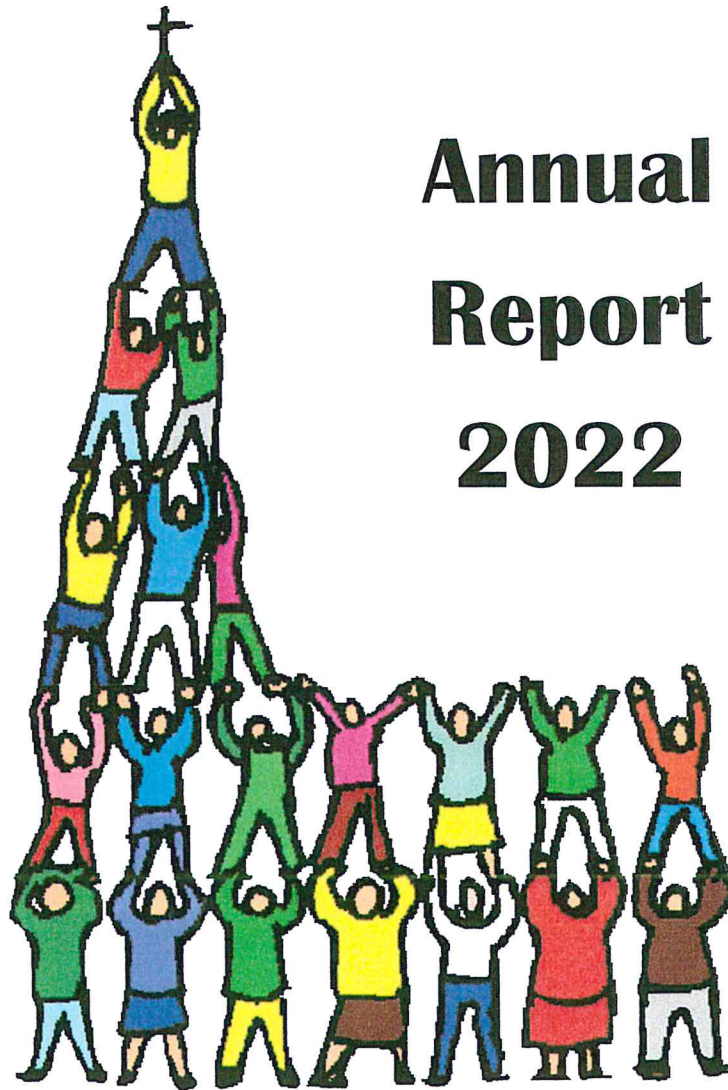


Together in Christ,

We worship, We grow, We serve.



Notes:

2021 Gloria Dei Membership Statistics

Annual Report 2021

<u>At the end of 2020</u>	<u>Baptized</u> 473	<u>Confirmed</u> 263
	Baptized Members	Confirmed Members
<u>Members Received 2021</u>		
By Baptism-Children (15 years and younger)	3	0
By Baptism-Adults (16 years and older)	0	0
By Confirmation-Adults	0	0
By Affirmation of Faith	0	0
By Transfer	28	20
Statistical Adjustment	0	0
Total Members Received this Year	31	20
Baptized Members who were Confirmed in 2021		4
Total Confirmed Members 2021		287
<u>Members Removed During 2021</u>		
By Death	20	20
By Transfer to other Congregations/Withdraw	0	
Placed on Inactive	9	9
Total Members Removed This Year	29	29
Membership at the end of 2022	475	258

*Number of Confirmed Members who have Communed and Contributed during 2022: **160**

*We have many people who commune on a regular basis, and have been with us for years, in some cases who have not joined.

*We have a number of people who contribute on a regular basis and have done so for years, in some cases, who have not joined.

Pastoral Acts During 2021	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>Funerals</u>	<u>Weddings</u>
	3	28	2



*No one has ever
seen God;
if we love one
another, God lives
in us, and his love
is perfected in us.
~1 John 4.12*

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Grace and peace to you as we begin the Year of our Lord 2023!

The fulcrum of history continues to turn as the Church and your church experience the pushes and pulls of being re-formed, re-shaped, and re-focused. I believe we are feeling both the pressure points and the possibilities as we move into the future. The Holy Spirit of Christ is at work! Our job, our challenge, is to discern that work and participate in it, or at least, get out of the way.

