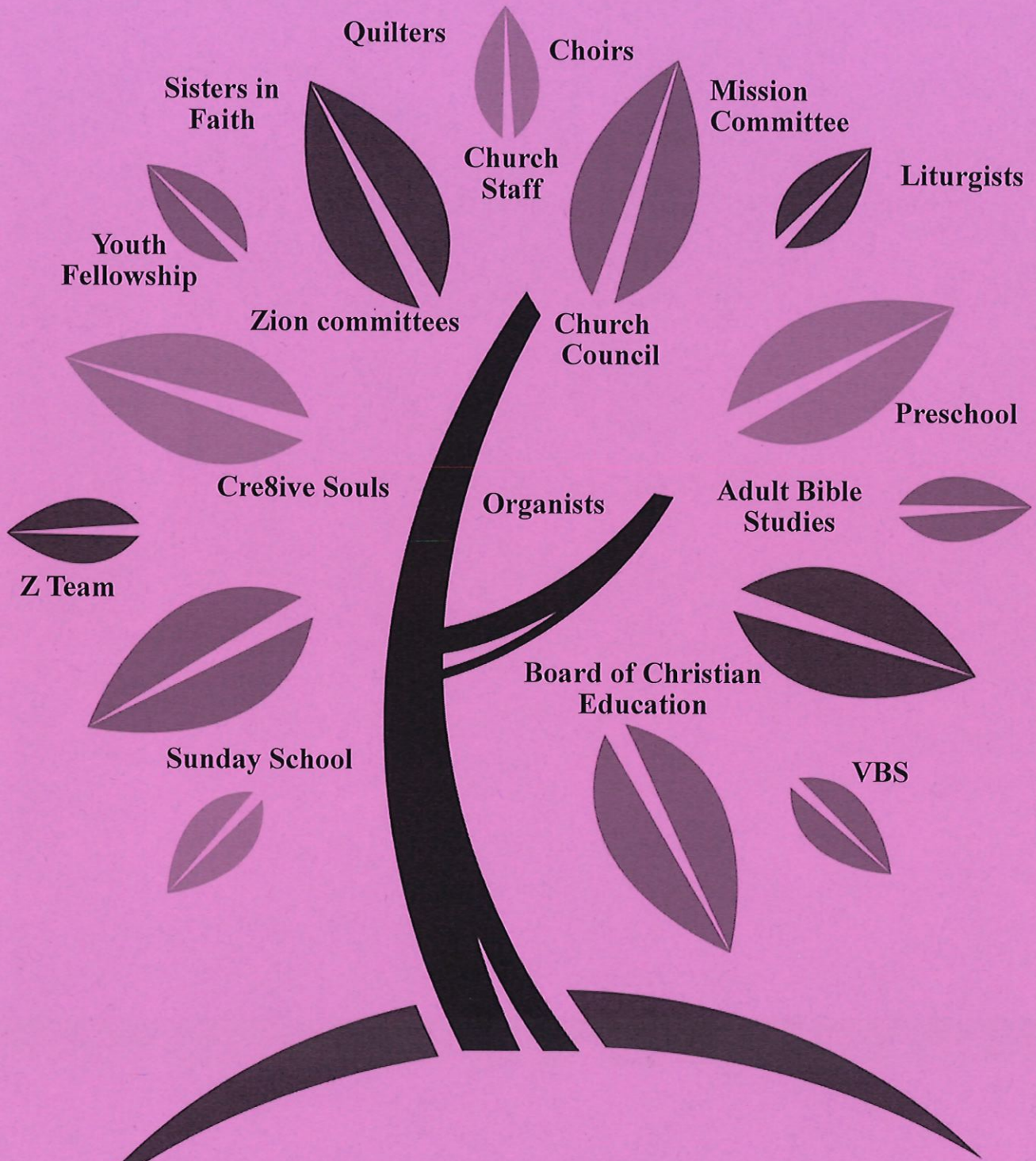
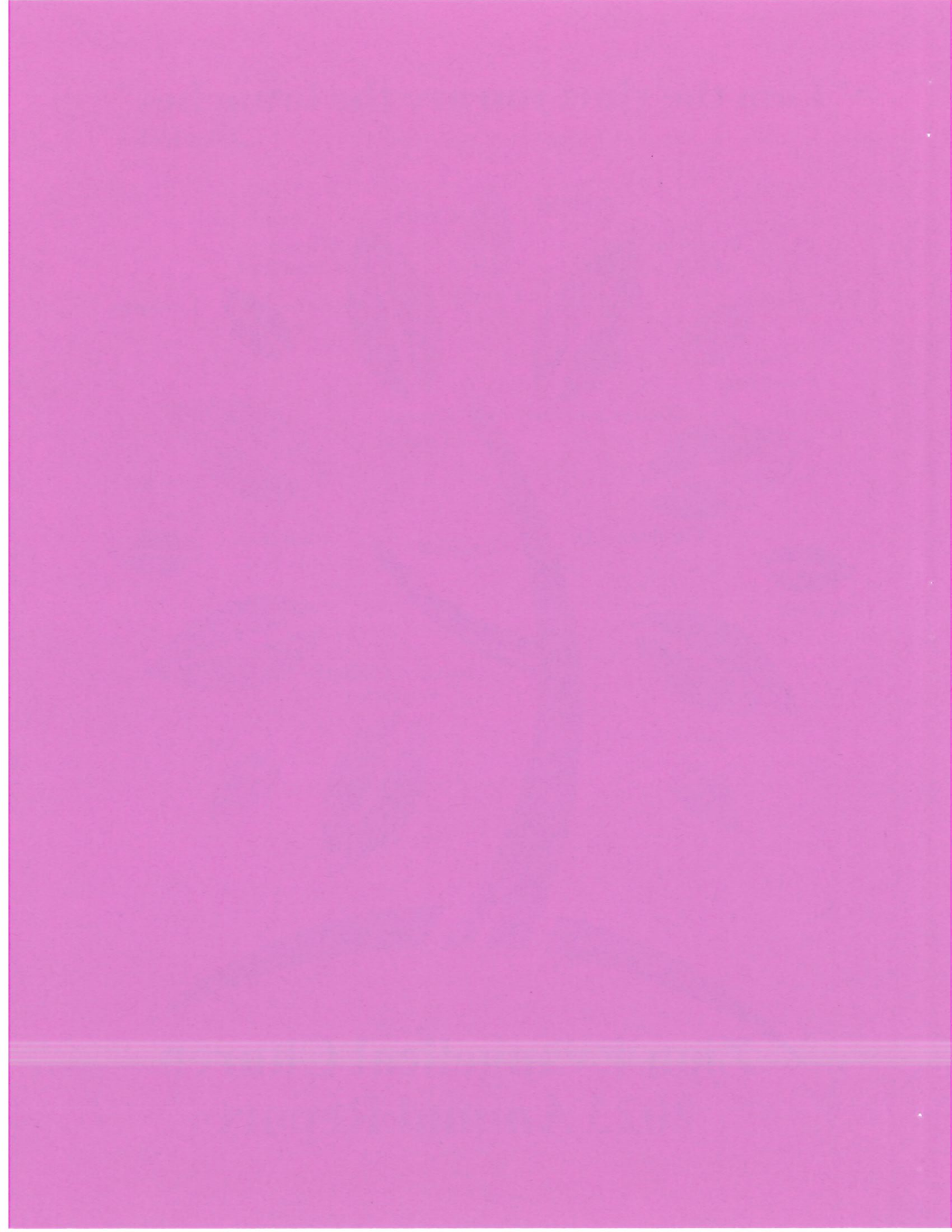


