# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

New Beginnings for Children and Youth "Children are a Heritage from the Lord: Psalm 127:3





Images from a year of new beginnings at Grace See page 1 for photo guide

# **GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2023 ANNUAL REPORT THEME—NEW BEGINNINGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.** This year's Annual Report cover introduces the theme for this year's Report. The most significant change in Grace's ministry and mission during 2023 has been how we nurture and cherish our children and youth. Psalm 127:3 expresses the Grace Family's care and gratitude for all of the children and youth among our members: **"Children are a heritage from the Lord."** 

This theme, **NEW BEGINNINGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH,** manifested itself when we considered how Grace has enhanced its ministry for children and youth in 2023. Sunday school classes that were closed four years ago when covid struck began anew in February. A new confirmation class started in September. Pastor Jaci and Pastor Dave baptized three infants. Youth-led worship services on 30 July, 29 October and 31 December engaged Grace's children and youth in the actual conduct of worship. Grace's children and youth had real opportunities to help all of Grace's members grow in faith.

#### A GUIDE TO COVER PHOTOS:

**THE FRONT COVER** features three photos that illustrate the Report's Theme:

- The top photo, taken during Grace's Christmas Pageant on December 17<sup>th</sup>, was a concluding blessing from the children for the congregation.
- The lower left photo is a Lucas Cranach painting (early 16<sup>th</sup> century) of Jesus and the children that highlights Jesus' love for children: "Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them" (Mark 10:16). Grace's love and care for its children and youth is inspired by Jesus' love for children.
- The lower right photo shows Pastor Jaci and Grace's children sharing communion as part of the youth-led worship on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July.

**THE INSIDE FRONT COVER** displays seven photos with "**Images from a year of new beginnings at Grace**" (explanations start with the top left photo and continue around the page):

- (top left) The baptism of Beckett Wolfe on 21 May.
- (top right) The newly renovated Sacristy (completed in October).
- (middle right) 152 quilts produced by the Piecemakers were dedicated during worship on 19 March.
- (lower right) Pastor Jaci teaching a children's lesson on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June.
- (lower left) Pastor Jaci and Grace's young members join in a blessing for worshippers at the end of a Youth-Led Service of Lessons and Carols on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.
- (lower middle on left) The baptism of Madelyn Elizabeth Rickman on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.
- (upper middle on left) The baptism of Luke James Pirkl on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 2023 Annual Report

The **2023 Annual Report** of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elmore, Ohio, is submitted to the members and friends of Grace in compliance with Part IV, A. of the Bylaws to the **Grace Constitution**. This Bylaw calls for *"reports from all the organizations of the congregation for activities in the prior year*" and for the presentation of the Annual Report to the Congregation at a congregational Meeting in January. The **2023 Grace Annual Report** includes the following reports:.

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#### ABOUT GRACE'S 2023 ANNUAL REPORT:

Grace's 2023 Annual Report describes a year of "New Beginnings," especially for children and youth. 2023 not only saw the restoration of Grace's Christian Education program for children and youth, but other exciting youth-related events included the start of a new confirmation class, the active involvement of Grace's children and youth in Youth-Led Worship Services, the births of three children, and the baptisms of three children. The "Christian Education Annual Report" has full details. Grace's physical facilities underwent significant restorations in 2023. The rooms used for Christian Education were refurbished, a massive steel cross was erected near the church entrance, and the Sacristy was completely renovated. The "Board of Property Report" has details. The rise in interest rates made investments become attractive; the diligent work of Grace's Treasurer made it possible for Grace to end the year with \$144,294.71 invested at interest. The Board of Congregational Life organized a fellowship activity for the congregation in every month of the year except August. The Board of Witness and Mission and Piecemakers gave new life to the aphorism, "God's Work, Our Hands," by producing 152 guilts, 120 school kits and 137 personal care kits for Lutheran World Service. Their report tells how Grace's "ten percent of offerings" benevolence commitment was distributed. Finally, the heart and soul of being a church is worship; Grace once again had a full program of Sunday and special worship services with communion and an accompanying parking lot ministry. "New Beginnings" also envisions a congregation that expects to worship and serve God in new and exciting ways in 2024 and beyond.

#### Dear Friends in Christ,

The past year was a year marked with many stories of God's goodness among us. God has certainly blessed us with his grace and goodness as we seek to be witnesses in our communities. The year was marked with many new beginnings among us.

We celebrated many things in two thousand and twenty-three. These included our continued partnership with Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We supported fundraising and outreach efforts there. The women also participated in Ladies' Night Out dinners, and some attended Bethlehem's Annual Women's Retreat. I appreciate the relationship that the two congregations have with one another and look forward to more shared ministry opportunities in the coming year.

We were also blessed with "new beginnings" such as new members, baptisms and the life experiences of many people, updates to Grace facilities and shared worship experiences. The rebirth of our youth education programs was a special blessing (thanks to Jayne and her crew of helpers)!! Sunday school classes, a retreat and service projects are in full swing. The kids are loving it and it's invigorating to see them excited about the opportunities they have to participate. Several of the youth have also been leading worship in the months when there is a fifth Sunday. To say they are doing an amazing job is an understatement!! God has indeed gifted our young people with confidence to lead us!! I may just be able to retire early--haha. A big thanks goes to the Congregation, Council, and Deacons for assisting with the many aspects of worship that it takes for services to run smoothly, especially when I arrive just prior to worship. I'm grateful for all who are willing to assist with worship efforts.

The Northwestern Ohio Synod is marking 2024 as the Year of Rest. This rest isn't just sleep, relaxing or vacation time, but also taking little moments each day to nourish and renew ourselves. I admit resting is not one of my strengths, but I want to commit myself to attempting to hold space for this practice even if it's only a little bit. Even a little bit of rest is a healthy thing to learn for all of us. God gives us rest and that is good news for us when we are weary and need to be renewed.

<sup>1</sup>Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. <sup>2</sup>Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will never be shaken.

Psalm 62:1-2

Walking with you in God's grace,

Pastor Jací <u>T</u>íell

# **CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

The Grace ELC Congregational Council is pleased to submit this report on Council activities and the life and mission of the Grace Congregation during 2023.

**PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**. Pastor Jaci Tiell was installed as Grace's Called Pastor in July 2021. She has now served as Grace's Interim or Called Paster for more than four years. Pastor Tiell serves on a three-quarter time basis in a shared call with Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Toledo. Each church pays half of her pastoral compensation package. Both churches have been blessed with Pastor Jaci's spiritual and liturgical leadership during the past year. With many older members, including several in assisted living situations, much of Pastor Jaci's time is spent providing pastoral care. The terms of Pastor Jaci's call give her one free Sunday each month when she can attend worship with her family. On those Sundays, worship at Grace was conducted by Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM) Clyde Bame. We thank God for giving Grace the excellent pastoral leadership provided by Pastor Jaci and SAM Clyde. A special thank you goes to Pastor Dave Wietelmann for filling expected and unexpected worship needs.

**CHURCH STAFF**. Joyce Bruntz began serving as Grace's Parish Secretary and Office Manager in 2014. She serves on a part-time (3 days per week) basis. Her diligent work and capable handling of the congregation's business affairs and worship preparation continues to ensure that these aspects of Grace's operations are capably handled. Grace's Parish Musician Bobbi Bean served from the beginning of the year through the end of September when her resignation became effective. A new Parish Musician, Lori Damschroder, was appointed in December and will begin serving at the beginning of January 2024.

**WORSHIP SERVICES**. There were 53 Sundays in 2023 and Grace conducted regular worship services on every Sunday during the year. Communion was served during every service. In addition, special worship services were conducted on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve, with communion in each of these services except Good Friday. In addition, eight Evening Prayer services were conducted on Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. 39 of the Sunday services were conducted in Grace's Sanctuary. 14 services during the summer months were conducted in Grace's Fellowship Hall, which is air-conditioned (the Sanctuary is not). Three of the services, on 30 July, 29 October, and 31 December were Youth-Led Services. Special worship events included a Quilt Dedication on 19 March, a blessing of the backpacks on 20 August, an All-Saints Sunday recognition of persons passed on 5 November and a Thank Offering Return on 26 November. Average Sunday attendance for the entire year was 52.13. This is nearly the same as the 2022 average of 52.46.

Throughout the year, Grace continued to offer worshippers the option to remain in their vehicles and listen to services via FM broadcasts (94.1). There are two or three cars with worshippers every Sunday so it is apparent that this "parking lot ministry" has become a valued ministry for members who could not otherwise attend worship in the sanctuary (i.e., a person with a contagious illness, mobility issues, etc.). All who remain in their vehicles are individually communed by the Pastor. Covid-related restrictions

continued to impact the Passing of the Peace, offering collection and how Communion is served. Be sure to see the "*Board of Worship Annual Report*" for full details on worship during 2023.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**. Grace uses two very different numbers to quantify its membership. Official ELCA records credit Grace with 327 baptized members, but this number is significantly inflated because Grace's membership roster has not been updated for many years. A second membership number is more realistic. The "*ELCA Congregation Report*" asks for the "*total number of people actively participating in the life of the congregation.*" Based on an analysis of members who made contributions (In 2023, 85 adult members made "contributions of record."). By adding this number to all who communed, Grace reported 120 active members as of the end of 2022. The following membership changes occurred during 2023:

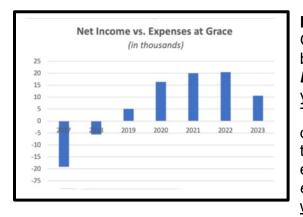
- Deaths (3 members): **Donald Bench**, 1 January; **Dean Crandall**, 17 March; **Leslee Bund**y, 27 October; **James Flick**, 29 October.
- New Members (1): Gordon Hille, received on 12 December.
- Baptisms (3): Beckett Wolfe (21 May), Luke Pirkl (12 November), Madelyn Rickman (17 November).
- Weddings (1): None.
- Transfers Out (5): Nathan & Holly Henn, Corrine, Ayla & Lillian Meyers.

With a net loss of four members during the year, Grace's "official" membership now stands at 323. Grace's membership during the last few years has remained relatively stable, with an average annual decline of about one percent per year.

**CONGREGATION MEETINGS**. The Grace Constitution mandates the conduct of two annual congregation meetings. The *Annual Report* for the previous year and plans for the new year are presented at a meeting in January. Approval of the budget for the next year and the election of officers and Board of Ministry Chairmen who will serve on the Congregation Council take place in a November meeting. The congregational meeting on 22 January was attended by 36 voting members. The meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November was attended by 45 voting members. There were no special congregation meetings in 2023.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ACTIONS**. The Grace Congregation Council conducted 11 regular monthly meetings in 2022 (*no meeting was held in July*). All meetings except the December meeting were in-person meetings at the church. The December meeting was conducted at the Gary Anderson Competition Center at Camp Perry. Members and spouses were able to participate in an air rifle marksmanship activity prior to an evening meal and Council meeting. Council meeting agendas included 1) a review of current prayer concerns, 2) approval of the previous meeting's minutes, 3) approval of the prior month's financial report and discussion/decisions regarding financial matters, 4) the Pastor's Report, 5) reports from Committee Chairs, and 6) Old and New business as required. Council actions were reported in Grace's *Weekly Messages*; Council meeting minutes are posted on Grace's website at

https://www.graceelconline.org/grace-communications.



**Financial Status**. A detailed accounting of Grace's income, expenditures and account balances is provided as part of this *Annual Report*. Grace has had a healthy financial year, with income slightly exceeding expenses. The 2023 budget projected \$145,000 in offerings; Grace ended the year with offerings totaling \$143,633. The budget projected an end-of- year surplus (*income exceeds expenditures*) of \$5,103; Grace ended the year with a surplus of \$10,614.

End-of-year surpluses (see chart) have enabled Grace to establish a Capital Reserve Fund as a savings account to pay for future capital expenses at the church. Grace ended 2023 with \$66,079.70 in this fund and congregational approval to use these funds in 2024 to replace the HVAC unit in the Fellowship Hall and repave Grace's parking lot. Assiduous work by the Treasurer has resulted in a situation where Grace had \$144,294.71 invested in interest-bearing accounts at the end of 2023. See the *"Financial Reports"* at the end of this report for full details.