When in doubt about the direction or the effort, I find it helps to apply the command that Jesus gave: Love. To love others is the commandment that Jesus repeats consistently throughout his ministry. Jesus embodies love as he heals, teaches, and forgives. Jesus instructs love as he washes the feet of his disciples and chooses not to either escape death or wreak vengeance on the population that is so angry with Jesus that they crucify him.

The temptation, the propensity, to vilify and demonize people who make us angry has not diminished. No wonder Jesus commands us to love. As sinful, broken people, loving those we don't know or particularly care for certainly does not come naturally. Sure, it's easy to love the lovable; spouses and partners, our

children and grandchildren, family members, people we know and enjoy. But Jesus is talking about Agape Love...Holy Love...Unconditional Love; the love that is less an emotional feeling and more an intentional and strategic action.

This year of Love completes a three-year focus on the passage, "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three." And the passage goes on to say, "and the greatest of these is love." This year, I encourage you to think how you personally, and your congregation collectively, will show God's love to each other, your community, and the world. There is much, I know, that you are already doing. Between Lutheran World Relief efforts, food pantries, backpack programs, and the financial support you give to ministry, I am impressed and rather proud of how we are making a difference to those challenged by poverty and hunger.

I also encourage you to consider participation in the Lenten Kaleidoscope Challenge: a new effort focusing a lens of love on racial equity, our indigenous neighbors, and the LGBTQIA+ community.

At this time in history, we have a unique opportunity to push back against the current momentum to divide, demonize, and vilify the other. I pray that we can give authentic witness to a world that seeks to judge, condemn, and polarize...that God is love, and God lives in us, is perfected in us, as we show that love.

May God bless your efforts!

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan



Agenda - Annual Meeting of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

January 23, 2022

1. Opening Devotions – Brahm Semmler Smith
 2. Determination of a Quorum, Call to Order, and Adoption of the Agenda
 3. Secretary’s Report -- Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting, October 2, Congregational Meeting.
 4. Financial Reports for 2021 -- Zach Halkola/Brian Jarvis
 - a. Audit Report –
 - b. Proposed Budget for 2023
 5. Council President Report
 6. Pastor’s Report
 7. Team reports – Questions?
 8. Old Business
 - a. Constitution and By Laws—waiting on return from Synod
 9. New Business
 - b. Elections:
 - i. Council (1 seat available)
 - ii. Endowment (2 seats available)
 - iii. Delegates to the Northern Great Lakes Assembly in Marquette (May 18-20) Need 2
 - iv. Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Annual Meeting (TBA) Need 2
 10. Announcements and Correspondence
 11. Adjournment
 12. Benediction – Brahm Semmler Smith
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Church Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Term 1 Ends</u>	<u>Term 2 Ends</u>
Scott Pietila	1-29-17	2020	2023
Zach Halkola	1-28-18	2021	2024
Jen Mattila	1-28-18	2021	2024
Glenn Anderson	1-26-20	2023	2026
Kathy Goulette	1-26-20	2023	2026
Courtney Hohnholt	1-26-20	2023	2026
Tom Oldfield	1-31-21	2024	2027
Dolores Kilpela	1-31-21	2024	2027
Brian Jarvis	1-23-22	2025	2028