**“I am the vine, you are the branches”**

**John 15:5**



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# Mission Statement

As servants of Jesus Christ  
commissioned by His grace,  
we the persons in Community at Zion Church,  
live so as to  
advance God's Kingdom,  
with God's power,  
for God's Glory.





AGENDA FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from 2023
3. Audit Committee Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. In-Loving-Trust Window Fund

Interest is:	2021	\$2,149.06
	2022	\$1,671.94
		-84.95
	<u>2023</u>	<u>\$3,881.97</u>
		\$7,618.01

Council recommendation is a Timberline S17 Floor Scrubber from Dutch Hollow Supplies in Belleville, IL for cleaning the Fellowship Hall floor at a cost of \$5,999.99

6. Old Business
  - A.) AJ Scharf Purchase of Church Park Property
  - B.)
  - C.)
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  - C.)
8. Closing Prayer & The Lord's Prayer





# Pastor's Year End Report

January 2024

**Greetings!** Darrell, a pastor of *Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Zion Evangelical Church, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* (adapted from Ephesians 1:1-2).

Paul often opened his letters with the phrase “*to the saints in ...*” Saints, are holy ones. Do you feel holy? Are you in fact holy? We connect holy with pure and righteous, almost angelic. So, it is natural that you and I and Christians in general don't feel or think of ourselves as “*saints.*” Especially in the light of the extraordinary requirements that the Roman Catholic Church uses to declare a person to be a saint.

But, Paul writes to the churches and declares its members, you and me, to be “*saints.*” For to be “*holy*” (the same Greek word for “*saint*”) is to be set apart by God, to be different from the rest of humanity (Leviticus 19:26). In receiving and believing in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, you have been set apart by God. John 1:12 declares that you have “*become the children of God.*”

Scripture declares that “*You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy,*” (Leviticus 19:2, 26 and 1 Peter 1:16). We often think of our efforts to make ourselves “*holy*” in God's eyes. Indeed, we are to strive after Christ-like holiness (Hebrews 12:14). Yet “*holiness*” isn't the result of our work, but the result of the Spirit's work within us.

By believing in Jesus you have been “*sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*” (Ephesians 1:13). For, the Spirit “*is the guarantee of our inheritance,*” (Ephesians 1:14). The inheritance of eternal life with God. The promise is “*that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ,*” (Philippians 1:6).

So, you and I are declared, by Scripture, to be “*saints,*” to be “*holy,*” by God's Grace, in response to your faith, that is placed in His Son, Jesus the Christ. There are days when you and I may not feel like a saint or act like a saint, but God has declared it to be so. And, He by His Spirit will bring this to completion for His own glory, honor and praise (as Philippians 1:6 ends).

So, to the “*saints*” of Zion Evangelical Church.

