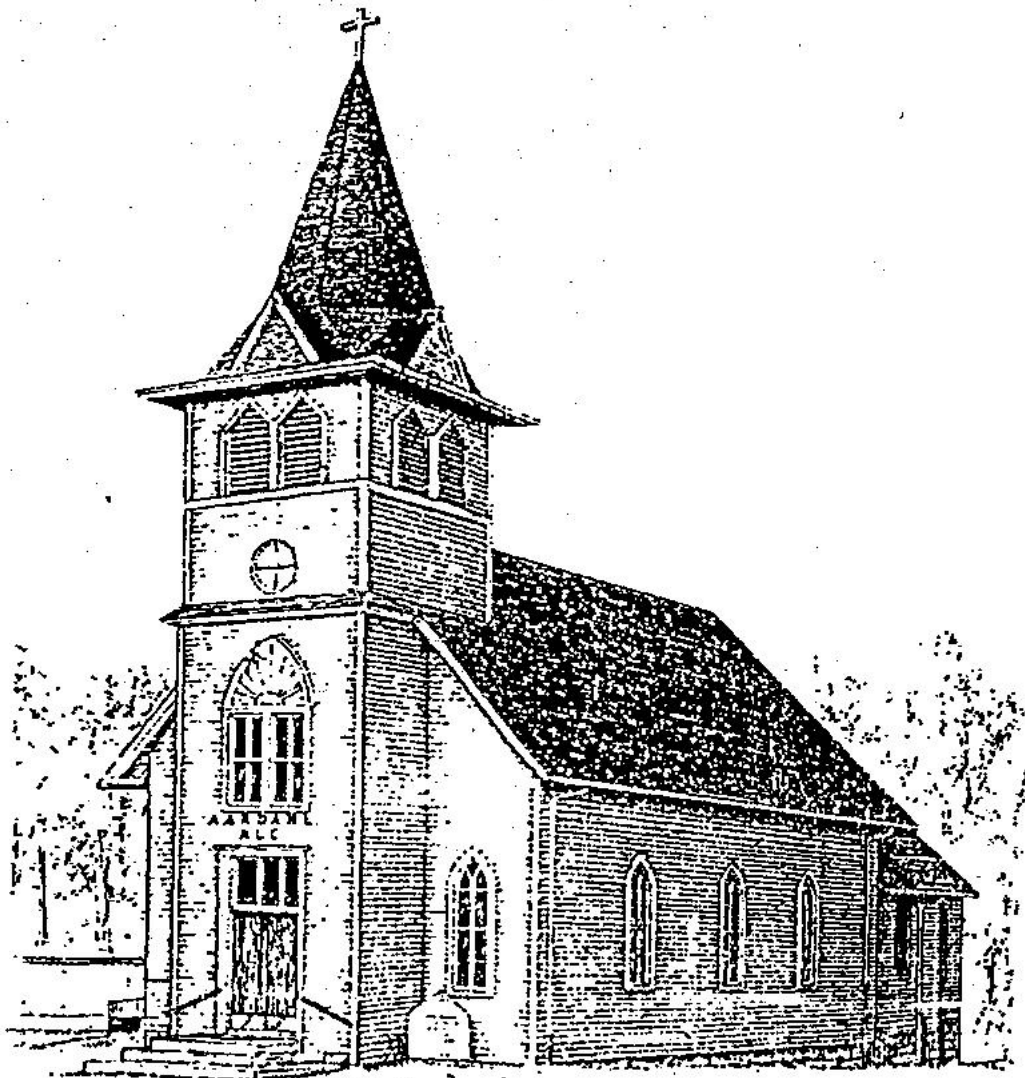


# AARDAHL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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**Mission Statement: “As people of faith Aardahl Lutheran Church will reach out in Christ to our community in caring and sharing.**

# Congregational Annual Meeting

## Agenda

June 26, 2022

- A. Meeting called to order: Pres. Donna Kimmes
- B. Devotions and opening Prayer – Pastor Pete
- C. Please read thru the agenda and reports.
- D. Secretary’s Report – Approval of Last Year’s Minutes
- E. Treasurer’s Report
- F. Pastor’s Report

### **G. Old Business:**

- 1.

