

St. Matthew
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ANNUAL REPORT



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Pastor's Report

By Pastor Gary LeCroy

For your consideration,

An annual report has two components. The first is to report on activities in the past year. The second is to sound the horn of hope for the next year. While this report deserves more detail than I am giving, the job of recalling last year is unbearable for me because of my grief. Something you will probably never hear from a pastor is: I apologize for the brevity of my report. You are hearing it today.

Last Year

The death of a child in any family is a tragedy that words do not capture. Sadly, my last year was consumed with Zoia's sickness and death on July 2. It is the first thing I think about every day and the last thing that occupies my mind at bedtime. It is paralyzing, disorienting, and insidious. Yet there is a balm for such pain. It is what Luther called "the mutual conversation and consolation of the saints." He wrote:

When Christ was wrestling with temptation in the garden (Matt. 26:37 ff.), we see Him seeking comfort among His three disciples. When Paul, in Acts 28:15, saw the congregation coming to meet him, he took courage from the sight and experienced comfort. Loneliness distresses a person who is solitary and deprived of his intimate friends. He can exert himself and struggle against it, but he does not overcome it without great difficulty.

Everything is less burdensome if you have a brother (or sister) with you; for then the promise applies (Matt. 18:20): "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them."¹

We are called by God to comfort one another and to encourage one another in the faith. This congregation has been doing that for me. I can not describe the soothing of my woes when I saw members of this church show up at the wake and funeral. Joined by our sister congregation, All Saints Episcopal, members of my former churches and members of the churches where I served as vice pastor, along with LTM volunteers, our fellowship has

¹ Martin Luther, *Luther's Works*, Vol. 2: *Lectures on Genesis: Chapters 6-14*, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald, and Helmut T. Lehmann, vol. 2 (Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999), 335.

given me the courage to get out of the bed every morning. Special thanks to the council for leading worship and trying to work with my needs. It means a lot!

Worship

Our church is gifted by the Holy Spirit to offer quality, well thought out, and diverse worship opportunities. Celebrating our heritage from Africans in diaspora during Black History Month is our witness to a powerful voice of worship that often gets short-changed in Lutheran congregations. Momentum is growing in worship attendance. Matt is thoughtfully working to improve singing and worship participation. Lay participation in supervised preaching and in worship leadership is expanding.

Jazz is becoming a fixture at SMT. We call this event “Jazz in the Spirit.” It is an opportunity to showcase our church, leave people with a little learning about our faith and listen to some really good music.

Shelter worship continues to grow. The music is good and the participation is moving in the right direction.

I think it is fair to say that everyone who attended Lenten Vespers found it meaningful. I am prayerfully optimistic that this addition to our Lenten practices will grow.

It is not an easy task to rebuild after the death of a long time worship leader like Richard and the exile from our community caused by the pandemic. The Spirit is still working in our worship and for that we can be thankful.

Lunchtime Ministry

We are so very blessed to have Spike. Working with him is an absolute joy. LTM builds community between guests, volunteers, and staff. I spend 20% of my time at LTM. The time includes counseling, talking to guests and volunteers, facilitating spiritual growth, listening, advising, writing thank you notes, helping with grants, meeting with the Poor People’s Campaign, attending events that acknowledge LTM such as the Ameritrade breakfast, cultivating donors and occasionally cooking grits. LTM PM continues to be an opportunity for our congregation to witness to the things that we can do through Christ Jesus.

An important part of our ministry at LTM is to memorialize the dead. I conducted three memorial services for twelve people. This final dignity is a great mitzvah.² Our church remembers those who have been forgotten by our society.

Discretionary Fund

This year the fund spent \$1097. Some of the things that we did was reunite two families with bus tickets, repair phone screens for our guests, provide NJ Transit tickets, buy medicine, pay partial rent and provide hotel rooms for some temporarily displaced people. The offerings to the fund have been generous. We will continue to have a second offering for the fund during months with a fifth Sunday.

Stevens Institute of Technology

I was on campus for three different events in the past year. I enjoy being on campus so much. My goal is to spend more time there next year. Thank you to the Stevens' students who work at LTM. Their presence brings a vitality to our work and fosters hope in the compassion coming from their generation.