I rejoice with you that:

- 1) our congregation is now 189 years old;
- 2) we are ordaining Bill Savering to Christian ministry and are sending him to 2 sister Evangelical Association Churches near Owensville, MO: St. Paul - Cooper Hill and St. James – Charlotte;
- 3) our in service Worship attendance increased from an average of 66.69 in 2022 to 69.29 in 2023;
- 4) our Missions giving greatly increased from \$14,167.26 in 2022 to \$19,478.72 in 2023;
- 5) our General Fund was once again in the black. See the Treasurer's Report at this Annual Report;
- 6) our church facilities and grounds, including the Church Park and Freivogel Cemetery are well maintained and even improved, with much thanks to our Z-Team men and women, as was shown at our November Annual Meeting;
- 7) our Preschool had a turn-around from being down to 13 children (3 and 4 year-olds) in the 2022-23 school year to being back up to 18 in 2023-24, and that our own, Marcia Twellman continues to be the teachers aide in the Preschool;
- 8) our Vacation Bible School had a tremendous rebound, from being down to 37 children in 2022 to being up to 62 children in 2023.

For these and many more reasons, we the saints of Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, rejoice in the LORD! Recall the second verse of that powerful hymn, “**Holy, Holy, Holy.**” It is:

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

May we, “*the saints who are faithful,*” continually reach out to our own children and grandchildren, and to the young families, youth and children of our congregation. May we be used by the Spirit to call them to “*not neglect to meet together ... but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near,*” (**Hebrews 10:25**). May we be used by the Spirit “*to stir up one another to love and good works,*” (**Hebrews 10:24**). May we be used by the Spirit “*to equip the saints (of Zion) for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*” this our own congregation and church. And, May the LORD God Almighty – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – “*give*” Zion Evangelical Church (that is you and me individually, our families, and us, corporately as a congregation) “*a future and a hope,*” (**Jeremiah 29:11**).

As we move into this New Year of 2024, we move closer to the Day, even the hour that the great Hymn, “**For All the Saints,**” will be fulfilled. Carry the words of the first and last verse with you throughout this New Year.

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Or the more lively tune of “**Oh When the Saints.**”

*Oh, when the Saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the Saints go marching in,  
O LORD, I want to be in that number,  
When the Saints go marching in.*

To the “Saints” of Zion, a blessed New Year of Life, abundant and eternal, in, thru and for our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Darrell Weber

# Membership Statistics for 2023

January 2024

Active membership as of January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	341
Confirmed	1
New Members – Profession of Faith	0
New Members – Transfer	7
Sub Total	8
Deaths	7
Transfer	7
Removal	86
Made Inactive	0
Sub Total	100
Active membership as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	249
Inactive Members	140
Total Membership	389
Baptisms in 2023	4
Weddings in 2023	0
Funerals in 2023	10
(7 active members; 1 former/inactive members; 2 non-members)	



# Christian Education Year End Report

January 2024

Our 2023 Board of Christian Education (BCE) was *Jeri Arnold, Jodi Notter* and *Debbie Doerr*. *Jeri* leaves the BCE and *Heather Kish* joins in 2024

## Sunday School

As you can see in the table below, our Sunday School enrollment continues to drop, from 29 in 2021-22, to 25 in 2022-23, to 20 in 2023-24.

	#	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	Year
2021-22	29	21.33	19.80	19.40	13.75	16.40	19.25	16.25	19.75	9.40	18.40
2022-23	25	16.33	15.20	15.40	13.67	14.00	13.00	13.75	12.20	12.33	13.97
2023-24	20	13.67	12.80	13.00	14.67						

Special thanks to our Sunday School teachers:

Pre-K & Kindergarten – *Jodi Notter & Joyce Tastad*

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades - *Marcia Twellman*

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Stacy Woehlke & Debbie Doerr*

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Sherri Vogt*

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades (Confirmation) – *Pastor Darrell Weber*

High School – *Joshua Seidlitz and Jessica Seidlitz*

Adult Classe – *Bill Savering*

We have been attempting to reach out to our younger uninvolved families, but with little to no success. Plans are to reduce the number of Sunday School classes next year, as the number of children in each class shrinks.

A special thanks to *Kelly Riemann* and *Stacy Woehlke* and our Sunday School children and families for their time and effort in doing such a wonderful Sunday School Christmas program “**The Names of Jesus**” (on Dec. 17).

## Confirmation

We continue to use **The Journey** confirmation material from the Evangelical Covenant Church (<http://www.covchurch.org>). It is a 2-year study of the Bible. The first year covers the Old Testament and the second year covers the New Testament.

We also use the 1896 edition of the **Evangelical Catechism** from our Evangelical Association (<http://www.evangelicalassociation.org>).

In 2023 we confirmed one youth: *Jacob Doerr*. The class for 2024 is: *Katelyn Allen, Wesley Hale, Josephina Riemann* and *Ella Weaver*. And the class for 2025 is *Caleb Doerr*.

## Vacation Bible School

We held **Group’s Stellar** VBS from June 5 through 9. We had an upswing in attendance compared to the previous 2 years. Note: In 2022, St. James Catholic Church had the same VBS program that we had one week before us. See the table below for a comparison of the last 3 years. Our VBS is an outreach to the Millstadt community, and many of the children who attend our VBS are members of area churches.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Children/from Zion</u>	<u>Youth/from Zion</u>	<u>Adults/from Zion</u>
2021	Rocky Railway	54 / 6	19 / 7	18 / 15
2022	Monumental	37 / 8	19 / 3	16 / 14
2023	Stellar	62 / 8	18 / 6	18 / 17

Of the 62 children, 8 were from Zion (*Jocelyn Doerr, Micah Doerr, Henry Mehrstens, Oliver Mehrstens, Sadie Notter, Wyatt Notter, Tessa Pellmann* and *Olivia Wolfmeier*).

