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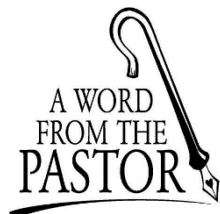
Church & Early Childhood Ministry  
Missouri Synod

# 2021 Annual Report



Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I want to begin with a word of thanks. Thanks for your faithfulness in worship and the study of God's Word. Thanks for your love and care for one another. Thanks for your support and encouraging words to our church and early childhood ministry staff and to me as we serve during these challenging times. God is faithful! He continues to richly bless our congregation.



We are a family, one family, who confess the one true faith, in the one Lord and Savior from sin, Jesus Christ! As the eternal family of God in this place, we receive God's gifts together. We study His Word together. We care for one another. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We invite others to join our family of faith.



The annual report serves as a written testament of God's blessings as well as His work among us and through us, His family. The annual report also gives us an opportunity to reflect on our Lord's mission and vision for us; how we are responding to His call to seek the lost and grow the found; and how we as a congregation are "reaching out with Christ's love to serve and to grow." The Annual Report serves as a summary of the past year and communicates our goals and emphasis for the coming year. Thus, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me, a member of our church or early childhood ministry staff, or an officer or board member.

Please continue to pray for our congregation. Pray that God would bless and strengthen us for the mission He has given to us. Above all, pray that we would always be centered in Christ and His life-changing Gospel!

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Bauman

Here are some highlights from 2021:

- Jennifer Probst was installed as Director of our Early Childhood Ministry. DCE Cheryl LaBelle has transitioned into her new role as Parish Administrator. Renee Strietelmeier is serving as our new Latino Outreach Coordinator.
- We welcomed 31 new members this year by transfer or adult confirmation and sixteen through baptism as the Lord continues to grow our family of faith.
- Our average worship attendance increased by thirty-nine in 2021, as more people returned to worship. Our Latino outreach also has experienced a significant increase in weekly worship attendance.
- Our early childhood ministry remains strong, with our largest Little Lambs class (three year olds) in the forty year history of our school, 24 students.
- Our youth participated in a servant event helping those in need in the Appalachian region of Kentucky.
- We were blessed to serve 107 children through Vacation Bible School, 82 of which were non-members.
- Christian care: Through your generosity, Helping Hands distributed \$14,223 to those in need in our congregation and community. This is in addition to food donations to our pantry and donations of gift cards and clothing.
- New landscaping was installed and the parking lot resealed, all with designated gifts.
- Thanks to your generosity, the Dora Fischer loan is paid in full!
- The congregation approved the next capital improvement project: the construction of the bell tower and the rehabilitation of the chapel.

# Welcome New Members



Caleb and Samantha Barringer  
 Brayden Burbrink  
 Jon, Allie, and Henry Cline  
 Ray and Sharon Cline  
 Julia Fibbe  
 Greg, Chris, and Riley Forbes  
 Jerry, Tina and Annie Foster  
 Tracy and Tonya Hackworth  
 Austin Hogan  
 Karson Kamman  
 Samantha (Weaver) Pevlor  
 Grant Rachford  
 Dr. Tom Reinsel  
 Alex Royalty  
 Dalton, Hannah, Maverick, Elaina, and Chance Thompson  
 Danny and Elaine Wilson  
 Dalton Workman

In 2021, we welcomed 31 baptized members and 26 communicant members.  
 In 2020, we welcomed 26 baptized members and 20 communicant members.



## Baptisms

Parker Elizabeth Arnholt	Grace Bailey England
Tucker Reid Koeberlein	Lennox David Martin
Shadrach William Oliver	Aaron Pan
Stetson Parker Royalty	Eames Robert Sperry
Everett Alan Strimple	Chance Michael Thompson
Emma Jane Umphress	Keegan Lee Umphress
Mia Evelyn Wint	Dalton Levi Workman
Hank Arthur Younger	Scout Oscar Younger

In 2021, there were sixteen baptisms compared to eight baptisms in 2020.