**Communications Program**. Grace has a comprehensive communications program to keep members of the Grace Family informed about worship, programs, special events and church governance. In 2023, these Grace communications media were produced and distributed.

- Grace Annual Report. Each year a new Annual Report summarizing the activities and mission of the church is produced and distributed to Grace's members. These reports are also presented for discussion at congregational meetings. Copies of the most recent Annual Reports can be downloaded from the Grace website at <u>https://www.graceelconline.org/grace-communications</u>.
- Weekly Message. The Weekly Message is a newsletter that was sent via email or mail electronically to everyone in the Grace family. Each Weekly Message included a Bible Study lesson and information about upcoming worship services and church events. 52 issues were produced and distributed in 2023. The production of this newsletter will be discontinued in 2024.
- **Parish Reporter**. The **Parish Reporter** is a monthly publication with messages from the Pastor and information about activities in the church. 11 issues were produced and distributed via email and mail in 2023.
- Grace Website. Grace's webpage is accessible to the public via the internet at <a href="https://www.graceelconline.org/">https://www.graceelconline.org/</a>. The website presents basic information about Grace worship services and its programs. The "Communications" page of the website allows users to download recent copies of the Parish Reporter, Council Meeting Minutes and Grace Annual Reports.
- *Facebook*. Grace's Facebook account is available to the public at <u>https://www.facebook.com/GraceLutheranElmore</u>. This page presents reports on recent activities as well as information about upcoming events.

**THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL**. The Grace Congregation Council consists of the Pastor, the Officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary) and the Chairmen of the Boards of Ministry (Congregational Life, Property, Witness and Mission, and Worship and Music). All members actively participated in Council meetings and activities throughout the year. At the end of 2023, three members, Gary Anderson, Deb Boos and Nancy Pries stepped down from their respective positions on the Council. Congregation Council members who served in 2023 and/or who will serve in 2024 are shown in the table:

Grace Congregation Council							
Office	2024						
President	Gary Anderson	Mary Schlievert					
Secretary	Karen Hammel	Karen Hammel					
Treasurer	Mike Schlievert	Mike Schlievert					
Financial Secretary	Deb Boos	Vacant					
Chair, Congregational Life	Mary Schlievert	Vacant					
Chair, Property	Steve Blausey	Steve Blausey					
Chair, Education	Vacant	Gordon Hille					
Chair, Witness & Mission	Nancy Pries	John Heminger					
Chair, Worship & Music	Joan Eckermann	Joan Eckermann					

**RELATIONSHIP WITH BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**. The pastoral relationship that Grace shares with Bethlehem Lutheran Church gives Grace and its members unique opportunities to cooperate with an urban church. The two churches continued to cooperate in coordinating worship and event schedules. Members of Grace participated in two Bethlehem fund-raising projects, a February Spaghetti Dinner, and an October Cabbage Dinner. Members from Grace aided in Bethlehem's annual Operation Christmas Child gift project. Women from Grace participated in Bethlehem's Annual Women's retreat. Women from both congregations participated in four Ladies' Night Out dinners.

**2023:** A YEAR OF NEW BEGINNINGS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH. 2023 did indeed turn out to be a year of new beginnings, certainly for the children and youth at Grace, but also for Grace's physical facilities and its programs of worship services and activities. Now we can look forward to 2024 and learning what God and the Holy Spirt have planned for us in the new year.

Yours in Christ,

Gary Anderson, Council President, 2019-2023

The board of congregational life was chaired by Mary Schlievert. Members of the board included Rachel Beeler, Nancy Bennett, Joan Eckermann, and Linda Stewart.

The board met every other month to plan activities to promote fellowship within the congregations. Activities for 2023 included the following.

- January: Potluck brunch for the annual meeting, prayer partners
- February: Valentine flowers and treats
- February-April: Set up for Lent Soup Suppers
- April: Punch and cookie reception on Easter, distributed new photo directory
- May: Muffins for Moms on Mothers' Day
- June: Donuts for Dads on Fathers' Day
- July: Cookie reception
- September: Ice Cream Social on Rally Day; Cookie and Punch reception to honor Bobbie Bean
- October: Reformation potluck brunch
- November: Balloons for All Saints Sunday
- December: Set up for Advent Soup Suppers

In addition to these fellowship activities, the board cleaned the kitchen during the summer, washed and refilled all salt and pepper shakers, cleaned out the storage area in the fellowship hall, provided support for funeral meals, facilitated a walking club headed by Dave Weitelmann, and offered opportunities for family fun nights.

The board will need a new chairperson for 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Mary E. Schlievert Mary Schlievert, Board Chair

#### 2023 Christian Education Annual Report

**On February 26, 2023** after a three year 'Pandemic Pause', Sunday School began again at Grace Lutheran with the help of many in the congregation. One multi-age class was taught weekly, before worship, until Memorial Day weekend. Five children, from kindergarten through 6th grade, attended. Teaching teams included Peggie Avers, Jeff and Deb Boos, Nancy Bennett, Kassie Nissen, and Jayne Klett.

Due to the gap in teaching, classes focused on main concepts – The Bible, Creation, Sin and Forgiveness, Fruits of the Spirit, Helping Others (Grace Missions), Jesus's Death and Resurrection, Talking with God, Trusting God, and God's Will. Our final class was a campfire in the courtyard, talking about Ephesians 4:29: our words as gifts.

Our children also learned about putting faith into action. They supported the Elmore Food Pantry with their offerings of money and non-perishable food. Led by Pastor and Mary Schlievert, the children began leading worship on Youth Sundays (5<sup>th</sup> Sundays). They created Easter cards and baskets for shut-ins. In July, the Sunday School families picked up trash that washes up on the Cedar Point National Wildlife Reserve. This patch of beach is generally off limits to humans, so the wildlife – both flora and fauna – was a treat to see and learn about. Phoebe Jackson led this experience for the youth. We Tied-In the New Year by making fleece blankets. Five youth and fifteen adults participated.

