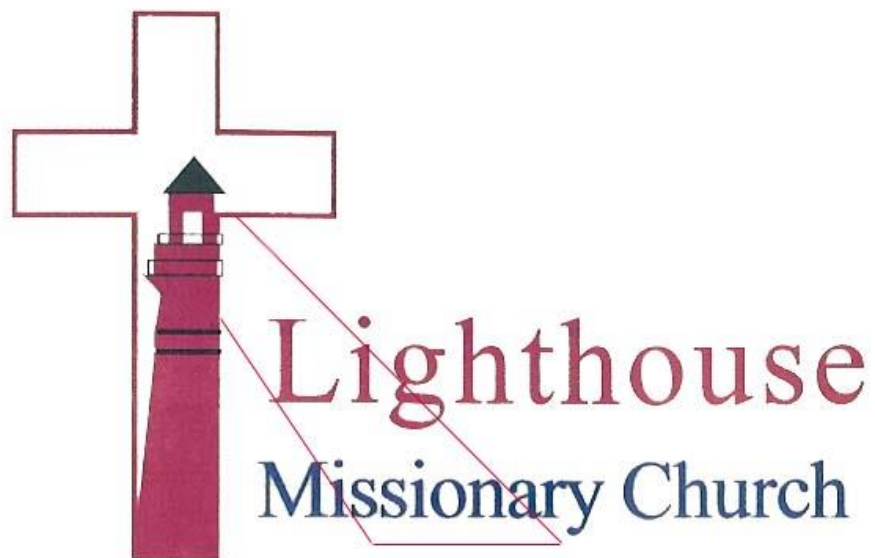


2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

Shining the Light of Jesus to the World



The Missionary Church, Inc.

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Lighthouse Missionary Church Membership List

Membership as of January 2024 (85)

Adams, Lynn	Hardy, Carolyn	Newington, Ed
Adams, Rev. Bart	Howard, Marianne	Newington, Marlene
Barrow, Faye	Inman, Peter Jr.	Oliver, Sara
Birgy, Elaine	Inman, Regina	Olson, Janet
Birgy, Tom	Jordan, Lois	Peck, Millie
Carey, Brad	Jordan, Rev. Jim, Sr.	Petersen, Bob
Carey, Briann	King Becki	Petersen, Debbie
Carey, Leon	Kiogima, Beth	Price, Barb
Carey, Lisa	Kiteley, Jessica	Raymer, Mary
Crane, David	Kooyer, Laurene	Roberts, Charlene
Crane, Sherry	Kooyer, Ron	Roberts, Gary
Cutler, Cliff Jr.	Jibson, Melissa	Sayre, Ed
Cutler, Phyllis	Johnson, Krystal	Sayre, Judy
Dressel, Elizabeth	LaBeau, Nancy	Snyder, Jack
Dressel, Thomas	Lafferty, Julie	Snyder, Sharon
Dustin, Doyle Jr.	Lafferty, Wayne	Stroud, Becky
Evans, Jennifer	Lynn, Ginger	Thompson, Bill
Evans, Nick	Lynn, Jeremy	Thompson, Evelyn
Evans, Elizabeth	Massey, Janet	Thompson, John
Farmer, Amanda	Meredith, Julie	Thompson, Tammy
Farmer, Margaret	Miller, Dan	Thorman, Thelma
Gee, Angela	Miller, Faye	Wakeham, Laurie
Gee, Donald	Miles, Donald	Wise, Diana
Gee, Keith	Miles, Sandy	Yarbrough, Camille
Gee, Margaret	Moore, Judy	Young, Nina
Grover, Bonnie	Moore, Rev. Ray	Ziebarth, Dan
Grover, Rod	Napier, Delynn	Ziebarth, Sarah
Grzebyk, Jennifer	Newington, Amy	
Hardy, Andrew	Newington, Ben	

Lighthouse Missionary Church
Local Conference Business Meeting
January 21, 2024

AGENDA

11:45a.m.

- I. Scripture focus & prayer
- II. Membership Roll Call / establishment of the bar
- III. Approval of the agenda
- IV. Elections
- V. Reports
- VI. Proposed Budget for 2024
- VII. Valuation of Church Properties
- VIII. Other Business

Senior Pastor

Pastor Bart Adams

God's bountiful blessings continue to rest upon the Lighthouse Family and me. 2023 was a marvelous year of seeing spiritual growth in the LMC family. Though the Prayer 168 events have not had the participation I long to see, faithful prayer worriers are upholding the LMC family in prayer. I witnessed more people willing to pray aloud in public during the year, which is even more of a blessing to the Lord than to me.

