



2023 Annual Report

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

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2023 Members of the Congregational Council

Rob Dolak, President	Term ends Dec. 2023
Bruce Tackett, Vice President	Term ends Dec. 2024--final
Barb Noonan, Secretary	Term ends Dec. 2023
Barb Klapproth	Term ends Dec. 2024—final (resigned for health reasons)
Dave Eaglen	Term ends Dec. 2025--final
Bunny McBride	Term ends Dec. 2023
Charlene Ray	Term ends Dec. 2024
Lana Fortin	Term ends Dec. 2024
Geoff Groce	Term ends Dec. 2025 (resigned 9/23)
Becky Anderson	Term ends Dec. 2023 (appointed as replacement)

2023 Officers of the Congregation

Rev. Jean N. Kuebler, Pastor
Mary Jo Szewczyk, President
Bruce Tackett, Vice President
Barb Noonan, Secretary
Adrienne Logue, Payroll Administrator
Maureen Myers, Bookkeeper

2023 Staff of the Congregation

Rev. Jean N. Kuebler, Pastor
Debbie Carnall, Parish Administrator
Melissa Bradley, Administrative Assistant
Brian Gray, Director of Music
Richard Oshlick, Sexton

Annual Congregational Meeting of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

AGENDA – January 28, 2024

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Presentation of the Agenda
- 3) Reading of the minutes
 - a) The meeting of January 29, 2023
 - b) The meeting of October 21-22, 2023
- 4) Reports of the Officers of the Congregation
 - a) Report of the Vice- President
 - b) Report of the Secretary
 - c) Report of the Treasurer
 - i) Northwest Checking Account
 - ii) Endowment Fund
 - iii) Northwest Money Market
- 5) Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a) Education
 - b) Evangelism
 - c) Property
 - d) Social Ministry
 - e) Stewardship
 - f) Worship & Music
- 6) Reports of the Organizations of the Congregation
 - a) Girl Scout Troops
 - b) Faith Lutheran Preschool and Preschool Board
 - c) Playground Task Force
 - d) 75th Anniversary Task Force
- 7) Report of the Audit Committee
- 8) Report of the Endowment Committee
- 9) Reports of the Staff of the Congregation
 - a) Report of the Pastor
 - b) Report of the Office Staff
- 10) Business of the congregation:
 - a) Proposed 2024 Unified Budget
 - b) Proposed 2024 Debt/Capital Improvement Budget
- 11) Unfinished Business of the Congregation
- 12) Other Business of the Congregation
- 13) Adjournment

Minutes of the January 2023 Congregational Meeting

January 29, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order by Council President Rob Dolak at 11:20. Pastor opened with prayer. In attendance for the meeting were: Rob Dolak, Evelyn Toskin, Dawn Juliano, Dan McBride, Bunny McBride, Geoffrey Groce, Becky Anderson, Paul Anderson, Bill Falkenberg, Brian Gray, Rick Gleichsner, Carol Gleichsner, Nancy Gardner, Maureen Myers, Dane Klaproth, Barbara Klaproth, Richard Lee, Nancy Simmons, Jerry Simmons, Al Fehl, Jane Fehl, Mary Jo Szewczyk, Matt Szewczyk, Michael Zarger, Lauren Zarger, Lisa Zarger, Geoffrey VonBurg, Linda Davis, Tracie Eaglen, David Eaglen, Barb Noonan, Rev Jean N. Kuebler, Cynthia Lee, Bruce Tackett, Jerry Kreusch, Lana Fortin, Tom Fortin, Darryl Bush, Elaine Bush, Carol Dolak, Lucille Yeane, Rosemarie Culmer, Terry Culmer, Kathy Calkins, Larry Repoff, Shari Repoff, Carole Morey, Jean Mattis, Beverly Braley, Charlene Ray, Barb Wenner, Jim Wenner, Amber Warren, Jeff Warren.
2. The agenda was presented with two minor corrections: our bank is now Northwest Savings bank and no longer PNC. (Barb Noonan/Bruce Tackett)
3. The minutes of January 30, 2022 and October 22-23, 2022 congregational meetings were accepted and approved. (Rick Lee/Becky Anderson)
4. The reports of the Officers of the Congregation were accepted from:
2022 President Mary Jo Szewczyk and 2022 Secretary Barb Noonan.
The Treasurer's Report was received with Dec 31, 2022 balances as follows:
Northwest Savings Checking - \$15,263.30
Northwest Money Market Account- \$83,476.21
Balance held for dedicated Accounts and Capital Improvement - \$43,807.99
Thrivent FCU Savings Account- \$15,899.70
There is a zero balance on the Thrivent Line of Credit. (roof repair loan)
Adrienne Logue is training as Treasurer, due to Marie Falkenberg resignation.
(Tom Fortin/Dane Klaproth)
5. The Reports of the Standing Committees were accepted. The following noted:
 - a. Education Committee- discussed that this is a weakness in regard to our youth especially. Sunday School numbers are diminishing.
 - b. Outreach Committee - will be gathering to revive efforts in this important area of for better church growth and community service.
 - c. Property Committee- Busy with the many maintenance and repair projects as required.
 - d. Social Ministry Committee- 14 activities as listed in year-end report

- e. Stewardship Committee- “Make it Simple” theme used. 2023 pledge cards were lower than previous year.
 - f. Worship and Music Committee- see year- end report for many activities. Committee’s present concerns include update worship needs/supplies and training worship participants. (Mary Jo Szewczyk/Bruce Tackett)
6. The Reports of the organizations of the congregation were accepted including the Women of Faith, the Girls Scouts, and the Preschool Board. Special thanks noted for the support received for the preschool by the congregation. (Lisa Zarger/Bill Falkenberg)
 7. The Report of the Audit Committee was accepted. (Barb Noonan/Lana Fortin)
 8. The Report of the Endowment Board was received. 2022 disbursements were as follows: Scholarships and Grants (\$1,355.60), Outreach in the community to Kairos Prison Ministry (\$400) and Ella Cochran Food Pantry (\$277.80), to Missions of the ELCA- Lutheran Disaster Relief (\$677.80) and for Capital Improvements at Faith (\$677.80). The 2022 year-end Endowment Fund Balance is \$64,075.81. No money will be available for disbursements in 2023 due to the stock market. (Brian Gray/Carol Dolak)
 9. The Reports of the Auxiliary Committees included:
 - a. Emergency Preparedness Task Force- continued to improve with additional devices, emergency exit contact lists, signs etc.
 - b. Playground Task Force- Current fund balance as of Dec 1, 2022 is \$6,508. Continuing applications for possible grant money. A dedication/memorial brick sale will begin in 2023. Sample of the brick was displayed.
 - c. 75th Anniversary Task Force- a group began researching and compiling the church history, gathering church art work information, and planning projects and events that will lead up to our Oct 6, 2024 celebration service and banquet.
 10. The Reports of the Staff were received:

Pastor Jean’s report and the report of the Office Staff detailed 2022 events and changes ahead. Becki Burton resigned in January as Parish Administrator and Kira Wenner began as Administrator and later resigned due to ongoing health issues. As the new year begins, Deb Galloway is providing orientation for our new administrator, Debbie Carnall. Melissa Bradley continues to provide mostly remote office assistance. Our Director of Sacred Music, Brian Gray reports- continued improvement with the installation of the new AV system installation.

