

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING AGENDA Sunday, February 11, 2024



- **Call to order**—Joyce Northridge, President of the Congregational Council *
(C10.04. Fifteen (15) percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum)
- **Opening Prayer**-Pastor Thomas McGawley
- **Approval of Congregational Meeting Agenda**
- **Old Business**
 - Approval of the Congregational Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2023
 - Review and Approve Financial Reports for 2023
 - Approval of the End of Year Reports
- **New Business**
 - a) Election of the 2024 Church Council Nominating Committee
 - b) Congregational Open Forum
- **Meeting is Adjourned**
- **Closing Prayer**—Pastor Thomas McGawley



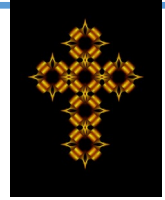


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CHURCH LEADERS 2023

INTERIM PASTOR

Pr. Thomas McGawley 386-627-6396

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Sandra Hostettler 386-679-8645

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joyce Northridge President 386-872-5344

Thomas Starling Vice President 386-864-5437

Elizabeth Graeler Secretary 352-339-6765

Sandra Hostettler Treasurer 386-679-8645

Ruth Haeseker 386-677-2282

Catherine Quel 513-476-0301

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Bereavement Ellie Faust 386-871-6187

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Finance Sandy Hostettler 386-679-8645

Garden of Resurrection Sandy Hostettler 386-679-8645

House & Fellowship Ellie Faust 386-871-6187

Memorial Sandy Hostettler 386-679-8645

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS (CONT'D)

Noah’s Ark Board	Barbra Sparber Barnes	386-598-4604
Personnel	Joyce Northridge	386-872-5344
Property	Jack Atkinson	540-266-4491
Social Ministry	Mare & Koeneke	716-479-0259
Stewardship	Joyce Northridge	386-872-5344

ORGANIZATIONS

Gift Shop	John & Trish Stratton	386-334-1872
Quilters	Ann Jacoby	386-212-9476
Social Club	Janet Renick	650-465-4101
Technology	Tom Starling	386-864-5437
WELCA	Laraine Isom	386-672-8035

GRACE CHURCH STAFF 2023

Interim Pastor.....Rev. Thomas McGawley
 Music Director.....Sara Booth
 Office Administrator.....Ellie Faust
 Bookkeeper.....Gail Atkinson
 Financial Secretary.....Sandy Hostettler
 Custodian Svc.....J&G Cleaning



NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL STAFF

DIRECTOR..... Patricia Heaney

Teacher 2/3 Year Old Class..... Ceci Vela

Teacher 3/4 Year Old Class..... Mercedes Graz

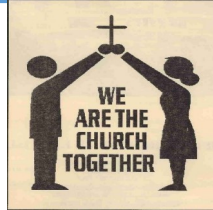
Teacher VPK Class A..... Patricia Heaney

Teacher VPK Class B..... Marigold Williams

Music Teacher..... Debra Hanson



MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2023



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Baptized Members	191	194	202	214	232	222	264	281	280
Confirmed Members	167	168	176	182	196	186	256	270	271
Associate Members	2	3	8	7	14	13	14	14	12
Baptized Members Received	20	12	17	17	22	0	6	1	9
Confirmed Members Received	19	11	14	11	18	0	0	0	4
Average Weekly Attendance	130	121	119	117	114*	119.5*	124*	112	110
Average Virtual Views									50

**Includes virtual worship—due to church closings for Covid Pandemic*

BAPTISMS: Bradley Wayne Keele, Jacob Lort, Serenity Lort, Trevor Lort, Luke O'Dacre, Amaya Steir, Conner Stier, Gianna Stier, Sophia Stier.

CONFIRMANDS: Izabella Bendorf, Bailey Billings, Luke O'Dacre and Christopher Picerno

DEATHS: Agnes Elliott, Karlene Gray, May Johnson, Janice Kaeding, Carolyn Ulrich, Sue Underwood and Timothy Roberts

NEW MEMBERS: 0

FIRST COMMUNION: Luke O'Dacre

Pastor's Report Grace Lutheran Church 2023

Since I haven't been at Grace Lutheran Church all that long, I arrived August 8, 2023; this report will be more of an observation than anything else. Hopefully, I will be able to give some insight into what I believe Grace Lutheran needs to do to move forward.

I will begin with the question that I asked shortly after I arrived. Before the coronavirus invaded the world, in person attendance was at a fairly high level. When in person worship began again, attendance wasn't as high as pre-Covid 19 levels. Does anyone know who hasn't returned to in person worship? The answer is no. No one knows who hasn't returned to in person worship. My observation here is to establish a system to check in on members of the congregation when they are noticeably absent from Sunday worship services for a period of a few Sunday's.

Rodgers and Hammerstein wrote a song titled "Getting to Know You" for the musical *The King and I*. My observation here is the congregation doesn't really know one another. What socialization that takes place is usually taking place with the Lunch Bunch on a Friday afternoon. Fellowship within a congregation is very important and it should take place weekly. It doesn't have to be elaborate, but it has to take place. Look at the ministry of Jesus, He was always engaging with others and sometimes it happened over a meal.

Last month, Johnny Hawkins, a cartoonist whose cartoon is called "Salt and Light" drew a picture of Noah with the Ark door open and he is calling out "**Hey, could we have some volunteers stay and help clean up?**" Grace Lutheran certainly has people who come forward to help in time of need. The issue, as I see it, is those who come forward are usually the same people. A church needs volunteers in order to function properly. My observation here is for everyone to pray, to ask God, how He wants you to serve at Grace Lutheran and then come out to serve Him in His church.

The Interim Retreat had, what I consider, a very good turnout. Those in attendance were informed that the call process would take time, and it may take longer than all of us anticipate because of the shortage of folks graduating from the seminary, the adverse publicity Florida is receiving, and all churches in need of pastors are competing with each other for the small number of available "candidates" available to answer a call from a congregation.