We also had 18 youth helpers, 6 from Zion (*Katelyn Allen, Caleb Doerr, Jacob Doerr, Lucy Mehrstens, Alessandra Riemann* and *Josephina Riemann*).

And 18 adult leaders, 17 from Zion (*Jeri Arnold, Ginger Bourn, Darrell Doerr, Debbie Doerr, Jessica Doerr, Sue Hoffelmeyer, Linda Hopfinger, Annette Hund, Kay Mehrstens, Elaine Morris, Jodi Notter, Vicki Pellmann, Mary Lou Peter, Kathi Trent, Marcia Twellmann, Pastor Darrell* and *Marjie Weber*) and our Administrative Assistant, *Amanda Friedrich* was our other adult leader.

The theme was the Outer Space. The 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders built 30 rockets, and we flew them at the Church Park on Thursday. One landed on the roof of Mac Medical, and two got hung up high in trees. We also had telescope viewing on Thursday night at the Church Park. We had a big inflatable water slide on Friday and the closing program and lunch, that was attended by many parents.

We learned that “*When life feels dark...shine Jesus’ light!*” (John 8:12), “*When people don’t get along...shine Jesus’ light!*” (Romans 12:16), “*When good things happen...shine Jesus’ light!*” (Psalm 100:1), “*When people are sad...shine Jesus’ light!*” (John 14:1), and “*When people need help...shine Jesus’ light!*” (Matthew 5:16). Interwoven in each day’s theme was the account of Joseph’s life from the book of Genesis.

### Youth Group

Our Youth Group, Junior High and High School ceased to exist. Youth and parent interest dropped to zero.

### Zion Preschool

Our Monday, Wednesday, Friday Preschool is taught by *Sheila Peters* (pastor’s wife of First Baptist Church in Columbia, IL), with our own, *Marcia Twellman* as the aide.

We had 18 3 and 4 year-old preschoolers (our facilities’ limit) for the 2021-22 school year (which follows the MCS schedule). We dropped down to 13 for the 2022-23 school year. But, we are back up to 18 for the 2023-24 school year.

### Summary

Our strongest aspects of Christian Education are our Preschool, which serves children outside of Zion, as well as our VBS, which mostly serves children outside of Zion. These are going well. However, we haven’t been able to attract any of these children and their families to join Zion.

The decline of our Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth Groups paints a very dim picture for the future of Zion. This problem isn’t unique to Zion. A great many churches are struggling as we are.

*Therefore, I urge you to be in prayer to the Heavenly Father in Jesus’ Name. I urge you to be in conversation with family and friends that have strayed away. And, I urge you to share youth faith in Jesus with newcomers to Millstadt and to your neighborhood.*

# Zion's Missions Committee Year End Report

"The Hands and Feet of Christ"

January 2024

The purpose of Zion's Mission Committee is to identify opportunities for us, as a local church, to reach out to others in our local community, our region, and even beyond our American borders, with the love of Christ in tangible ways. This report recaps our 2023 giving so that all can see the progress we are making as a church. We encourage you to review our mission giving and pray about your continued future involvement in missions at Zion.

Zion participates in several great missions. Watch the Visitor for the Mission's Team monthly report for more detailed descriptions of each mission that we are supporting. In addition to the monthly missions, other mission giving opportunities often arise during the year. The missions we have supported during 2023 are summarized here with the amount of Zion's financial gifts to each of these missions:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>Total Given</b>
January	Life Network of Southern Illinois	\$2,024.72
February	African Vision of Hope	\$1,198.00
February	Church World Service Blanket Sunday	\$1,345.00
March	Kids for Christ – Millstadt School	\$740.00
April	Compassion Kids	\$770.00
May	Feed My Starving Children	\$439.00
June	Gideon's International	\$1,254.00
July	Wycliffe Bible Translators - Jon & Carol Shaneyfelt	\$870.00
August	Millstadt Senior Center	\$420.00
September	99.1 Joy FM	\$339.00
October	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Postage	\$1,710.00
October	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - 127	\$2,425.00
November	Millstadt Food Pantry	\$1,247.00
December	Salvation Army - Area Shelters	\$1,322.00
All Year	Salvation Army - Ukraine	\$1,725.00
All Year	Deacon's Fund	\$1,650.00
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		\$19,478.72

This report does not include the monthly donation of food and supplies for the Millstadt Food Pantry nor for the 'Giving Tree' in December which is 'Life Network' Christmas gifts.

In addition, several families in our congregation also sponsor children through Compassion International.





Sisters in Faith  
Annual Report 2023

Sisters in Faith began our year by having to cancel our annual Cabin Fever, again, due to the upswing in COVID worries. We served a Lenten meal and were able to hold our regular Spring meetings.

Sisters in Faith helped with pricing of items and worked the day at the Community Yard Sale. We also hosted our annual Spring Luncheon in May. We worked to set up and help out at Vacation Bible School in June. We assisted in funeral luncheons when requested. Always a big thank you to our guys who do all the heavy lifting!