8 members were received through Baptisms, transfer and Affirmation of Baptism. 5 received First Communion, 4 were confirmed. 2 received Bibles, 1 wedding, Pastors Kuebler and Moran officiated at 17 funerals, (7 of whom were removed from membership by death), and 1 transfer due to relocation. (Bruce Tackett/Rick Lee)

11. Business of the Congregation

- a. The proposed 2023 Unified Budget (\$215,893.00) and Debt/Capital Improvement (12,473.00) Budgets were received. It is to be determined whether projected unpledged income throughout the year will continue to keep the proposed budget on track or if cuts will be needed during the year. (Lana Fortin/Tom Fortin)
- b. Bruce Tackett presented an estimate from Jesse Fiske for reworking of the contour/valley areas that leak due to architectural design on the west side of the building. (The work done by Alex Roofing on the flat areas of the roof 3 years ago is working.) Fiske is a maintenance and restoration company that has worked on churches and historical buildings and has recommended taking the existing shingles out and replacing with a metal wrap for longevity. This estimate is for \$12,520. \$2,000 more was approved to cover additional issues that may be discovered in the process. (Tom Fortin/Tracie Eaglen)
- c. Playground Brick fundraiser- Presentation was made showing the memorial/dedication bricks that will be sold for \$50 each to subsidize the expense.

12. Presentation was made to show the improved giving option categories available on the church website.

13. Meeting Adjourned (Bill Falkenberg/Dane Klapproth) and closed with Our Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, Barbara Klapproth,
Church Council Secretary

Minutes of the October 2023 Congregational Meeting

October 21-22, 2023

Meeting opened on Saturday Oct. 21st at 6:44PM. The meeting will be held in 3 sessions with planned to be suspensions between the additional church services, concluding after the 10AM Sunday, October 22nd session.

Present: See the attendance sheets held separately for names. Saturday Evening- 20; Sunday Early – 23; Sunday Late – 23 members

The agenda was provided with supplemental information on the proposed Constitutional changes and proposed 2024 Expense Budget.

There were no additions to the agenda at any of the meeting sessions.

Slate of Nominations for Open Positions were reviewed and opened for additional nominations from the floor.

- a. Church Congregational Council- No additional nominations were offered during the sessions.
 1. 1-year nominees, 1 position: Jeff Warren, Dawn Danilov
 2. 2-year nominees, 1 position: Mark Concilla, Mary Jo Szewczyk, Todd Eckroat, JJ Lee
 3. 3-year nominees, 3 positions: Bunny McBride, Barb Noonan, Todd Eckroat, JJ Lee
 4. Elections are anticipated to occur in late October or early November as ballots are able to be produced.
- b. Representatives to Synod Assembly- No nominations we offered from the floor. These 2 voting member positions will try to be filled by appointment prior to the June Synod Assembly.
- c. Nominations for Erie Conference Rep - No additional nominations were offered during the sessions.
 - Nominees: Shari Repoff
- d. Endowment Committee- 2 positions – Alexis Peterson nominated herself from the floor for the second open position.
 - Nominees: Andy Krahe, Alexis Peterson
- e. Auditors - Alexis Peterson nominated herself from the floor for the availability to have a 4th auditor.
 - Nominees: Karl Dolak, Alexis Peterson

Updates to constitution were read and discussed, including the purpose of the changes. A motion was brought by JJ Lee to pass the proposed changes, with Becky Anderson seconding. The changes to the constitution were passed with a vote of 63 for and 2 against.

With the passing of the changes to the Constitution, it was announced the intent to appoint our Parish Administrator, Debbie Carnall, to undertake the financial treasurer responsibilities of the Church. Debbie has volunteered to take on the treasurer function and looking forward to the additional scope. We will start working on this transitional and training required.

The 2024 Proposed Unified Expense Budget and Debt/Capital Improvement Budget was reviewed with the congregation. Recommendations of the Personnel and Council for Staff increases were discussed, along with the additional line for financial treasurer wages. There was some discussion on the plowing costs and reason for some of the changes due to a new contractor this past year. Through changes in run rates and budget swaps, the proposed budget was able to be held with a \$270 increase from last year's budget. Alexis Peterson moved to approve the Proposed Expense and Capital Budget and Charlene Ray seconded. The proposed budget was passed unanimously by those present.

There was a brief playground update. The ground preparations were completed October 4th utilizing Playground funds from donations and initial Brick sale funds.

Grants have been submitted for reimbursement for the ground preparations through the PNC Community Grant Program and funding for outdoor musical instruments have been applied for through the Pastor Gesler Memorial. The ECGRA Parks, Fields, and Trails Grant Program is due to be submitted prior to November 30th, and we hope this will cover the expenses of the playground itself.

Brick order have come in steadily, but lower than expected, with a total of 122 as of October 19th. With a different quantity coming in, there will be a modified plan for where to use the bricks around the playground and picnic area, possibly a walkway between the areas. We are looking to order the initials bricks before the end of the year and putting a soft deadline to orders for December 31, 2023.