During the year I read Jonathan Cahn's book "Return of the gods". What an eye-opening read about the gods that were worshiped throughout the centuries and are being worshiped again here in America. It has had a profound impact on my prayers for America.

My family had some exciting times during 2023. We went on our first family cruise together. What a great time for relaxing and just being together for ten days. We praise the Lord for the opportunity. In April we had the honor of attending Sierra's college graduation commencement at Bethel University. This had some special significance, first because during High School Sierra never saw herself attending college. School had been difficult for her. Once she was diagnosed with dyslexia and ADD she was able to get the help she needed for classes. She was on the dean's list several times during her four years at Bethel. All praise goes to God! I am also grateful for the encouragement and support the LMC family has shown Sierra as she has sought to trust the Lord for His direction for her life. Secondly, Sierra is the first second-generation college graduate in my family. I was the first and only of my parent's children to graduate from a four-year program.

Lynn and I were honored to represent Lighthouse at the Bi-annual Denominational SHIFT conference in Orlando. There was some tension concerning former President Steve Jones and what might take place during the scheduled explanation for his dismissal. The Denominational leaders and those who shared comments on the matter handled the open forum very well. Rodney Arnold was elected as the new president of the Denomination. There were a few Constitutional Amendments presented for consideration, all of which passed.

A highlight for 2023 was the vision for a downtown East Jordan LMC presence. Gloria Kraemer and her family own a building on Main Street that was once the Jordan Valley Tax Services. Following a discussion with the church board and Gloria's family a rental agreement was established and in November LMC gained use of the space, now known as Life House: a Space for Hope and Encouragement. Some of the ministry opportunities being considered for the space include Christian Counseling, Grief Share, Small Groups, Prayer meetings, recovery groups, etc. Some people do not want to go to a church for whatever reason. This space allows LMC an opportunity to provide Christ's love to the community in a different venue.

In 2023 I continued to remain connected to pastors in the Charlevoix and Antrim county area. I regularly met with pastors for prayer on Tuesdays. Those times were such an encouragement as we built one another up and prayed for each other. In the fall we had a home going celebration for Pastor Jerry Troyer, who was promoted to his eternal reward. Staying connected to the East Jordan pastors has been more difficult. There has been less interest in regular meetings. However, I am thankful that we held ecumenical Lenten services again and partnered to provide Thanksgiving baskets for more than 70 families in our community.

During the year I met with several pastors from the Northern Network of the Michigan Region of the Missionary Church. Due to busy schedules, it was hard to get them all together at one time in one place, so I met with them one-on-one or in small groups. My vision for the Northern Network is to grow connections between our churches and seek the Lord for direction in planting a new church in the North.

The Lord has blessed me to continue meeting with men from the LMC family in one-on-one discipleship meetings. One young man I have been meeting with for more than seven years. Each of these men has shown beautiful growth in their prayer lives and commitment to following Jesus.

God has blessed LMC with great leaders who remain unified as we seek the direction of the Lord for the LMC family. The Elders and Deacons have been such a blessing to work with. The regular first Thursday of the Month meetings included updates on the various ministries of the church and great discussion for moving forward with a Kingdom mindset.

The faithfulness of families and LMC ministries to train their children in the Ways of the Lord is producing spiritual fruit. Several graduates are active with Christian ministries in their Colleges. Young parents are dedicating their children to the Lord. There have been several young adults who have grown up at LMC who have served on the board. And a number of our young leaders are involved in ministries at LMC.

A particularly special opportunity in 2023 was having Hunter as my intern for several weeks during his Christmas break from Bethel. He participated in two board meetings and an elders meeting. He engaged in discussion during all three meetings. During the elder's meeting, he presented a report he did from one of his classes regarding Lighthouse. The SWOT report evaluates strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to help understand the effectiveness and potential of the church. His analysis initiated some great discussion and some consideration for enhancing the current ministries of LMC. Some of the other responsibilities included some projects around the building, helping with the Christmas program, operating streaming for a Sunday morning service, planning and leading the youth lock-in, visitation, and preaching.

I am praying for the Lord's direction for a sermon series for 2024. My initial sense is to look at Jesus in every book of the Bible. To increase my leadership skills, I will be utilizing some online training resources. A new goal is to establish a Discipleship Pathway for the LMC family. As we pray for 50 new believers to join the LMC family we need to be ready to disciple them. I will be stretching myself in 2024 by making a goal to read several books to grow my knowledge. Reading is not something I enjoy, but serving the Lord is not about me.

In conclusion, I would be remiss if I didn't express my sincere appreciation for the LMC family. I am blessed to have such a wonderful team of Godly leaders working with me to lead the flock. The number of prayer worriers who uphold me and my family in prayer is unknown to me, but God knows and He continues to bless me and LMC!

