leaders Zoom Gathering the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Perhaps at this year’s Annual General Meeting you might reflect, name and give thanks for the gifts and mission into which God has invited you and your congregation. Consider taking a few moments in small groups to listen to each other and then share with all gathered reflections on the following:

Share about a time or situation when you or your congregation recently experienced God’s love.

What have we learned in this liminal time about what is important in our life together as the body of Christ?

As you gather, I ask you to prayerfully consider forwarding a tithe (1/10th) of your annual income as a congregation as your minimal offering for Benevolence for the ministry of the Synod and through the Synod to the wider Church. Some congregations have exceeded this mark already, but I would encourage all congregations to set this goal.

Thank you for your witness to patient trust in God and to sacrificial, cruciform love for your neighbors.

Know that I continue to be inspired and excited by the creative ways in which you have proclaimed the Gospel, offered pastoral care, knit together the body of Christ, and served the neighbor in our current reality.

Continue to be humble and gentle with one another. Honor each other. Make space for lament. Welcome moments of joy. Help each other live into hope. Learn from this journey in the coronavirus wilderness and let the learning lead us forward. Trust that God is at work in this time and look for the new things God is doing even now.

Know that you are held in prayer.

Most importantly, know that God is with you and even now is planning and nourishing seeds of resurrection life.

My support, prayers, and thanks accompany you. May God bless us and strengthen us to be the church we are called to be.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

In Christ Jesus-

Shalom,

+The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop

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Central Lutheran Church
Mission & Outreach
January 2022

Great Give Away Garage Sale:

On Friday September 10, 2021 we had our Community Garage Sale. We had a great day thanks to the support of our church members and community. Our tables were full. The left over items were packed and delivered to the Interval Home in Lloydminster. Thank you to Pastor Paul and to all who donated, organized, and helped the day of the sale.

We look forward to the end of Covid and having more opportunities to serve our Church and Community.

Respectfully submitted

Susan McElhinney
Deon Erasmus

Colossians 3:23 Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you are working for the Lord rather than for people.

Worship Committee Report 2021

A very special THANKYOU to Pastor Paul for all that he does especially during this pandemic, which has affected this 2021 year. His dedication to our church preparing worship services, Bible studies, personal contributions, and going above and beyond for our congregation and community.

He has continued to provide us with all of the duties that normally would have been done by our servants list. We are very blessed to have him and Wyonna.

But THANKYOU to all who helped out with communion or whatever else was asked. THANKYOU to all of our willing servants that prepare the bulletin, organists, pianists, VBS and Sunday School teachers.

Please continue to pray for our congregation, those attending and unable to attend. We pray that they will be able to come back to our church family in the near future so we are able to show love and support to each other.

Respectfully submitted
Brenda Sullivan
Cheryl Bouma

I Corinthians 12:12 "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up only one body. So it is with the body of Christ".

Church Attendance 2021

(virtual in brackets, Zoom marked with Z)

<u>Sundays</u>	(*P w/symptoms	**P vacation)		
Jan 3 – 31 (7)	Jan 10 – 40 (7)	Jan 17 – 23 (6)	Jan 24 – 23 (12)	Jan 31 – 40 (7)
Feb 7 – 19 (10)	Feb 14 – 28 (7)	Feb 21 – 44 (12)	Feb 28 – 39 (5)	
Mar 7 – 41 (8)	Mar 14 – 43 (9)	Mar 21 – 37 (5)	Mar 28 – 51 (6)	
Apr 4 – 40 (5)	Apr 11 – 40 (8)	Apr 18 – 35 (5)	Apr 25* - (19)	
May 2 – 30 (4)	May 9 – 19 (5)	May 16 – 16 (7)	M 23 – 5 (9, Z6)	30 - 21 (27, Z15)
Jun 6 – 16 (3)	Jun 13 – 24 (5)	Jun 20 – 27 (6)	Jun 27 – 27 (6)	
Jul 4 – 23 (6)	Jul 11 – 36 (5)	Jul 18 – 27 (5)	Jul 25** - (33)	
Aug 1** - (18)	Aug 8** - (13)	Aug 15 – 33 (2)	Aug 22 – 24 (6)	Aug 29 – 28 (6)
Sep 5 – 19 (6)	Sep 12 – 20 (5)	Sep 19 – 30 (5)	Sep 26 – 26 (4)	
Oct 3 – 32 (4)	Oct 10 – 21 (4)	Oct 17 – 29 (7)	Oct 24 – 42 (5)	Oct 31 – 32 (7)
Nov 7 – 35 (9)	Nov 14 – 46 (6)	Nov 21 – 22 (5)	Nov 28 – 31 (6)	
Dec 5 – 39 (6)	Dec 12 – 59 (13)	Dec 19 – 30 (6)	Dec 26** - (8)	
In-person:	47 services			
Virtual:	52 services			
	2021 avg. - 31	2020 avg. - 36	2019 avg. - 55	2018 avg. - 62
	Virtual avg. - 8	2020 V.avg. - 7		
<u>Midweek - Lent</u>				
Feb 24 – 9 (1)	Mar 3 – 9 (4)	Mar 10 – 10 (1)	Mar 17 – 13 (0)	Mar 24 – 13 (0)
	2021 avg. - 11	2020 avg. - 22	2019 avg. - 21	2018 avg. - 27
	Virtual avg. - 1			
<u>Midweek Festival</u>				
Ash Wednesday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil Sat.	Christmas Eve (Friday)	
Feb 17 – 13 (1)	Apr 2 – 37 (10)	Not offered	Dec 24 – 109 (5)	
<u>Christmas/Easter</u>	2021	2020	2019	2018
Easter Sunday	40	n.r.	115	119
Christmas Eve	109	70	190	200