Other Community Events

I continue to work with the Teaneck Clergy Coalition. Our charter was to help solve the homeless problem with homelessness in Teaneck. We hold monthly meetings, many of them with community leaders, to express our concerns and learn more about the resources that are available to us.

In the past year I spoke at the very extremely spiritual event that was our community thanksgiving service. It was a revival of hope for a community coming out of the pandemic and living with the reality of antisemitism, racism and LGBTQphobia.

At long last, Hoboken is beginning to acknowledge the tragedy of the fires in the 1980's. I lead prayers at the dedication of the Fire Memorial.

Synod

My first year on Synod Council was a labor of love. We should be proud to be a part of a church that works so diligently to be Christ to the world. Serving in leadership in our Synod has given me insight to the many untold stories of love that we are involved in. I serve on the Finance and Facilities committee.

² Mitzvah is an act of justice and consolation given without consideration of anything in return. It is framed by the Hebrew scriptures.

I completed my appointment as vice-pastor at St. Matthew, Jersey City. They are a delightful and committed group of Christians. I sponsored their new pastor, Menzi, for ordination and was so touched and humbled that he asked me to be his sponsor.

Next Year

The Jehu Jones Pilgrimage

You are invited to join a pilgrimage to Charleston SC the second week of October. The exact dates are still flexible. The purpose of the trip is to learn about the history of racism and antiracism in our denomination's history. Knowledge brings the power to be instruments of healing and reconciliation. We will be staying at the Lutheran Retreat Center on the Isle of Palms, SC. More details to follow this summer.

Worship and Music

The purpose of the worship and music committee is to make improvements to our worship space, recruit altar guild members, train acolytes, crucifers and other worship assistants, review worship services and plan for future services including holidays and other times like Lenten Vespers. If you are interested in joining this committee, please speak to me or Matt. God willing we can get to work by the end of the summer.

Raise the Roof

This summer we will get the roof repaired. It is a necessity. Our property committee and council has done the hard work of starting yet another building project. I am confident that we can meet this challenge to be good stewards of the gift that our buildings are. I am pleased to announce that, with your approval, the Raise the Roof Campaign has begun.

Finally, I am overjoyed to announce our congregation's sponsorship of Mark Singleton for pastoral ministry. Mark has been endorsed by the NJ Synod to begin his journey in the ordination process.

This year will begin my fifth year as the pastor of St Matthew Trinity. Considering the heavy burden of loss, I can only say that I have been doing the best I can for this congregation. I am still honored and humbled to hold the office. There is growth in our ministry with kids, in worship and in service. I see amazing work in this church and I love you very much.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Gary C. LeCroy, D. Min.





President's Report

By Jennifer Meusel

I just love this congregation!

We have a beautiful old church building, plus the apartments and office and the fabulous SMT Center, but you all are what makes this congregation special! Every time I come to SMT, I am reminded of the good in the world. It has been an honor and a privilege to preside over this church council. The unwavering dedication, faithfulness and love is incredible and inspiring!

Sometimes I lose faith in the world and the people in it, but when I step over our threshold and interact with members of our congregation, my faith in humanity is restored and I can once again see God's grace and the good in the world. Our church is so much more than that, but, to be honest, that is what fuels my dedication to SMT.

And, it never fails to amaze me that our small but mighty congregation can do so much to make this world (or at least our corner of it) a better and more compassionate and caring place.