With that being said, there were a lot of good ideas that came out of the retreat. Ideas that center on making disciples (aka growing the church), looking at the music program, outreach into the community and many others. These are all good ideas, each and every one of them. However, in order to have these ideas bear fruit, the church needs input from you, the members of the congregation.

Do you have hidden artistic talents? The church needs a brochure to hand out at events in Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach. Do you have hidden analytical skills? If so, help us interpret the areas demographics so we can begin to bring new members into the Grace Lutheran family. What about hidden strategic planning skills? Yes? Then we need you to help with the five year plan for the church. In other words, the retreat is the beginning of things moving forward for Grace Lutheran. If you have hidden talents, and are willing to share them with God's church and the people of Grace Lutheran, please let a church council member know.



(Pastor's Report 2023 (Cont'd))

St. Paul said it well in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 when he said,

"¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves^[a] or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts,^[b] yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." ESV.

Grace Lutheran church is on the move. People are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and with the Holy Spirit leading the way, the possibilities are endless. Please don't let yourselves become discouraged, but, rather, place your trust and hope completely in God. I firmly believe that God has great plans for His church that is called Grace Lutheran Church.

If anyone would like to talk with me about anything, please just let me know.

In Christ+

Pr. Tom



Council President's Report to the Congregation for 2023

What a year it has been here at Grace Lutheran Church throughout 2023!!! We have faced a myriad of ups, downs, adversities, challenges and, most of all, change! However, the Lord continues to guide us where He needs us to be doing His will.

We began the year reeling from the damage to our Church building from the storms of 2022. We embarked on a Capital Building Fund, with the assistance from the Florida-Bahamas Synod, to address all the repairs needed, and we continue to work on those repairs as funds allow. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, we recently completed the repairs to the East wall of the Church including the installation of new plexiglass protection over our stained-glass window. We still have a long way to go!! Through the help of many, we have cleaned up the grounds around the Church to provide nice curb appeal for all to appreciate.

We addressed the transition in the staffing and daily operations of Grace and Noah's Ark Preschool. The Council worked closely with staff to ensure a smooth transition and established more efficient systems to accomplish the daily operations of the Church. We are now looking to reinstate all of the committees needed to make Grace the vibrant church it has always been. We need volunteers for the following: Altar Guild, Audit Committee, Call Committee, Communion Assistants, Fellowship Committee, Lectors, Nominating Committee, Mutual Ministry Committee, Property Committee and Tech Committee, just to mention a few. If you have gifts to share in any of these areas, please consider getting involved.

Unfortunately for Grace, mid-year God called Pastor Nate and his family to another church in South Dakota. Grace was blessed to have had Pastor Nate with us for his short tenure. We continue to wish him God's speed as he embarks on this new call.

God has plans for Grace Lutheran Church. We welcomed Pastor Tom McGawley in August, as our interim pastor. He is helping us through the transition process in calling a new pastor to Grace. Be assured God has already picked the next pastor for Grace, and He will send that pastor to us in His time.

The one constant here at Grace is the heart and soul of our congregation. Our core. We are a Christian family in every sense possible. We love one another, we look out for one another and take care of the ones we love. My sincere thanks for all of those who have helped throughout the year and continue to do so selflessly. Let's all move forward together, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to do God's work that is pleasing in His sight.

Blessings,

Joyce B. Northridge, Council President



**President's
REPORT**

Grace Lutheran Church Tech Committee Annual Report 2023

The committee began the year with 8 members, Pastor Nate Bendorf, Tom Starling (Chair), Gail Starling, Nancy Eland, Shawn Lee, Judy Lee, Ellie Krzykowski. Unfortunately, with the departure of Pastor Nate and Sarah Bendorf, we were reduced to 6 members. We were extremely happy to add two new members, Judy Dammes, and Susan Stuzynski and just recently Rich and Joyce Jeanes have volunteered to join the tech group bringing the membership to 10 volunteers. Rich and Joyce Jeanes will be starting their training in the next few weeks. We can always use additional help and are always looking for volunteers.

We continue to focus on video and audio recordings of Grace Services for anyone who cannot be with us in the Church. We believe that as it is a function of being a Christian to spread the message of Jesus Christ. By recording and publishing the services of Grace Lutheran, we believe in some small way, that we are helping to fulfill that function. We have a steady following averaging some 50 views of the services on YouTube with additional views on both the Grace Website and the Church Facebook page.

We are working with Share Faith Company which is the organization that supports our Grace Lutheran Church website at www.gracelcob.org to update the website and add additional information.

We were also requested to provide audio support for a number of funerals, graduation services for the Daytona State College Nursing program, and several events for Noah's Ark preschool.

As always, we are continuing to search for additional volunteers to assist the committee in the operation of the sound and video systems on Sundays. If you are interested and willing to help, just speak to any of the current members.

Respectfully Submitted, Thomas Starling, Chair



Christian Education Classes Annual Report 2023

Adult Bible Study

Adult Education classes were held every Thursday at 10am and in the Spring 2023. They were conducted hybrid (via zoom and in-person). We witnessed the boldness of the disciples and early church as the Holy Spirit equips, encourages and inspires. We had an amazing time together wrestling with God's Word, sharing life stories and experiences, and encouraging one another in life's endeavors. Unfortunately due to the departure of Pastor Nate Bendorf in early Summer 2023, Bible Studies was on hold.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class is for 6-8th graders (and beyond if desired). We had 4 amazing youth who are participated in weekly classes, worship services, and servant events and experiences. On May 21, 2023, the students, Izabella Bendorf, Bailey Billings, Luke O'Dacre and Christopher Picerno, were confirmed.