### **H. New Business:**

- 1. Presentation and approval of 2022-23 budget
- 2. Election of Council Members (3 positions open)
  - a. Amanda Wildman - 3-year term
  - b. Sheri Eklund - 3-year term
  - c. Margaret Lubke - 3-year term
  - d. Deb Taray – 3-year term
- 3. Nominating Committee for the next annual meeting
  - a.
- 4. Setting date for the next Congregational Meeting
  - a. June 26, 2022

### **I. Adjournment**

### **J. Lord’s Prayer**

## **Congregation Council Members 2021-22**

Each council representative is elected to a three-year term and may serve two consecutive terms.

	<u>Term ends</u>	<u># of terms</u>
President- Donna Kimmes	June 2022	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Vice Pres- George Wells	June 2024	1 <sup>st</sup>
Secretary- Wendy Otness	June 2022	1 <sup>st</sup>
Treasurer- Margaret Booge	June 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Co-Treasurer – Guy Drevlow	June 2024	1 <sup>st</sup>
Darrel Baltzell	June 2023	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dixie Engler	June 2023	1 <sup>st</sup>
John Rubash	June 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Harry Wetzol	June 2022	1 <sup>st</sup>
Amanda Wildman	June 2022	1 <sup>st</sup>

Congregational Annual Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2021

1. Meeting called to order by Council President Mick Lee.
2. Devotion and Opening prayer- Pastor Pete Warren
3. Review Agenda and Reports
  - a. Secretary's Report-Guy Drevlow moved/Judy Faymoville seconded approval of 2020 Annual meeting minutes. Carried
  - b. Treasurer's Report-Checking \$2944.01 Savings \$20,088 (includes furnace/capital improvement fund monies). Wendy Otness moved/Connie Bowman seconded approval of Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.
  - c. Pastor's Report
4. Old Business- none
5. New Business
  - a. Approve the updated Constitution. Pastor Pete explained that there we no structural changes to the Constitution. Every year the Synod reviews and every 3 years the ELCA reviews the Constitution. Kim Warren moved/Donna Kimmes seconded we accept the changes as presented. Carried.
  - b. Presentation and approval of the 2021-22 budget. Duane Young moved/Judy Faymoville seconded we accept the budget as presented. Carried.
  - c. Election of Council members
    - i. John Rubash- 3-year term (second term)
    - ii. Nominee- 3-year term- George Wells
    - iii. Nominee- 3-year term- Guy Drevlow
    - iv. Nominee- 1 year term (to finish Sandy Steffen's term)-Amanda Wildman.
    - v. Wendy Otness moved/Donna Kimmes seconded we accept the nominations as presented. Carried.
  - d. Nominating Committee for the next annual meeting- Carolyn Hegland and Pastor Pete.
  - e. Setting date for next Congregational meeting
    - i. June 26, 2022. Pastor moved/Donna Kimmes seconded approval of this date for next Congregational Annual meeting. Carried.
6. Adjournment: Tessa Drevlow moved/Donna Kimmes seconded the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.
  - a. Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Otness, Council Secretary