The Congregational meeting was moved to adjourn by Barb Noonan and seconded by Beverly Braley, with the meeting concluding with a 23/0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Dolak
Congregational Council President

Attendees Saturday October 21st:

1. Elaine Bush
2. Darryl Bush
3. Jack Nissen
4. Barb Nissen
5. Kathy Calkin
6. JJ Lee
7. Megan Eckroat
8. Todd Eckroat
9. Marleen Bohrer
10. *Gregory Bohrer*
11. Peggy Phillips
12. Jim DeWolf
13. Dave Rettman
14. Becky Anderson
15. Paul Anderson
16. Debbie Hackett
17. Charlene Ray
18. Pastor Jean Kuebler
19. Geoff VonBurg
20. Alexis Peterson

Attendees Sunday October 22nd, Early Service

1. MaryJo Szewczyk
2. Carol Dolak
3. Irene Waldron
4. Andrea Konkol
5. Lauren Konkol
6. Larry Eckroat
7. Cozella Eckroat
8. Matt Johnson
9. Mary E Johnson
10. Holly Coleman
11. Dawn Danilov
12. Brian Gray
13. Lisa Myers
14. Abby Myers
15. Adrienne Logue
16. Clint Logue
17. Roy Voshall
18. Larry Repoff
19. Shari Repoff
20. Bruce Tackett
21. Lin Tackett
22. David Eaglen
23. Tracie Eaglen

Attendees Sunday October 22nd, Late Service

1. Tom Fortin
2. Lana Fortin
3. Jerry Kreusch
4. Mary Warren
5. Amber Warren
6. Jeffrey Warren
7. Cynthia Lee
8. Rick Lee
9. Sue Mohnkern
10. Sandra Taccone
11. Linda Davis
12. Beverly Braley
13. Barbara A Noonan
14. Donna Rodland
15. *Leonard Rodland*
16. Michael Zarger
17. Lisa Zarger
18. Lauren Zarger
19. Nancy Simmons
20. Jerry Simmons
21. Rick Gleichsner
22. Carol Gleichsner
23. Kathy Maas

Reports of the Officers of the Congregation

Report of the President of Church Council

To the Congregation:

As we continue to work through the post-COVID normal, we see more people migrating back to in-person church services and Sunday school class. This is really nice to see as we are able to connect as a congregation and church family more easily. A lingering benefit is still offering online worship through our Facebook page for those not able to make it to the service due to situation, weather, or travel.

Many changes have occurred over the past year to our office and supporting staff. We were able see Debbie return as the Parish Administrator and several people have stepped forward and worked to fill some of the exposed gaps this year. We were able to fill the Payroll Administrator and have some new faces coming to Church Council. We are thankful to everyone who has given of their time and talents in support of the operation of the church. However, we still find ourselves still faced with several open positions to help in the financial roles of the church, including Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Auditor and Teller positions. We are very appreciative for all those that have served the church and have decided to retire from duties and allow others to step forward and help lead the church into the future. Thank yous to Maureen, Linda, Terry and Diane and all of the others in your many years!

Our committees continue to be strong, with limited membership, and provide expanding services and opportunities for the church and outreach into the community. We have worked stronger relationships with many of the other churches in the community through combined VBS and several services through the year. Our church gives to many causes internal and external it is amazing how every request for support goes answered again and again. Repeating what I hear all the time, we are a very giving and friendly church! It is my hope that we will have some prayerfully consider and help with some of the open opportunities in support of the church, whether it be one of the committees or one of the open roles. There is opportunity to subdivide responsibilities to help cater to availability and there are caring and welcoming people at the ready to help teach and train to learn, no matter the starting point.

It has been my privilege to serve the Congregation over this past year as Council President, thank you for the opportunity. As we quickly approach our 75th anniversary, there is so much to look back at and give a big smile - and so much to look forward to for the next 75+ years.

In Faith,

Robert Dolak

Update on the Treasurer position:

We have not yet filled the treasurer position, which has been vacant since Marie Falkenberg's resignation in early 2023. We are grateful for Adrienne Logue, who began serving as volunteer payroll administrator after Marie's departure. We are also deeply grateful for Maureen Myers, who resigned after ten years of faithful service as volunteer bookkeeper at the end of 2023. Thanks as well to Rob Dolak, who prepared the 2024 annual expense and income budgets this year. Rob has also helped with moving more of our regular bills to online payments; currently, Rob and Adrienne are our two authorized check signers. Meanwhile, Carol Gleischner has expressed her willingness to train with Maureen to learn bookkeeping responsibilities; thank you, Carol! Our parish administrator, Debbie Carnall, will also be taking on some aspects of the ongoing treasurer's duties, such as recording online payments.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Jean

Reports of the Standing Committees

2023 Educational Ministry Committee Report

Members: Pastor Jean Kuebler, Jen Wilson, Barb Noonan, and Sandra Taccone

Sunday Church School academic year began 9 a.m., September 10, 2023, with Sparkhouse Whirl (gold year) curriculum. We are using the teacher's guide, student pamphlets, and DVD video. Postcard invitations were sent to potential participants. Prior to the beginning of the SCS year, a discussion happened as to whether to continue to offer Sunday School based on the low attendance of the previous year. Beside the lessons offered each week, the students participated in the intergenerational advent event with John the Baptist played by Paul Anderson, wrapping Christmas gift for SOS for Kids. Sunday School students participated in several Youth Sundays. February 19, youth served during the 8 a.m. and the 10:15 a.m. services. April 2, Palm Sunday, children played percussion instruments during the procession and sermon. April 23, youth and Girl Scouts participated in the church service. October 29, Reformation Sunday, youth served during the church service and the confirmation class performed a skit. December 24, the students participated in "Out of Time" Christmas and Advent play (scene 7, Sheppards and Sheep). On May 21, we celebrated 10 years of perfect teaching attendance by Matt Szewczyk. There are five consistent students in attendance each Sunday and that is an increase from last year. Four of the five have siblings in confirmation class. House cleaning of supplies needs to be done.

Cradle Roll is now being coordinated by J.J. Lee.

Bible Study was offered for six weeks by Pastor Jean beginning October 11th.

Movie Night event was April 2, showing Jesus Christ Superstar.

Devotional booklets were sent to first year college students to show our church's support.

Confirmation Class is held during Sunday Church School and taught by Pastor Jean, supported by four mentors, Lisa Zarger, Lauren Zarger, Andrea Konkel, and Lana Fortin, for the benefit of five first year students, Kaylee Blank, Sophia Brookhouser, Reagan Bradley, Hannah Bradley, and Emilia Lopez. Invitations and calendars were mailed to potential participants. At times, students and mentors meet outside of class to collaborate on projects. In addition to their studies, students also participate in Youth Sundays, Christmas programs, and various Sunday School events.

Vacation Bible School "Operation Restoration" was held July 23, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rolling Ridge Park, 3901 Brierwood Drive. Children pre-K through fifth grade learned how to be minders of the universe as they explore the day's theme of "Forgive." This is the first year our VBS was coordinated with four area churches, First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek, Eastminster Presbyterian, Messiah Lutheran, and Faith Lutheran. There was a balanced number of students from each congregation for a total of 25 students with an equal number of volunteers. The success of this year's Vacation Bible School has everyone interested to continue the co-op for 2024. Planning meetings were held with all churches in attendance. Each church was responsible for some type of snack, a part of the days learning, yard games, and coolers with ice. Our church had the Story Telling portion of "Joseph Forgives his Brothers" (Gen. 37-50) and "Jesus saying to Forgive 77 Times" (Matt 18:21-22). There was on-line registration. Everyone brought their own lunch. Harborcreek Township had the event on their FaceBook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Taccone

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

In 2023 the outreach committee was chaired by Geoff Groce from January through August, with Char Ray, Barb Klaproth, and Pastor Jean as active members and with occasional help from Carol Gleischner, Brian Gray, and others. The committee helped provide publicity for the Irish Dinner and Concert, the Jesus Christ Superstar movie night, VBS, Alex Zarger's presentation on How to Manage Arthritis, and a Kairos Prison Ministry presentation.