If you have children or youth who are interested in any Christian education opportunities (baptismal training, First Communion training, Confirmation classes) please contact the Grace Lutheran Church office



Personnel Committee Annual Report 2023

In early 2023, our custodial person left to take care of family matters out of the Country. The custodial person had limited responsibilities which did not include maintaining the Church or the Administrative Offices. Therefore, it was determined rather than replace the position with one person, a professional cleaning service would better serve our needs. After interviewing and receiving proposals from several companies, J&G Cleaning was selected as the Custodial Service.

In early Summer 2023, Pastor Nate left our church to accept a call at a different church. A small reception was held in his honor. For approximately two months, we had supply Pastors to lead our services. In August of 2023, Pastor Thomas McGawley joined us as our Interim Pastor.

The Church Council immediately began the process to “Call” a new permanent Pastor to serve Grace Lutheran Church. They will continue the process and a Call Committee is being appointed in the near future.

Noah’s Ark Preschool endeavored to hire additional teachers in 2023. However, they were not successful and are continuing to search.

On December 31, 2023, the Music Director’s contract was not renewed due to financial reasons. Music for the services will be provided by temporary organists.

As 2023 came to a close, we were thankful to have Pastor Tom McGawley as our Interim Pastor. He is instrumental in guiding us through this transitional time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Northridge , Personnel Committee

Grace Lutheran Church Quilters Annual Report 2023

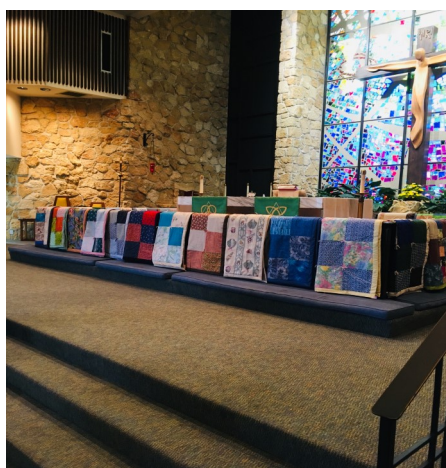
Where do our quilts go? After we pack them into boxes, they are taken to a collection center. This year Dave Walsh has volunteered to take our quilts to Clermont. Quilts will be collected at Shepherd of the Hills Church from February 5 through 9. Then a truck will pick them up and take them to Baltimore, MD to be shipped out of the Port of Baltimore. Here are some places that will receive the quilts through Lutheran World Relief: Ukraine, Turkiye, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This year we completed 90 quilts. Most of the fabric was donated. We shop for sheets at thrift stores and we buy a few from Walmart if we need dark colors. All our sheets and fabric need to be 100% cotton or a cotton poly blend. We cannot use micro-fiber and we cannot use white sheets. The batting is bought by the roll from Walmart or JoAnn fabrics. Batting is purchased from our quilt fund. We also apply each year for a \$250 Action Team grant from Thrivent.

We welcome you to join us on Tuesday morning at 9:30 to help put the quilts together or come see what we do and have a cup of coffee!

Our members have a good time socializing and creating a quilt that will be needed, used and loved by someone who is homeless because of a natural disaster or war. If you would like to read more about Lutheran World Relief, go to lwr.org/quilts

Our dedicated members are Alison Macleod, Fran Burdick, Norma Weaver, Barbara Bragers, Jackie Vares, Hisako Wilsey, Beth Graeler, Corine Keefer, Carol Schlevensky, Ana Korhonen, Carol Macleod, and Ann Jacoby, chairperson. We love making the quilts and we are blessed by the fellowship we share!



2023 *Special Moments*



Taking Down the Christmas Decorations



90 Quilts Shipped all over the World



Thank you Property Committee for Cleaning up the Garden



Noah's Ark Preschool Having Fun



Special Worship Service on "Gods Work Our Hands" Sunday

PARISH NURSE ANNUAL REPORT 2023

This has been another healthy year for most members. I have made several home visits and helped with resources, and explanations of diagnosis and treatments. Many phone calls were made to check on members in need, and received to answer any questions. I attend the monthly zoom meetings of the ELCA Faith Community Nurses for the Florida/Bahamas Synod The Volusia Faith Community Nurse and Health Ministry Council is meeting in various venues and focus is on southern Volusia County, so for now I will not be attending. Monthly newsletter contribution has hopefully helped everyone. Stay healthy and God Bless All



2023 Gift Shoppe Annual Report

The gift shop's total income for the year was \$168.00. We are thankful for everyone that donated and purchased items. Many new items have been recently donated and we are looking forward to everyone visiting in 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Shalton



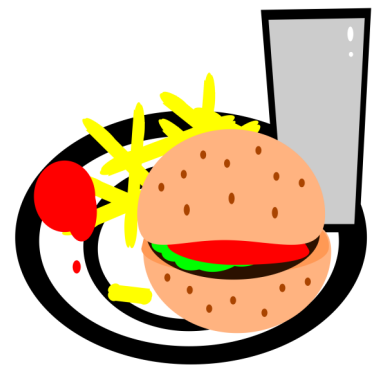
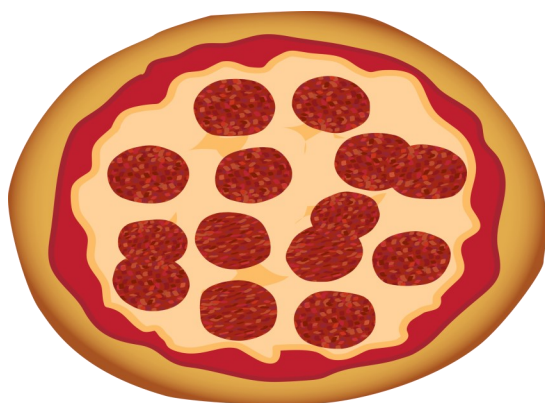
Social Club Luncheons 2023

The luncheons were usually held the third Friday of the month at 12 noon. Attendance at the luncheons averaged between 20-25 people. In 2023 we visited a variety of local restaurants. The following is the list of the restaurants we visited in 2023:

January	-	Hulls Seafood Restaurant
February	-	Olive Garden (Palm Coast)
March	-	Lu Lu's Restaurant
April	-	Fletcher's Irish Pub
May	-	Outback Restaurant
June	-	River Grille
July	-	Red Lobster
August	-	Burntwood Tavern
September	-	Carribbean Jack's
October	-	Frida's Mexican Restaurant
November	-	Charlie Horse Restaurant
December	-	Rose Villa

In early 2023 the Chair of the Social Club, Virginia Weingartner, resigned as Chair of the Social Club. Many thanks to Virginia for all her help and planning.