For the Year Ended June 2022

Description	We Budgeted	We Spent/Received	Over/Under Budget	Proposed Budget 2022/2023
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>Income</b>			
Offerings	122,436.00	111,501.00	(10,935.00)	122,715.00
Lent/Advent	928.00	928.00	0.00	
Noisy Offering	330.00	369.46	39.46	375.00
Thrivent	750.00	257.00	(493.00)	500.00
Misc. & Patronage Income	250.00	183.84	(66.16)	200.00
Interest Income	45.00	23.49	(21.51)	45.00
Auxiliary	3,000.00	4,500.00	1,500.00	4,000.00
	<u>126,811.00</u>	<u>117,762.79</u>	<u>(9,048.21)</u>	<u>127,835.00</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>Expense</b>			
Local Benevolences	2,000.00	1,600.00	(400.00)	2,000.00
NWMN Synod ELCA	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	2,300.00
Subtotal Benevolent Givings	<u>4,300.00</u>	<u>3,900.00</u>	<u>-400.00</u>	<u>4,300.00</u>
Vanco		12.70		
Copies				
Lease	1,356.00	1,389.32	33.32	1,400.00
Altar Guild	750.00	254.69	(495.31)	400.00
Electricity	2,900.00	2,254.00	(646.00)	2,900.00
LP Gas (Heat)	4,500.00	4,141.81	(358.19)	4,500.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,397.50	(102.50)	1,500.00
Solid Waste Fee		153.90	153.90	
Insurance	4,000.00	3,514.83	(485.17)	3,600.00
Church Maintenance	2,000.00	2,979.56	979.56	2,000.00
Postage	165.00	110.00	(55.00)	140.00
Workers' Compensation Ins	650.00	578.00	(72.00)	600.00
Supplies	500.00	939.36	439.36	750.00
Subtotal Our Church Home	<u>18,321.00</u>	<u>17,725.67</u>	<u>(608.03)</u>	<u>17,790.00</u>
Pastor Salary	42,142.00	42,200.15	58.15	43,401.00
Pastor's Housing	11,499.00	11,498.88	(0.12)	11,843.00
Pastor's Ins & Pension	31,570.00	31,427.76	(142.24)	32,556.00
Mileage	1,000.00	788.73	(211.27)	900.00
Secretary Wages	6,900.00	6,897.12	(2.88)	6,900.00
Payroll taxes	530.00	527.76	(2.24)	530.00
Subtotal Salaries and Wages	<u>93,641.00</u>	<u>93,340.40</u>	<u>(300.60)</u>	<u>96,130.00</u>
Christ In Our Home	300.00	284.00	(16.00)	300.00
Living Lutheran	400.00	393.80	(6.20)	400.00
Music	6,300.00	6,200.00	(100.00)	6,615.00
Worship Supplies	1,000.00	1,229.83	229.83	1,000.00
Sunday School	500.00	358.08	(141.92)	400.00
Youth Activities	500.00	0.00	(500.00)	400.00
Meetings and Conventions	1,000.00	240.00	(760.00)	500.00
Subtotal Worship & Service	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>8,705.71</u>	<u>(1,294.29)</u>	<u>9,615.00</u>
	<u>126,262.00</u>	<u>123,671.78</u>		<u>127,835.00</u>

## **PASTOR ACTS July 2021 – June 2022**

<b>Memorial Services</b>	Susan Vojak (Burial) Vickie Nord Art Sundahl (Burial) Richard Oien Harry Wetzel Carol Harbaugh Bev Mutch Norm Evans
<b>Marriages</b>	Matt & Kelsey Wagner
<b>Baptism</b>	Skye Yadev-Schoonover Olen John Syljuberget
<b>New Members</b>	Katie Zlonis w/ Hunter & Otto Dave and Donna Matthews

## **KITCHEN COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022)**

Due to the continued effects of the Covid Pandemic, the activities of the Kitchen Committee were reduced this fiscal year. Of our three large fund raisers, we were not able to hold the Lutefisk Supper, held the ABC Sale last fall, and as of this writing no decision has been made regarding the Music Festival this spring. The ABC Sale was a great success and netted us a profit of \$5070.01.

As we continue to try to get things back on track with our “new normal” at Aardahl Lutheran, the Kitchen Committee continues to be responsible for the on-going cleaning of the kitchen area, making sure necessary items are stocked for use by the congregation. We take care of purchasing the wine and juice for communion; cleaning supplies; bathroom supplies; kitchen supplies; coffee; serve as a pass-through fund for Easter and Christmas flowers and any incidentals; and fund the sunshine fund. We also serve for funerals when requested. We were able to help one of our church members on the loss of her brother.