**Education for the everyone** during the summer via the Scholastic Scoop bulletin insert was created by Katy Avers.

**On Rally Day**, a new class started for our older students. All teens are invited; however, the emphasis is on meeting the goals for catechism. This year the curriculum focuses on Biblical ancestors. A big thanks to Jeff Boos for painting the teen's classroom. A Roku flat screen TV was purchased; it is now used to stream the curriculum videos. This class is led by Jayne Klett. Zak Avers has joined the team as a substitute teacher.

**Guardian Angels**, individuals supporting our teens through pray and friendship, are: Connie Wolke, Marilyn Crandall, Betty Breier, Shirley Damschroder, Randy Jacobs, and Jennifer Marquardt.

**The tradition of a children's Christmas Program** was reinstated this year. Led by Mary Schlievert, 6 children participated. Joan Eckermann and Rachel Beeler also participated as musicians.

**Looking Ahead,** a pre-school class is being planned for September 2024. Volunteers will be needed to introduce the love of Jesus through simple activities and songs to our youngest members. Please be in prayer for this new ministry.

**Continue to pray** for all the children, their families, and the teachers as the faith formation program here at Grace continues to develop:

- Cradle Roll: Kannon Heitzman, Mia Pirkl, Beckett Wolfe, Landon Haar, Elsie Rickman, Lyla Gerwin, Luke Pirkle, Madelyn Rickman
- K-6: Brianna Simkus, Garrett Wolfe, Korvin Heitzman, Trenton Wolfe, Addie Tiell
- 7-8: Helen Ladd, Jaycie Marquardt, Adelyn Simkus
- HS: Kassie Nissen, Brady Buhrow, Eve Jackson

**On a personal note,** I have had a blast spending time with these kids. My experience has mainly with High Schoolers and adults so this last year has been all new to me. I have been energized by these young ones. No wonder Jesus didn't want the disciples to send the children away! (Mark 10:14)

Gratefully submitted,

Jayne Klett

### **BOARD OF PROPERTY REPORT**

The year 2023 proved to be a very busy year for the Board of Property. Thankfully, this Board is made up of many talented individuals who give their knowledge and skills to keep the Church functioning mechanically and the grounds looking good. Serving on the Board this past year were: Randy Jacobs, Steve Simkus, Matt Haar, Steve Avers, Merlyn Weng, Bruce King, Zak Avers, Jeff Boos, and Steve Blausey. Listed below are a few items that the Board of Property dealt with during 2023:

- Boiler system repairs
- Battery replacement for organ
- Removal of refrigerator in basement
- Replacement of lights in classrooms
- Carpet cleaning
- Removal of electronic items for recycling (coordinated by Jayne Klett)
- Preventative maintenance on HVAC units
- Purchase of conference table for meeting room
- Removal of various trees and overgrown bushes
- New lights in Sanctuary
- Coordination of the Ottawa County Memorial Service at the Church
- Secured quotes for new roof top unit (RTU) for Fellowship Hall
- Secured quotes for parking lot paving

A few larger projects that were completed were the painting of the Sunday School hallway and various classrooms, stripping and waxing the Fellowship Hall floor (contracted out), and the total remodeling of the Sacristy. This room was long overdue for a facelift and what a difference! A big thank you to anyone that had a hand in the project.

As always, a great big thank you to the Avers clan for landscape perfection. Also, to Al Wolfe who says he's on the ready if and when we get snow.

A couple other items to note for 2023 are that the Ottawa County Seniors stopped renting the Fellowship Hall and we were informed in December that the parsonage renters are moving out in the not-too-distant future.

I want to thank everyone on the Board for their willingness to serve and I look forward to 2024 as it looks to be just as busy as 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Steven L. Blausey

P.S. I want to take this opportunity to mention how having Merlyn Weng on our Board was an absolutely wonderful gift, not only for us but for this church as well. Merlyn had a way of brightening up the room when he walked in. The only time he missed a meeting was when he was on vacation down south. Even when he couldn't participate in person, he still made the effort to join in over the phone. This Board won't be the same without him and he will truly be missed. "So long for now." Steve

# Board of Witness and Mission REPORT OF GRACE BENEVOLENCE DISTRIBUTIONS

The members of the Board of Witness and Mission are responsible for implementing Grace's benevolence program. The Board promotes, plans, coordinates, and supervises events that support the congregation's witness and mission activities. They are responsible for managing the disbursement of offerings that were designated for benevolences. This report provides details regarding how Grace's 2023 benevolence contributions were distributed:

2023 Benevolence Offerings (10% of all offerings)\*:

\$14,363.25

Members have the option of designating benevolence offerings as "Traditional Benevolences" where a share of those benevolences goes to the ELCA and Northwest Ohio Synod, or as "Directed Benevolences" where no support goes to the ELCA. In 2023, Traditional Benevolence Offerings were \$8,008.95; Directed Benevolence Offerings were \$6,354.30.

2023 Benevolence Offerings were allocated by church policy as follows:

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	ollowing actual benevolence distributions we	ere made in 2	
ELCA	/NWOS Mission Support		\$4,207.00
ELCA	World Hunger (Traditional and Directed contributio	ns)	\$3,012.01
First	Fruits Benevolence Distributions		\$3,400.00
•	Salem Lutheran Church	\$400.00	•
•	Redeemer Lutheran Church	\$400.00	
•	Lutheran Social Services	\$400.00	
•	Luther Home of Mercy	\$400.00	
٠	Genacross	\$400.00	
•	HopeWood Outdoors (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries)	\$400.00	
•	Liberty Center	\$400.00	
•	Elmore Thanksgiving Dinner	\$200.00	
•	Mission City	\$400.00	
Direc	ted Benevolence Distributions		\$3,400.00
•	CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ)	\$2,000.00	
•	The Cocoon	\$200.00	
•	Veterans Matter	\$200.00	
•	Lutheran Disaster Response	\$500.00	
٠	Ottawa County Holiday Bureau	\$500.00	

<sup>\*</sup> Grace policy, as adopted by the congregation, is to dedicate 10% of all offerings to benevolences.