Sunday School Superintendent Report 2021

The first class of Sunday school in 2021 was held on Feb. 21, 2021 and we were able to hold 9 classes before once again Sunday school was suspended due to COVID 19 at the beginning of May, ending our 2020-21 Sunday School year early for the second year in a row.

The new Sunday school year started on September 26, continuing to follow COVID guidelines that were in place in the spring. We have 15 children on the roster this fall plus 2 young people that are in grade 7 that were invited to continue to participate with the restructuring of Confirmation, supported by 7 teachers. We continue to have the students divided into 2 classes – one class for children ages 3 to grade 3 and one class for children in grades 4-6.

This was the 4th year using a Sunday school curriculum by Spark House called Holy Moly. This year, students are working through lessons from the New Testament as well as 4 lessons for Advent and 4 lessons for Easter.

This fall, the grade 4-6 students, changed programs and started the Connect curriculum. This program is created for older students and will provide new material rather than repeating the Holy Moly program most of these children have been through. The Connect program is similar to the Holy Moly program, continuing to include a Bible story video, verses from the bible and a hands-on activity page.

Due to COVID, our 2020/21 year-end celebration in June did not take place but we were happy that VBS (planned organized, and put on by Donna, Darlene, Diana, Stacy and many others), the Christmas craft Sunday and the 2021 Christmas pageant (planned and organized this year by Stacy) were able to be held again this year. The children of our church, as well as our community, supported these events well.

We continue to be grateful for the support of so many people who contribute to making the Sunday school program successful, to the great benefit of our young people. We would not be able to offer such an engaging and diverse program without our students, parents, volunteer teachers and congregation. Through the efforts of so many, our young people have the opportunity to learn about the word of God in a variety of ways while witnessing the love of God through these volunteers. We are also thankful for Pastor Paul's, Brad and the committee's, and council's guidance and support through the challenges of the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrilyn Spencer
Candace Swanson
Sunday School Superintendents

Property Committee Report – 2021

Below is a list of changes, maintenance, or upgrades that happened to Central Lutheran Church or the parsonage :

1. The large evergreen trees, which were getting to an age and state that they were posing possible danger to the church, were removed. The area was levelled and gravel spread. Thanks to all who helped with this project.
2. A new enclosure was installed around the air conditioning unit on the south side of the church.
3. The exterior step and handrail was replaced on the south side of the church.
4. The elevator was brought up to code as per the last inspection.
5. Tom Kroetsch cleaned the eavestroughs again for us. Thanks.
6. The tin was removed from the valleys of the metal roof on the front of the church, a membrane was installed, and the tin reinstalled. Hopefully this will prevent the leaking of the roof during rains that come with wind.
7. Minor repairs were made to the central vac.
8. Pastor installed new vinyl flooring at the parsonage. Thanks.
9. The basement shower was replaced at the parsonage.

Submitted on behalf of the Property Committee:

Norris Pahlke and Blair Whidden

Cemeteries Committee Year End Report – 2021

AGM – January 16, 2022

-Our Saviour's Cemetery Committee has made the official decision to turn over its books to Central Lutheran Church and terminate Our Saviour's Cemetery Society

-A special note of thanks is given to Andy Paulgaard, Jeff & Val Paulgaard, and Dwayne & Bonny Peterson for all of their efforts in looking after the cemetery. Andy has agreed to continue grass upkeep on the grounds in the future.