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting Minutes

23 January 2022

1. Opening Devotions - Pr. Brahm Semmler Smith
2. Determination of a Quorum: 36 members present; 25 in-person, 11 online
3. Call to order at 11:42 a.m.
4. Adoption of Agenda. (M/S) Philip Johnson, Glen Archer. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Secretary Report & Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting. (M/S) Glen Archer, Delores Kilpela. Motion carried.
6. Financial Reports for the 2021 given by Zach Halkola
 0. Reporting on the year: the Income Statement Highlights the Church added \$29,000. Total income of \$241,635 and expenses of \$212,630. The COVID 19 pandemic caused the church to incur lower expenses.
 1. The 2022 Budget is very similar to 2021, with the exception of some increases to expenses as things normalize.
 2. Question from Eileen Stordahl regarding World Hunger expense of \$1,700 that was wrongly listed on line 3 of income. (We didn't have any income come in this year, but was it budgeted.)
 3. Question from Rene Johnson regarding the following expenses: Travel Call Committee of \$3,500 (staff bonuses came from this un-used account), Retirement line (offer a retirement contribution for the Church Secretary), and Church Phone (1 incorrect posting to the account). Uncertainty regarding these expenses and will look into it.
 4. Motion to accept the 2021 expenses with follow-up to questions and approve the 2022 Budget by Philip Johnson, seconded by Maija Stadius. Motion carried.
7. Council President Report presented by Courtney Hohnholt. 2021 continued its challenges due to the pandemic. Thankful for Pr. Brahm's leadership this year. Encourage each other. Be a neighbor to one another. Call and reach out to each other.
8. Pastor Brahm's Report discussed the optimism we had about 2021, but the continued challenges we faced as a community and church. Members continue to be generous in their giving and we are thankful for that. The church and members have shown their flexibility with outdoor gatherings during the summer and hybrids of zoom with bible studies. The church assisted in Finlandia's 125th anniversary this fall. Discussion of improving technology for both in person and online experiences in the future. Emphasis on reaching out to new members and also members that may have slipped through the cracks.
 - A. Courtney Hohnholt asked if local pastors are supporting each other. Pr. Brahm expressed text studies and neighboring pastors have been supportive.
 - B. Chris Hodges thanked Pr. Brahm's outreach to meet with and support others.
 - C. Brian Jarvis asked if Pr. Brahm sees any areas where he needs more help. Pr. Brahm discusses that Christian Ed schedules can be challenging to meet regularly. Families have been understanding.
9. Team Reports presented. No questions
10. Old Business.
 - a. Approval of Constitution and By-Laws. With exception a few minor typos to be corrected before sent to synod (M/S) Rene Johnson, Glen Archer. Motion Carried.
11. New Business

A Nomination of Brain Jarvis for open council seat. (M/S) by Glen Archer, Rene Johnson to close nominations. (M/S) to approve nomination by acclimation by Courtney Hohnholt and Chris Hodges. Motion carried.

B. Nomination of Travis Hanson and Jane Markkanen for Endowment Committee. (M/S) Glen Archer, Philip Johnson. Motion carried.

0. C. Nomination of Sarah Semmler Smith, Delores Kilpela, and Nancy Birondo as Delegates to

Northern Great Lakes Assembly which will be held locally May 12-14.

D Nominations of Sarah Semmler Smith and Courtney Hohnholt to represent Gloria Dei at the Fortune Lake Annual Meeting.

12. Announcements and Correspondence

0. Received a letter from the Bishop which has been included in the Annual Report. a Tanzania sends greetings.

13. Motion to Adjourn (M/S) Glen Archer, Zach Halkola

14. Benediction and Prayer by Pr. Brahm Semmler Smith

15. Meeting Adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Notes submitted by Jen Mattila

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Congregational Meeting Minutes

2 October 2022

1. Call to order at 11:39 am.
2. Introduction by Courtney Hohnolt
 - A. Purpose of the Meeting: Canal View Medical Care Facility would like to acquire land from the church to build a child care facility. We need a congregational vote to gift the property.
3. Determination of a Quorum? (40+ people) There is a quorum.
4. Question from Hazel Tepsa: Will the facility be only for Canal View employees?

Kim Salmi, Canal View Administrator, went on to give a lengthy response on how this came about. The biggest is the community need for child care, specifically for working families.

 - a. The child care facility is seeking grants to keep the cost of 10% of income.
 - b. Canal View would like to hold 30% of the spots available for workers at their facility.
5. Question: Who is liable?

We are looking to give or sell the property so the child care facility would be the new owners and therefore liable for any legal issues.
6. Question: What will be done about the headstones in that area from the former cemetery?

Kim Salmi is already aware of the headstones and there are legal provisions and regulations they will follow when building on the site.
7. Question: Will this affect the columbarium?
 - A. The building plans have taken account of the columbarium and the church's plan to expand it.
8. Question: Can some spots be reserved for church families?

It can be written into the agreement. Depending on grants, there has to be a certain percentage open to the community.
9. Comments: Delores Kilpela gave her support for the facility. Ken Seaton would like the council to keep the congregation up to date with the progress.

Courtney made a motion for congregation support and to allow the church council to work out the pertinent details. Jane Markkanen second. All in favor.
10. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Notes by Jen Mattila.