#### Special Benevolences and Distributions of Special Offerings: \$3,419.12

- Lenten Offerings (for ceramic water filters) \$1,170.00
- Cavalry Lutheran (water for East Palestine) \$225.00
- Ottawa County Tornado (Mission Response) \$800.00

Benevolence Funds Approved by Counci	l at end of 2022
and Distributed in 2023:	\$5,414.12
Ability Center	\$1,000.00
Oesterlien	\$1,000.00
<ul> <li>Luther Home Burial Fund</li> </ul>	\$1,000.00
<ul> <li>St. Paul Community Center</li> </ul>	\$500.00
Veterans Matter	\$500.00
<ul> <li>Ottawa City Family Advocacy</li> </ul>	\$500.00
Mental Health	\$500.00
<ul> <li>Genoa Food Pantry</li> </ul>	\$414.12

#### TOTAL BENEVOLENCE DISTRIBUTONS IN 2023:

In addition, to these benevolence distributions, the Grace Piecemakers quilting ministry assembled and distributed 152 quilts in 2023. Grace members collected supplies to assemble 120 school kits (backpacks) and 105 personal care kits, which were transported to Lutheran World Relief for distribution through their worldwide network. \$22,852.25

Total Benevolence Distributions at Grace				
2020	\$21,284			
2021	\$26,717			
2022	\$18,170			
2023	\$22,852			

Report submitted by

#### Nancy Pries

Chair Board of Witness and Mission

## 2023 Board of Worship Annual Report

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing."* Psalm 100: 1-2

The 2023 Board of Worship members were Ruth Ann Anderson, Gary Anderson (Church Council President), Bobbie Bean (Parish Musician), Rachel Beeler, Joan Eckermann, Mary Schlievert, Jean Weng and Pastor Jaci.

The board oversees the Altar Guild, Deacons, Choirs, Lectors, and Musicians. The Board Chair attends Church Council meetings and gives reports of our activities. Meetings are scheduled four to six times each year to coincide with the liturgical worship seasons. Meetings were held in January, April, August, and October in 2023 to plan worship and take care of other business pertinent to this board.

2023 worship activities included:

- All regularly scheduled Sunday and weekday worship services.
- Lent/Triduum/Easter: Ash Wednesday service, midweek Wednesday soup suppers and worship led by pastors from other North Central Conference congregations, Maundy Thursday worship, Good Friday "Service of the Nails" worship, and Easter Sunday worship.
- Sunday worship services were held in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall in the summer months.
- Reformation Sunday was celebrated on October 29.
- Advent/Christmas: Midweek Wednesday services using the *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy, Christmas Eve worship at 8:00 p.m. with candle lighting, and youth-led worship on December 31 that included lessons and carols.

#### Other items:

- The Adult Choir had four to six members in 2023.
- People are welcome to worship in their cars as well as in the sanctuary. Deacons take bulletins, hymn sheets, and communion kits to those worshipping in the parking lot.
- Parish Musician Bobbie Bean gave notice in August that she accepted a position at another church. Her last service at Grace was September 24 and a reception in her honor was held following worship. Substitute musicians played for worship in October, November and December. The choir was inactive during this time but will resume when a new Parish Musician is hired. A search committee was formed and the job opening was posted. Two highly qualified candidates applied for the position and were interviewed. Lori Damschroder from Woodville was hired in November and will serve as our Parish Musician as of January 1, 2024.

Joan Eckermann will continue to serve as the 2024 Chair. There is currently no Vice-Chair. We welcome anyone that would like to join the board and help plan and implement worship that praises God joyfully with our hearts, hands and voices!

Respectfully submitted, Joan Eckermann, Chair

#### **Grace WELCA Financial Report 2023**

Balance:	1/1/23		\$ 160.97
	Income: Thankoffering	132.14	
	Total Income:	\$ 132.14	
	Disbursements: Women of the ELCA - Thankoffering Grace - Memorials (Don Bench, Dean	132.14	
	Crandall, Leslee Bundy)	40.00	

**Total Disbursements:** 

\$ 172.14

1/1/24 Balance:

Treasurer, Ruth a. Haar

# 2023 Annual Report for Grace Piecemakers

Matt. 21:22, Hebrews 11:6, "Have Faith" is our motto. As we finished earlier this year there was hardly any cloth on our tablets.

God provided much cloth.

Those who were major workers in 2023:

Betty Breier	Jeannette Hanthorn	Linda Stewart
Trinidad Cuevas	Ruth & Merle Haar	Nancy Daniel
Mary Lou Kohli	Shirley Damschroder	Nancy Bennett
Pat Shaffer	Ruth Ann Anderson	Marilyn Crandall
Connie Wolfe	Judy Michel	Nancy Pries
Merlyn Weng	Arnold Foss	Matt Haar

#### The result of our labors:

152 quilts

LWR School Backpacks - 120

Personal Care Kits - 137

51 Banana Boxes were transported to S.t Paul's, New Rochester, on October 14, 2023

Report Submitted by

Nancy Pries

# **REPORT ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATONS**

As part of its outreach ministry, Grace, and its members support, provide facilities for or cooperate with several public service, philanthropic or community organizations that serve residents in the Elmore area. This report identifies those community organizations and provides brief summaries of their 2023 activities. Where possible, contact persons for these programs are listed.

**Bethlehem's Monthly Giveaways.** Michelle Marks, Coordinator. Bethlehem's Monthly Giveaways is an outreach program of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This program collects clothing, bedding and household items and conducts monthly giveaways (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month) for residents of the East Toledo area. Members of Grace have an ongoing appeal for donations to this program. A collection point is maintained at Grace for items people wish to donate to this program.

**Boy Scouts**. Boy Scout Troops 314 & 329, sponsored by the Elmore American Legion Post #279 and the Kiwanis Club of Elmore, use the Grace Fellowship Hall for its meetings. Approximately 30 youth from the Elmore area are served by this program. Scout meetings take place on Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, from September until the end of June. Two Eagle Scout courts of honor were held at Grace during 2023.

