



ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022

**Annual Meeting:
Sunday, September 25, 2022**

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❖ **Jason Dillingham, Pastor, began August 1, 2021**

*"No matter who you are or where you
are on life's journey you are welcome here."*



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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, September 26, 2021

Present: Congregational members in person and on Facebook live.

Meeting was called to order at 11:28AM.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Dillingham

Meeting was led by Moderator James Hohler.

Those joining via Facebook were encouraged to type in comments.

Rosie Witt made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting which was held on September 27, 2020, as written. Maureen Hohler seconded that motion. All in favor, motion passed.

James directed members to the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget on page 5 of the Annual Committee Reports. Time was provided for questions/comments. Discussed Comfort Station, original loan was \$30,000 and there is an estimated \$6,800 remaining. Discussed how Pastor Dillingham will be paid for his services. A motion was made by Andy Padden to accept the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget as presented, Kathie Lofts seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

James directed members to the last page of the Annual Committee Reports, where the Committee Members for 2021-2022 are noted. There was a discussion of how Zach Russell was representing the Music Committee and the Chair for that committee is vacant. Ruth Boyce will be added as a member of the Stewardship Committee, there is also no Chair for that committee. There was a discussion of the role of a Chair member. Chair members are still needed for Music, Stewardship, and Pastoral Relations Committees. There was a discussion regarding Maureen Hohler being the Chair for Diaconate and if someone would like to be the Chair for Diaconate then Maureen would move to Chair for Music. Sarin Hoogeveen will be the Assistance Moderator. Sue Kain started as the Clerk earlier in the year and will continue in this role. Discussed how the Chairperson can send someone else to a council meeting to vote on their behalf. On the Diaconate Committee, all members of this committee must be members of the church. Anyone with questions was encouraged to contact James.

Julie King made a motion to accept the Annual Report as written with the addition of Ruth Boyce to the Stewardship Committed, Gary Padden seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Kain, Clerk

Pastor's Annual Report

This last year has been most marked by recovering from the global pandemic that forced a quarantine and shut down in person gatherings. We adapted during that shut down to adopt new technology and practices that we still use even as we have returned to in-person weekly services. Of course, not everyone has come back in person, and maybe they never will, but the adoption of Facebook Live streaming our services is an unexpected blessing that we are happy to continue using. It allows us to reach further and connect with people we might otherwise not be able to connect with. Change is hard, but it's a natural part of growth and growth is good.

Some of our Sunday School kids have grown into joining us full-time in Sunday services. Judy Maxim picked some great Bibles to present to them and some of them have been participating as Scripture readers. Our Fellowship Hour was reborn as a celebratory pot-luck, and we decided to start having those monthly. I sense that's part of our wanting to celebrate life physically together again and that's definitely a good thing.

We do have a challenging journey together ahead of us as the Council has recently voted to officially begin the conversation over possibly become certified as an ONA (Open & Affirming) Congregation in the UCC. That means lots of conversations and time spent praying & studying ahead of us, but the love I see in this congregation will surely bear us through this important & challenging journey as we strive to live out our motto of extravagant welcome.

I continue to participate in LAMA (Lakeview Area Ministerial Association) and write occasionally for the Lakeview Area News. I'm searching for other ways to be publicly visible and engaged, and I'd love to hear your suggestions or have you make some introductions for me here in the community. I do want to thank you all for how profoundly welcome you have made me feel personally. I truly feel like I can be myself here and love the ways we all engage in worship & Bible study & community together. Thank you.

Church Pastor, Jason Dillingham



Moderator's Annual Report

This Past year your council has continued to maneuver through the hybrid model for Sunday service and council meetings. Over time, we have become more and more comfortable with this and continue to find ways to improve this for both those in person and at home.

In the fall began the search for a new church secretary. I thank Rosie for all the years of going above and beyond for the church. We are glad for her and hope that she is enjoying her retirement from the church, but knew that we would have big shoes to fill. In December we hired Alicia Jensen as the new church secretary. We are very happy with the job Alicia is doing and look forward to continue to get to know her or for her to know more of us. Alicia is working Thursday mornings to early afternoon. Stop in and introduce yourself.