2022 Budget**2022 Actual****2023 Budget
Suggested****INCOME**

Envelope Offering	222,806.00	239,633.00	235,000.00
Loose Offering	3,364.00	1,520.00	1,500.00
World Hunger	1725.00	5,156.00	2,000.00
The Lutheran	40.00	80.00	100.00
Special Offerings	6836.00	2,592.00	2,000.00
Other	400.00	1,339.00	400.00
In/Out		403.00	
Total Income	235,171.00	250,723.00	241,000.00

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR WORK
EXPENSES**

General Benevolence	22,280.00	24,247.00	23,500.00
ELCA World Hunger	1,700.00	5,712.00	2,000.00
Temeke Partnership	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Subtotal	24,980.00	30,959.00	26,500.00

MINISTRY OF PASTOR (Brahm)

Salary	34,600.00	36,035.00	48,900.00
Pension	6,308.00	6,299.00	6,556.00
Health Benefit	14,793.00	16,158.00	16,966.00
Social Security	5,964.00	4,483.00	4,659.00
Housing Allowance	24,000.00	24,000.00	12,000.00
Subtotal	85,665.00	86,975.00	89,081.00

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE
OF PASTOR (Brahm)**

Continuing Education/Books	900.00	900.00	1,000.00
Mileage	2000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00
Conference and Conventions	300.00	105.00	350.00
Subtotal	3200.00	3,005.00	3,550.00

SUPPLEMENTARY MINISTRY

Pulpit Supply (visiting pastors)	1500.00	1,239.00	1,600.00
Subtotal	1500.00	1,239.00	1,600.00

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Worship Music--musicians	9,000.00	8,297.00	10,000.00
Tuning and repairs	1000.00	661.00	1,000.00
Altar Supplies	800.00	\$ 1,024.00	1,000.00
Bulletins/Service Aids	1200.00	1,204.00	1,200.00
Special Music	100.00	-	
Subtotal	12,100.00	11,186.00	13,200.00

2022 Budget

2022 Actual

2023 Budget

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY**OUTREACH**

Christian Education	2400.00	1,957.00	2,400.00
Youth and Family	2500.00	2,045.00	2,500.00
Confirmation Camp/Materials	1100.00	1,056.00	1,200.00
Subscriptions (The Lutheran)	300.00	284.00	300.00
Evangelism/Communications	1600.00	575.00	1,200.00
Faith in Action	700.00	195.00	500.00
Nursery		210.00	500.00
Subtotal	8,600.00	6,322.00	8,600.00

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Secretary	31,064.00	32,394.00	32,656.00
Retirement Contribution	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Payroll Taxes	4,800.00	3,696.00	4,000.00
Postage	1,500.00	1,255.00	1,500.00
Printing and Duplicating	2,500.00	2,904.00	3,000.00
Technology Maintenance	1,500.00	838.00	1,000.00
Office Expense	3,600.00	3,278.00	3,600.00
Offering Envelopes	500.00	536.00	550.00
Church Phone	2,600.00	2,609.00	2,600.00
Delegate Expense	700.00	-	700.00
Staff Bonus	3,850.00	in wages	
Copyright Licenses	1,400.00	1,515.00	1,500.00
Subtotal	56,014.00	51,025.00	53,106.00

MAINTENANCE

Custodial Care	8,240.00	5,554.00	8,240.00
Maintenance & Supplies	4,000.00	3,496.00	4,000.00
Insurance	8,200.00	7,907.00	8,200.00
Church Fuel	5,200.00	8,060.00	9,000.00
Church Lights	6,000.00	5,384.00	6,000.00
Church Water & Sewer	2,500.00	1,599.00	2,500.00
Snow Removal	6,000.00	5,990.00	6,500.00
Lawn Maintenance Services	1,700.00	730.00	1,800.00
Bus fuel mtn and repairs	1,000.00	744.00	1,000.00
Kitchen License & Inspections	\$350.00	345.00	\$350.00
Pest Control Services	500.00	480.00	500.00
Subtotal	43,690.00	40,289.00	48,090.00
Year-end Disbursements		-	

TOTAL BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS

235,749.00

231,000.00

230,527.00

NET INCOME

(578.00)