The committee also had oversight in the production and distribution of our new membership directory, created by Deacon Mary Lord.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Jean

Property Committee Annual Report for 2023

2023 was another busy year for the Property committee. We were able to continue in our efforts to have most of the needed repairs and large-scale maintenance projects completed by licensed and insured contractors. This has enabled us to keep our members safe and to limit the Church's exposure to liability issues that may have arisen from any injuries sustained by members.

Electrical repairs and corrections to the wiring in the Church continued in 2023. We had some of the outdoor lights repaired and we had a switch installed that allows us to turn off the outdoor digital sign. We are still working on repairing or replacing the sign.

The Annual Spring clean-up was held on April 29, 2023. We had 12 volunteers who continued to work to update the landscaping and beautification of the grounds. I would like to thank all the people who worked on the gardens and cut the grass. Your efforts helped make the Church and grounds a very welcoming place. We were involved in Harborcreek in Bloom, a gardening exposition for the Township. The Church came in third place in the category General Gardens.

The benches for the outdoor worship area were cleaned and re-stained for a more uniform appearance.

We are working with a local contractor to address several needed items. He is working with us to correct the persistent nuisance roof leaks that plague the building. In addition, he is evaluating masonry repairs and preservation of the exterior brick work of the building.

The site for the new playground was prepared so that installation can proceed in the Spring.

There are a few other items that are being discussed and evaluated for further action in the future:

1. Adding new members to the Committee.
2. Replacing older windows that are starting to have problems in the Courtyard, Library, Social Hall, Office, and Preschool.
3. Adding ADA compliant door openers to some of the external and internal doors in the building.
4. Repairs and updating the Bell Tower are being evaluated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Tackett

SOCIAL MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Mission: To provide fellowship and acts of Christian Services for church members and the community.

Committee Members: Mary Jo Szewczyk (chairperson), Char Ray, Barb Wenner (secretary) and Jim Wenner

A listing of 2023 activities and events as follows:

FUNERAL DINNERS: Several dinners were provided for members of our church.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON: Soup, sandwiches and dessert was provided following the annual meeting in January.

FAT TUESDAY SOUP-CHILI-&DESSERT COOK-OFF: 39 people attended. Prizes given for 1st-3rd place for each category.

SOS 4KIDZ SHOE DRIVE: We collected 66 bags of shoes containing 25 pair in each bag.

TRADES OF HOPE: A seminar occurred regarding sex trafficking followed by light refreshments. Participants and others were able to purchase items from Trades of Hope to help women & children who have experienced sex trafficking and domestic violence. Money raised was donated to the CVC.

SENIORS FOR SAFE DRIVING: In June this course was held at Faith. Light refreshments were provided.

CHURCH PICNIC: Combined the picnic with Worship & music sing along. Sloppy Joe's were the main course; attendees brought a dish to share. It was a pleasant evening socializing with fellow members.

SAFE JOURNEY'S COLLECTION: For Domestic Violence awareness month in Oct. a collection was held to help Safe Journey's Domestic Violence shelter.

GRADUATION: Refreshments were provided.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE: We were able to have the bake sale for the first time since the pandemic. We raised over \$800.00.

COFFEE HOUR: We provided refreshments for the December Coffee Hour.

DONATIONS: A \$150 donation was made to the Fairfield Fire Company.

BETHANY OUTREACH CENTER: Provided a basket for their golf tournament auction. Respectfully submitted:

Mary Jo Szewczyk

Stewardship

Committee Members: David Eaglen, Shari Repoff, Barbara Noonan, Mark Concilla, Pastor Jean

Consulting and discussing the importance of stewardship giving at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of our Time, Talents, and Financial support began with meeting JULY 25, 2023. Subsequent meetings and discussions were held by the Stewardship team to address themes and set time lines for the 2023 campaign.

The team discussed various campaign options to implement for our fall 2023 strategic stewardship campaign. This year the committee choose a theme of: "Faith in Action".

Much of church Stewardship has to do with, Time, Talent and Treasure. So, going forward with "Faith in Action" as a theme, we wanted captured elements of Time & Talent as well as Treasure. To do this we wanted to capture the volunteer service work done by our members at/in Faith Lutheran Church and also volunteer work done by our members outside of the church.

Two surveys were created to survey and document church members volunteer activity, both inside and outside of the church. These surveys were distributed at the beginning of each of the church service two different weekends in October. At the time of this writing we have not yet been able to tally the totals. Once the totals are compiled, we hope to use this information to add and enhance the 75 anniversary message, "Rise up of Saints of God."

Professional produced pledge cards, volunteer surveys and a message from Pastor Jean regarding the Stewardship theme were mailed out to two hundred and twenty five church members. This year we added a return envelope addressed to the Parish Administer for ease of return and confidentiality. It should be noted, these professionally produced pledge cards were developed and produced by Mark Concilla.

There was no stewardship summary report last year due to administrative turn over. The 2024 pledge card commitments were on par with the 2022 "unit" pledges. The total dollar volume came in YTD at \$110,943 slightly higher than 2022 at \$108,087. We remain faithfully cautious but confident we will obtain our budget based of past performance.

As we look to the next year the committee will continue to monitor results to commitment. We will think of ways to more effective and challenge our membership to engage their Time, Talents and Financial resources to be better "Stewards" and to growth in "Faith".