In His service,

Pastor Bart Adams

Spiritual Development

Lynn Adams

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Eph. 3:16-21).

The love and grace of God amaze me as much today as ever before. I have begun to pray the above passage over this church regularly. If we as a church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, really grasp the enormity and immensity of God's love for us individually and collectively, if we learn to be "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" we will not seek fullness in anything this world offers. Only then will we learn to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Only then will we truly be empowered by the Holy Spirit to genuinely love those around us. That is the cry of my heart.

God is still teaching me to pray in the Spirit, as Scripture calls us to do. He has challenged me this year to spend more extended time in prayer. He has also greatly burdened my heart to pray for the salvation of East Jordan. Weekly ecumenical prayer for our community has continued for 18 months, with a small core of faithful pray-ers. As we pray in faith for those in darkness to come to know the Light of the World, we as a church need to prayerfully prepare to disciple those whom God will bring into the family. I ask you to begin to pray fervently for more than 50 lost people to be saved and added to the LMC family in 2024. That is a small number, given the more than 2,000 who live in our community, but a very big number compared to the small number we have seen in recent decades. May God forgive our lack of faith and expectation for seeing souls saved here. Do you have the faith to pray with me in faithful anticipation of what God wants to do?

Ministry in Various Areas:

- Ladies Bible study is a rich blessing each week.
- This year we have also started to establish a more comprehensive Women's Ministry. I am thankful for several women who have stepped up to provide leadership in various areas. We were blessed this year to share breakfast together several times and to remotely host the Verity Conference.
- Janet Massey assisted me in hosting two full sessions of Grief Share ministry this year. Most of the participants are not from our church. Several have made significant strides in seeking God as they process their grief. Thanks be to God
- God continues to give me weekly devotional messages.
- In youth ministry, numbers have still been low, but we have several teens who are faithfully seeking the Lord, for which I am very thankful. Several people have helped this year, including Jennifer G, Blake C, Elijah and Moriah G, and Amy N. This year 24 students from LMC participated at Mancelona Camp. We also took five

students to Discover Conference and three students to visit Bethel University. During the year I reached out to LMC students away at college, for whom I continue to pray.

It is a rich blessing to partner with Bart in ministry and to grow together in prayer. I am thankful for all the faithful prayers, support, and encouragement from this church body. May this church be transformed into the spotless bride of Christ that God desires us to be. May we bring Him delight and glory day by day until our Lord Jesus returns.

In service of The KING,

Lynn Adams

Council of Elders

Nick Evans, Ben Newington, Tom Birgy, Bill Thompson & John Thompson

The Elder Board currently consists of Nick Evans (head Elder), John Thompson, Bill Thompson, Ben Newington, and Tom Birgy. The primary focus has been prayer for the congregation and the spiritual health of the LMC family. Other responsibilities include assisting with Communion and praying for healing and deliverance for those who request special anointing.

The elders have focused on getting to know the families of LMC. Two membership classes were held during the year. There were 16 participants resulting in 6 requests for membership. The elders reviewed the applications and accepted Wayne and Julie Lafferty, Dan and Fay Miller, Melissa Jibson, and Krystal Johnson into membership.

The elders reviewed the membership roll and several names were removed because of death and inactivity.

During several of the monthly meetings the elders discussed considering a discipleship pathway. In that discussion was a resource for assisting parent to talk with their children about a biblical view of sexuality. Including God's establishment of male and female genders designed for marriage.

The elders have continued to encourage a growing culture of prayer in the LMC family. John Thompson continued to provide a daily prayer text. Many people participated in the Spring, Summer, and Fall Prayer 168 events. The July Prayer 168 was added for 2023 as the Missionary Church was dealing with some important issues leading up to the SHIFT conference. May 5th the church board canceled the regularly scheduled meeting to host a National Day of Prayer service. On November 5th the worship service focused on the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. The Tuesday prayer gathering moved to the Life House. The first thing to take place at Life House was a time of prayer that included anointing the entry doorway for all who enter to know the Hope and Encouragement of the Lord.

In 2024 the elders will be coordinating two Prayer 168 vigils.

Early in the year the elders discussed having special services sometime during the year. Pastor Bart was asked to make contact with Rev James Keller. Rev Keller graciously came September 16-18 and taught on being filled with the Holy Spirit. There was a time of teaching and prayer on Saturday night, Rev Keller taught a Sunday school class and preached during the worship service. He then taught on Sunday and Monday nights. The comments received from those who attended any of the services were very positive and encouraging.