- This past year, the committee begun restoration of the cemetery. We raised headstones that had started to sink, fixed those that had fallen over, and removed grave covers that were damaged. We will continue this project in 2022.

-A special thanks to Andy Paulgaard, Dwayne Paulgaard, Gary Johnston, and Cole Hudon for helping complete the restoration thus far.

Submitted By The Cemeteries Committee

Skyline Church Historical Society Annual Report – 2021

Skyline Church Historical Society (SCHS) hired Stacey Lakevold to mow the grass and maintain the cemetery grounds at the Skyline Cemetery for 2021. He has submitted an invoice for his maintenance hours directly to the Provost Central Lutheran Church.

There were three burials at Skyline Cemetery during 2021: Alvin Olson (May), Don Hoberg (June), Lillian Lakevold (August). There was one wedding (Ackerman/Oxamitny) held in the Skyline Church building on August 7.

There were no purchases of repair supplies for the Skyline Church building.

SCHS has been scheduled to work at the Jackpot Casino in Red Deer on January 11-12, 2022. The Casino Chairperson is Jody Paulgaard. Volunteers will be needed to work at the 2 day casino event.

Thanks to the continuing work and dedication of Iris Larson and Janet Paulgaard all known burials at Skyline Cemetery are recorded on the website findagrave.com and most headstones have been photographed. A short history of Skyline Cemetery is also on this website.

SCHS is a registered Alberta Society and is governed by a four person executive. Current executive members are:

Chairperson	Blaine Lakevold
Vice – Chair	Darwin Berg
Treasurer	Joan Olson
Secretary	Jody Paulgaard

Submitted by:
Jody Paulgaard
Secretary
Skyline Church Historical Society (SCHS)

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Financial Statement
January 1 – December 31, 2021

Income

Current Envelopes		\$ 109,520.00
Synod Benevolence		
Benevolence/Alberta	\$ 3,875.00	
CLWR	15,080.00	
CLWR/TinyHearts/VBS	1,000.00	
LCBI	<u>1,000.00</u>	20,955.00
Loose Offerings		858.00
SS & VBS Offering		1,260.70
Other: Interest	\$ 12.05	
GST Rebate	3,658.90	
Wage Subsidy	24,195.53	
Janitor Reimburse	120.00	
Our Savior's Bank Account	8,529.53	
Skyline Perpetual Care	50.00	
Skyline Plot Sale	<u>500.00</u>	37,066.01
Donations to: Our Saviour's	\$ 1,670.00	
Carpet	1,960.00	
Food Bank	275.00	
Skyline Cemetery	<u>1,120.00</u>	5,025.00
Honorariums		600.00
Hub Capital: Skyline Yard/Our Savior's Yard		1,961.00
Memorials: H. Holland	\$ 20.00	
D. Hoberg	460.00	
J. Davis	100.00	
A. Olson	<u>470.00</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$ 178,295.71</u>

Expenses

Salary/Receiver General			\$ 67,512.29
Health & Dental			5,220.00
Pension, Group Benefits, CEP, & Book Allowance			10,476.61
Car Expense			561.68
Parsonage Repair & Maintenance			7,550.19
Parsonage Utilities:	EPCOR	\$ 1,928.87	
	DERS	1,125.82	
	Telus	1,672.79	
	Water	<u>1,019.30</u>	5,746.78
Synod: Benevolence/AB	\$ 3,875.00		
CLWR	15,080.00		
CLWR/Tiny Hearts	1,000.00		
LCBI	<u>1,000.00</u>		20,955.00
Janitor/Yard			4,150.00
Sunday School			1,160.26
Vacation Bible School			4,466.85
Church Utilities:	Telus	\$ 752.95	
	EPCOR	4,888.49	
	DERS	3,272.40	
	Water/Garbage	<u>1,137.55</u>	10,051.39
GST Paid			2,103.46
Repair & Maintenance			6,052.76
Office Supplies			3,528.03
Other:	LCBI/Mission	\$ 135.00	
	Envelopes	451.03	
	Advertising	695.00	
	Conference Dues	298.00	
	Kitchen Supplies	205.27	
	Miscellaneous	<u>280.00</u>	2,064.30
Insurance			6,169.00
Accounting Fees			4,725.00
Our Saviour's Yard Maintenance			1,400.00
Skyline Yard Maintenance			561.00
Invest in Hub Capital/Worship Enhancement			33,329.53
Donations to: Ministerial Food Bank			<u>275.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>\$ 198,059.13</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION – 2021

