

YELLOW GRASS UNITED

LUTHERAN PARTNERSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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JOINT ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 23, 2023
AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Opening devotions.
- 3.. Election of chairperson and secretary for the meeting
4. Extension of voting privileges to all those present.
5. Motion to accept the agenda
6. Minutes of the last annual meeting. Motion to adopt those minutes.
7. Business arising out of these minutes.
8. Receiving of reports from the various committees and council reports
9. Motion to accept these reports
10. Nominations of members of the joint council and partnership committees.
11. New business *KAC*
12. Adjournment
13. Closing prayer

June 16/2024
Jeffrey Shaker
Concert.

2023 YGULP Church Council Report

Looking back on 2023, we are thankful that the covid pandemic "seems" to be behind us. We still hear of some positive tests from people who have become ill, but all restrictions have been lifted and we as a church congregation, have returned to the way we use to do things. For that, we are very thankful. Church council meetings are still being done mainly on the church council WhatsApp page. This continues to be a useful tool as many areas of concern can be brought forward from anywhere at any time by a council member. Christmas Eve service was absolutely beautiful this year with many special skits and songs sung by the children. Once again, a special thank you to Judy Beck for presiding over the service. We want to commend Gail and also Michael Murray for their accompaniment in the service.

We continue with our collaborative ministry with Lakeview United Church in Regina. Pastor Carla continues to serve us on the first Sunday of the month and continues to try and attend as many of the "Muffin Mania" mornings at the Drop In Centre. She also offers baptism, confirmation for our youth, as well as weddings and funerals. Pastor Carla also offers grief counseling for whoever may be in need. Pastor Carla, we would like to thank you for everything that you continue to do for our congregation throughout the year including your "high impact" sermons that you continue to deliver without a note to refer to. How fortunate we are to have you as our pastor!! Also, a huge thank you to Brent for all of his efforts. We always look forward to seeing both of you on the first Sunday of the month.

The church continues to be used by different youth groups. Playschool is held on Wednesdays. The Soo Line Light Horse 4-H club also meet in the auditorium. One special event this last year was the Jeffery Straker concert held in Allan Park in June. It was very well attended with hamburgers, hotdogs along with pop and chips. A beer garden facility was also set up. We are very thankful to Jeffery and his band for the awesome evening. We are planning to have him here once again on June 16th which is father's day.

The annual visitation letter was sent out in the fall and the response remains incredibly positive. This has become our main source of monetary giving and we

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The joint worship committee is responsible for the Sunday worship. Gail and Brenda look after getting the service together in co-operation with the service leader for that Sunday. Lorry looks after getting the supply for the Sundays. We have been fortunate in being able to fill every Sunday once again for this year. Carla does every first Sunday and gives us communion. Thanks, Carla, for being our pastor and looking after our congregation. We are thankful for Judy Beck and Sharon Elliot who commit themselves to doing certain Sundays every month. Judy does second and fourth and Sharon does the third. They are always willing to trade or take on the odd Sunday that is not filled. We thank them for their time. We also need to thank Doug Sheppard and Nancy Styles who are also very willing to fill in for us. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful list of pulpit supply that brings such meaningful messages to our services.

We celebrated this year 20 years of our partnership. We had a special service led by Carla with Carolyn McBean giving the message. We followed the service with a potluck. There were some older members there so lots of memories were shared. We also had a Good Friday service which was led by Carla. Thank you, Carla. We had a Christmas Eve Service led by Judy Beck. Thanks to Judy and Gail for putting this together. We also celebrated World Day of Prayer with special thanks to Ericka for getting the material organized.