As has been the case since I became a member of the Kitchen Committee, its members are always ready and anxious to help with almost any project, and it continues to be a wonderful group to be a part of. What a blessing this is. We have come to know how important our continued fellowship with our church family is.

Respectively submitted,  
Margaret Booge

## **SUNSHINE**

This past year has been a challenging one for all of us, but we try to remember all those who are ill, either at the hospital or at home, with a card or a care package from the congregation. We also like to welcome new babies and congratulate the parents. Sometimes things happen and we are not aware of it. It is important that anyone in the congregation who knows of someone needing a little “sunshine” to let Donna Kimmes know (751-5900). And of course, innovative ideas are always welcome.

Submitted by Donna Kimmes

## **QUILTERS**

We did great at the 2021 ABC sale. We sold at least fifteen quilts!

Now that the pandemic is hopefully under control, one of our goals is to make more quilts to donate to our local charities besides providing quilts for the ABC Sale.

Thanks to the generous donations of quilt tops and material, we have had to purchase little. We have been able to use Thrivent Action Team grants to purchase batting.

We welcome anyone who would like to join our group. We meet on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 PM and coffee is at 3:00 PM.

Aardahl Quilters

## **THRIVENT**

Thrivent Choice Dollars - 2021 up to April of 2022. \$435.00

Received from Action Teams. \$250 each.

- Flowers for Shut Ins
- May Day
- Vacation Bible School 2021
- Friends Feeding Friends 2021 (VBS Suppers)
- Aardahl Summer Gathering
- Aardahl Sunday Sundaes
- Quilts for Needy
- ABC Seed
- Tailgate Sunday
- Aardahl Church-postage and supplies
- Christmas Turkeys (BCFS)
- Aardahl Bibles and Crosses
- Telling the Story (Maundy Thursday Pizza & A Movie)
- Easter Breakfast
- Vacation Bible School 2022
- Friends Feeding Friends 2022 (VBS Suppers)

Submitted by Alverna Michalko

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Projects that were completed this past year:

- The water faucet on the eastside of the building was repaired.
- The lights in the kitchen have been replaced with LED bulbs and the light bulbs in the sanctuary were replaced with a higher wattage and LED dimmer switches were installed. Thank you to Dick Taray for doing all that work!
- A Congregational Garden is in the planning stages for the Southeast corner of the lawn, thank you to Pat Smith for heading that up!
- Kelly Booge repaired the basement toilet and sink.
- Thanks to Harlan and Mick for mowing the grass.
- Wagner Plumbing and Heating replaced the blower motor in the main furnace.

Thus is the report from the Property Committee.

Submitted by Darrel Baltzell

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education committee works with all age groups. For adults, we offer a bible study on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. This winter, we utilized Zoom to offer a hybrid bible study, where people could gather at the church and online. We are currently doing a video study on the TV series *The Chosen* which tells the story of Jesus from the perspective around him. After each video, we talk about any questions that may have come up during the episode.

For our middle school youth, we partner with Calvary Lutheran Church for confirmation on Wednesday nights. Pastor Pete assists with teaching the large group gatherings. This past school year, we had two students complete the confirmation program and we look forward to confirming them on Reformation Sunday, which will be October 30, 2022.

For the elementary age youth, we tried to offer Sunday school in the fall, but attendance was sporadic and fizzled out quickly. However, we have good success with our Vacation Bible School program. In 2021, over half of the kids that attended were from outside our congregation that attended, and they are looking forward to this year's program as well. We are busy planning and organizing for this year which will run June 20-23<sup>rd</sup> in the evenings and we are able to offer it for free because of a couple of Thrivent Action Grants.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday School program for the 2022-23 school year. If you would like to help teach, please contact Pastor Pete.