Janet Renick took over as the Chairperson for the Social Club and we are grateful for her and her many new and innovative ideas of places to visit. If you have any suggestions on places to go, please talk to Janet.



Noah's Ark Pre School Annual Report 2023

Change allows us to evaluate where we were and where we are going. Noah's Ark has gone through a series of changes in 2023, some good and some bad, but changes no less. We are able to operate because of our teachers, and Patti Heaney, a certified teacher and Director with all the necessary requirements.

Staff and Enrollment

Currently the school has a Toddler class (2–3-year-old): Four–Five-year-old in our two VPK (Volusia/Flagler County Pre-Kindergarten) Programs. Current enrollment and summer enrollment allow for a mixture of programs supported by the community. We are continually enrolling students; we register one to three new students per month.

Preschool and VPK Classes

Students enthusiastically try new activities, experimenting, practicing, persevering and mastering new skills. It is with the skilled help of our staff that we are able to constantly bring new programs to the classrooms. Our extensive assessment and reporting process indicates all students have made significant gains. Our Kindergarten Readiness Rate assessment for the 2023-year increased due to new curriculum developed in both mathematics, language development and reading. The curriculum has a strong emphasis on reading, mathematics, letters, colors, shapes and number recognition. We customize our instruction to meet the needs of the child.

This Year

Our Staff and curriculum remain consistent with very few changes. Our students had visits from local community workers, learning the importance of their roles in the community. They have open discussion about the Bible and Christian instruction on manners and kindness. We hear often how these skills represent the kinds of lessons taught at Noah's Ark when our children are in public and with family.

Future

The future brings an empty slate for Noah's Ark, with the opportunity to improve, grow and be humble of our successes. We are always improving what we teach, how we teach and how we guide our children into the future. We offer the opportunity for all children to learn and to grow academically with guidance and reassurance that they are important in this world. We are humble enough to know that this is only the beginning and that we have the opportunity to grow further in our teaching skills, learn more to teach more and to grow academically and be better listeners.

I would like to thank the Staff and Board of Directors for their support, Noah's Ark is a busy Preschool and the work we do has made the year a successful and pleasant for all those involved in this endeavor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Barbra Sparber-Barnes
Chairperson Noah's Ark



House and Fellowship Annual Report 2023

On May 21st, 2023 The House and Fellowship Committee hosted reception for the Confirmands. The reception was held after our regular Sunday service. We served various desserts and even had a cross cake made with cupcakes. Approximately twenty people attended the reception.

It was with deep regret that we had to say goodbye to Pastor Nate Bendorf. Pastor Nate's last official date was June 21st, 2023. On Sunday, June 18th following the Sunday service we hosted a luncheon to bid farewell to Pastor Nate. Janet Renick entertained us with her presentation of a farewell poster made with various candy bars. Many members of the congregation stopped by to wish Pastor Nate well.

On September 10, 2023 congregational members, once again, gathered in the Social Hall after services to prepare care packages for those in need in the area. They made hygiene packets and prepared boxes of snacks, etc. were distributed to the local fire and police departments. Refreshments were available to everyone both prior to and after the event. It was a very well attended event.

We were saddened to lose long-time member, Tim Roberts in September. Tim was a member of the House and Fellowship Committee for many years. In his honor we held a brief dessert reception after his memorial service.

The House and Fellowship Committee provided water, soft drinks and pastries to the Property Committee workers on several occasions. The group worked on cleaning both the inside and outside of the Church on various Saturdays throughout the year.

Various AA groups continued to hold Meetings in the Social Hall or the multi-purpose room Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday evenings.

Daytona State College held both the Fall and Spring Nurse's Pinning Ceremony in the Church. We provided tables, chairs and availed our sound system to them.

Many thanks to those who have helped the House and Fellowship Committee set up and clean up after the various events.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Lort & Ellie Faust , Co-Chairs



PROPERTY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

The Property Committee accomplished many things to clean-up and spruce-up the Church in 2023. Some of these accomplishments included:

Replaced the preschool sails on the playground and added mulch to the playground for Noah's Ark Preschool.

Completed a major cleanup of the Church grounds to include removing the sea grapes from the East side.

Replaced three HVAC split systems to include the 20 ton unit that serves the sanctuary.

Removed the steam-serving table and started a major cleanup of the kitchen area.

Installed book bag hooks in Noah's Ark Preschool to replace unsightly tables.

Painted all of the school doors in fun colors in Noah's Ark Preschool.

Fabricated a new drain drill for one of the storm drains out in front of building.

Removed numerous dead trees and stumps around the property.

Cleaned and organized the storage building.

Had the plexi-glass in front of the stained glass replaced.

Refurbished the Grace sign out in front of building.

Engaged a dependable pest control company and got a dependable lawn-care company.

Engaged a top shelf contractor to repair the storm damage from last year's storms.

Repaired the Garden of Resurrection Bell.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Atkins, Chairperson Property Committee



Memorial Committee Annual Report 2023

Memorial funds are those gifts given in memory of loved ones. The donations, with the exception of those designated for a special project, are used for something the committee deems useful for worship, repair of worn out items, formerly donated, and/or special requests for the benefit of all members.

Donations this year have been given in memory of:

Karlene Gray by Charles Gray, Jr..