Our Fall meetings began in September. With the generous help of the ladies in the church we had many delicious pies to serve for the Wurstmarkt and helped with the meal packing process. We did enjoy being able to host our Annual Christmas Luncheon in December to honor the quilters and staff.

Sisters in Faith are always happy to welcome fresh faces to our meetings and activities.

We would like to thank each of you for your support and assistance in serving our church and the community.

Yours in Christ,

Charlotte Mehtens

President



Congregation Annual Meeting November 12, 2023

Zion annual meeting was called to order at 11:26 A.M. by President Kurt Pellmann with Pastor Darrell Weber opening in prayer. Seventy- Two members were present for the meeting.

Gary Shondy came forward and gave the Z team activities stating that the new shed was finished and being used. The old bridge has been replaced since the beams were rotted out and no longer safe to use. Lee's Hardware replaced the beams free since they were lifetime proof.

The radiators in church were all taken out and refinished and painted and returned to church this summer and fall. The new fence at the cemetery has been finished and some headstone repaired.

Election of new council member was taken with Joshua Seidlitz, Kurt Tegtmeier, and Andrew Taake. Dale Gruenewald motioned to accept new council members seconded by Rich Hoffelmeyer; motion carried. Board of Christian Education for Heather Kish, Les Mehrstens make a motion to accept Heather and seconded by Ginger Bourn; motion carried.

Betty Keller Timmer, Chair Person for the Budget committee, presented the budget. After some discussion, Bill Savering made a motion to accept the budget and Barb Scharf seconded the motion; motion carried.

At this time A.J. Scharf came forward to speak to the members about buying an acre of property at church park. They bought the Old Millstadt Township building many years ago and need to expand their business here in town. They would like to buy the property behind the Township fenced in lot and over to their present building. Members held discussions with the Scharf's as their plans for the future. A.J. replied that they would like to stay in Millstadt because of their customers and being able to put more tax money back into the Village. After much discussion they were asked to leave so that members could discuss what to do with the property, if we wanted to sell the piece of land or hold on to it. Andrew Taake made the motion seconded by Dale Gruenewald to vote by paper ballot yes to sell or no to keep. Vote was 40 YES and 32 NO; property will be sold. Bob Timmer motioned to sell for \$40,000.00 and Bob Seidlitz seconded the motion; motion carried.

A motion was made by Dale Gruenewald and seconded by Dave Woehlke to pave the parking lot at the church parking lot, the cost would be \$53,000.00; vote was lost.

Motion by Rich Trent and seconded by Bill Savering to close meeting at 12:45 P.M. Meeting closed with the Lord Prayer.

Zion Evangelical Congregational Meeting - January 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Gruenewald at 11:20 a.m. with 60 members in attendance. Pastor Darrell Weber gave the opening prayer.

Church leaders for the 2023 - 2025 term were nominated and presented at the November Congregational meeting, but because there was not a quorum at that meeting, they could not be approved. The Church leaders for 2023 - 2025 term were presented for election again at this meeting. The following members nominated to serve on Church Council for this term are Darren Doerr, Betty Keller-Timmer, and Sherry Wynn. Debbie Doerr was nominated to serve on Board of Christian Education for this term. Annette Hund made motion to accept the nominees and it was seconded by Jeannine Kochmann. Motion carried.

The proposed budget for 2023 was reviewed at the November congregational meeting, but because there was not a quorum at that meeting, the budget could not be approved. The proposed budget was presented again at this meeting. Bill Savering made motion to approve the budget. Motion was seconded by Roger Davis. Motion carried.

Minutes from the January 30, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rich Hoffmeyer and seconded by Kathi Trent. Motion carried.

Audit Report: The audit committee of Jonathan Arnold, Ralph Bourn, Raymond Holt Reported the  
books in order. President Dale Gruenewald thanked the committee for their time.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed. Barb Scharf made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, motion was seconded by Linda Hopfinger. Motion carried.

In Loving Trust Window: In 2021, the council recommended that the interest from the In Loving Trust Window be used to purchase and additional AED Unit. Because the unit was unable to be attained (on back order for a year), the council recommendation was to cancel that order and return the interest back into the In Loving Trust Window Fund.

The 2022 interest is \$1671.94. The council is recommending using this money to replace the smoke detectors throughout the church facilities as needed and to put towards removal, sandblasting, repainting and reinstall action of the sanctuary radiators.

Dave Woelke made a motion to follow the council recommendations for the interest, seconded by Joyce Taastad. Motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business: It has been recommended that a new lawn mower be purchased to maintain the Church Park. There is \$15,000 in the Mower Fund. If the price would exceed \$15,000, the Z-Team will pay the balance. Dave Woelke made a motion to approve the purchase of the lawn mower. The motion was seconded by Ray Holt. Motion carried.

Discussion was held to lower the quorum for the congregational meetings from the current number of 40 members down to 30 members. A vote was taken to lower the quorum and it did not pass. Quorum will remain at 40.

The November congregational meeting will be moved up to the 2nd week of November to avoid it being held on the same day as other community activities that occur in November.