Respectfully submitted,
David Eaglen

Summary of 2023 Stewardship Survey: Faith in Action

56 surveys were submitted for this project. These responses give us a snapshot of the diverse ways we live out our faith, both within the congregation and in the wider community. Thanks to everyone who participated! --Pastor Jean and the Stewardship Committee

Some of the ways we serve within the congregation:

- participation in worship
- altar guild
- gardening
- church picnic
- bake sales
- greeter
- bereavement meals
- church dinners
- make bereavement crosses

- serve on council
- serve on committees
- mow the lawn
- outdoor maintenance
- assisting minister
- call contractors to work on the church
- book club
- yoga at Faith
- lector
- prayer chain
- teach Sunday school
- sing in choir
- prepare Beacon mailings
- lay Eucharistic minister
- visit shut-ins
- bake and bring food for shut-ins
- paint rocks for church garden
- audit the church books
- play Santa and Mrs. Claus for preschool
- contribute food for food pantry
- confirmation mentor
- acolyte
- teller
- craft-n-chat
- bake cookies for special occasions
- make butterflies for baptism banner
- accompany singing at Saturday services
- provide rides to worship
- put up and take down outdoor manger scene
- set up for Election Day bake sale
- Preschool treasurer
- bake communion bread
- Preschool board
- playground task force
- grounds clean up
- pay bills
- manage playground brick orders
- shop for Bethesda Christmas gifts
- send cards to ill and elderly members
- prayer partner
- help set up for Christmas Eve
- give to special offerings
- help switch seasonal banners and paraments
- spring clean up

- provide wine for communion
- Vacation Bible School
- Splash ministry
- assist with church mailings
- help with coffee hours
- water the plants

Estimated total hours: 42/week or 181/month or 2171/year

Some of the ways we serve beyond the congregation:

- care for elderly parents
- care for family members
- volunteer at medical tent for Tall Ships and other special events
- volunteer at Caring Place
- Advisory board for NW PA Medical Reserve Corps
- maintain neighborhood median strip garden
- bring dogs to visit nursing homes
- Kairos prison ministry
- support neighbors
- Harborcreek School board
- donate to food pantry from garden
- donate to food drives
- Perseus House board of directors
- Charter School of Excellence board of directors
- American Legion
- coach HC tennis team
- donate food for Ella Cochran food pantry
- HC Twp parks and recreation
- volunteer at food pantry
- HC Twp community planning
- Harborcreek Community Engagement Team
- office work for Bethany Outreach
- food and clothing pantry for Bethany Outreach
- volunteer coaching
- facilitate pre-K classes at NWPA Autism Society
- mentor to teen camper with Teen Reach Adventure Camp/Life mentoring
- leadership team for celebrate recovery
- lead twelve step meetings
- fundraising committee for Bethany Outreach
- visit friends in nursing homes
- ANNA Shelter
- help prepare for church yard sale
- help neighbors with weeding or meals
- take friends shopping

- volunteer with Second Harvest Backpack Program
- Habitat for Humanity
- blood donor
- family hospice
- run SOS4Kidz non-profit
- financially support community organizations
- help anyone who needs help in accordance with my ability
- SONS of Lake Erie
- secretary and board member for Erie Co. Farm Bureau
- pillow case ministry for Buffalo Children's Hospital
- Project Linus blankets
- entertain at senior living establishments
- take meals to elderly neighbor
- deliver meals for Meals on Wheels
- serve on Bethany Outreach board
- shop for shut-in families
- supply a monthly meal to Kids Café at Bethesda
- pet care and dog walking for others in apartment complex
- help with personal care for neighbors
- grocery shopping and other errands for neighbors who can't drive
- assist with blood pressure clinic
- make casseroles and share with single neighbors
- GriefShare meetings
- make quilts for Veteran's Hospital, Bethany Outreach, Shriners, and charity raffles
- assist and share with elderly neighbors
- donate to Bethesda, Shriners, MS Society, and food pantry
- support Flagship Niagara League
- visit residents in nursing homes

Estimated total hours: 124/week or 536/month or 6435/year

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Pastor Jean, Bunny McBride, Bev Braley, Toni Brown, Becky Anderson, Sue Mohnkern, Brian Gray

The responsibilities of the committee are consulting with the Pastor and Council on worship services and activities. The committee provides assistance and training to assistant ministers, ushers, lay assistants, acolytes, lectors, crucifers, and altar care needs.

2023 EVENTS AND PLANNING

Burning of the Greens service (inviting the Erie Conference) with refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Assisting with bereavement dinners when needed.

Planning all services and worship activities for the year.

Dedication of new banners.

The picnic and hymn sing was a joint effort with social ministry this year.

The Blessing of the Animals was held at the Historical Society Picnic Pavilion this year inviting other Harborcreek churches.

Coffee hour was continued this year.

Valentine cupcakes were delivered to shut ins.

Irish dinner with Brian entertaining us with Irish music was held.

Efforts to start a bell choir are on going.

Choir picnic was hosted by Brian at his home.

Mid week services during Lent and Advent.

All Saints' Day with candle lighting and crosses for families of loved ones that have died.

Plaques were ordered and placed on art work and portraits.

Daryl Bush gifted us with a presentation of musical instruments and a banjo concert (2 separate events).

The Millcreek Community Band (with Brian directing) entertained us with 2 concerts. One in the summer and a Holiday concert. Refreshments followed the Holiday concert.

Brian was able to take us on a holiday bus tour to see Christmas lights in Harborcreek and North East with cocoa and cookies following our school bus ride.

We are working with Rob Taylor about installing a wind phone somewhere on the church property.

MEMORIAL FUNDS AND DONATIONS

Rick and Carol's Gleichsner donated the Christmas trees again this year.

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2024 CONCERNS

Continue to up date worship needs.

Respectfully,

The Committee

Reports of the Organizations of the Congregation

Girl Scout Cadette and Senior Troops 16377 and 36399 for the year 2023

The Girl Scouts were back in full swing this year. At this age Girl Scouts should be Girl-led, and the girls also have a chance to travel. In 2023 Cadette badges earned include Babysitter, First Aid, parts of the Amaze journey (healthy interpersonal relationships), and the Trees badge. For the Trees badge, we were able to explore some of the trees on Faith Lutheran's beautiful property. The Senior Girl Scouts earned a Room Makeover badge. Badge work is more independent for Seniors - one girl earned her Robotics 1, 2 and 3 badges. We spent a weekend together at Camp Hawthorne Ridge for troop camp. We traveled to Gettysburg to learn an important part of our nation's history, and Hershey World to learn about a sweet part of our history! In the fall we wrapped up our badgework with the Mental Wellness Patch.

Most of our travels were funded by several years of cookie and MagNut sales - since the pandemic we had not been able to spend our cookie and MagNut proceeds on anything other than uniform items and badges. It was a real delight to see the girls managing their time and money, and deepening their friendships throughout 2023.

We are always grateful to Faith Lutheran Church for sharing your beautiful space with us. My prayer is that I will be a light to these girls. Having a comfortable place to be together helps to make that possible.

Thank you!