In march Julie completed the application for the grant from the conference. Combining that with a challenge from an anonymous donor on April, the church was able to pay off the comfort station loan that we had at the credit union. Also in the spring, council asked Verna Carr to gather some information and recommendations regarding possible ways we could use the comfort station. Thank you, Verna, for all of your research and for the way in which you shared that with the congregation.

In April council once again revisited the Open and Affirming (ONA) conversation. We asked Pastor Jason to connect with the conference office to give us an overview of the process. In June some of us attended 3 webinars on different topics around ONA. In July the church council voted to begin the process of looking for individuals to help educate the congregation on ONA and the ONA process. As we move into the fiscal year, we look forward to learning mor about this and where it might lead us.

I would like to thank each of the members of council. Sarin Hoogveen, Julie King, Sue Kain, Andy Padden, Judy Maxim, Chris Edgerly, Karen Kehl and Maureen Hohler. Some of these folks have stepped up to fill openings that we had on council and I greatly appreciate all of the work they do and the new perspectives they bring to council. Others are members of other committees in addition to being the chair of a committee and a member of council. That is a big commitment and I appreciate the sacrifices they make in serving the church. All of these folks work hard, taking care of finances, the buildings, the offertory, etc., etc., etc. This is the work that is credited with getting this church through COVID and heading into new directions in the coming year.

Church Moderator, James Hohler



DIACONATE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Maureen Hohler (Chairperson), James Hohler, Peggy Domine, Nancy Olsen, Tom Scott, Cecil Boyce and Marsha Andersen

At Christmas, the Diaconate each mailed cards to shut-ins. Each Diaconate member was given 3 Christmas ornaments to add in as many cards. We chose to do this as COVID was still a large concern.

- We made sure the sign-up sheets for both ‘Soup Suppers’ (Advent and Lent) went around and were filled.
- The men of the Diaconate served breakfast for Mother’s Day, with the extra help of Homer Demming. The women organized Ice Cream Sundaes for Father’s Day. Thank you to Megan Dillingham, Verna Carr, Judy Forgar and Marlene Scott for stepping in for the women of the Diaconate to offer the Fathers a treat.
- Thank you, Pastor Jason and Gloria, for taking communion to the Terrace and Towers. Diaconate members have filled in when needed.

As Diaconate Chair, I would like to deeply thank all of Diaconate members for their continued dedication to serving the church family with their compassion and love. This being said, I would like to especially thank God for the privilege of working with Cecil Boyce.

His dedication to this committee, his church family and the wider community family is an inspiration to all.

Looking forward to the 2022 – 2023 year our committee will have the challenge of finding new members and a new chairperson. Bruce Weiler will be moving to Ohio and closer to family. He has contributed so much to this church family and will be missed. I will still be a deacon, but need to step back from the chair position.

God’s Blessings

Your Diaconate Chair, Maureen Hohler





STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Through our 3rd Sunday offerings, we have given funds to needs in the community, denomination projects and to the greater world tragedies. Over the past year, our church family has continued to support our local community thru our Family Assistance Fund. We have assisted families in need with gas, utilities, rent and other needs. We have also helped support our local food truck, collected food to fill food boxes at Christmas time, and supported our local crop Walk. At Christmas, we showed our love of giving by adopting 3 families through the school giving tree project., helping them with Christmas gifts of clothing, shoes or boots, hats and gloves, and toys. We also gave funds to Heifer International. You gave money specifically to buy chickens, sheep and cows. We donated at a time that another organization was matching funds so our monies were matched 2 times over. What a blessing.

When world tragedies happen, we are there to help. We took collections for Ukraine Relief. The money was sent to a church in Warsaw Poland where a pastor, originally from West Michigan, is taking in Ukraine refugees, mostly women and children fleeing their homes from the Russian invasion. He shelters and feeds them in his church while finding them places to live.

Even though we are a small church, we have large hearts and are willing to give and share the love of Christ in supporting our local people and the bigger world in need. Let's continue to show this love by giving of our hearts, our time, and any financial support we can give. Thank You.

Submitted on behalf of the Stewardship Committee, Chris Edgerly
Committee members, Gloria Merriman, Ruth Boyce and Chris Edgerly

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

A highlight of our year was the Christmas program our kids presented under the direction of Dr. Cathie. It's always a joy and special part of the Christmas season. We are so thankful to the kids, Dr. Cathie Padden, Masha Andersen, Gloria Merriman, the parents and the grandparents for making it such a success.