During Rev Keller's visit he met with the elders. He was encouraged to hear about the culture of pray that the LMC family has developed over the past several years. He was also intrigued by the vision for the Life House. Rev Keller challenged the elders to live up to the name Lighthouse by establishing three new ministries in the next three years. Life House is one of those three. He asked us to consider a possible church plant for one of the remaining two ministry opportunities,

The elders are considering asking Rev Bill Hossler to come and preach special services in September.

Part of Hunter Adams internship responsibility was to meet with the elders. He explained some of what God has been teaching him through the Word, his professors, and classroom discussions. He was asked to elaborate on one particular assignment he had completed in a church leadership class. The subject was a SWOT analysis. Reviewing and considering the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats in the church. One of the weaknesses he shared was the lack of social media presence outside of FaceBook. For the majority of the congregation that's probably fine, but as we seek to minister to the next generation we need to be communicating with them with the tools they use. The prime example Hunter used was Instagram. The elders concluded that we need to look for someone who is familiar with this social media platform and begin utilizing it for communicating with the LMC family and potential family members.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Elders: Nick Evans, John Thompson, Bill Thompson, Ben Newington, and Tom Birgy

Communication

Amy Newington

In 2023 the Church Board held ten (10) regular meetings, one (1) special meeting in September, and one (1) Annual Conference in January. We began and ended each meeting in prayer, along with praying for direction as over new items on our agenda.

Membership enrollment for the year ending December 31, 2023 was 85.

The January meeting began with the annual pastoral review and evaluation. This evaluation attempts to express the overall feeling of the church congregation, as well as the overall performance of pastor with the amazing amount of ministry that he's involved in. Pastor Bart received a great review and was asked to remain on staff, and graciously accepted.

Throughout the year, the Board conducted business that included discussion on maintenance and upgrades to the church, finishing various projects, giving to missionaries, as well as the church needs and where we see God leading us as a church. We also saw our vision of having a location in town come to fruition, with the establishment of the Life House! God is going to use this for some amazing ministry opportunities.

God has blessed us beyond measure. We are seeing growth in so many areas! We will continue to press into Him as we pray for continued growth in 2024!

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Newington

Outreach

Barb Price

I would like to thank Lighthouse Missionary Church for the privilege of serving them as Deaconess of Outreach for the last four years. It has been such a beautiful experience watching our Lord work with this board, month after month. Unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace are evident here.

2023 has been a busy year - first in prayer and our growth in this area and then in the opportunities we have had to minister to each other and our community.

Worldwide Missions:

We had visits from several of our mission partners:

- Drolls - transitioning from Romania to home assignment in Iowa
- Yargers - Thailand
- Millers - Guatemala
- Makombes - Rwanda

We also received correspondence and updates from the Glidewells and Jessica Boshaw.

We filled and sent over 100 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas ministries

Local Missions:

- Moms & Tots Pregnancy Center - we participated in the Baby Bottle fundraiser, the annual banquet, and the Spring Tea event
- Keryx - we hosted a men's KIC weekend
- The Depot Teen Center
- Mary Troyer (RBM) Provides Bible Release Time teaching to local students
- Good Samaritans
- Mancelona Camp - several workdays in addition to the week of camp in July
- The CHRISTmas giving tree helped four families this year
- We participated in the annual CHRISTmas decorating of the Tourist Park and also joined with people from other churches to sing carols of Jesus in the annual CHRISTmas parade
- LifeHouse - The newest outreach arm of LMC is a rented building on Main Street which brings us into downtown East Jordan. Many volunteers have stepped up to help prepare this space for various ministries. So far there are plans to use the building for Bible studies throughout the week, Christian counseling, Grief Share, and prayer meetings. We are seeking God for clear direction and vision for additional ways to show His love to our community.

2023 designated tithes

Good Samaritan Family Services	1,200.00
Depot Youth Center (EJ)	6,100.00
Makombe's (Rawanda)	2,400.00
Glidewell's (USA)	2,400.00
Droll's (Romania/USA)	2,400.00
Mancelona Camp	5,419.48
Mary Jo Troyer (Bible Release Time)	1,000.00
Miscellaneous (India project, CRU Bibles)	10,419.07
Greg Miller Ministries (Guatemala)	4,400.00
Jessica Boshaw (Spain)	1,200.00
Larry & Ou Yarger (Thailand)	2,400.00
Missions Scholarship Fund	425.00

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Price

Worship & Expression

Andy Hardy

The level of commitment and longevity for those serving on the LMC worship team is truly unprecedented. Collectively, members have served a total of 204 years in this ministry at LMC! There are 32 manpower hours that go into a single week, which totals 1,600 hours per year, preparing and leading song services! On behalf of the church, we extend many thanks for this great level of commitment and service!