2023 Annual Report Preschool

The 2022-2023 school year had full classrooms with 12 students in PreK and 10 in Preschool. Mrs. Kelly Drahushak was the lead teacher and Mrs. Jan Oshlick was the aide. We hosted a representative from the Anna Shelter who brought a dog to visit us in appreciation for the donation drive that we conducted during the 2022 Christmas season. A new policy was put in place to remove boots outside the classroom door and leave them to dry during class. Chairs were placed outside to allow the students a place to sit to change their shoes. In the classroom we moved the cubbies to the entrance way to avoid getting the carpets wet from winter gear. At the January board meeting tuition was voted

to be increased. Tuition for Preschool will increase from \$100 to \$110 per month and for Pre-K from \$120 to \$135. Registration will remain a \$100 nonrefundable fee.

In April, WQLN came in to PreK to provide a program about recycling. It was a hit with the students and good practice for the PreK kids to learn from an unfamiliar person. A Popluck fundraiser was held in February and it was well received by the preschool families as well as the church members. We raised a significant amount for our school. Evaluations were conducted in both January and May by the teacher. Mrs. Draushak was very pleased with the results. Preschool students were ready to be promoted to Pre-K and Pre-K students had the skills necessary to move on to Kindergarten. Graduation was held in the chapel with no restrictions on attendance. The slideshow of the year in pictures was a hit as was the songs sung by our graduates and those being promoted. The students all received either a graduation or promotion certificate. In addition, each student was given a character trait award highlighting a special positive character trait that they possess. A social with refreshments followed the ceremonies in the church hall. It was nice to socialize and enjoy some treats before saying our goodbyes!

Over the summer, Mrs. Oshlick painted the bathroom, the closet doors and a wall to refresh and brighten up the classroom. The teachers rearranged some of the furniture again and did some redecorating. We also went through learning materials and toys to weed out things that weren't being used or were damaged. Items in good condition were placed out for sale in the social hall. Leftover items were donated to charity. Tack strips were added in numerous places to hang artwork without damage to the walls.

The 2023-2024 school year began with orientation sessions for both classes that allowed the students and parents to meet the teachers and become acquainted with the schools policies and procedures. Once again, we had full classes with PreK having 12 students and Preschool having 10. The school continued with its nut free policy due to allergies. We moved our annual Popluck fundraiser to the Fall and it was the most successful yet, making over \$1300 for the school between sales and donations. The students treated their families to a presentation of their fall and Halloween songs while dressed in costume in the social hall on the mornings of the class Halloween parties. In December we combined our Christmas Party with pajama day. It was a day filled with fun games, a craft, and our annual book exchange. We also hosted a Christmas Program for our parents and loved ones. We sang our Thanksgiving and Christmas songs. We held it in the chapel and it was fantastic! Both classes did an outstanding job at standing at the altar and performing. We were very proud of them! Afterwards was a social with a very special set of surprise visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Draushak, FLP teacher

Faith Lutheran Preschool Board Report for 2023:

Faith Lutheran Preschool provides a nurturing, loving and developmentally appropriate program in accordance with all relevant legislation, policies and procedures.

Preschool board members: Pastor Jean, Deb Hackett, (President) ,Bunny McBride, Melissa Bradley (Secretary), Kayla Frederich (pre school parent) and James Tobin (pre K parent).

Treasurer: Dan McBride

Teacher: Kelly Draushak

Teacher's Aide: Jan Oshlick

Our preschool teacher was hired in February, 2020, and our Preschool Aide has been here for over 25 years.

Because of COVID, our class sizes continue to be down in numbers, so that COVID regulations can be more easily complied. We have 10 students enrolled in Preschool and 12 students enrolled in Pre K. Ideal class sizes are 10 Preschool and 14 Pre K. Financially, we need at least 8 Preschool students and 10 Pre K students to cover our payroll and miscellaneous costs.

The tuition payments almost fully cover the expenses of the school (salaries, supplies, taxes). Other monies come from donations from members of the congregation and fund raising activities.

Our fiscal year runs from August through July. As of now, in July, we will have approximately \$8000.00 to carry over into our next fiscal year. Our registrations, so far, look promising for the next school year.

The Board would like to thank the congregation for all the support you have given the Preschool, both in prayer and financially. Our fundraisers have been a great success with your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny McBride (Council liaison for the Preschool)

Dan McBride (Treasurer)

Report of the Endowment Committee

Committee members: Pastor Jean, Andrea Konkol (secretary), Dana Klaproth (treasurer), Andy Krahe, Alexis Peterson, Mike Zarger

Due to 2022 financial losses, per by-laws no funds were available for disbursement in 2023.

This year we are happy to say that we are open for business again with around \$7000 available in the following areas:

Scholarships and Grants – 40%
Outreach into the Community – 20%
Missions of the ELCA – 20%
Capital Improvements at Faith – 20 %.

Applications can be accessed on the church web page and in the church office,

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Zarger Committee chair

Playground Task Force

Committee:

Robert Dolak
Pastor Jean Kuebler
Amy Hall
Jan Oshlick
Richard Oshlick
Barbara Noonan

The Auxiliary Committee of the Playground Task Force was formed in 2021 to evaluate the interest, need, and efforts required to construct and operate a playground on the grounds of the church. The educational and recreational interest in a playground on the grounds would enable development of balance/coordination skills in the preschool classes as well as a fellowship and social benefit to members of the church and local community.

We executed on our fundraising opportunities through this year.

We have requested funding through 3 grants.

1. PNC Community Grant, Submitted in Sept: Request for site preparation (\$6,200)
2. General community and musical grants in memory from Pastor Gesler, Submitted in Sept: Request for musical components in the playground area (\$11,200)

3. ECGRA, Parks, Fields, and Trails Grant Program, Submitted in November: Request for the playground itself (~\$8,700) (this is a 50/50 shared funding opportunity)

To date, we have not heard back any response on outcomes, but looking forward to a response soon.

Our brick fundraiser has been ongoing throughout the year and we have sold almost 150 bricks towards our goal of 500. We are expecting to close out the advertising of the brick fundraiser at the end of 2023 and place an order for the bricks in early 2023. We sent out a mailing of about 300 families from former Preschool families and alumni to solicit brick sales in addition to the combined congregation and current Preschool listing.

Earlier this year we took a different direction with the playground construction. Rather than taking on the high expense of the original metal and plastic playground design, we moved in the direction of a vinyl playground arrangement. This allows a more cost-effective use of resources, allowance to include more enrichment items, and opportunity to procure quicker, with an easier construction/set-up requirement. This will allow a better evaluation of the playground use and benefits and will still last for years to come on the church grounds.