May Johnson by Sandy Hostettler, Joyce Northridge, Carolyn & Bud Gerard, and Carole Heges

Jan Kaeding by Bud & Carolyn Gerard, Joyce Northridge and Sandy Hostettler

Paul Panku by Bud & Carolyn Gerard

Tim Roberts by Ellie Faust, Joyce Northridge, Sandy Hostettler, Bud & Carolyn Gerard, Spencer & Doris Earnhardt, and Joyce Moore

Sue Underwood by Ellie Faust, Joyce Northridge, Sandy Hostettler, Spencer & Doris Earnhardt and Robert & Carolyn Gerard

<i>Balance on Hand 1/1/2022</i>	<i>\$23,756.53</i>
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<i>Memorials Received</i>	<i>750.00</i>
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<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>-0-</i>
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<i>Balance on Hand 12/31/2022</i>	<i>\$24,506.23</i>
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We are currently reviewing the many Church projects that need to be done where these funds could be used. We will keep you posted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Hostettler and Joyce Northridge

GARDEN OF THE RESURRECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Garden continues to offer visitors a place of peace and tranquility in Ormond Beach. People come to visit the resting place of loved ones and comment on what a beautiful place it is to just sit and meditate.

It was a very busy and active year in the Garden. There were fifteen internments, including four members of Grace. May Johnson, Janice Kaeding, Sue Underwood and Timothy Roberts were interred. There were eight new reservations in the Garden as well.

There are a very limited number of niches still available for purchase in the Garden. There are seven double niches and two single niches still available. If any member of Grace is interested in purchasing a niche, please contact me.

I personally want to thank Jack Atkinson and Jim Hefner for the continued assistance with each of the internments this year. They always make themselves available to help make sure the internments run smoothly. They also are constantly sprucing up the Garden, especially when an internment is scheduled. We also had one crypt internment this year, that was learning curve for all of us! I also want to thank our engraver, Ray Brust, for his continued excellent service.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hostettler, Garden Administrator



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
GARDEN OF THE RESURRECTION**

As of December 31, 2023

<u>Income</u>	Balance Forward	Current	YTD
Raymond James Interest	\$ 2,120.16	\$ 263.94	\$ 2,384.10
Opening & Closing Fees	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,850.00
Sale of Niches/Internment	\$ 11,850.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 13,050.00
Inscription Fees Collected	\$ 5,905.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 6,255.00
Total Income	\$ 23,525.16	\$ 2,013.94	\$ 25,539.10
 <u>Expenses</u>			
Opening & Closing Fees	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 675.00	\$ 36.32	\$ 711.32
GLC Maintenance Fee	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 7,200.00
Inscription Fees	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 3,340.00
Pastor's Professional Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Service charge	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ 6.00
Total Expenses	\$ 10,931.00	\$ 826.32	\$ 11,757.32
Net Income/Loss			<u>\$ 13,781.78</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Truist Checking Acct	\$ 26,780.23
Raymond James (TRUST)	\$ 240,168.48 (as of 12/31/2023)

Liabilities

\$ -

NET WORTH

\$ 266,948.71

GARDEN OF THE RESURRECTION PERPETUAL CARE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The purpose and mission of the Garden Trust is to provide perpetual care for the Garden. Fortunately, this year we were spared hurricane damage and the Garden continues to thrive. In spite of the volatile market conditions throughout the year the Garden did very well. We continue to work with Deb Stephens at Raymond James for guidance and investment recommendations. In addition to myself, Carl Wince and Joyce Northridge serve as Trustees for the Trust.

Perpetual Care Trust
1-01-23 – 12-31-23

Cash & Equivalents	Fund Value 1-01-23	\$121,188.63
	Earnings (12 months)	9,096.87
	Fund Value 12-31-23	\$130,285.50
Mutual Fund – Closed End	Fund Value 1-01-23	\$ 8,748.00
	Earnings (12 months)	1,128.03
	Fund Value 12-31-23	\$ 9,876.03
Fixed Income	Fund Value 1-01-23	\$ 65,721.68
	Earnings (12 months)	4,606.41
	Fund Value 12-31-23	\$ 70,328.09
Real Estate and Tangibles	REIT Value 1-01-23	\$ 20,102.27
	Earnings (12 months)	2,353.31
	REIT Value 12-31-23	22,455.58
Equities	Fund Value 1-01-23	\$ 8,526.87
	Loss (12 months)	(1,303.59)
	Fund Value 12-31-23	\$ 7,223.28
Total Value of Holdings	January 01, 2023	\$220,117.96
	Earnings (12 months)	20,050.52
	December 31, 2023	\$240,168.48

Respectfully Submitted
Sandy Hostettler - Chairperson

Notes from Bookkeeper:

The Finance Committee is continuing to explore avenues for cost savings. We will keep the congregation updated on all progress.

Update on Hurricane Damage Income from Synod:

Initially received from Synod -	\$65,000
Expenditures:	
Plexiglass over stained glass	(\$16,328)
Roof repair over office	(\$2,600)
25% down payment for restoration of front building	(\$9,664.53)
50% down payment for additional stucco work & painting	<u>(\$5,130)</u>
Balance remaining	\$31,277.47

Update on Capital Building Fund:

Received from Congregation by 12/31/23	\$51,766.19
Replacement of Twenty Ton A/C System (including air handler & condenser, removal of old unit)	(\$32,700)
Balance remaining	<u>\$19,066.19</u>