Currently serving on the music team: Elaine Birgy, Thomas Birgy, Sarah Ziebarth, Andrew Hardy, Carolyn Hardy, Larry Gould, Regina Inman, and Drew Mihelich.

Currently serving with our audiovisual technology team: Teresa Spence, Marianne Howard, Nancy Yorks, Lisa Carey, Leon Carey, Pete Inman, and Melissa Jibson. Recent additions are Madelyn Hardy, Gabby Hamilton and Monica Capelin.

In July we were pleased to have Ben Heckard minister to our church by providing training and technology expertise to our sound booth.

New songs learned by the team this year:

- House of the Lord
- Same God
- Great Things
- Make Room
- How Good is He
- Trust in God
- A Thousand Hallelujahs
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Jesus Way

Caleb, Josh, Lilly, Sarah Ziebarth and friends were able to fill-in and lead worship for two weeks in June. This was a real answer to prayer as we do have a need for additional help to cover on occasion. Larry and Drew helped lead worship during Mancelona camp in July. Andrew and Carolyn lead songs during the Holy Spirit conference in September.

On behalf of the Praise and Worship team, thank you for another year and the great privilege of serving God and His church in 2023!

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Hardy

Teaching

Elizabeth Evans

Dear Church Congregation,

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and our community in the form of a Children's ministries leader. This year we hosted a winter vacation bible school and continued with the other regular children's ministries.

Elizabeth Evans

Junior Church:

It has been a good year for Jr. Church. We have retained our 5 teacher volunteers along with our student helpers. We have been able to utilize different student helpers as needed. On average we have about 7 young kids with as many as 12, each week that attend. I believe the age range is 5 to 12.

The beginning of the year we did a curriculum called Be Bold. This walked the children through adventures with Jesus. The second half we watched the Superbook series and had discussion.

This year we are starting in the Parables from the Travel Guides.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Grzebyk

Vacation Bible School-

Lighthouse hosted a three-day winter Vacation Bible School over Christmas break by ourselves, open to the public on Dec. 27th thru 29th from 12:30 to 3:30pm. The Theme this year was medieval castles and dragons, the curriculum used was Keepers of the Kingdom by Answers in Genesis, a study on the Armor of God and Ephesians 6:10-19. It was very in depth and covered a lot of spiritual richness. Many volunteers and students enjoyed how thorough it was and the good spiritual content it covered.

There was an average attendance of 20 kids per day. We had 6 adult Volunteers and 7 youth volunteers. About half the kids that attended were from outside of our Church. Six kids memorized all five of the verses for the week. Several children memorized at least one of the verses. The Curriculum was given to us by the first united Methodist Church in Gaylord.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Evans

LMC VBS Director

Nursery –

The nursery has averaged 3-6 kids, depending on the week this year. Kids are in the age range of 2-5. We currently have 9 adult volunteers and 7 youth. We always welcome more, many hands make light work!

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Newington

Youth –

In youth ministry, numbers have still been low, but we have several teens who are faithfully seeking the Lord, for which I am very thankful. Several people have helped this year, including Jennifer G, Blake C, Elijah and Moriah G, and Amy N. This year 24 students from LMC participated at Mancelona Camp. We also took five students to Discover Conference and three students to visit Bethel University. During the year I reached out to LMC students away at college, for whom I continue to pray.

Thank you for your prayers for me and for this ministry,

Lynn Adams

Sunday school-

Sunday School attendance for the children's area has been very small. Averaging 9, but often 6. The 4th through 6th grade class has had as many as 11 but is currently running about 6. The younger group is 2 kids most weeks. Both classes were larger during the marriage class. We have two teachers and could use a couple substitute teachers. In Sunday School we have covered the Armor of God, The Lord's Prayer, The days of Creation, The birth of Jesus from all the Gospel accounts, as well as a deep study of several Bible characters.

We started a rewards system for memorizing bible verses in November. Using a treasure Chest with prizes inside, about 20 prizes have been handed out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Evans

Christmas Program-

We had 21 kids participate in the program this year. The kids worked really hard and enjoyed presenting the program for the congregation. I'm super proud of all of the kids who were willing to read parts in the play this year. Even our younger kids were excited to read scripture which is exciting to see. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help with sound, lighting, snacks and special gifts for the kids. It's certainly a blessing to have the opportunity to work with the kids each year to present the Christmas program and experience their joy in doing so.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becki King

Fellowship

Judy Sayre

As the Deaconess of Fellowship, I have multiple areas that I can serve our church body and community. I have always believed that it is hard to reach someone's spiritual needs until you have met their physical needs. Feeding those who are grieving meets a very basic need and also gives them a chance to feel cared for by our body. We also have fellowship with each other during potlucks, picnics, and congregational special events.