With this new playground direction and the possibility to procure in time before the current Pre-School class lets out for the summer, we took some of the existing funds in the Playground account and completed the ground preparation for the playground, located just to the north of the picnic pavilion. These funds are expected to be re-imbursed by grant funding, should we be awarded.

The current playground fund balance is \$9,385.81 as of December 8th.

An update was presented to the congregation at the annual fall meeting in October.

As we enter 2023, our efforts will be concentrated around making the playground a reality. As we wait for grant application results, we will be planning the timely order and install of the playground, paving bricks and other enrichment items for the pre-school and congregation to be able to use in 2024.

75th Anniversary Task Force

2023 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE

The following individuals are members of the 75th Anniversary Task Force:

Kathy Maas
Char Ray
Sandra Taccone
Pastor Jean

There have been several meetings of the 75th Anniversary Task Force in 2023. We will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church on October 6, 2024. Our task force committee plans a yearlong celebration. It began in October of 2023 with the collection of over 75 blankets and warm men's clothing for the Upper Room. November

was the month for 150 goodie gift bags for veterans at the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Erie. Both of these activities produced an outstanding amount of donations from the congregation. December is the month for acts of kindness to be posted on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. We will continue to do something new each month up until October 2024. Please look for these events each month in The Beacon and weekly Bulletins. Plans are being discussed and finalized for the 7th Anniversary Church Service on October 6, 2024 and the dinner to follow the church service. There will be one service on that Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church and Lawrence Park Golf Club is reserved for the dinner. We will develop a list of several people from the congregation and community to give brief remarks and we will develop a list of community members to invite to the anniversary service and dinner.

A booklet will be published which will include the history of Faith Lutheran Church and its property dating back to the 1700's. Also, this booklet will include Faith's pastors, organists, groups and their accomplishments, Faith ministries, events and Faith improvements.

Our mission theme is: "Rise up, O Saints of God"

Respectfully Submitted,

Char Ray

Reports of the Staff

Pastor's Report

Last year, I wrote about some of the specific ways we are living out our congregational mission in acts of worship, welcome, and service. This time around, I want to update you on some aspects of my ministry which may be less obvious. My call is to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, which means that my fundamental role is to preach and teach God's Word and administer the sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. Our Lutheran tradition teaches that the church is the assembly of believers who gather around Word and Sacrament, and that this is what nourishes our faith and strengthens us for our daily witness and service in the wider world. Other essential aspects of my pastoral ministry flow from this center of Word and Sacrament: I am called to pray for you all, for the church, and for the world; to care for the sick and the dying; to do my best to offer worship that is meaningful, beautiful, and consistent with our theological tradition; to perform funerals and weddings; to help promote good order and faithful administration in our congregational life; to empower others to serve in their various ministries; to serve those in need in our community; to advocate for peace and justice in every place; and, as best I can, to be a model of faithful living. Being human, I fulfill this call most imperfectly and incompletely. It is by the grace of God that I can do any of this at all!

Another aspect of my pastoral call is to serve the wider church—to promote collegiality, encourage ecumenical relationships, and to work to strengthen our Lutheran witness. One of the ways that I do this is by active participation in our Harborcreek Ministerium. This is a voluntary association of a number of the congregations in our township. The pastors meet several times a year for prayer and fellowship; we hold the Baccalaureate service at the High School as well as the Community Thanksgiving service; and we cooperate on social ministry and outreach in various ways. For the last couple of years (since Pastor Keith McGarvey's retirement), I have been honored to serve

as facilitator of the Ministerium. I have also continued to seek opportunities for collaboration and partnership with other congregations in our area; this year, we partnered with Messiah Lutheran and Eastminster and First Harborcreek Presbyterian Churches for Vacation Bible School, and First Harborcreek and Faith held a joint community Blessing of the Animals service.

A couple of years ago, our synod reorganized from smaller clusters to larger conferences. Faith is part of the Erie Lutheran Conference, which consists of the 18 ELCA congregations in Erie County. This spring, I was elected to serve a two-year term as Conference Dean, which is essentially a ministry of oversight and encouragement. My role as dean is first and foremost to pray for our congregations and rostered leaders; to assist and support congregations in pastoral transition; to promote collegiality among the rostered leaders; and to encourage closer cooperation and partnerships among our congregations. I served as dean for several years in my previous synod, and appreciate being able to serve in this way here in this very different context. I continue to serve on our synodical worship committee, which plans worship for synod assembly, the annual bishop's convocation, and other synodical events. I am an elected member of our synod's consultation committee, which reviews cases of clergy misconduct; I fervently hope that this committee will never have to meet! I have also recently been appointed to serve on a steering committee that will oversee a regional Lilly Grant, the goal of which is to provide training and encouragement for existing preachers and to raise up new preachers. I am grateful to be able to serve in these various ways.

This year, Faith marks its 75th anniversary. We will celebrate on the afternoon of Sunday, October 6th with a special worship service, followed by a dinner at the Lawrence Park Golf Club. Leading up to the actual anniversary date, we are celebrating with monthly outreach projects; so far, we have collected blankets and warm winter clothing for the Upper Room's Blizzard of Blankets, collected and distributed Thanksgiving goodie bags for all the residents at the Soldiers and Sailor Home, and recorded acts of kindness given and received. The Anniversary Task Force is working on a history booklet and a time line; we also hope to have a display and a PowerPoint ready for the anniversary weekend. If you have photos, artifacts, historical knowledge, or a little time and willing hands to help, please let us know!

Meanwhile, February 6, 2024 marks the 25th anniversary of my ordination; the congregation is organizing a potluck lunch on February 11th to celebrate, and a dear friend of mine will be coming up from my old synod to be our guest preacher that weekend. I remain amazed by God's grace and profoundly grateful for this strange and wonderful calling to serve as pastor in Christ's church. Thank you all for being companions on this journey, and thanks be to God for the continuing journey!

In faith and hope,

Pastor Jean N. Kuebler

Office Staff Report

This has been a crazy year for me, but I have to say the staff & congregation have been very welcoming. My staff Melissa & Richard are amazing, and a shout out to all the volunteers who have helped me throughout the year.

Debbie Carnall

Director of Music

As I write this, it is hard to believe that I have just finished my 3rd year as the Director of Music. Our wonderful volunteers in the choir continue to impress me with their dedication and growth as musicians and worship leaders. We hosted a number of concerts through the year, and I hope to continue bringing in concerts for our community to enjoy our space, both inside and out. Looking ahead, I am looking forward to helping plan the Liturgy for the 75th anniversary service, and have already been hard at work choosing music and hiring “The Cathedral Brass” quintet to help lead worship that day.

I look forward to what 2024 has to offer for our music ministry, and hope that it continues to grow and strengthen through the years.