**Dartball**. Steve Blausey. Halfway through the season right now, the Grace Lutheran Dartball Team has a firm grasp on last place in our division and second to last place in the whole league. So, there's nowhere to go but up!

So, yes, we're probably having what you might call a "rebuilding" year (just seems like a decade). We have some youth on the team that's showing some promise so anything can happen, and usually does. We have a good time and are always open to new talent.

Team members this year, so far, are Brad Timbrook, Bruce King, Dean Ackerman, Eve Jackson, Jeanie Weng, Jeff Boos, Kassie Nissen, Kevin Jackson, Mary Schlievert, Nancy Bennett, Pat Shaffer, and Steve Blausey.

**Elmore Food Pantry**. Suzanne Bates, Program Coordinator. Volunteer Assistants included Deb Honsberger, Pat Shaffer, and Jean Weng. Grace provides physical facilities for the Elmore Food Pantry. This public service program was organized by the Elmore Ministerial Association and staffed by members of local churches. The area churches contribute food items and funds. The Food Pantry is open once a month throughout the year. In 2023, the Elmore Food Pantry provided meals for a total of 484 people and served an average of 14 households per month. That is an increase of one per month over 2022. During 2023, Michelle Timbrook stepped down after serving as program coordinator for several years. Suzanne Bates took over this position in September.

In 2024, the Elmore Food Pantry will be open once a month, on the second Friday of each month, from 9 to 12, on the following dates:

12 January	9 February	8 March	12 April	10 May	14 June
12 July	9 August	13 Septembe	r 11 October	8 November	13 December

**Grief Support Group**. Mary Lou Kohli. The Grace Grief Group (*Our Grief and Loss Journey of Healing*) resumed meeting in person the fall of 2023. We meet weekly on Wednesday at 1pm at Grace. Group members continue to learn from each other as they share and support each other while seeking ways to cope with any type of loss during difficult times. Personal grief support continues with prayers, phone calls, emails as well as a series of four booklets that are sent

throughout the year. This group is open to Grace as well as community wide so please share info with family and friends as well. Please let Mary Lou know if anyone wants to be included or needs help in any way. Please leave a message on her home phone or notify Grace church.

*Jazzercise*. Joyce Bruntz. Jazzercise, Inc. operates franchised fitness centers that offer instructor-led dance and fitness programs of aerobics and strength training. The leadership is dedicated to keeping participants healthy and moving. Currently, there are five classes that meet at Grace each week. The group meets in Grace's Fellowship Hall from September through May and in Grace's basement recreation room during the summer. They really enjoy being able to use Grace facilities. Jazzercise participants are very grateful and respectful of the Grace building. They are a very WELCOMING group!

**Operation Oreo**. Jennifer Marquardt. This program assembles and ships gift boxes containing Oreo Cookies, snacks, puzzle books and toiletries to various military personnel stationed at military installations away from home. Gift boxes are sent every other month, while cards/letters are sent in the opposite months. Names are submitted by members of Grace and the community-at-large. In 2023, six (6) military personnel were sent goody boxes and cards. The Operation Oreo Members were: SSG Stephen Simkus, U. S. Army; Cadet Julian Sanchez, U. S. Military Academy; 2LT Eli Gerkensmeyer, U. S. Air Force; SPC Mikayla Williams, Tennessee Army National Guard; SGT Theodore Ozanski, U. S. Marines, and MA2 Esteban Reyes, U. S. Navy.

**Ottawa County Seniors**. The Ottawa County Office on Aging previously provided lunches and social programs for a senior group that met twice a week at Grace. The Ottawa County Commissioners decided to consolidate the Elmore and Genoa Senior Centers and closed the program at Grace at the beginning of February 2023. There are no plans to operate this program at Grace in 2024.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**. Joan Eckermann. Grace has hosted American Red Cross Blood Drives twice a year for several years. In 2023. Blood Drives were conducted on 10 July and 18 December. Grace members assist with the conduct of each drive. During the July blood drive, there were 24 successful donors including 2 Power Red donors. 26 units of blood were collected. 6 Grace members volunteered, and 3 members donated baked goods. For the December drive, there were 19 successful including 2 Power Red donors. 21 units of blood were collected. 7 Grace members volunteered, and 6 members donated soups and baked goods. Many thanks to everyone that helped with the blood drives in 2023!

#### **2023 Thrivent Blessings**

Thrivent Financial, as a fraternal organization, must dispose of any money remaining after meeting the expenses of doing business. They make these funds available through their Choice Dollar and Action team programs and in partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

**Thrivent Choice** – Thrivent Financial members who have investment, insurance or retirement products can receive money from Thrivent that they may designate to Grace Lutheran or other authorized organizations. These funds can then be used by the recipient, as they choose, within the church, organizations, or for projects in the community. All Thrivent members should check their Thrivent account since Thrivent sometimes makes available funds to Thrivent members that previously did not receive them.

**Reminder:** Thrivent members must go online or call Thrivent (1-800-847-4836) to designate their Choice dollars. Say "fraternal" at the prompt to be connected to an agent. Have your Thrivent number available for verification purposes. Any funds that you do not direct to the eligible agencies goes back to Thrivent. Enter your zip code to get a list of local agencies that accept Choice Dollars.

Contact John Heminger or Nancy Pries if you have questions.

**Thrivent Action Teams** – <u>All</u> Thrivent members are eligible to apply for two \$250 grants each year to use as seed money for projects that benefit others. Complete the application online or call Thrivent (see above) to schedule a project.

Past project examples include supplies for quilts, personal care and school kits, supplies to support fundraisers, pet food and supplies for shelters and assistance dog training facilities and purchasing desserts and meat used for the community Thanksgiving meal. The ideas are endless, and the money is available for you to organize and lead a project anywhere in the community.

**Grace Thrivent Choice account** 

2022 balance	\$2790.65
2023 funds received	1927.00
2023 funds disbursed	880.00
2023 balance	\$3837.65

Choice Dollar Projects – your donations were used for the following:

\$160.00 - Nancy Pries – material for quilt lining

\$100.00 - Mary Lou Kohli – School kit supplies

\$120.00 - Nancy Pries - Baptismal Medallions engraving fund

\$500.00 – Ottawa County tornado relief fund

Thrivent Choice donors, thank you for your Choice dollar donations to Grace. Please share your ideas regarding the use of your donations.