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
100.000	Truist Bank #2134	46,762.52
100.001	Truist #2134 - Hurricane Funds	31,277.47
100.050	Truist Bank #9230	0.00
100.100	Truist Swipe Acct #8915	0.00
100.200	Petty Cash	10.26
100.300	ELCA FCU	68.01
103.100	Raymond James #1	71,988.25
103.200	Raymond James #2	0.00
103.300	Raymond James #4	17,738.68
105.000	Thrivent Money Market	0.00
105.100	Thrivent Global Stock	67,589.12
105.200	Thrivent High Yield	0.00
	Total Assets	\$235,434.31
Liabilities		
200.100	Accounts Payable/Vendors	0.00
200.200	Payroll Withholding Tax	0.00
	Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Fund Balances		
300.000	General Fund Balance	136,827.25
300.200	Quilting Fund Balance	340.00
310.000	Project Quarterstone	12,890.38
310.100	Youth Fund Balance	8,477.59
310.200	Hurricane Damage Fund Balance	31,277.47
310.300	Memorial Fund Balance	24,506.53
310.400	Jacoby Instrumentalist Fund Balance	850.00
310.500	Bell Choir Fund Balance	1,198.90
310.600	Capital Fund Balance	19,066.19
	Total Fund Balances	\$235,434.31
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$235,434.31</u>

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Income					
General Giving					
400.100	Member Envelopes	11,641.00	13,000.00	155,730.02	156,000.00
400.200	Non Member Envelopes/Loose Offering	1,351.40	740.00	10,374.30*	8,880.00
400.300	Special Offering Envelopes	505.00	600.00	5,698.80	7,200.00
400.400	Special Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
400.500	Bequests or Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
410.600	Instrumentalists Income	0.00		73.00	
420.000	Project Quarterstone Income	618.00		13,993.25	
420.100	Youth Fund Income	0.00		0.00	
420.200	Quilting Fund Income	0.00		40.00	
420.300	Memorial Fund Income	0.00		750.00	
420.500	Bell Choir Income	0.00		0.00	
420.600	Capital Building Fund Income	2,015.00		51,766.19	
	Total General Giving	\$16,130.40	\$14,340.00	\$238,425.56*	\$172,080.00
Investment Income					
410.200	Thrivent Grant Income	0.00		995.00	
410.250	Stock Valuation Income/Loss	6,764.60		13,931.58	
410.300	Investment Income	381.11	600.00	7,255.32*	7,200.00
410.350	Endowment Fund Income	0.00	400.00	1,487.49	4,800.00
	Total Investment Income	\$7,145.71	\$1,000.00	\$23,669.39*	\$12,000.00
Other Income					
400.900	Gift Shop Income	115.00	0.00	298.00*	0.00
410.100	User Fees/Donations	420.00	200.00	3,182.00*	2,400.00
410.150	Parking Lot Lease Income	1,631.43	1,631.00	19,577.16*	19,572.00
420.400	Hurricane Damage Income	0.00		65,000.00	
420.700	Pumpkin Patch	0.00		(8.10)	
	Total Other Income	\$2,166.43	\$1,831.00	\$88,049.06*	\$21,972.00
Shared Expense Income					
410.000	Noah's Ark	1,000.00	1,000.00	13,000.00*	12,000.00
410.400	Garden of Resurrection	600.00	600.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
	Total Shared Expense Income	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$20,200.00*	\$19,200.00
	Total Income	\$27,042.54	\$18,771.00	\$370,344.01	\$225,252.00
Expenses					
Administration					
530.000	General Office Expense	132.58	200.00	1,788.89	2,400.00
530.100	Paper Expense	0.00	156.00	1,024.08	1,850.00

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
530.200	Postage	76.40	150.00	1,101.58	1,800.00
530.300	Computer Expense	60.00	100.00	1,774.93*	1,200.00
530.400	Service Agreement (Copier)	605.08	350.00	4,203.73*	4,200.00
530.500	Communications	222.94	350.00	2,780.53	4,200.00
530.600	Credit Card & Bank Fees	16.23		133.55	
530.700	Insurance (Property, D&O)	1,761.23	3,500.00	33,439.38	42,000.00
530.800	Retreats/Conferences	0.00	50.00	0.00	600.00
580.600	Professional Fees	0.00		250.00	
	Total Administration	\$2,874.46	\$4,856.00	\$46,496.67	\$58,250.00
Christian Education					
520.000	Education Program	0.00	20.00	0.00	240.00
520.100	Publications	108.50	50.00	1,379.86*	600.00
520.200	Youth Ministry	0.00	10.00	605.34*	120.00
	Total Christian Education	\$108.50	\$80.00	\$1,985.20*	\$960.00
Ministry Expenses					
500.000	Pastor's Pension & Health Ins	0.00	3,000.00	21,305.37	36,000.00
500.100	Pastor's Auto Expense	378.59	80.00	2,175.26*	960.00
500.200	Pastor's Continuing Education	0.00	80.00	1,863.37*	960.00
500.250	Pastor's Conferences	0.00	80.00	375.00	960.00
500.300	Pastor's Professional Expense	0.00	30.00	0.00	360.00
500.350	Pastor's Cell Phone	0.00	30.00	210.00	360.00
500.400	Pastoral Call	0.00		0.00	
	Total Ministry Expenses	\$378.59	\$3,300.00	\$25,929.00	\$39,600.00
Property					
540.000	Electricity	682.66	1,000.00	16,096.12*	12,000.00
540.100	Water/Sewer	294.02	300.00	3,300.56	3,600.00
540.200	Janitorial Supplies	0.00	75.00	783.64	900.00
540.250	Weekly Janitorial Service	600.00		4,600.00	
540.300	Security	0.00	100.00	1,297.80*	1,200.00
540.400	Maintenance & Supplies	432.42	250.00	3,297.15*	3,000.00
540.500	Lawn & Pest Control	149.10	400.00	3,523.18	4,800.00
540.550	Lawn Service Contract	600.00	300.00	7,430.00*	3,600.00
540.600	Building Repair & Maintenance	0.00		7,111.00	
540.650	Capital Building Repair Expenses	16,350.00		32,700.00	
540.700	Heating & Air Conditioning	0.00	150.00	12,026.78*	1,800.00
540.800	Hurricane Damage Expense	0.00		33,722.53	
	Total Property	\$19,108.20	\$2,575.00	\$125,888.76*	\$30,900.00