It was suggested that the Church look into hiring a music director. Bill Savering made a motion that a committee be formed to look into this possibility. Tracy Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no other business, Rich Trent made a motion to adjourn with a second by Bill Savering. Motion carried at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald

Secretary - Charlotte Mehrtens

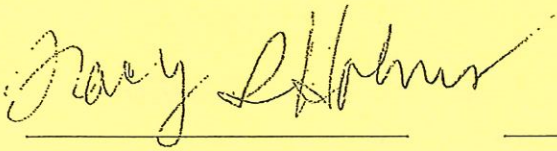
# 2023 Mid-Year Audit Committee Report

July 11, 2023

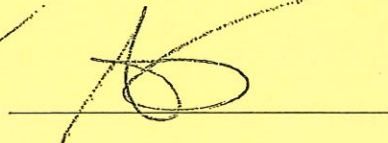
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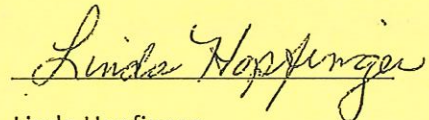
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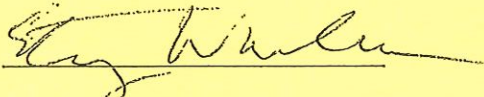
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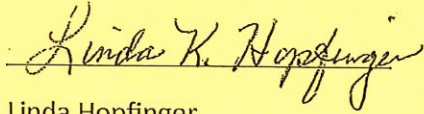
Audit and Budget

# 2023 Year-End Audit Committee Report

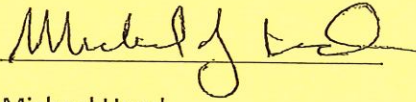
January 10, 2024

At the direction of the Zion Evangelical Church Council President, Mr. Kurt Pellmann, I scheduled a year-end audit of the 2023 church financials on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2024. The audit was performed by Ms. Linda Hopfinger, ~~Ms. Stacy Woehlke and Mr. Mike Hund.~~  
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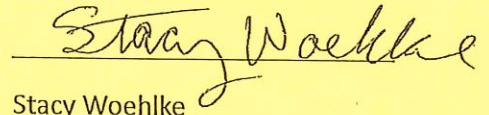
Respectfully submitted,



Linda Hopfinger



Michael Hund



Stacy Woehlke

Better Keller-Timmer

Audit and Budget

## ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

### 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Money Market, Certificate of Deposits and Notes in the listed Funds

FUND NAMES	BALANCE	INCOME	TRANSFER/ DONATION	EXPENSE	TRANSFER	BALANCE
	as of 12/31/22					as of 12/31/23
Freivogel Cemetery	\$ 192,351.28	\$ 8,903.67	\$ 79,237.26	\$ 21,271.69		\$ 259,220.52
Baltz Cemetery	\$ -	\$ 409.62	\$ 44,241.66	\$ 1,915.00		\$ 42,736.28
ILTW Fund	\$ 119,461.04	\$ 5,555.43		\$ 84.95	\$ -	\$ 124,931.52
ILTW Fund Interest	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Memorial	\$ 56,875.45	\$ 9,707.83		\$ 150.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 66,308.28
Music	\$ 6,329.64					\$ 6,329.64
Organ Repair	\$ -					\$ -
Special Sunday School	\$ -					\$ -
Stained Glass Window	\$ 4,000.00					\$ 4,000.00
Park Gazebo	\$ -					\$ -
MFischer Gift Fund	\$ 329,788.40	\$ 5,975.12			\$ 1,174.67	\$ 334,588.85
MFischer Gift Fund Balance-xfr to Fund	\$ -					\$ -
J&M Eckert Gift Fund	\$ 187,730.71	\$ 3,600.46		\$ 2,635.46		\$ 188,695.71
Deacon	\$ 2,383.75	\$ 1,650.00		\$ 600.00		\$ 3,433.75
Elevator	\$ 14,741.00	\$ 1,025.00			\$ -	\$ 15,766.00
IH Investment	\$ -					\$ -
IH Property Sale Proceeds	\$ 52,267.87			\$ 17,020.98		\$ 35,246.89
EJ Money Market Stock (was SW Bancorp)	\$ -					\$ -
Future Park Projects	\$ -					\$ -
Mower Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 100.00				\$ 3,924.25
Youth Fund Balance	\$ -		\$ 1,466.50			\$ 1,466.50
General Fund Checking	\$ 75,814.01			\$ 8,099.88		\$ 67,714.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,056,743.15</b>	<b>\$ 36,927.13</b>	<b>\$ 124,945.42</b>	<b>\$ 62,953.71</b>	<b>\$ 1,299.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,154,362.32</b>

- o The 2021 ILTW Interest (\$2149.05) was transferred in December 2021 to the general fund to spend. In December 2022 it was transferred back to the ILTW Fund. Was not able to procure the AED as recommended by the Council and approved at the January 2022 Congregation Mtg.
- o For 2022, the ILTW Fund interest was \$1671.94. We used \$84.95 of this for new smoke detectors. The remaining balance of \$1,586.99 is in the ILTW Fund account.
- o For 2023, the ILTW Fund interest was \$3,881.97. This remains in the ILTW Fund account.
- o During 2023 we received a very generous gift from the Jim and Mary Eckert Estate.
  - We received \$80,195.26 designated for the Cemetery. These funds have been added to our Cemetery Fund
- o In November 2023, the Council approved setting up a Baltz Cemetery Investment c/d for \$40,000 using funds from the Baltz Cemetery account.
- o During 2023 Funds from the Mower Fund were used to pay for a new lawn mower for the Park.
- o In 2022, the 3 acre property East of town that was donated by Irma Hecke was sold for \$84,637.67. In 2023, \$17,020.98 of the funds were used to complete the new shed and landscaping at the park.
- o In 2023, \$21,214.73 from the Cemetery Fund was used to pay for a new fence at Freivogel Cemetery.