John Heminger

### GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023 Financial Report

INCOME:	:	2022 Actual	2	023 Budget	2	2023 Actual	2	2024 Budget
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$	150,273.00	\$	145,000.00	\$	143,632.50	\$	146,429.00
Maintenance (6% of Total Offerings)	\$	9,032.14	\$	8,700.00	\$	8,617.45	\$	8,786.00
Contributions to Traditional Benevolences (10% of Traditional Offerings)	\$	8,616.90	\$	8,400.00	\$	8,008.95	\$	8,493.00
Contributions to Directed Benevolences (10% of Directed Offerings)	\$	6,230.00	\$	6,100.00	\$	6,354.30	\$	6,150.00
Unrestricted contributions (84% of Total Offerings)	\$	126,229.32	\$	121,800.00	\$	120,651.30	\$	123,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	Q.,	haan herreda	11,12	a de trabalenta		Antonio Antonio		alahan sahara
Facility rent-Jazzercise	\$	4,400.00	\$	3,900.00	\$	3,900.00	\$	4,080.00
Facility rent-Senior Center	\$	1,598.85	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,173.80	\$	-
Miscellaneous Income and Donations	\$	699.26	\$	400.00	\$	541.57	\$	400.00
Parsonage rent	\$	9,800.00	\$	10,800.00	\$	10,800.00	\$	12,000.00
TOTAL: MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$	16,498.11	\$	17,600.00	\$	17,415.37	\$	16,480.00
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$	142,727.43	\$	139,400.00	\$	138,066.67	\$ \$	139,480.00
TOTAL INCOME & OFFERINGS	\$	166,771.11	\$	162,600.00	\$	161,047.87	\$	162,909.00
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EXPENDITURES OF RESTRICTED FUNDS		ja: 494 abaa				ter tre konskridelig	2224	(Astan Altabaya).
Benevolence Offerings (10% of all offerings)	\$	14,846.90	Ş	14,500.00	\$	14,363.25	Ş	14,643.00
Benevolence Distributions: World Hunger (21% of all benevolences)	\$	3,165.89	\$	3,050.00	\$	2,504.00	\$	3,075.00
First Fruits (26% of all benevolences)	\$ \$	3,400.00	ş Ş	3,750.00	ş Ş	3,814.12	\$ \$	3,807.00
	\$		ş	4,350.00	\$ \$	3,666.00	\$	4,501.00
NWOS/ELCA Mission Support (53% of Traditional) Directed Benevolence Disbursements (53% of Directed)	\$ \$	4,672.96 3,400.00	ş Ş	3,350.00	\$ \$	4,100.00	\$ \$	3,260.00
TOTAL REGULAR BENEVOLENCE DISTRIBUTIONS	ې \$		ŝ	14,500.00	\$		\$	14,643.00
	\$ \$	14,638.85	ş	6,000.00	\$ \$	1,970.00	ş	3,000.00
Special/Dedicated Benevolences (not in Total Offerings) Special Benevolence Distributions	<b>?</b> \$	2,342.00 2,337.00	\$	6,000.00	ş		ş	3,000.00
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Maintenance Fund	44	in dia tahukan	2343	al-states (see	1994) 1	a shahadan i		
Maintenance Fund Deposits (6% of offerings + donations)	\$	9,032.14	\$	8,700.00	\$	8,617.45	\$	8,786.00
Maintenance Fund Expenditures	\$	9,495.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	16,277.54	\$	10,000.00
Mantenance Fund Balance (end of month)	\$	27,660.51	ini.		\$	19,753.49		
Dedicated Funds (Memorial Fund, Oreo, Youth, etc.)		aka ana ana ana ana ana ana ana ana ana			88			
Dedicated Contributions	\$	1,727.73			\$	12,277.88		
Dedicated Fund Expenditures	\$	1,809.52			\$	2,185.47		
Dedicated Fund Balance	\$	22,699.36			\$	31,955.35		
	2	022 Actual	2	023 Budget	2	023 Actual	2	024 Budget

STAFF EXPENDITURES	1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 - 1993 -		a da da		éhi i		uigadi	
Office Manager/Parish Secretary	\$	17,250.00	\$	17,800.00	\$	17,800.00	\$	18,156.00
Parish Musician	\$	14,499.92	\$	15,000.00	\$	11,250.00	\$	15,000.00
Pastor Salary	\$	10,460.00	\$	11,473.00	\$	11,473.00	\$	11,615.00
Pastory Housing Allowance	\$	15,600.00	\$	15,600.00	\$	15,600.00	\$	16,500.00
PastorFICA Co-Pay	\$	1,835.00	\$	2,072.00	\$	2,071.94	\$	2,151.00
Pastor Portico Benefits	\$	613.70	\$	501.00	\$	41.29	\$	-
Pastor Retirement Contributions (Portico)	\$	9,651.65	\$	10,201.00	\$	10,538.28	\$	10,885.00
StaffFICA Co-Pay	\$	1,312.88	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,354.67	\$	1,550.00
Workers' Compensation	\$	262.52	\$	400.00	\$	126.28	\$	400.00
TOTAL STAFF EXPENDITURES	\$	71,485.67	\$	74,547.00	\$	70,255.46	\$	76,257.00

ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES								
Advertising/Media	\$	1,168.00	\$	1,350	\$	1,896.00	\$	1,200.00
Stewardship	\$	1,056.70	-	1,000	\$	2,842.40	\$	1,200.00
Copier Service & Supplies	\$	3,309.91		3,600	\$	3,346.53		4,000.00
Expense and Mileage Reimbursement	\$	500.00		1,000	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Pastor, Professional Expenses	\$		\$	500	\$	250.00	\$	500.00
Office Supplies	\$	1,583.92	-	1,400	\$	919.56	\$	1,200.00
Paper	\$	69.96	\$	450	\$	235.50	\$	240.00
Postage	\$	702.00	\$	750	\$	775.50	\$	800.00
Computer Hardware, Service, Software	\$	88.04	\$	800	\$	917.55	\$	500.00
Church Website Development & Maintenance	\$	289.00	\$	350	\$	-	\$	350.00
Disaster Relief Fund Allocation	\$	700.00	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	
Contingency for Unbudgeted Expenses	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000	\$	5,000.00	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES	\$	10,467.53	\$	13,200.00	\$	16,183.04	\$	11,990.00
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EXPENDITURES				100.00	~	20.54	~	200.00
Fellowship: Events/Supplies	\$	-	\$	400.00	\$	20.54	\$	200.00
Synod Assembly	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	250.00
TOTAL CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EXPENDITURES	\$		\$	900.00	\$	20.54	\$	450.00
EDUCATION EXPENDITURES								
Adult Education	\$	290.60	\$	400.00	\$	426.80	\$	300.00
Affirmation of Baptism (Catechism)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	132.64	\$	100.00
Cradle Roll	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	100.00
Leadership Education	\$	-	\$	200.00	\$		\$	100.00
Sunday School	\$	51.85	\$	100.00	\$	263.71	\$	200.00
Vacation Bible School	\$	-	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	-
TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES	\$	342.45	\$	800.00	\$	823.15	\$	800.00
PROPERTY EXPENDITURES			4	7 800 00		1 167 06		F 000 00
Church Cleaning Supplies/Upkeep	\$	6,350.41	\$	7,000.00	\$	4,167.86	\$	5,000.00
Utilities: Electric	\$	4,138.06	\$	4,700.00	\$	4,101.77	\$	4,700.00
Utilities: Gas	\$	10,901.89	\$	12,500.00	\$	11,477.56	\$	13,500.00
Insurance	\$	8,871.00	\$	9,500.00	\$	8,876.00	\$	9,500.00
Phone-Internet	\$	2,234.70	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,324.59	\$	2,400.00
Parsonage-Property Tax	\$	3,308.10	\$	3,700.00	\$	3,287.04	\$ \$	3,500.00 38,600.00
TOTAL PROPERTY EXPENDITURES	Ş	35,804.16	\$	39,800.00	\$	34,234.82	ş	38,600.00
WORSHIP EXPENDITURES								
Altar Supplies	\$	716.53	\$	900.00	\$	435.12	\$	800.00
Bulletin/Resources	\$	657.13	\$	900.00	\$	579.82	\$	800.00
Music	\$	150.00	\$	200.00	\$	312.61	\$	200.00
Organ/Piano Tuning	\$	-	\$	150.00	\$	55.98	\$	150.00
Supply Organist	\$	375.00	\$	500.00	\$	2,552.00	\$	500.00
Supply Pastor	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,400.00
TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENDITURES	\$	4,298.66	\$	5,050.00	\$	5,935.53	\$	4,850.00
SUMMARY:	*	440 700 10		430 400 00	^	100.000.07	ć	120 400 00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$	142,727.43		139,400.00		138,066.67	\$	139,480.00
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED EXPENSES	\$	122,398.47		134,297.00		127,452.54	Ş	132,947.00
NET: INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$	20,328.96	Ş	5,103.00	Ş	10,614.13	Ş	6,533.00

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Account	1/1/2023	Inflows	Outflows		12/31/2023	
Checking Account	\$ 41,076.92	\$ 170,428.91	Ş 109,497.17	1)	\$ 22,008.66	
	<sup>1)</sup> 27,833.34 of O	utflow was tranferre		5		
ELCA Mission Investment	\$ 661.14	\$ 2.64	\$ -		\$ 663.78	
Dedicated Funds:						
Building Fund	\$ 693.04	\$ -	\$ 095.04	2}	\$	
		Capital Reserve Fun				
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 35,015.84	\$ 31,063.86	\$ -		\$ 66,079.70	
Congregational Life	\$ 627.06	0	0		\$ 627.06	
Directed Benevolence 1	(\$ 401.97	\$ 3,548.23	\$ 3,900.00	_	\$ 50.20	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 27,660.51	\$ 8,612.69	\$ 16,519.71	1,000,0	\$ 19,753.49	
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,370.38	\$ 11,545.00	\$ -		\$ 22,915.38	
Mission Response	\$	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00		\$ -	
Operation Oreo	\$ 731.70	\$ 347.92	\$ 963.75		\$ 115.87	
Parsonage Deposit	\$ 900.00				\$ 900.00	
Pastor Discretionary	\$ 149.50	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 149.50	
Piecemakers	\$ 41.65	\$ 47.57	\$ 89.22		\$-	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,200.23		\$ 830.76		\$ 2,369.47	
Sunday School	\$ 12.56				\$ 12.56	
/outh/Camp/Travel	\$ 4,571.27	\$ 244.04	\$ -		\$ 4,815.31	
TOTAL: ALL DEDICATED FUND	S Funds Invested				\$ 117,788.54 \$ (113,004.74 \$ 4,783.80	

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	I	For Calend	dar Y	ear 2023	ſ		1		
Account	1/1/2023 Balance		Invested		Transfer		12/31/2023 Balance		
From Checking	\$		\$	32,833.34	\$	5,000.00		\$	27,833.34
From Dedicated Funds		35,015.84	\$	83,988.90	\$	6,000.00		\$	113,004.74
Total Invested	\$	35,015.84	\$	116,822.24	\$	11,000.00		\$	140,838.08
Huntington Money Market	\$		\$	154,467.24	\$	41,000.00	3)	\$	113,467.24
	<sup>3)</sup> Transferred \$30K to two CD's, \$5K to checking, \$6K to savings								
Edward Jones CD 11/23	\$	35,015.84	\$	6,797.46	\$	41,813.30	4)	\$	*
	<sup>4)</sup> Transferred Matured CD to MMkt							-	
Huntington CD 7825 06/24	\$	-	\$	15,000.00	\$	-		\$	15,509.80
Huntington CD 9496 06/24	\$	-	\$	15,000.00	\$	-		\$	15,317.67
Current Balance								\$	144,294.71
	Difference from Invested is Interest not yet allocated to Funds								
	CD's are only allocated once matured.						-	1	