19,723.00

10,473.00

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2022

	Dec 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · General Fund Checking-SNB	57,612.95
10500 · Petty Cash	109.23
10999 · Huntingtons Bank Accounts	
11000 · General Fund Checking-First M	495.78
11100 · Building Fund-Huntingtons	11,322.43
11200 · Other Funds- Huntingtons	
11201 · Undesignated Memorials	20,345.52
11202 · Designated Memorials	1,442.89
11203 · New Bus Fund	2,218.62
11204 · Gloria Dei Lets Eat	1,284.88
11205 · Jacobsville	5,402.33
11206 · Kitchen Fund	5,613.03
11207 · Special Needs Transportation	400.00
11209 · Heating System Upgrade	1,205.00
11213 · Sunday School	2,438.17
11214 · Annual Giving Hold	54,601.65
11216 · Food Pantry	7,144.62
11218 · Local Benevolence	2,051.36
11221 · Pastor Tanzania Trip	188.36
11222 · Tree of Life	1,683.81
11224 · Camperships	9,531.64
11225 · Youth Group	5,692.90
11228 · Altar/Choir	1,284.03
11229 · Organ Repair	2,000.00
11230 · Niva Benevolence Fund	4,448.93
11232 · Seminary Scholarship	2.04
11234 · Columbarium	2,316.05
11235 · Middle School Youth Group	3,075.83
11236 · Temeke Partnership Scholarship	248.37
11237 · Painting Restoration	2,862.00
11238 · Window Replacement	1,975.59
11239 · Church Techology Upgrades	5,679.82
11247 · Strawberry Social	911.33
11249 · Short Term Savings	80,037.07
Total 11200 · Other Funds- Huntingtons	226,085.84
10999 · Huntingtons Bank Accounts - Other	2,365.16
Total 10999 · Huntingtons Bank Accounts	240,269.21
12200 · Mission Investment Fund	45,000.00
Total Checking/Savings	342,991.39
Other Current Assets	
13500 · Endowment Fund - Edward Jones	449,693.53
13600 · Columbarium Fund - Edward Jones	20,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	469,693.53
Total Current Assets	812,684.92
TOTAL ASSETS	812,684.92
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
22000 · Federal payroll taxes payable	2,061.56
22100 · State Withholding Payable	522.99
22300 · IRA Withholding	(57.78)
22400 · Retirement Plan Payable	248.02
22500 · FSA & HSA Payable	749.50
	749.50

11:52 AM
01/11/23
Accrual Basis

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

	Dec 31, 22
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,524.29
Total Current Liabilities	3,524.29
Total Liabilities	3,524.29
Equity	
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	65,000.00
39000 · Fund Balance	271,857.99
39500 · Endowment Fund Balance	449,693.53
Net Income	22,609.11
Total Equity	809,160.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	812,684.92

Council Report

January 2023

Dear Members of Gloria Dei,

As I sat down to reflect on this year, I was reminded of this quote by Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, "A single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer."

Thank you all for continuing your walk with the Lord and with one another. Though 2022 brought many hardships for folks all around the world, it all seems bearable when we face life together. I see your light as you serve one another, worship, and grow in this space.

I want to draw attention and send messages of gratitude to each of you who contributed to our congregation this year. It takes much effort to keep all our parts running smoothly- from the warmest of smiles to a stranger, to the maintenance of our building, from the outreach to folks in need, to those who serve the community, to all who clean, serve, pray, beautify, wipe away tears, raise up our youth, bake, preach, teach, and make music. Every one of you made a difference to someone, and you are all serving the Lord.

There are many ways to help if you are looking to expand further. The church needs your gifts, and your uniqueness is perfect. I'd love to talk to you about how your strengths can serve.

As we enter 2023, may the love for our neighbors continue to grow as we love one another as ourselves and help spread the love of Jesus. Take a moment to call a friend. Say a prayer for those in pain. Lift up your gratitude to God. Let others know that you appreciate them. Find those who mourn and let them lean on you. If you are in mourning, allow yourself to lean on others. Forgive, heal, rest, love. I remain grateful for you all.

Warmly,

Courtney Hohnholt

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Council

January 2023. Pastor Brahm's Annual Report.

Grace and peace be with you all partners in Christ.

As I reflect on the past year of ministry, three things stick out to me which are at their very nature what we are about as people of faith in the Resurrection of Christ.

Death, our shared work together, and Life.