We had a busy, successful and joyful year which included the following events:

- Vacation Bible School
- Sunday School Rally Day and Wiffle Ball Game
- Fall Stewardship Campaign – with a recent record of 30 pledges received!
- Halloween at SMT Center (passing out candy and SMT cards)
- Quarterly Jazz at the SMT Center
- Baptisms
- Weddings
- Christmas at Sea Backpacks for Seafarers
- Christmas Worship & Events: Christmas Pageant; Christmas Carol Singalong; Christmas Eve Service; Christmas Day Service; Sunday of Carols & Lessons
- Council Planning Retreat
- Black History Month Music throughout February
- First Communion Camp
- Monthly LTM in the PM
- Shelter Church Services
- Bible Study

- Weekly Sunday School
- Monthly Yoga at the SMT Center
- Shrove Tuesday Dinner
- Ash Wednesday and Wednesday night Lenten Services
- 2 Spring Cleaning Saturdays
- Holy Week Worship & Events: Palm Sunday with Reading of the Passion and First Communion Celebration; Holy Thursday Pot Luck & Worship; Good Friday Worship; Easter; Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, and Service
- Spring Garden(ing) Party
- Arts & Music Festival (opening the SMT center to the community for hydration and cooling to increasing awareness of who we are)

I would be remiss if I did not thank those who give so much to this congregation:

Council Members and Chairs — Courtney Kochuba (Vice President), Melissa Long (Secretary), Carol Cusack (Treasurer), Matt Hummel (Music Minister and Co-Chair, Worship & Music), Avis Johnson, Pastor Gary LeCroy (Co-Chair, Worship & Music), Terri Matteo (Chair, Stewardship), Leslie Neve (Chair, Peace & Justice), Bernadette Oberndorf, Sarah Reeve-Pickerel (Chair, Youth + Family), Rebeka Schleifer, Mark Singleton (Chair, Property) — for unwavering dedication and joyful resolve.

The Executive Committee - especially for guidance, discussions and assistance in helping me step up to meet the challenge of leading such an amazing congregation!

Carol Cusack - just saying that she is the treasurer does not suffice – for her behind the scenes dedication to what is a never ending job

Mark Singleton – for doing whatever needs to be done – from managing our properties (which is a huge job in itself) to preaching!

Sarah Reeve-Pickerel - not only for her countless hours organizing and leading Sunday School, but also for making our church (and our social media presence) so beautiful

Terri Matteo - in addition to successfully leading our stewardship team, for providing weekly written updates to include in the newsletter

Bernadette Oberndorf - not only for her beautiful voice and calm and steady presence, but also for her ongoing work on the weekly bulletins

Jenn Nilsen - for stunning photographs documenting our events and services

Leslie Neve – for organizing volunteers for services and hospitality, and organizing potlucks

Carly Longo - our part time Communications Coordinator, who with guidance from Courtney and awesome graphics from Sarah maintains our social media presence (among other things)

Spike Enzweiler - for his incredible leadership of Lunchtime Ministry – both the volunteers and the guests love him and listen to him

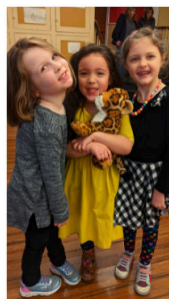
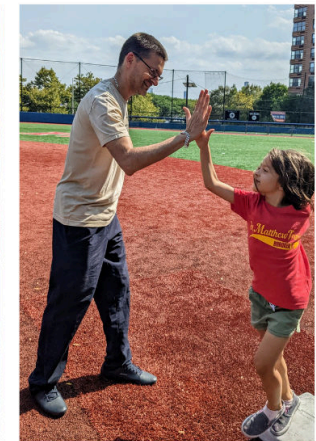
Matt Hummel –for making beautiful music and bringing back our choir (and being a driving force behind timely bulletin preparation)


Pastor Gary - for his leadership and, especially, for his outstanding sermons

There are so many more people who are integral to accomplishing all that we do (forgive me for not listing each of you) and I thank you all!

Most importantly thank you to the entire congregation - for being the heart and soul of SMT and enhancing everything we do!

*Yours in Christ,
Jennifer Meusel
President*





Lunchtime Ministry

By Spike Enzweiler

Greetings from Lunchtime Ministry!

When folks ask me how things at LTM are going, I tell them we are a better place now than ever before (or, at least, anything I have experienced in my 7.5 years here). This is no hyperbole. Guests, volunteers, and staff agree that we are riding a wave of smooth operations, dedicated and innovative volunteers, and abundant and delicious food. And it is important to note that, unlike the peaks and falls that became engrained in our minds during the pandemic, this wave shows no signs of dropping off. Quite the contrary: When donors are welcomed upon entering, they want to keep giving. In a kitchen full of caring people, new volunteers feel like they are joining a family, and want to return. And when the food is filling and tasty and the coffee—it must be said—beats anything you will find in a city chock-full of cafes, guests care even more about the space they're in, and continue to build a vibrant and unique community here.