There are so many people who make our worship so meaningful. The talents we have in our congregation and our supply is amazing. The talents of music, decoration and organization are all a big part of our wonderful partnership. Thanks to Brenda for not only being treasurer but putting together our power point and streaming our services on You Tube which lots of people tune into to. Thanks to Brandie Seitz for taking over this when Brenda is unavailable. Thanks to Gail for her wonderful musical talents. How lucky we are to have her and all the other good voices at our services. Thanks to Orville for looking after the sound system and on occasion filling in on the piano. Thanks to Ericka who is always there doing whatever she can for our worship and our church. Thanks to Adeline for looking after the cloths and banners. Thanks to Connie for decorating the church and having coffee for everyone. Thanks to Roger, Norm and Orville for ringing the bell. We always have so many compliments on how nice it sounds on Sunday mornings. Also, thanks to members of the worship teams who do all those little things Sunday mornings.

There were no weddings this year. There was one baptism Sydney son of Mitch and Erica Hill. Some church members we lost were Dorothy Cunningham, Bing Jastor, Frank Klippenstein and Steve Sayeau. Apologies if I missed others.

I think I repeat myself every year in thanking those that make our Worship possible but without all these people we would not be functioning. I am so proud of what we have done and what we are going to do. The congregation of the Yellow Grass United Lutheran Partnership

Mission and Outreach Committee

- Salvation Army food bank for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
- Mitten tree during Advent with cold weather gear going to Carmichael Outreach.
- welcome basket for Ukrainian family living in Yellow Grass.
- World Day of Prayer service presented on Power Point from a flash drive supplied by Womens Interchurch Council of Churches on the May long weekend. Attendees included 4 women and Art and Tom Beck.!

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Erb, Erika Altwasser,

Adeline Johnstone

Property Committee

There were a few improvements done to the church in 2023. We had a new hot water heater installed. Rick Murray installed new handrails in both the men's and women's bathrooms. Thanks Rick. In the fall the 4-H club was looking for some community work so they raked up the leaves on the lawn. The doors remained locked.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Wall

Yellow Grass United Lutheran Partnership

Income And Expense 5 Year Comparison

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
INCOME					
General / Current Fund	22,984.20	21,555.45	26,555.65	21,315.88	29,742.46
Year End Canvass	18,790.00	26,250.00	21,300.00	18,275.00	16,232.00
Loose Offering	466.35	370.35	177.00	30.00	432.70
United Church Mission & Service	103,569.45	8,910.00	62,210.00	1,800.00	2,045.00
ELCIC Benevolence	645.00	400.00	705.00	630.00	778.00
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	6,700.00	12,950.00	9,570.00	8,150.00	8,075.00
Misc. Designated Donations	1,095.08	263.25		300.00	480.00
Christmas Eve Offering	461.00	449.00			749.00
BBQ/Concert Event Income	1,014.50				
Funeral Lunch Donations	2,200.00	450.00	250.00		650.00
United Church Usage / Hall Rental	340.00	700.00	200.00	150.00	365.00
WCU Rebate & Bonus					75.00
Interest Income	5,133.01	1,587.44	196.69	998.98	2,710.19
Miscellaneous Income					1,406.11
TOTAL INCOME	163,398.59	73,885.49	121,164.34	51,649.86	63,740.46
EXPENSE					
United Church Mission & Service	103,569.45	8,910.00	62,210.00	1,800.00	2,045.00
ELCIC Benevolence	645.00	2,900.00	5,705.00	630.00	3,278.00
Presbretrey Dues/Conference Fees		2,605.20	2,427.00	2,912.00	2,246.00
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	6,700.00	12,950.00	9,570.00	8,150.00	8,075.00
YG Community Out Reach				216.68	
Misc.Designated Donations to Synod				300.00	480.00
Misc. Donations	2,946.00	28,462.25	500.00	500.00	2,249.00
Pastoral Expense	87,975.12	85,000.08	7,083.34		
Pulpit Supply & Vice Pastor	12,752.40	13,485.86	17,482.52	8,816.28	18,723.52
EI Expense - Pastoral	1,403.43	1,333.77	156.68		
CPP Expense - Pastoral	3,754.45	3,499.80	373.64		
Continuing Education Plan	600.00	600.00	50.00		
Pension Contribution-Pastoral	7,038.01	6,799.92	566.66		
Group Benefits-Health/Dental/Life/ Disabili	9,907.20	9,539.04	794.92		
Telephone Reimbursement-Pastoral	720.00	720.00	60.00		
Car Allowance-Travel/Mileage	3,628.90	2,530.22	205.92		
Reimbursement from Lakeview United	(89,118.46)	(86,004.11)	(7,268.19)		
Conventions / Conferences			285.00		
Alter & Worship Supplies	205.43	114.59	134.88	65.89	12.90
Worship Resources				209.50	213.00
Organist, Music, PowerPoint & Bulletins	6,604.90	2,476.00	2,673.00	1,759.60	3,695.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	815.08	40.10	519.66	54.09	348.46
Vacation Bible School		500.00	1,500.00		
Devotional Books & Subscriptions	590.21	1,017.24	817.36	871.02	802.37
Telephone	1,811.53	1,638.11	1,630.07	1,622.70	1,602.08
Energy - United Church Bldg.	5,531.73	2,627.33	2,574.99	2,891.56	3,137.83
Power - United Church Bldg	1,668.86	1,636.62	1,287.35	1,541.18	1,600.95
Water/Sewer - United Church Bldg.	912.00	912.00	912.00	912.00	1,048.10
Insurance	3,928.36	3,746.04	3,441.82	3,052.80	2,951.04
Repairs & Maint. - United Church Bldg.	1,919.37	2,306.47	542.80	350.00	310.58
Janitor Expense	2,600.00	2,450.00	2,250.00	2,450.00	1,825.00
Funeral Lunch Expense	1,110.15	155.89	271.86		165.44
BBQ/Concert Event Expenses	2,649.14				
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	96.27	114.28	177.67	167.01	59.91