At Easter, we presented Bibles to 6 of our older kids. Many of them are choosing to remain in our worship service and we are glad to have them with us. After the bible presentation, we had a scavenger hunt for the kids and shared a story about Easter. We are thankful for our kids and their families. They are a Blessing.

Submitted by Judy Maxim.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Members: Judy Maxim, James Hohler, Nancy Olsen.

The Pastoral Relations committee continued to operate without a chairperson again during this past year. The committee did meet regularly with Pastor Jason as he settled into his first full year as our Interim Pastor. In June, we created and distributed a pastoral review form as we had done in the years prior to Covid. This year we received 14 completed reviews and have shared the results with Pastor Jason. A summary of the responses was also printed in the bulletin. Looking ahead to the upcoming year, we pray for an additional person to join our committee and possibly be the chairperson.

There will come a
time when you believe
everything is finished.
That will be the
beginning.
(Louis L'Amour)



BOARD OF PROPERTIES:

Board of Properties Committee: David England, Tom Scott, and Andrew Padden

As always, your board of properties has been busy. This year was the year of unexpected projects. Bruce and Tom were able to remove some old lath and plaster and drywall in the church basement to allow for better circulation and airflow along the base walls. We made two major purchases this year on appliances that failed and couldn't be fixed. The first being a new refrigerator was added to the fellowship hall kitchen. The second was a new mini-split cooling and heating unit was added to the fellowship hall. Being that we are gathering in fellowship following church services, it's a blessing to have the support of the church and church council in replacing these items.

Submitted by Andrew Padden.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

Memorial Committee Members: Karen Kehl, Chair-person, Mary Snyder and Pat Rankin

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Joyce Mizga, Cecil Boyce and Morgan Lindsey. We were able to contribute 3,500.00 to help pay for our new refrigerator. We thank all the friends and families who have been so generous. Sincerely, Karen Kehl



MUSIC COMMITTEE:

Acting Chair: Maureen Hohler

Members: Cathie Padden, Judy Forger, Verna Ritsema, and James Tanis



As acting Chair of the Music Committee, I have to express my thanks to everyone who shared their talent with our church.

First let me thank Judy Forger and Verna Ritsema for being our church's musical backbone. They both show up with joy in your hearts and share it through your piano playing.

Next let me thank James Tanis and Dean Gilbert. We have been blessed with their gifts as they filled in for Judy and Verna.

I also want to thank Mary England for picking music and directing our choir for Christmas and Easter. Because you took the time, the choir was able to sing a joyful noise.

A big thank you to the choir. You shared your voices to help our church praise the Lord.

Without Cathy Padden, we would not have had the kids' program for Christmas. Thank you, Cathy.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Gloria, Dave, Georgie and Madison. They brought their guitars and love of the Lord and gave it freely.

Acting Music Chair, Maureen Hohler





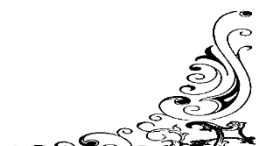
LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FINANCIAL SECRETARY YEAR END REPORT FOR 2022

MONTH	GENERAL FUND	BUILDING FUND	COMFORT STATION LOAN
2021			
SEPTEMBER	\$6662	\$65	\$238
OCTOBER	\$5201	\$85	\$195
NOVEMBER	\$4786	\$45	\$2650
DECEMBER	\$6996.75	\$90	\$1440
2022			
JANUARY	\$7282	\$65	\$680
FEBRUARY	\$3811	\$100	\$130
MARCH	\$5439	\$50	\$105
APRIL	\$5915	\$105	\$1513
MAY	\$7355	\$190	PAID IN FULL
JUNE	\$4139	\$210	
JULY	\$6768	\$125	
AUGUST	\$3694	\$395	
TOTALS	\$68,049.19	\$1,525	\$6,951



ADDITIONAL MONIES COLLECTED IN OFFERINGS:

CROP WALK	\$190	TECHNOLOGY	\$2730
FAMILY ASSISTANCE	\$500	VETERANS OF THE CROSS	\$281
FOOD TRUCK	\$455	HEIFER INTERNATIONAL	\$951
ADOPT A FAMILY	\$1,223	FOOD PANTRY	\$50
NEIGHBORS IN NEED	\$145	YELLOW ENVELOPES	\$19
LAMA CHRISTMAS BOXES	\$100	ONE GREAT HOUR SHARING	\$361
UKRAINE RELIEF	\$380	UKRAINE RELIEF(SUMMERFEST)	\$61



Respectfully Submitted: Chris Edgerly, Financial Secretary

100	Pastoral Category	2021-2022	2022-2023	Adjustment
101	Salary	\$15,000.00	\$15,750.00	\$750.00
102	Housing Allowance	\$15,000.00	\$15,750.00	\$750.00
103	Raise/computer	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$30,000.00	\$31,500.00	\$1,500.00
200	STAFF			
201	Pianist	\$3,100.00	\$3,640.00	\$540.00
202	Custodian	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	-\$500.00
203	Secretary	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	-\$2,000.00
205	FICA	\$2,280.00	\$2,400.00	\$120.00
	TOTAL	\$15,880.00	\$14,040.00	-\$1,840.00
300	Worship			
301	Pulpit Supply	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
302	Supplies/Celebrations	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
303	Music / Choir	\$2,450.00	\$2,450.00	\$0.00
304	Coffee Hour	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	\$0.00
400	Administration			
401	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
402	Church Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
403	Parsonage Maintenance	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
404	Utilities	\$14,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$1,500.00
405	Ins./dues/OCWM	\$6,100.00	\$6,500.00	\$400.00
406	Administrative	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$25,200.00	\$27,100.00	\$1,900.00
500	Christian Ed	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
700	Non-Budget	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
800	In/Out			
	GRAND TOTAL	\$76,680.00	\$78,240.00	\$1,560.00

Account balances as of Aug. 1, 2022	
Building fund	\$1,274.87
Capital Improvement	\$1,889.47
Checking	\$2,244.12
Family Assistance Fund	\$255.96

Edward Jones Investments
Technology savings

\$9,571.44
\$3,138.58



Committee Members 2021-2022

LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Interim Pastor, Jason Dillingham, Ex-officio

Moderator:	James Hohler	616-401-6775
Assistant Moderator:	Sarin Hoogeveen	616-914-7578
Sue Kain:	Clerk	616-835-6134
Treasurer:	Julie King	989-352-8561 or 989-287-3307
Financial Secretary:	Chris Edgerly	989-352-8030
Secretary:	Alicia Jensen	989-408-7208


BOARD OF PROPERTIES	COMMITTEE		DIACONATE	COMMITTEE
Padden, Andy, Chair	989-818-0876		Andersen, Marsha	989-352-6740
Cross, Bob	989-365-3393		Hohler, Maureen	616-550-6961
Lindsey, Mike	989-560-1502		Domine, Peggy	989-352-6004
Rossmann, Elaine	989-352-7570		Hohler, James	616-401-6775
Scott, Tom	616-302-5501		Olsen, Nancy	231-937-6272
			Scott, Tom	616-302-5501

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	COMMITTEE
Maxim, Judy, Chair	616-894-8117
Fryover, Shannon	269-317-1591

The council meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Please feel free to attend and listen to your council members take care of church business. All are welcome to attend.

MUSIC	COMMITTEE		MEMORIAL	COMMITTEE
Hohler, Maureen, Acting Chair	616-550-6961		Kehl, Karen, Chair	
Larsen, Colleen	231-349-6290		Rankin, Pat	989-352-6236
Padden, Cathie	989-352-8216		Snyder, Mary	989-352-6053
Ritsema, Verna	616-200-5191		Hoogeveen, Sarin	989-352-6567
Tanis, James	989-352-1342		Carr, Verna	616-914-7578

STEWARDSHIP	COMMITTEE	PASTOR RELATIONS	COMMITTEE
VACANCY, Chair		VACANCY, Chair	
Ruth Boyce, Co-Chair		Hohler, James	616-401-6775

Chris Edgerly, Co-Chair			Maxim, Judy	616-894-8117
Gloria Merrimen Co Chair			Olsen, Nancy	231-937-6272
			Kathie Lofts	