December 31, 2020 Balance Forward	\$ 31,985.97
Plus: 2021 Income	<u>178,295.71</u>
	210,281.68
Less: 2021 Expenses	<u>198,059.13</u>
Balance at December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 12,222.55</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Paulgaard-Johnston, Treasurer

TD Funds

December 31, 2021

TD FUNDS (Worship Enhancement)

2020 Balance Forward	\$ 10,145.05
2021 Interest	1,962.93
Carpet/Building	1,960.00
Wage Subsidy	14,250.00
GST Rebate	3,600.00
Our Saviour's Bank Account	8,529.53
Our Saviour's Donation	1,670.00
Skyline Donation	1,120.00
Our Saviour's Maintenance	(1,400.00)
Skyline Maintenance	(561.00)
Skyline Perpetual Care	50.00
Skyline Plot Sale	500.00
2021 Memorials	1,050.00
2021 Honorariums	<u>600.00</u>

TD Fund Balance at December 31, 2021

\$43,476.51

** These Funds are included in the total TD Fund Balance above:

Skyline Cemetery Fund

2020 Balance Forward	\$ 2,427.00
Perpetual Care	50.00
Plot Sale	500.00
2021 Donations	1,120.00
2021 Yard Maintenance	(561.00)
2021 Memorial	<u>880.00</u>
	\$4,416.00

Our Saviour's Cemetery Fund

2020 Balance Forward	\$ 980.00
2021 Donations	1,670.00
Our Saviour's Bank Account	8,529.53
2020/2021 Yard Maintenance	(1,400.00)
	\$9,779.53

Carpet Fund

2020 Balance Forward	\$ 3,090.00
2021 Donations	<u>1,960.00</u>
	\$ 5,050.00

Chairman's Year End Report – 2021

AGM – January 16, 2022

It is no secret that we have experienced another trying year with the COVID-19 pandemic seemingly dominating every aspect of our lives. However, even in the midst of the pandemic, we have much to be grateful for:

-A special note of thanks to Pastor Paul for going above and beyond his duties. It is important to highlight all of the extra things he has undertaken since the pandemic started, such as online services, taking care of communion setup and cleanup, as well as doing several Christmas Eve services to ensure that all who wanted to attend could do so safely and comfortable.

-I would like to thank my fellow council members, as well as the congregation, for their support and understanding throughout another difficult year. It was fantastic for us to have the return of Sunday School and another wonderful Vacation Bible School. Many families look forward to events like these year after year.

We remain hopeful that the hard days will soon be behind us, and look forward to resuming all of our normal activities including the triumphant return of our choir and gathering for potlucks and fellowship.

Respectively submitted by Chairman Kim Larson

Pastor's Report for 2021

*Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from
the tree of life that is in the paradise of God. - Revelation 2:7*

As the covid-19 pandemic stretches into the end of its second year, the strain it has placed on families and churches has increased with growing insistence on, AND resistance to, restrictions on gathering together. It sure doesn't FEEL like we are conquering anything! But step #1 of conquering is staying in the fight, and step #2 is adapting. As we consider what adaptations to put in place for the future, here are the highlights of what we have done to adapt and stay in the fight last year:

Outreach:

We revived Vacation Bible School in 2021 after a one-year absence, using a new format where the younger children attended in the morning, and the older children attended in the afternoon to reduce crowding. The results were very encouraging! We also held our sixth Free Garage Sale outdoors on Friday September 10, and it was well received. We continued to offer the use of our building to the Girl Guides when they were able to meet indoors. And we informed the funeral home that we were willing to be a venue for funerals with the Restrictions Exemption Program, so that larger funerals could be held inside a church. Our current policy is that we are willing to host a coffee service after funerals, but do not have enough volunteers to properly serve a lunch, so the funeral home has catered out the funerals it has held in our building.

Wider Church:

Synod convention was held on-line July 16th & 17th, and a new Synod Council chair was elected, Deacon Karen Wedman. Also elected were delegates to the 2022 National Convention in Calgary, and while I was nominated, I was not elected to attend. The *Living Our Faith* national program moved from a year focused on bible study to a year focused on worship in September. Bishop Larry Kochendorfer began a sabbatical around October 17th, and is expected to resume his duties on January 28, 2022.