First, Death. We had a lot of death as part of our community. When we were looking at the numbers for our reports, we counted 27 deaths connected to our community of faith. That is one death every other week. I often felt like a hospice chaplain this past year. I also know many of us lost loved ones who were not directly connected to the congregation, but which still affected us as the body of Christ. Because with these deaths also come grief. We grieved together often this past year. Death and grief are a part of life, and they are an important part of our life together as the Church. We came together to support each other, cry together, pray for each other, and to proclaim and hold onto the promises of our faith that God is bigger than death. Thank you for the ways you did that this past year.

Second, our shared work together. Our ministry as Gloria Dei only works together. I am grateful for the partnerships in the congregation, from the staff with Karen and Bruce and our musicians, to those who volunteer their time to help lead worship, set up, teach, drive bus, and so many other things. The congregation continues to be generous in its resources, and we hope to take care of some projects this coming year. I am grateful for those pastors who helped fill in and lead worship this past year to offer me a break when needed: Pastors Peter Vorhes, Sarah Semmler Smith, and Philip Johnson. Our partnerships also expand outside of our building, and I recognize the importance of my colleagues both in our denomination and those outside of it in our work together. We had a shared VBS experience with 4 churches, ecumenical worships with our Methodist and Catholic neighbors, multiple events and opportunities to do ministry with Fortune Lake, and connections with Finlandia, Keweenaw Faiths United, and elsewhere.

And finally, Life. Signs of life, especially in the face of so much death, are important. They are part of being resurrection people. One thing that sticks out is something we tried out this fall. We had some folks step up to lead Sunday School, which allowed us to start something we called "It Takes A Village." This group of parents gathers to connect and support each other in a way that has been a gift. It makes me wonder what other ways we can encourage connection this coming year? How might you connect in new ways with others?

What other signs of life might we see in 2023? I am hoping to renew our connection with Temeke during a hoped for trip to Tanzania in July. There are plans to help launch a ministry in the Keweenaw called UP Wild, which is a community that gathers intentionally in God's creation to connect with each other and the world in which we are a part. What else? I am not sure, but I hope you join me in looking for the signs of life in and around us.

Christ be with us in 2023!

Pastor Brahm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Endowment Committee Annual Report 2022

Year End – 12/31/2022

Endowment fund gifted principle: \$ 456,124.00

2022 Year-end balance: \$ 449,693.53

Distribution Year	Prev. Year End Market Value	5 Year Rolling Average	5% of 5y Ave.	Actual Disbursement
2019	\$452,822.00	\$484,085.00	\$24,204.25	\$24,204.00
2020	\$500,827.00	\$478,611.00	\$23,930.55	\$10,000.00
2021	\$535,457.00	\$494,731.00	\$24,736.55	\$32,500.00
2022	\$555,385.00	\$510,427.00	\$25,521.35	\$15,500.00
2023	\$449,693.53	\$498,836.91	\$24,941.85	

2022 Endowment Applications

Applicant	Amount Requested	Amount Granted
Shelby Hamar: Faith in Action Lutheran Disaster Response of ELCA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00 M/S Passed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000.00 from last yr feeding america grant
Pastor Brahm: Lutheran World Relief	??	\$0.00 Combine request with Lutheran disaster response request
Gloria Dei Quilters: Quilting supplies	\$500.00	\$500 M/S Passed
Finlandia University Campus Ministry: Retreat and Service trip scholarships	\$1,500.00	\$1,500 M/S Passed

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: Dining Hall table replacement	\$5,000.00	\$5,000 M/S Passed
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: Special project	\$2,500.00	\$0.00 Combine request with Dining Hall project
Gloria Dei Memorials Committee; Refurbish transfiguration painting	\$0	\$2,000 Approved, previously. Transfer to memorial acct.
Gloria Dei Christian Education: High School Graduation Scholarships. Potential for 5 graduates	\$1,500.00	\$1,500 M/S Passed + \$1,000 avail from last yr disbursement
Gloria Dei Youth and Family Ministry: Fortune Lake camperships	\$5,000.00	\$5,000 M/S Passed
Faith in Action Committee; Copper Country Partnership, Love inc. Food Pantry support	\$1,000.00	\$1000.00 M/S Passed
	\$18,000.00	\$15,500 Approved for disbursement for 2022 +\$5,000.00 from 2021 disbursements