I am not a one-man team. I couldn't serve our community in a way that would make God smile without the help of all our staff:

Margaret Farmer who calls all my wonderful cooks to bring food for dinners. This church is blessed with some amazing cooks and the families we serve acknowledge it to me many times. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the love you show in what you prepare.

Jack Snyder sets up the tables and chairs and assists with whatever needs doing and cleans up afterwards.

Ed Sayre is my right hand/chef's helper/and best friend who walks this road with me at every event. Elaine Birgy has helped me many times in prepping and serving and has a real heart for this ministry.

There are so many more that I could mention. You all know who you are and I pray for you all often as we serve and work together.

Even though I have the heart of "Martha" in regard to food and its importance, I try to never lose track of the fact that what we do as a church regarding fellowship is really a reflection of our desire to bring those around us to "Mary's" outlook and how to spend time with our Savior and friends.

This past year, we have tried to represent our Lord through 10 funeral dinners, our local conference dinner, several LMC family dinners and Easter breakfast, and multiple potlucks.

Financially, we have been so blessed in our kitchen fund that we have had the ceramic tile back splash and trim installed. Recently, in finishing out our new kitchen, we ordered multiple commercial-grade items to assist us in preparing for large groups, Keryx weekends, and to also help us in the event that we have to be a disaster or emergency relief station for our community. The new Bunn coffee maker has 3 burners and will be installed with an automatic water supply and a drain. This is more economical and timely. We have ordered knives, utensils, beautiful pots and pans that are larger and can help with large preparations.

As Deaconess of Fellowship, I have had great joy in using the gifts that God has given me to serve our Lord in whatever way he chooses to use me. I look forward to the future to see what God has in store for our body.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sayre

Facilities

Jack Snyder

The Lord has blessed the Lighthouse Missionary Church family with a wonderful facility and property for gathering to worship and grow as Disciples of Christ. In 2023 God continued to supply all we needed to care for what He has entrusted to us.

During the year the lawn equipment and heating systems were maintained. Various facility repairs were taken care of. Tables and chairs were set up and taken down for funerals and family dinners. Volunteers mowed the lawn and plowed the parking lot.

The church board authorized hiring Dan Tisron to remodel the bathroom in the senior adult classroom. He also finished the trim work in the new addition, completed the closet in the Jr Church area, and installed the backsplash in the new kitchen. Dan did a tremendous job!

The main electrical panel was not replaced in 2023 as was projected but is on schedule for Atlas Electric to install it early in 2024. During the replacement, preparations will be made for a future backup generator.

In 2023 the church van was maintained, including some bodywork.

A new utility sink was installed in the janitor's closet.

Tom Birgy learned how to use the church's commercial steam cleaner. He did spot cleaning and cleaned the entire fellowship hall and main hallway.

The Jordan Valley Homeschool group partnered with the church to purchase a second playground structure. Thank you to John Thompson and Ben Newigton for putting the structure together.

Tom's Diesel serviced the church loader.

The dishwasher in the parsonage required replacement in December. Pastor Bart limped it along for several months until it would no longer run.

The church and parsonage mailboxes were replaced.

The drinking fountain in was replaced to include a water bottle refilling station.

The church board authorized the purchase of a new John Deere lawn mower in 2023.

Three dead pines were cut down in the parsonage lawn.

Laurie Wakeham concluded her custodial duties at the end of the year. Krystal Johnson has agreed to accept the additional cleaning responsibilities, including the Life House.

A big thank you goes out to Richard and Melissa Jibson for their hard work sprucing up the Life House.

Thank you to everyone who helped with any of these projects or those that were not mentioned. The list would be long and I don't want to forget anyone.

Goals for 2024:

Paint the pole barn

Add a lean-to on the south side of the pole barn

Install acoustical panels in the gym

Build new shelves for the coat racks

Build an 8' table cart

Paint the heat registers

Replace the fascia on the prop shed

Repair the East Entry ceiling

Replace roof screws

New windows for the parsonage

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Snyder

Jordan Valley Homeschool Group

John Thompson, Chairman

This is the fifth year of operation of the Jordan Valley Homeschool Group as a ministry of our church to Christian families and children of the community. We have 26 students from 14 families.

The Board of Directors is composed of: John Thompson, Chairman; Amy Newington, Secretary; Evelyn Thompson, Treasurer, and Danielle Burgardt . The annual fundraising campaign was again very successful thanks to our great supporters. This has allowed us to purchase an addition swing and slide unit to our outdoor playground. The extra funds also helped to provide art and craft supplies and other necessary items. Each month we make a contribution to the church to help defray the cost of utilities.