## 2021 Statistics

Baptized Membership (total membership): 591  
 Confirmed Membership: 486

Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 306  
 Average Sunday School Attendance: 115

Our 2021 average worship attendance increased by thirty-nine people over 2020.

# Confirmations



### Youth

Karson Blackwell	Amelia Justis
Eli Kirkland	Chase Otte
Corey Stepper	Brady Wiltsey

### Adults

Caleb Barringer	Brayden Burbrink
Allison Cline	Raymond Cline
Sharon Cline	Julia Fibbe
Austin Hogan	Samantha (Weaver) Pevlor
Grant Rachford	Danny Wilson
Elaine Wilson	Dalton Workman

In 2021, there were 18 confirmed (6 youth; 12 adults) compared to 21 confirmed in 2020 (11 youth; 10 adults).

## Marriages



Austin Hogan and Macy Albright  
 Nathan Pevlor and Samantha Weaver  
 Grant Rachford and Clarissa Baltus  
 Alex Royalty and Allison Mau  
 Josh Schwering and Taylor Nolting  
 Danny Wilson and Elaine Smith

There were six marriages in 2021 and one marriage in 2020.

## Deaths

Linda Arnholt	Randy Dettmer
Shirley Fiene	Karl Forster
Doris Grayson	Ronald Hoevener
Michael Koester	Barbara Nienaber
William Nolting	Ben Pence
Juana Soto-Luna	Gary Wright

In 2021, twelve members entered into eternal life compared to six members in 2020.

# LOOKING BACK WITH THANKSGIVING... LOOKING FORWARD WITH FAITH

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! As we reflect on 2021, we give thanks to God for His goodness and mercy. We welcome 2022 in faith, confident that our Lord will bless and provide.*

**Mission and Outreach:** We generously support district and synod missions. In 2021, \$51,000 of our Sunday offerings supported synodical mission work.

In 2022, we will begin the **Mission of the Month**. One of our goals for Dora Fischer repayment was to *Make Mission Possible*. With the Fischer loan repaid, we are requesting submissions for a mission of the month for the remainder of 2022. A mission can be local or global but should be focused on reaching others with the Gospel of Christ. Each mission will receive \$1,000 (our previous monthly payment to Dora Fischer) and will be highlighted in the monthly newsletter. If you would like to submit a mission for consideration, please contact a member of the Board of Stewardship, Rob Baltus, Carolyn Wilkerson, or Adam Scheidt, by February 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Increased Pastoral Care:** Beginning in May, Pastor Patterson will triple the amount of time he dedicates to serving our congregation as he begins serving half-time. He will help us meet the needs of our growing congregation through preaching, teaching, visitation, and serving in our Latin outreach.

**Latino Outreach:** In November, 2021, the Church Council established the position of Latino Outreach Coordinator which has been filled by Renee Strietelmeier. Renee is increasing our outreach efforts by overseeing this important mission through communication, human care, transportation, and evangelism.

**Kids for Christ (KFC), our new youth group:** Last fall, we offered a youth forum to discuss how to strengthen our youth ministry. At the forum, there was overwhelming support to offer activities for youth younger than seventh grade. Our first Kids for Christ event is February 27<sup>th</sup> which will be an event for any child under sixth grade and their parents. We give thanks to those who are serving as our new youth counselors:

Kids For Christ: Chad and Rachel Fohne with Matthew and Sarah Lewis

Jr. High: Marc and Jennifer Dougherty

SPY (Sr High): Dr. Tom Reinsel with Eric and Linda Scheidt



**Music Ministry:** We are thankful for all who offer their time and talents to serve in our music ministry. We were blessed to have a Reformation Hymn Festival with Dr. John Behnke on Reformation Day and our Christmas Concert returned this December. In 2022, many special services and musical events are planned as we thank the Lord and sing His praise!

**Radio Ministry:** In 2021, we doubled our airtime as we sponsor our weekly radio worship service and now also the *Lutheran Hour* on Sunday evenings.

**Capital Campaign:** February 27<sup>th</sup> is Commitment Sunday for the bell tower/chapel rehabilitation project. Materials for this two-year campaign will be distributed at the beginning of February.