Endowment Committee

Ronda Bogan 2020-2023
Christine Hodges - Secretary 2017-2020, 2020-2023
Lennon Hughes - Treasurer 2018-2021, 2021-2024
Jane Markkanen 2022-2025
Travis Hanson - Chair 2022-2025
Wayne Stordahl (Advisor)
Steve Zutter (Edward Jones) – Fund Manager

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Hanson

Jacobsville Chapel 2022 Annual Report

*"Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob"
Isaiah 2:3*

Our house of Jacob, tucked in the woods, is a special place of worship. The chapel remains a Registered Michigan Historic Site, and a "significant contributing structure" to the Keweenaw National Historic Park . . . and a significant contributing structure to our faith journey! Please consider attending one of the Sunday vesper services next summer.

Vesper services ran from June 12 through August 28, with a closing Harvest service on October 2. Chapel attendance averaged 23 people, with about half from the Jacobsville, Bootjack, and Rabbit Bay area. This remains a vital connection for our Gloria Dei community at large.

Total tithe \$1,943; average tithe: \$149.

Folks making a difference at the Chapel:

Cham Deschaine, tree removal

Kyle Pihlaja: sign design & construction

Bob Hodges: sign installation & sage advice

Tom Lennington and Dennis Greenhouse: tree experts & sales

After Hours Contracting, Eric Heckel, owner: steeple repair & roof cleaning

Thomas Hunt: tree surgery

Walmart: gift card for donuts and cider at the Harvest Service

Erik, Renee and John Butkonen: lawn care

Jacobsville folks: hosting fellowship in their Community building following services

Karen Harris: expeditious help and insight

And we especially thank all the pastors for their devoted ministry: **Philip Johnson, Micah Cavaleri, Soren Schmidt, Jesse Aho, Kelly Ylitalo, Bob Langseth, Peter Vorhes, Nancy Auer, Jared Howard, and our own, Sarah and Brahm Semmler Smith.**

On behalf of the Jacobsville Committee (Martha Dickson, Bruce Ragusett, and Wayne Stordahl)

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Smith, Jacobsville Chapel Chair

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Memorials Team 2022 Report

Team members:

John Vaara, Chairman

Wayne Stordahl

Courtney Hohnholt, Council Liaison

Maija Stadius

Neil Ahola

Team members approved the following memorial requests in 2022:

1. Columbarium \$4925
2. Quilters \$925
3. Church Technology Upgrades \$1520
4. Faceted Glass Window replacement \$4,503
5. Painting Restoration \$1355

On-Going Memorial Gifting Opportunities:

The following is a list of projects and causes that friends and/or families can direct funds to Gloria Dei in memory of or in honor of an individual; or as an additional gift.

Jacobsville Chapel Improvements, Kitchen Improvements,
Special Needs Transportation, Gloria Dei Food Pantry, 31 Back Pack Pantry,
Local Benevolence, Tree of Life, Fortune Lake Camperships,
College Scholarships, Seminary Scholarships, Temeke Partnership Scholarships,
Memorial Park Improvements, Endowment Fund.

“Painting Restoration”, which is the restoration of the “Transfiguration of Our Lord” painting.

2022 Columbarium Committee

Annual Report

The committee members include: Wayne Stordahl, David Quayle, Bruce Ragusett and Jane Berner.

The Columbarium By-laws authorizes a six-member committee. Gloria Dei members wanting to serve on this committee should speak to one of the above named members.

Columbarium brochures were distributed as needed in the sanctuary pew racks.

To date, 39 of the 48 niches have been purchased and 19 members have been inurned.

This year the income was \$3,500 from sale of three niches and expenses of \$1746 for six niche plaques.

The current Columbarium Fund balance is \$2,216. Plus \$20,000 invested at Edward Jones.

With only 9 of the original niches remaining unsold and the costs of materials and labor increasing for the next unit, it was decided to increase the price of a niche to \$1,300.

It has been estimated, with a recent price quote from the columbarium supplier, that if we were to build in 2023 the cost would be between \$37,000-\$45,000 for the unit, sitework and landscaping to match the existing unit.

Funding will come from existing columbarium funds invested, additional niche sales, memorials, endowment funds and other congregational sources, as needed to continue the Columbarium Ministry at Gloria Dei.