Yours in Christ,

Brian J. Gray

Faith Lutheran Pastoral Acts

New Members Received in 2023

Received by Infant Baptism

Harper Quinn Nitkiewicz

Birthdate: May 2, 2022

Baptized on: January 7, 2023

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Father: Andrew Nitkiewicz

Mother: Chelsea (Gallagher) Nitkiewicz

Birthplace: Erie, PA

Baptized at: Faith Lutheran Church

Sponsors: Lyndsey Gallagher
Cody Steigerwald

Maverick Tolon

Birthdate: October 12, 2018

Baptized on: June 11, 2023

Father: Nicholas Tolon

Mother: Mariah Briggs

Birthplace: Erie, PA

Baptized at: Faith Lutheran Church

Sponsors: Jordyn Malina
Brandon Zimmerman

Arthur Felix Nebel

Birthdate: June 7, 2023

Baptized on: November 12, 2023

Father: Daniel Nebel

Mother: Lynzie (Collard) Nebel

Birthplace: Erie, PA

Baptized at: Faith Lutheran Church

Sponsors: Stephanie DeVecchio
David Ring

Sullivan Mark Allen

Birthdate: August 6, 2023

Baptized on: December 31, 2023

Birthplace: Erie, PA

Baptized at: Faith Lutheran Church

Father: Matthew Allen
Mother: Christa (Concilla) Allen

Sponsors: Danielle Concilla
Anthony Concilla

Received by Transfer

Don and Jeanne Rhodes

Received on January 14, 2023, by transfer from the former St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Kathy Gustafson

Received on March 12, 2023, by transfer from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Fairview

Clint and Adrienne Logue

Received on June 4, 2023, by transfer from Messiah Lutheran Church, Wesleyville

Received by Affirmation of Faith

Megan Eckroat

Received on December 22, 2022

Weddings

Joan Sitek and Glenn Williams III

Married on July 8, 2023

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Married at their residence, 984 Parkside Drive, Erie

Deborah Lynn Marshall and Roger Scott Bigley

Married on July 27, 2023

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Private exchange of vows at Faith Lutheran Church, outdoor sanctuary

Celebration of marriage on August 19, 2023

at the Marshall farm, 9797 Sidehill Road, North East

Sarah Chuplis and William Maas

Married on September 9, 2023

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Married at Faith Lutheran Church, outdoor sanctuary

Funerals

Christine Church

DOB: November 4, 1951

Birth place: Erie, PA

Died on: January 1, 2023

Death place: Erie, PA

Funeral on: January 8, 2023

Funeral at: Dusckas-Taylor F.H.

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Charles Higby

DOB: February 14, 1938
Died on: January 12, 2023
Funeral on: January 21, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas F.H.

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Joseph Malina

DOB: May 25, 1935
Died on: February 17, 2023
Funeral on: February 20, 2023
Interment: Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA
Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Alan Vanderweele

DOB: August 9, 1939
Died on: February 26, 2023
Funeral on: April 1, 2023
Funeral at: St. Paul's Lutheran, Corry

Birth place: Cleveland, OH
Death place: San Antonio, TX

Officiant: Rev. Brian Eiss

Marie DiGangi

DOB: July 26, 1935
Died on: March 1, 2023
Funeral on: March 6, 2023
Funeral at: Faith Lutheran Church
Interment: Erie County Memorial Gardens

Birth place: Jamestown, NY
Death place: Fairview, PA

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Gail Bryson

DOB: March 2, 1941
Died on: March 24, 2023
Funeral on: March 17, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas F.H.

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Gerald Goldsmith

DOB: March 12, 1949
Died on: March 31, 2023
Funeral on: April 8, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas-Martin F.H.
Interment: Linesville Cemetery

Birth place: Geneva, OH
Death place: North Port, FL

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Chuck Geiger

DOB: January 9, 1972
Died on: April 21, 2023
Funeral on: April 27, 2023
Funeral at: Schmidt F.H.
Interment: Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Corey Sadzewicz

DOB: March 7, 2000
Died on: May 20, 2023
Funeral on: May 26, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas-Taylor F.H.

Birth place: Toledo, OH
Death place: Erie, PA
Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Donna Stafford

DOB: November 30, 1930
Died on: June 27, 2023
Funeral on: July 6, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas F.H.
Interment: Laurel Hill Cemetery

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA
Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Betty Kiehl

DOB: March 21, 1941
Died on: June 19, 2023
Funeral on: June 22, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas F.H.

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA
Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Stacie Oberacker

DOB: August 21, 1957
Died on: July 23, 2023
Funeral on: July 27, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas-Taylor F.H.
Interment: Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA
Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

J. Eric Johnson

DOB: March 15, 1954
Died on: July 25, 2023
Funeral on: July 28, 2023
Funeral at: Faith Lutheran Church

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA
Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Christy Harvey

DOB: December 8, 1957
Died on: July 28, 2023
Funeral on: July 31, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas F.H.
Interment: Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA
Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Noah James Waldron

DOB: October 7, 1991
Died on: September 14, 2023
Funeral on: September 23, 2023
Funeral at: Faith Lutheran Church

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA
Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Gary Stancliff

DOB: June 24, 1981
Died on: October 1, 2023
Funeral on: October 7, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas-Taylor F.H.
Sutherland

Birth place: Union City, PA
Death place: Erie, PA

Officiant: Rev. William

Anna Mae Trohoski

DOB: March 17, 1931
Died on: November 9, 2023
(No services)

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA

Carmen Bell

DOB: January 15, 1932
Died on: November 18, 2023
Funeral on: November 21, 2023
Funeral at: Kloecker-Bailey F.H.

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Eric More Marshall

DOB: March 12, 1944
Died on: December 2, 2023
Funeral on: December 10, 2023
Funeral at: Faith Lutheran Church

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: North East, PA

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Patricia Hayes

DOB: September 2, 1940
Died on: December 16, 2023
Funeral on: December 21, 2023
Funeral at: Dusckas F.H.

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA

Officiant: Rev. Jean N. Kuebler

Priscilla Noyes

DOB: June 19, 1942
Died on: December 22, 2023

Birth place: Erie, PA
Death place: Erie, PA

Removed from Membership***By death:***

Joseph Malina, by death on February 17, 2023
Alan Vanderweele, by death on February 26, 2023
Donna Stafford, by death on June 27, 2023
J. Eric Johnson, by death on July 25, 2023
Noah Waldron, by death on September 14, 2023
Anna Trohoski, by death on November 9, 2023
Eric Marshall, by death on December 2, 2023
Priscilla Noyes, by death on December 22, 2023