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Budget Report

	2023	2024 Budget
INCOME		
General / Current Fund	22,984.20	*
Year End Canvass	18,790.00	*
Loose Offering	466.35	
United Church Mission & Service	103,569.45	
ELCIC Benevolence	645.00	
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	6,700.00	
Misc. Designated Donations	1,095.08	
Christmas Eve Offering	461.00	
BBQ/Concert Event Income	1,014.50	
Funeral Lunch Donations	2,200.00	
United Church Use & Hall Rental	340.00	
Interest Income	5,133.01	
TOTAL INCOME	163,398.59	
EXPENSE		
United Church Mission & Service	103,569.45	
ELCIC Benevolence	645.00	2500.00
Presbretrey Dues/Conference Fees		2500.00
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	6,700.00	
YG Community Outreach		1000.00
Misc. Donations	2,946.00	750.00
Pastoral Expense	22,279.75	23650.00
Pastoral Mileage	3,628.90	4000.00
Pulpit Supply	12,752.40	13500.00
Conventions / Conferences		250.00
Alter & Worship Supplies	205.43	250.00
Worship Resources		200.00
Organist, Music, PowerPoint & Bulletins	6,604.90	7000.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	815.08	750.00
Sunday School/VBS/Youth Group		500.00
Devotional Books & Subscriptions	590.21	1000.00
Telephone	1,811.53	2000.00
Energy	5,531.73	6000.00
Power	1,668.86	1800.00
Water/Sewer	912.00	950.00
Insurance	3,928.36	4200.00
Repairs & Maint.	1,919.37	2500.00
Janitor Expense	2,600.00	3600.00
Funeral Lunch Expense	1,110.15	
BBQ/Concert Event Expenses	2,649.14	2500.00
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	96.27	200.00
Bank Charges & Interest	8.38	10.00
Miscellaneous Expense	607.05	350.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	183,579.96	79460.00
Total Income	163,398.59	
Total Expenses	183,579.96	
NET INCOME (Loss)	-20181.37	