If you or someone you know would like to purchase a niche or information about a niche, please talk to the Church Secretary or one of the committee members.

Wayne Stordahl, Committee chair.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Food Pantry

In 2022, the Gloria Dei food pantry served 17 clients from Houghton, Hancock, Lake Linden, Laurium and Baraga.

These 17 clients represented 34 family members. Total visits for the year were 57, an average of 4.75 visits per month.

As always, We appreciate the congregation's generosity in providing for the pantry.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brunet
Tom Oldfield
Pat Oldfield

Quilters Annual Report 2022

The Gloria Dei quilters meet on Tuesday's at 12 to 4:00 pm and is open to everyone who would like to join in the ministry of providing quilts both locally and around the world through Lutheran World Relief.

The quilters donated 358 quilts to the following in 2022

- 76 donated to Lutheran World Relief
- 8 Fire victims (Houghton)
- 85 baby/youth quilts to Marines Toys for Tots
- 8 Hospice for patients.
- 162 Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly
- 10 Community Requests
- 5 Gloria Dei's High School Graduates
- 4 Baptized children at Gloria Dei

Respectfully submitted,

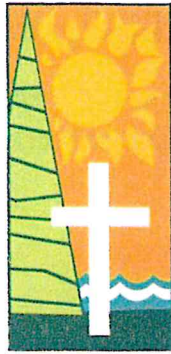
Karen Harris, for the Gloria Dei Quilters

2022 Quilters Financial Annual Report

Bank Balance as of January 1, 2022		\$877.16
<u>Receipts</u>		
Member Donations	391.00	
Endowment	500.00	<u>891.00</u>
Total Balance and Receipts		1768.16
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Memorial Gifts given	50.00	
Walmart (misc. supplies)	596.63	
Total Disbursements		646.63
Bank Balance of December 31, 2022		1,121.53

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Harris, for the Gloria Dei Quilters



A place of grace...
Fortune Lake
Lutheran Camp

December 5, 2022

Greetings from Fortune Lake!

We pray that you are well, discerning where the Holy Spirit is calling you, and living into your baptismal promise. We value your partnership in ministry, and as we reflect on a great year, we expectantly look to the future for new ways of growing in faith together.

2022 has been a year of abundant blessings for Fortune Lake! Here are some of the highlights:

- We served **495 summer campers** of all ages, up nearly 100 from the previous year. If we continue on this trajectory, we will be back to pre-pandemic numbers in 2023. Highlights of the summer program include the return of Victory Camp (for adults with disabilities) and Congregational Day Camps as well as Musical Theatre Week, which concluded with the original musical “One Wonderful Day.”
- We have welcomed more than **1,300 day and overnight guests** to Fortune Lake! These groups include Northern Great Lakes Synod events, other denominational retreats, and family rentals. We are especially excited about new partnerships with area schools. Both Houghton and Calumet-Laurium-Keweenaw Districts have committed to bringing their 6th graders for the next five years!
- Our dedicated **year-round team of five full-time and three part-time staff** continues to work hard. We have not experienced some of the challenges that so many neighboring businesses are facing in retaining quality employees. Additionally, our **summer staff was vibrant, robust, and energetic**, and they followed through with their commitment to this ministry. We are praying that these trends continue, even as we actively recruit staff for Summer 2023.
- The **property that we steward is in beautiful shape**, with some significant improvements on the way. We have replaced the sliding glass doors on Emanuel Lodge and re-sided that section of the building, purchased a 15-passenger van, repainted the chapel, and replaced water heaters in the Dining Hall. In the year ahead, watch for upgrades to Emanuel Lodge, the duplexes, and the Dining Hall, all made possible by generous giving to our CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday Campaign.
- **Financially, we are holding strong** without having to borrow from a line of credit in the last three years. This is a new pattern for us, made possible by regular support from donors and congregations, as well as increased camper and retreat and rental guests.
- Watch for additional updates from our **Total Inclusion Task Force**, which was formed by the Board of Directors and has been working on tangible ways to be more welcoming to people who have historically been marginalized in Christian camping spaces. All are welcome to the conversation!

We say THANK YOU to God and to you! We hope to see you at camp!

Grace & Peace,
Amanda Rasner, Camp Director

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