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
Worship & Music					
510.000	Music Program	0.00	50.00	11.98	600.00
510.050	Bell Choir	0.00	50.00	0.00	600.00
510.100	Organ & Piano Maintenance	0.00	30.00	1,055.00*	360.00
510.200	Hired Musicians/Instrumentalists	350.00	200.00	2,175.00	2,400.00
510.300	Bulletins/Copyrights	0.00	100.00	0.00	1,200.00
510.400	Altar and other Flowers	462.78	100.00	1,415.92*	1,200.00
510.450	Altar Supplies	55.36	30.00	375.31*	360.00
510.550	Organist Continuing Education	0.00	20.00	0.00	240.00
510.600	Worship Audio/Visual (Sound System)	0.00	200.00	228.40	2,400.00
510.700	Supply Pastor	0.00	100.00	2,760.04*	1,200.00
510.800	Worship Materials	0.00	50.00	115.21	600.00
	Total Worship & Music	\$868.14	\$930.00	\$8,136.86	\$11,160.00
Evangelism					
520.300	Parish Nurse	0.00	10.00	40.00	120.00
550.000	Evangelism Program	0.00	10.00	0.00	120.00
550.100	Advertising	0.00	10.00	0.00	120.00
550.200	Website Development	0.00	55.00	0.00	660.00
	Total Evangelism	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$1,020.00
Social Ministry					
551.000	Social Ministry	(258.00)	80.00	(551.00)	960.00
551.100	Quilting	0.00	35.00	511.24*	420.00
	Total Social Ministry	(\$258.00)	\$115.00	(\$39.76)	\$1,380.00
House & Fellowship					
552.000	House & Fellowship	109.73	40.00	760.46*	480.00
	Total House & Fellowship	\$109.73	\$40.00	\$760.46*	\$480.00
Stewardship					
560.000	Offering Envelopes	0.00	35.00	416.78	420.00
	Total Stewardship	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$416.78	\$420.00
Benevolence					
570.000	Covenant	1,800.00	600.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
570.100	Discretionary Fund	0.00	20.00	100.00	240.00
570.200	Special Benevolences	0.00	0.00	1,000.00*	0.00
	Total Benevolence	\$1,800.00	\$620.00	\$8,300.00*	\$7,440.00
Staff Payroll Costs					
580.000	Pastor's Salary	1,500.00	2,500.00	22,660.88	30,000.00
580.100	Pastor's Housing	1,500.00	2,500.00	22,160.88	30,000.00

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
580.150	Pastor's Social Security	0.00	385.00	2,176.46	4,620.00
580.200	Organist/Choir Director Salary	1,540.00	1,672.00	20,020.00	20,020.00
580.300	Secretary's Salary	1,968.00	1,100.00	24,632.00*	13,200.00
580.400	Custodian's Salary	0.00	850.00	657.16	10,200.00
580.500	Bookkeeper Salary	528.00	200.00	4,458.00*	2,400.00
580.700	Social Security/Medicare Expense	308.78	250.00	4,699.02*	3,000.00
580.800	Worker's Comp Insurance	135.87	100.00	2,155.75*	1,200.00
580.900	IRS late fees & penalties	0.00		6,970.75	
	Total Staff Payroll Costs	\$7,480.65	\$9,557.00	\$110,590.90	\$114,640.00
	Total Expenses	\$32,470.27	\$22,193.00	\$328,504.87	\$266,250.00
	Difference	(\$5,427.73)	(\$3,422.00)	\$41,839.14	(\$40,998.00)

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

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Income**General Giving**

400.100	Member Envelopes	162,000.00
400.200	Non Member Envelopes/Loose Offering	10,800.00
400.300	Special Offering Envelopes	6,600.00
420.000	Project Quarterstone Income	12,000.00
Total General Giving		\$191,400.00

Investment Income

410.200	Thrivent Grant Income	600.00
410.300	Investment Income	7,200.00
Total Investment Income		\$7,800.00

Other Income

400.900	Gift Shop Income	144.00
410.100	User Fees/Donations	2,400.00
410.150	Parking Lot Lease Income	19,572.00
420.700	Pumpkin Patch	3,200.00
Total Other Income		\$25,316.00

Shared Expense Income

410.000	Noah's Ark	12,000.00
410.400	Garden of Resurrection	7,200.00
Total Shared Expense Income		\$19,200.00
Total Income		\$243,716.00

Expenses**Administration**

530.000	General Office Expense	2,400.00
530.100	Paper Expense	1,200.00
530.200	Postage	1,500.00
530.300	Computer Expense	1,800.00
530.400	Service Agreement (Copier)	4,200.00
530.500	Communications	2,400.00
530.600	Credit Card & Bank Fees	120.00
530.700	Insurance (Property, D&O)	36,000.00
530.800	Retreats/Conferences	480.00
580.600	Professional Fees	240.00
Total Administration		\$50,340.00

Christian Education

520.000	Education Program	240.00
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520.100	Publications	1,200.00
520.200	Youth Ministry	120.00

Total Christian Education**\$1,560.00****Ministry Expenses**

500.000	Pastor's Pension & Health Ins	12,000.00
500.100	Pastor's Auto Expense	6,000.00
500.200	Pastor's Continuing Education	960.00
500.250	Pastor's Conferences	960.00
500.300	Pastor's Professional Expense	240.00
500.350	Pastor's Cell Phone	240.00
500.400	Pastoral Call	15,000.00

Total Ministry Expenses**\$35,400.00****Property**

540.000	Electricity	16,800.00
540.100	Water/Sewer	3,300.00
540.200	Janitorial Supplies	840.00
540.250	Weekly Janitorial Service	10,800.00
540.300	Security	1,440.00
540.400	Maintenance & Supplies	3,720.00
540.500	Pest Control	2,400.00
540.550	Lawn Service Contract	7,200.00
540.600	Building Repair & Maintenance	8,500.00
540.700	Heating & Air Conditioning	16,000.00