**Planning Committee:** In January 2021, the Planning Committee was formed and presented their proposals at congregational forums in early October which were subsequently approved at the Annual Meeting. With the formation of the Friends of Clifty Church Leadership Team to oversee the bell tower/chapel project, the Planning Committee is pivoting their attention to the final phase of our Thirty-Year Master Plan which is the addition of an education center onto our current church building.

**Endowments, Estates, and Trusts:** In 2021, we were blessed with the establishment of a new endowment: The Church Worker Scholarship Fund. The total value of the five endowments and trusts that benefit our congregation now exceeds two million dollars. If you are interested in giving a legacy gift to support the mission and ministry of our congregation, please contact Mary Ann Nunn, Warren Scheidt, or Adam Scheidt who serve on our Endowments, Estates, and Trusts Committee.





At the Annual Meeting in November, 2020, the congregation was faced with a major decision. Concerns about the virus moved us to meet in the sanctuary. Pledges for 2021 were down significantly. The Board of Stewardship presented a budget for approval with a large deficit of more than \$81,000. The congregation stepped out in faith and made the bold decision not to cut back our mission and ministry but that the church and the Gospel of Christ were greatly needed in our congregation, community, and world in such challenging times. The 2021 deficit budget was unanimously approved, and thanks to your faithful stewardship, God has richly blessed our congregation in 2021:

- The 2021 budget had a deficit of more than \$81,000. We ended 2021 with a net income of more than \$119,000 which is a difference of more than \$200,000!
- In September, the Council approved a motion that any net income would be applied to Dora Fischer loan repayment. Of the \$119,921 in net income, \$55,628 was applied to full repayment of the Dora Fischer loan.
- In 2021, a member family established the Church Worker Endowment Fund with a seed gift of \$45,000.
- More than \$125,000 was contributed last year to our capital campaign.
- The Council approved the remaining 2021 net income after Dora Fischer repayment would be applied to the capital campaign fund, resulting in a balance of over \$189,000 in the building fund.
- More than \$60,000 was contributed in designated gifts for items on our wish list.

We are committed to transparency regarding the financial health of our congregation. If you would like detailed financial reports, please contact Parish Administrator Cheryl LaBelle. Questions about the budget can be directed to Treasurer Mary Ann Nunn or a member of the Board of Stewardship.

## 2022 Officers, Board Members, Church and School Staff

President: Zach Mathews	Youth: Kelly Kirkland	Early Childhood Ministry: Jennifer Dougherty	Council-at-Large: Katie Finke
Vice-President: Jason Schroer	Joe Otte	Jessica Vogel	Natalie Pollert
Secretary: Linda Scheidt	David Probst	Mackenzie Wint	Mark Wint
Financial Secretary: Melissa Pevlor	Education: Katie Arnholt	Stewardship: Rob Baltus	Church & ECM Staff: Pastor Doug Bauman
Treasurer: Mary Ann Nunn	Crista Burbrink	Adam Scheidt	Pastor Jeff Patterson
Elders: Jim Brock	Rachel Fohne	Carolyn Wilkerson	Parish Administrator DCE Cheryl LaBelle
Adam Hall	Trustees: Corbin Oliver	Endowments, Estates, and Trusts: Mary Ann Nunn	Kantor Daniel Mau
Dean Hartke	Steve Potter	Adam Scheidt	Latino Outreach Coordinator, Renee Strietelmeier
Art Ramsey	Dan Schroer	Warren Scheidt	Director and Teacher Jen Probst
Eric Scheidt	Cemetery: Frank Helt	Trinity High School Board: Larry Haak	Kindergarten Teacher Anne Wiltsey
Jeff Schroer	Neil Nolting	Henry Wischmeier	Aide Amy Adams
Carl Shaffer	Daniel Wint	White Creek Lutheran School Foundation	Aide Gayla Alesandro
Wiley Umphress	Evangelism: Mike Hackman	Phil Burbrink	Aide Michelle Schultz
Steve Voelz	Colin Scheidt	Matthew Lewis	Aide Jayla Williams
	Skip Taylor		