Income for JVHG is also generated with the monthly fees and offerings from the families. We have been able to provide some small stipends, on an occasional basis, to our instructors, Amy Newington, Evelyn and John Thompson.

JVHG believes that the job of educating the students belongs to the parents. We are here to help them educate their students. We meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays so that students may have opportunity for Bible instruction, singing worship songs, social interaction, and working on their lessons. Tuesdays and Wednesdays have emphasis on academic activities while Thursdays focus on social interaction, extended spiritual instruction, or various hands-on projects. There is now a Bible Study for mothers. It is lead by one of our homeschool mothers, Clara Black. This past spring, Benjamin Wermuth completed his high school program so he is our first graduate!

Our students enjoy using the gym area for many different games and physical activities. The younger students have watched various musical and Bible-based videos and have a Bible Study on Wednesday. The older students have a devotional time and also viewed videos from Right Now Media. We have held several special events. We celebrated Valentine's Day with lots of treats and a card exchange. During March, we enjoyed Reading Month. Students were encouraged to read by having special days throughout the month and prizes were awarded to students that spent the most minutes reading. This year, the top student reported 4,680 minutes (78 hours) of reading and several others had more than 1,000 minutes. Throughout the year, families also supplied special treats for the students to celebrate their birthdays. This fall we held our annual Harvest party. In November, over 70 students, parents, grandparents and friends enjoyed a catered Thanksgiving dinner (due to a generous donation). We also had a Christmas celebration with the students to round out the year. It seems like each week there is something special going on at JVHG!

Parents have expressed great appreciation to JVHG and LMC for providing them with this resource for their homeschooling students. We thank God for the opportunity to serve the families of our church and community.

In Service to God,

John Thompson, JVHG Chairman

Finances – Fund Balances

Elaine Birgy

<u>Assets: Checking/Savings</u>	Dec-22	Dec-23
Checking	\$ 311,589.17	\$ 340,226.98
*Investments with LPL Financial (12/2021)	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>83,083.00</u>
 TOTAL:	 <u>\$386,589.17</u>	 <u>\$ 423,309.98</u>
 <u>Break-out Account Balances</u>		
Local Budget	225,545.88	260,136.47
Investment Accounts w/LPL	75,000.00	83,083.00
Kitchen Renovation***	7,045.88	4,916.08
Benevolence	9,819.88	1,900.67
Youth-GENERAL	5,657.51	3,613.20
Building fund **	47,942.23	56,229.57
Prayer Ministry	300.00	187.93
Youth-Mancelona Camp	0.00	0.00
Mission Monies (parishioner donations)- NEW	51.71	0.00
Mission Tithe Fund (scholarship fund)	14,180.00	13,755.00
Tithe Fund-General (2022 funds)	1,046.08	0.00
Tithe Fund-General (2023 funds)	<u> </u>	<u>-512.04</u>
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	 <u>\$ 386,589.17</u>	 <u>\$ 423,309.88</u>

**5% of the Local Budget offerings are added each month

***Kitchen donations to date: \$27,528.00

*Three (3) structured investments (\$25K each): 1-3/4 yrs.; 2-yrs.; 3-yrs.

As long as the market doesn't drop below 30%, we are guaranteed NOT to lose our investment. Interest/dividend rates (7%; 8.5%; 7.5%) will be paid quarterly as long as the market doesn't lose more than 20-25%....if it's more, we simply do not get the dividend that quarter.

TWO have matured (September & December); Lou reinvested it (along with the cash dividends of

\$8,083) into an "alternative money market" account paying 4.5-5.25% interest (rates vary).

The final investment will mature in December 2024.