Submitted by Pastor Pete

## **ALTAR GUILD**

When we gather for worship every Sunday, there are usually beautiful flowers arranged on the altar. Judy Faymerville does a wonderful taking care of the flowers and we thank her for her dedication. Judy also makes sure that the altar and lectern linens are the proper color for each Sunday. Pastor Pete helps with hanging the banners and changing them out as well. Judy also bakes the communion bread and usually sets up the communion ware when we celebrate Holy Communion, which is usually on the first and second Sundays of the month. Thank you to the various people that will occasionally help with cleaning up the communion ware afterwards.

If you would like to help with the Altar Guild, please contact Pastor Pete or Judy Faymerville. We often perform our duties on Thursday afternoons and then join the quilters for coffee afterwards, so there is a bonus for you if you get involved.

Submitted by Pastor Pete

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

We blessed to have Wayne Hoff as our musician!! His skills and talents on the keys are unbelievable and the energy that he plays with brings so much joy to our worship services. And we are grateful that he can adjust on the fly whenever the Holy Spirit moves Pastor Pete to try something different.

Thank to those of you who sign up to serve as ushers, readers, and communion assistants. Your assistance is appreciated. If you would like to try one of those tasks, talk to Pastor Pete and he can help you practice your role. And thank you to those who fill in when Pastor Pete is gone on Sunday.

We are always looking for people who would like to share their musical talents in church. If you would like to sing or play an instrument for our music ministry, talk to Pastor Pete to schedule a time to offer your talents in worship. Also, talk to Pastor Pete if you would like to be a worship leader or assisting minister.

Submitted by Pastor Pete

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every day, I give thanks to the Lord God that you are part of this congregation and that I get to be your pastor. It is hard to believe that it was seven years ago that you held a congregational meeting to vote on calling me to be your pastor. I am not sure that any of us really knew what we were getting into, but it has been a great ride so far.

While Covid-19 and all the complications that it brought set us back for a little bit, it also brought out many strengths and pushed us into new territories. Every week, we have people from around the country joining us to worship God and hear about Jesus Christ on Sunday mornings. Our snowbirds have expressed appreciation that we they can worship with us from their screened-in porches on Sunday mornings in January. And we have people tuning in to our worship services throughout the week!



We are reaching a point where we should upgrade some of our equipment. We currently use a laptop and cheap camcorder to livestream our worship services. I would suggest that we upgrade our camera for a better viewing experience. We also need a couple of people who are trained to use the camera and computer program to take some of the burden from my shoulders on Sunday mornings. It is a set and it and forget system, but there are bells and whistles that can be added in as you become more comfortable with it. Talk to me if you are interested in helping with the livestreams.

Another suggestion would be to put a screen in our sanctuary, which would help save on the amount of paper that we use every week. We use over half a ream of paper every Sunday, between the large print and the small print bulletins. A couple of options would be a projector or a large screen television. The challenge is to have it look tasteful and not detract from the beauty our worship space.

While I am talking about technology and televisions, a couple of large screen televisions in the fellowship hall would be helpful for events such as funerals and tailgate parties. Decent large screen televisions have dramatically come down in price from a couple of years ago and it has been 3 years since we last did a major project around here. It is time to look at doing some technology upgrades.

My wish for this next year is to find help with all the various things that happen around this church. With the Covid shutdown, many things fell onto my shoulders and many things were added as well. You will notice that I wrote the last three committee reports. I need your help. If there is something around the church that you want to do, talk to me. If there is an activity that you want to lead or help organize or be part of, let me know and we will see what we can work out. This is your church, and we need you to be part of it. Whether it is scrubbing toilets, mowing grass, hanging banners, singing songs, or teaching Sunday School, we need you to be part of it. Bemidji needs you too! We can use your help at the Food Shelf and at Churches United. We need more people on our mornings at the food shelf and Churches United needs more help. There are four volunteers that staff Churches United! If you can give one afternoon a month, let me know and I will introduce you to Wanda the Executive Director. Churches United partners with other local agencies to help change peoples' lives and I want you to experience it!

Thank you for your love, time, gifts, and moneys that you give to support our church. We have been set free to love one another and with Christ, which is well that will never run dry. Amen

In Christ, Pastor Pete