2023 Money Market and Checking Accounts			Total Fund	Less
	MMA	GF	Balance	Investment
31 December 2023 Closing	\$95,792.61	\$70,999.95		
MFisher Fund-MMA Balance	\$939.60		\$334,588.85	\$333,649.25
ILTWF-MMA Balance	\$7,834.29		\$124,931.52	\$117,097.23
Freivogle Cemetery Fund-MMA Balance	\$1,578.84		\$259,220.52	\$257,641.68
Baltz Cemetery Fund-MMA Balance	\$2,326.66		\$42,736.28	\$40,409.62
Memorial Fund-MMA Balance	\$10,907.95		\$66,308.28	\$55,400.33
J&M Eckert Fund-MMA Balance	\$2,038.24		\$188,695.71	\$186,657.47
IHecke Prop Sale-MMA Balance	\$35,246.89			
Stain Glass Window Fund	\$4,000.00			
Mower Fund	\$3,924.25			
Future Park Projects Fund				
Elevator Fund	\$15,766.00			
Music Fund	\$6,329.64			
Youth Fund	\$1,466.50			
Deacons Fund	\$3,433.75			
IRS Liability		\$2,777.94		
IL Dept. of Revenue Liability		\$507.88		
General Fund		\$67,714.13		
Total Funds Balance	\$95,792.61	\$70,999.95		
Account Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00		
		\$0.00		



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GENERAL FUND**

INCOME	2023 Budget	2023 12/31/2023	2024 Budget
Offerings		\$ 173,636.31	
Offerings-On Line		\$ -	
Lent		\$ 1,795.00	
Sunday School		\$ 20.00	
Food Pantry		\$ 1,247.00	
Youth		\$ 1,466.50	
Senior Center		\$ 520.00	
KFC Kids for Christ		\$ 740.00	
SA Salvation Army		\$ 1,322.00	
Salvation Army Disaster Relieve--Ukraine		\$ 1,725.00	
Life Network		\$ 2,074.72	
Blanket Sunday		\$ 1,345.00	
Music Offering		\$ -	
Vacation Bible School		\$ 1,160.80	
Wycliffe Bible		\$ 895.00	
Gideon International		\$ 1,279.00	
Z-Team Projects Offering		\$ 20.00	
Cemetary Memorials/Income		\$ 800.00	
Cemetary Donations		\$ 600.00	
Memorial Donations		\$ 7,394.00	
Operation Christmas Child		\$ 1,710.00	
Missions Projects/Stewardship		\$ -	
Joy 99.1 FM		\$ 364.00	
Feed my Starving Children		\$ 439.00	
African Vision of Hope		\$ 1,198.00	
Preschool Income		\$ 30,500.00	
Zion Church Use		\$ -	
Fellowship Hall Use		\$ 765.00	
Zion Park Use		\$ 460.00	
Future Park Projects		\$ -	
Donations Misc.		\$ (25.00)	
Compassion Kids		\$ 770.00	
IN & OUT		\$ 613.79	
Flowers In & Out		\$ 420.00	
Fellowship Projects & Events-family night, games, etc.		\$ 7,167.00	
Zion Trivia Night		\$ 5,221.00	
Investment Income/Loss & Interest		\$ 26,027.55	
Wurstmarkt		\$ -	
Homecoming		\$ -	
Deacons Fund Income/Donations		\$ 1,650.00	
Elevator Fund		\$ 1,000.00	
<b>INCOME GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 276,320.67</b>	

preschool income	\$ 30,500.00
missions income	\$ 16,325.22
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$ 229,495.45</b>

EXPENSES		2023 Budget	2023 12/31/2023	2024 Budget
<b>Christian Education</b>				
Church School		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,743.65	\$ 2,000.00
Vacation Bible School		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,283.50	\$ 2,800.00
Adult Groups		\$ 500.00	\$ 351.88	\$ 550.00
Youth Groups		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Confirmation		\$ 300.00	\$ 303.46	\$ 500.00
<b>Worship</b>				
Altar Supplies		\$ 200.00	\$ 402.16	\$ 600.00
Worship Bulletins		\$ 700.00	\$ 717.16	\$ 700.00
Music & Choir		\$ 100.00	\$ 18.56	\$ 100.00
Music Copyright		\$ 250.00	\$ 198.11	\$ 400.00
Guest Musicians		\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Guest Ministers/Speakers		\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Committee Ministries</b>				
Worship (Miscellaneous)		\$ 900.00	\$ 341.73	\$ 500.00
Stewardship-Mission (All)		\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Fellowship Events		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,198.30	\$ 5,000.00
Parish & Pastor Relations		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Evangelical Dues & Offering		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>1. Equipping and Serving the Congregation</b>		<b>\$ 14,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,458.51</b>	<b>\$ 15,350.00</b>

		2023 Budget	2023 12/31/2023	2024 Budget
<b>Pastor Darrell Weber</b>				
Salary		\$ 58,650.00	\$ 58,650.00	\$ 60,410.00
\$0.655 for 2023 Mileage Allowance @.655/mi		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 592.39	\$ 1,200.00
Social Security		\$ 5,833.00	\$ 5,832.96	\$ 6,008.00