Proposed Budget for 2022

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Capital Acquisitions	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,207.55	10,000.00
Christian Education (Incl. Youth \$3932.)	3,000.00	6,751.02	5,000.00
Church Tithes/Offerings (10% of LB) *	35,000.00	34,344.07	35,000.00
Mancelona Camp (used Bldg. Fund \$\$\$)		5,419.48	
Continuing Education	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Dues/Fees/Licensing/Subscriptions	4,500.00	5,344.01	6,000.00
Copy Machine Maintenance & Expense	1,500.00	941.43	1,200.00
Gifts Given	7,000.00	6,945.00	7,000.00
Honorariums	2,000.00	2,300.00	2,000.00
Insurances (church/auto/work.comp.)	10,000.00	10,385.00	11,000.00
Maintenance/Repairs	12,000.00	11,863.93	12,000.00
Mileage	500.00	0.00	500.00
Ministries (net)	26,000.00	26,226.58	28,000.00
Outreach (LifeHouse, etc.)		2,364.30	12,000.00
Miscellaneous/Other	500.00	414.28	500.00
Apportionments (regional/denomination)	20,000.00	19,644.00	21,000.00
Pastor's Wage PACKAGE	81,000.00	81,052.71	84,000.00
Pastor's Wage PACKAGE-parsonage*	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Administrative Assistant	26,000.00	24,156.73	27,200.00
Custodial Services	18,000.00	13,373.33	15,400.00
Retreats/Conferences	3,000.00	2,625.52	1,000.00
Renovations	5,000.00	2,920.12	5,000.00
NEW KITCHEN addition****		3,629.80	
Scholarships (academic)	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Supplies (kitchen/office/janit./general)	6,500.00	5,961.72	7,000.00
Utilities-church (inc. Internet & Trash)	12,000.00	10,714.42	12,000.00
Utilities-parsonage	2,200.00	1,760.66	2,200.00
SUB-TOTALS:	\$ 300,700.00	\$ 295,345.66	320,000.00
**Bal. of 2023 Tithes NOT paid out yet		0.00	
***Not actual "expense"--arbitrary value	(9,000.00)	(9,000.00)	(9,000.00)
NET OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 291,700.00	\$ 286,345.66	\$ 311,000.00
*includes \$1,046.08 from 2022 tithe monies			
**paid \$512.04 "over" our 10%			
Operating Income: 2022/2023	\$ 353,653.21	\$ 326,620.77	
LESS Operating Expenses: 2022/2023	(275,833.88)	\$ (286,034.51)	
NET OPERATING INCOME: 2022/2023	\$ 77,819.33	\$ 40,586.26	

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Birgy

Nomination Committee

Pastor Bart Adams

Suggestions for nominees to serve were solicited from the church family using a Nomination Suggestion Survey. The Nominating Committee convened and reviewed the results of the surveys. With approval of the Church Board, the nominees were contacted and asked about their willingness to serve. After all the nominees were contacted, a final report was submitted to the Church Board. The following people have been nominated to serve in the positions listed and have allowed their names to stand in nomination.

Deacon of Facilities: Jack Snyder, Ed Sayre, & Dan Miller

Deaconess of Outreach: Jennifer Grzebyk

Deacon of Teaching: Jeremy Lynn & Jennifer Evans

Regional Conf. Delegate: Nick Evans, Ben Newington, & Amy Newington

Elders: Ben Newington & John Thompson

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Newington, Elder

Barb Price, Deaconess

Pete Inman, Member

Sherry Crane, Member

Pastor Bart Adams, Chairman

Valuation of church property

These properties include the church building, pole barn, outbuildings, parsonage, and land. We have current valuation at 1.3 million. The valuation of the church property is for insurance purposes. Lighthouse Missionary Church is insured by Brotherhood Mutual through Shilton & Associates, INC. of Grand Rapids. Brotherhood Mutual specializes in insuring houses of worship.

January 2024

- 14 Annual reports available
- 21 Local Conference
- 12-13 Keryx Training
- 25-28 Men's Keryx weekend @ LMC

February 2024

- 1-4 Women's Keryx weekend @ LMC
- 11 Super Bowl ?
- 16-18 Pleasant Valley Bible Camp Youth Retreat
- 21 & 28 Lent services

March 2024

- 6, 13, 20 Lent services
- 24-April 2 EJ school spring break
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 24-31 Prayer 168
- 29 Good Friday @ 7:00 pm
- 31 Resurrection Sunday
Son Rise Service
Breakfast ?(5th Sun month)

April 2024

- 30 Regional Conference in Davison

May 2024

- 9-11 Pathway Training
- 12 Mother's Day
- 26 Memorial Day Sunday

Other: Movie nights, game nights, campfire worship, etc

June 2024

- 16 Father's Day
- 20-22 Big Ticket Festival
- 27-30 Freedom Festival
- 28 F.F. Block Party
- 31 5th Sun Picnic?

July 2024

- 21-27 Mancelona Camp

August 2024

September 2024

- 8-15 Prayer 168
- 15-17 Special services

October 2024

- 11-12 Verity Women's Conference

November 2024

- 3 International Day of prayer for the Persecuted Church
Christmas Display / Christmas giving tree
Christmas Decorating / Nativity

December 2024

- Community Christmas Parade 6:30p
line up 6:00
Birthday for Jesus "Gideons"
- 15 Christmas Program
- 15 Christmas Caroling 3:00-6:00 ish
- 24 Christmas Eve service
(Communion)
- 31 New Year's Eve candlelight service
& game night