Total Property**\$71,000.00****Worship & Music**

510.000	Music Program	300.00
510.100	Organ & Piano Maintenance	600.00
510.200	Hired Musicians/Instrumentalists	2,400.00
510.300	Bulletins/Copyrights	1,200.00
510.400	Altar and other Flowers	1,200.00
510.450	Altar Supplies	360.00
510.550	Organist Continuing Education	120.00
510.600	Worship Audio/Visual (Sound System)	400.00
510.700	Supply Pastor	1,200.00
510.800	Worship Materials	120.00

Total Worship & Music**\$7,900.00****Evangelism**

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520.300	Parish Nurse	120.00
550.000	Evangelism Program	120.00
550.100	Advertising	120.00
550.200	Website Development	300.00
	Total Evangelism	\$660.00
<i>Social Ministry</i>		
551.100	Quilting	600.00
	Total Social Ministry	\$600.00
<i>House & Fellowship</i>		
552.000	House & Fellowship	600.00
	Total House & Fellowship	\$600.00
<i>Stewardship</i>		
560.000	Offering Envelopes	420.00
	Total Stewardship	\$420.00
<i>Benevolence</i>		
570.000	Covenant	7,200.00
570.100	Discretionary Fund	240.00
	Total Benevolence	\$7,440.00
<i>Staff Payroll Costs</i>		
580.000	Pastor's Salary	22,500.00
580.100	Pastor's Housing	22,500.00
580.150	Pastor's Social Security	3,443.00
580.200	Organist/Choir Director Salary	10,500.00
580.300	Secretary's Salary	29,124.00
580.500	Bookkeeper Salary	6,240.00
580.700	Social Security/Medicare Expense	3,516.00
580.800	Worker's Comp Insurance	2,100.00
580.900	IRS late fees & penalties	4,800.00
	Total Staff Payroll Costs	\$104,723.00
	Total Expenses	\$280,643.00

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
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<i>Assets</i>		
100.000	Truist Bank #2142	15,348.04
100.100	Truist Bank #8923	30,012.85
100.200	Truist Bank #8915	0.00
100.400	Petty Cash	141.11
	Total Assets	<u>\$45,502.00</u>
 <i>Liabilities</i>		
200.100	Accounts Payable/Vendors	0.00
200.200	Payroll Withholding	0.00
	Total Liabilities	<u>\$0.00</u>
 <i>Fund Balances</i>		
330.000	General Fund Balance	45,501.99
	Total Fund Balances	<u>\$45,501.99</u>
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$45,501.99</u>

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance
Income			
400.000	Tuition	7,580.90	118,022.55*
400.100	Extended Care Tuition	0.00	0.00
400.200	VPK Tuition	4,596.24	49,069.44*
400.300	Registration	0.00	150.00
400.400	ARPA Grant Income	0.00	84,185.30
400.600	Donations	0.00	10.32
400.800	Fund Raising Income	0.00	0.00
400.900	Miscellaneous Income	0.25	105.58
Total Income			\$12,177.39
Total Income			\$251,543.19*
Expenses			
500.000	Educational Supplies	0.00	1,510.47
500.400	Educational Subscriptions	0.00	0.00
510.050	Snack Supplies	0.00	1,000.26
520.100	Bookkeeping Expense	250.00	3,000.00*
520.150	Secretarial Expense	250.00	4,000.00
520.200	Computer Expense	60.00	143.42*
520.250	Website Development	0.00	0.00
520.300	General Office Expense	312.21	2,329.76
520.350	Copier Expense (to GLC for DEX)	43.00	516.00
520.400	General School Supplies	0.00	639.72
520.500	Office Equipment	0.00	296.00
520.550	Bank/Credit Card Fees	96.75	1,780.83
520.600	Professional Fees/Licenses	66.00	398.04
520.650	Teacher Education & Training Classes	0.00	250.00
520.700	Telephone Expense	19.99	273.24*
520.750	Electric Expense	300.00	3,600.00
520.800	Water Expense	95.00	1,140.00
530.100	Classroom Repairs	0.00	543.29
530.200	Janitorial Supplies	0.00	1,506.83*
530.250	Janitorial Nightly Service	900.00	7,200.00
530.300	Classroom Equipment Expense	0.00	2,228.85
540.100	Playground Repair & Maintenance	0.00	1,720.67
540.200	Playground Equipment	0.00	548.00
550.000	Administrator Salary	0.00	0.00
550.100	Teacher Salary	10,514.00	161,820.67*
550.200	Extra Curricular Personnel	0.00	130.00
550.250	Custodian Salary	0.00	6,420.00

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance
550.300	Payroll Taxes	804.33	15,683.77*
560.000	Fund Raising Expenses	0.00	0.00
560.100	Insurance Expense (Property, Accident)	0.00	353.00
560.200	Workers Comp Insurance	62.00	744.00
	Total Expenses	\$13,773.28	\$219,776.82*
	Difference	(\$1,595.89)	\$31,766.37

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

Noteworthy Events 2023

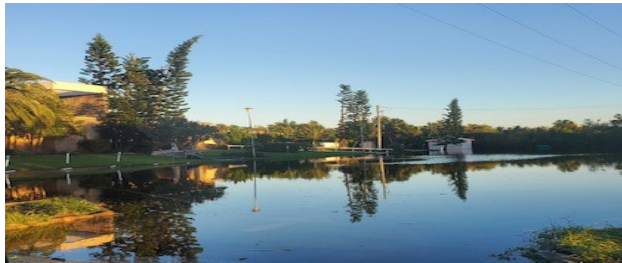


Baptismal Festival April 2023

God's Work Our Hands, September 10th, 2023



Lake Grace—Parking Lot Flooding September 2023



Pumpkin Patch October 2023