	Housing	\$ 17,595.00	\$ 17,595.00	\$ 18,123.00
	Health & Dental Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	Continuing Education	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Books	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Annuity	\$ 11,818.00	\$ 11,818.00	\$ 12,082.00
Treasurer		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Secretary 2023 Darlene Fill in	\$16.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Office Administrator/Treasurer	\$18.00	\$ 28,512.00	\$ 26,344.00	\$ 28,938.00
Health Ins Allowance-Office Admin		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Organists	\$93.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 4,362.00	\$ 4,295.00
Cemetery Custodian	\$16.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 972.00	\$ 1,200.00
Park Custodian		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,500.00
Church Custodian	\$16.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,076.25	\$ 8,320.00
Employer FICA		\$ 5,290.00	\$ 4,566.64	\$ 5,639.00
Workman's Comp Insurance		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 806.00	\$ 798.00
<b>2. Staff Expense</b>		\$ 149,278.00	\$ 141,815.24	\$ 156,513.00

Meetings & Registration		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies & Expenses		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,285.55	\$ 3,100.00
Postage		\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,122.25	\$ 1,500.00
Printed Materials & Devotionals		\$ 200.00	\$ 95.60	\$ 200.00
Office Equipment/Copier Lease		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,854.87	\$ 6,000.00
Internet/Phone Services		\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,599.15	\$ 4,100.00
Information Technology		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Computer Software and Subscriptions		\$ 700.00	\$ 932.10	\$ 700.00
Employee Recruiting Expense		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Bank Charges and Fees		\$ -	\$ 8.85	\$ -
Tax Filing Fee--On line		\$ 20.00	\$ 26.55	\$ 21.00
Tax Penalty and Interest		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
On-Line Payment Charges		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>3. Administration Expense</b>		\$ 14,820.00	\$ 13,024.92	\$ 17,221.00

Church Utilities		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,138.27	\$ 16,400.00
Insurance Premiums		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,212.06	\$ 17,559.00
Custodial Supplies		\$ 200.00	\$ 530.47	\$ 1,000.00
Maintenance & Repair		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,555.14	\$ 6,300.00
Park & Cemetery Expenses (fuel)		\$ 700.00	\$ 633.68	\$ 420.00
Organ and Piano Tuning		\$ 400.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 400.00
Sound System Expense		\$ -	\$ 1,174.67	\$ -
Elevator Expense		\$ -	\$ 75.75	\$ 100.00
Park Expense		\$ 800.00	\$ 1,827.87	\$ 1,250.00
Parsonage Utilities		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 909.71	\$ 1,100.00
Mower Fund Expense		\$ -	\$ 11,175.75	\$ -
Future Parks Projects		\$ -	\$ 17,020.98	\$ -
Parsonage Maintenance		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Cemetery Baltz Expense			\$ 1,915.00	
Cemetery Expenses (general)		\$ -	\$ 56.96	\$ -
Cemetery Expenses MMA		\$ -	\$ 21,214.73	\$ -
Mfischer Expense			\$ -	
Memorial Expenses		\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -
J&M Eckert Fund Expense			\$ 2,635.46	
ILTWF Interest Expenditure--2022 Interest		\$ -	\$ 84.95	\$ -
<b>4. Building &amp; Grounds Expense</b>		\$ 37,700.00	\$ 94,791.45	\$ 45,029.00
<b>SUBTOTAL for GENERAL FUND ONLY</b>		\$ 216,748.00	\$ 261,090.12	\$ 234,113.00

**FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH**

Food Pantry		\$ -	
Church World Services		\$ 1,345.00	
Designated Offerings to Missions Projects		\$ 11,596.60	
Deacons Fund Paid Out		\$ 600.00	
IN & OUT Expense		\$ 558.53	
Preschool Teacher	\$ 20,690.00	\$ 19,028.00	\$ 21,708.00
Preschool Teacher (SUB)	\$ 445.00	\$ 378.00	\$ 500.00
Preschool Aides	\$ 7,120.00	\$ 6,532.00	\$ 7,452.00
Pre School Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 527.92	\$ 300.00
Z-Team Donations Disbursements		\$ -	
<b>5. Total Investments for Ministry</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ 245,303.00	\$ 301,656.17

<b>6. 2023 Total Income/(loss)</b>		\$ (25,335.50)
<b>7. 2023 General Fund Income/(loss) not including Extraordinary Expenses</b>		\$ 29,801.09

**Extraordinary Expenses from Designated Funds in 2023:**

o New Fence at Cemetery \$21,214.73			
o New Park Bldg/Grass \$17,020.98			
o New Lawn Mower \$11,175.75			
o New Sound System \$1,174.67			
o New Lights for Tower \$2,420.00			
o New Baltz Cem. Mowing and Fees \$1,915.00			
o New Vacuums for Church \$215.46			
o Total: \$55,136.59 (note: not taken from the General Fund)			

	Income	Expense	under/over
Preschool	\$ 30,500.00	\$ 28,450.18	\$2,049.82
Fellowship Events	\$ 12,388.00	\$ 4,198.30	\$8,189.70
Missions	\$ 16,325.22	\$ 12,941.60	\$3,383.62