Education:

Thanks to our Sunday School superintendents, teachers, parents, and volunteers for their efforts in making Sunday School possible under the restrictions and the anxiety imposed by the pandemic! Confirmation class currently has 3 students working on the second and final year of our new curriculum, and they will be confirmed in May/June of 2022. We celebrated the confirmation of two confirmands who completed the program in 2020 and 2021. Bible study is ongoing at the nursing home.

Worship:

Average Sunday morning worship attendance for 2021 dropped slightly from 2020 to 31, which is exactly half of our average attendance in 2018. Pre-recorded services were provided every week on the website, and on average they were accessed 8 times before Sunday noon (and many times afterwards!). Tighter covid restrictions in May led us to try Zoom worship for a couple of weeks, including Confirmation Sunday. Our Lenten sermon series was on Christian philosophy, and attendance at the midweek Lenten services averaged 11. And while I presided at a personal record of 17 funerals in 2021, none were for members of our congregation, and only 2 of them were in our building.

Property:

Many issues were addressed at the church this year, including removing the large evergreen trees on the south side (and replacing the HVAC enclosure and back stairs), and repairs to the roof. At the parsonage, the basement shower and upstairs tub surrounds were replaced, as was the kitchen and bathroom flooring.

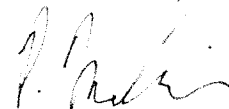
Personal:

Thank you so much for your support of my work with the Provost Ministerial Food Bank, and with weddings and funerals in the wider community!

Outlook:

After 21 months of pandemic response, who knows what the future will bring! We respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to adapt to whatever circumstances we face. Maybe 2022 will bring a church experience closer to "normal," and maybe it will bring even more stringent restrictions. In any event, we must be prepared to deliver the Gospel message regardless, in our words and in our actions. May God guide us in 2022, such that His love, grace, and truth are obvious in everything we do, and to everyone we encounter...

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Paul McCormick

Central Lutheran Church

Proposed 2022 Budget

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual '21</u>	<u>Budget '21</u>	<u>Proposed '22</u>
Salary	\$ 63,100.50	\$ 63,100.50	\$ 64,307.50
Car Expense	561.68	2,000.00	1,000.00
Receiver General	4,411.79	4,500.00	4,850.00
ELCIC Pension & Benefits	9,326.61	9,500.00	9,620.00
CEP	600.00	600.00	600.00
Book Allowance	500.00	500.00	500.00
Pulpit Supply	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conferences & Convention	50.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Parsonage	7,550.19	5,000.00	5,000.00
Parsonage Utilities	5,746.78	6,000.00	6,000.00
Dental & Medical	<u>5,220.00</u>	<u>5,220.00</u>	<u>5,220.00</u>
	\$ 97,067.55	\$ 98,420.50	\$ 99,097.50
Janitor/Yard Maintenance	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone	752.95	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	3,528.03	5,000.00	4,000.00
SS & VBS	5,627.11	6,000.00	6,000.00
DERS	3,272.40	4,000.00	4,000.00
EPCOR	4,888.49	6,000.00	6,000.00
Water, Sewer, Garbage	1,137.55	1,500.00	1,500.00
Canada Lutheran	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repair & Maintenance	6,052.76	6,000.00	6,000.00
Conferences & Convention	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Church Envelopes	451.03	300.00	300.00
Insurance	6,169.00	6,000.00	6,500.00
Advertising	695.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Choir Music	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
GST	2,103.46	1,000.00	1,000.00
Conference Dues	298.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	280.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Educational Supplies	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission/Outreach	135.00	500.00	500.00
Kitchen Supplies	<u>205.27</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
	\$39,746.05	\$ 50,800.00	\$ 49,300.00
	<u>\$ 136,813.60</u>	<u>\$ 149,220.50</u>	<u>\$ 148,397.50</u>

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Terms expiring at this meeting (all ineligible for re-election):

Darlene Downing

Deon Erasmus

Donna Paulgaard-Johnston

Brenda Sullivan

Terms expiring in January 2023:

Kim Larson

Norris Pahlke

Brad Pylypow

Blair Whidden

Terms expiring in January 2024:

Cheryl Bouma

Susan McElhinney

2 vacancies

Thanks to our departing and ongoing Church Council members for all their work in the challenging times of 2021!

Nominations will be solicited during the Annual Meeting, for either the two vacancies with terms expiring in 2 years, or for the four vacancies with standard 3 year terms. Unless six additional members are identified at the meeting, we will begin the new council year with vacancies. Please make sure when nominating that you have the permission of the person nominated, thanks!

Compiled by Paul McCormick