One aspect of LTM that has blossomed this year is our outreach services. This is due in great part to the efforts of the Hoboken Public Library, which sends a team to our site every Wednesday. They give away books and sign guests up for library memberships, and their social worker, Emily, has assisted many guests with housing, benefits, etc. She has also reached out to other programs, including Northeast New Jersey Legal Services, Amerigroup, and the City of Hoboken's recently hired social workers, all of which visit us regularly now as well. In a time of extreme gentrification and increased hostility toward the homeless, our friends at the library have shown us how a city can work to welcome everyone.

We have also continued our outreach partnerships with TG Truglory Barbershop (monthly haircuts), the Heart 'n' Hands Mission (monthly clothing/toiletry donations), Medicaid (monthly welfare intakes), and Mental and Social Services for the Homeless (weekly mental-health counseling and housing). Our art class meets every Tuesday, and their work was featured in an outdoor art exhibit at the Hoboken Shelter during May's Arts and Music Festival. We also have referral partnerships with Medicine Man Pharmacy and St. Mary's Advocates, which help our guests get medications and clothing items when they are in need.

Our food continues to come from a variety of sources: bread and pastries from Bagels on the Hudson and Choc O Pain, chicken and biscuits from Chick fil A, pasta from Johnny Pepperoni and Konnekt Global, produce from Whole Foods Weehawken, sandwiches from All Saints Episcopal Day School and numerous community members, and bulk foods from the Hoboken Shelter. We also have several excellent cooks who prepare meals at LTM or deliver them to us. Because some of our chefs are unable to pay for their meals out of pocket, we have given them gift cards to local grocery stores so they can buy

ingredients on their own time.

Donations this year remained high. We also received grants from Hudson Lutheran Charity (\$20,000), ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants (\$10,000), the New Jersey Synod Fund for Mission (\$10,000), Advent Lutheran Wyckoff (\$7,000), the Ralph M. Cestone Foundation (\$5,000), the Episcopal Diocese of Newark's Alleluia Fund (\$4,500), the Wawa Foundation (\$2,500), and Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (\$2,000). We also just finished participating in the #HudsonGives fundraiser for the second year in a row, raising over \$2,500.

We have tremendously appreciated the support of various SMT members who have stepped up to help with food deliveries (shoutout to Leslie for the pasta pickups, Jack for the chicken pickups, Ken for the Stevens donations, and Pastor for the Konnekt Global donations). LTM PM remains a high point of the month for our guests.

In fact, LTM in general is a high point for many folks. When I see guests over the weekend, they often tell me they are looking forward to Monday. When is the last time you have heard anyone say that?

Thanks for being a part of our incredible mission. It is a privilege to work with you in the exciting and rewarding world of providing service to others.

*God's peace,
Spike Enzweiler*





Peace and Justice Committee Report

By Leslie Neve

Thank you, thank you, thank you. For all you did last year to help make life a little easier for some many people.

In December, I gave Pastor Marsh Drege 17 Christmas at Sea Satchels. Satchels that so many of you put together. You gave a sweatshirt, a tee-shirt, socks, hats and a yummy treat and a message of your appreciation to a seafarer who was away from home over Christmas. Google Seafarers International House, and watch the new video, celebrating 150 years of service. And hear the thanks of those seafarers who got your satchels.

SMT also supports our own Lunch Time Ministry. LTM feeds anyone who needs a meal Monday through Thursday between 8am and noon. It offers a warm place in the winter and a cool place in the summer. And then there are all the services – haircuts, art classes, assistance with social security and housing. All the guests thank you.

LTM is manned by volunteers, but because many of SMT's congregation works during operating hours, a few years ago it was decided to serve dinner one Thursday a month. LTM – PM was born. Volunteers from the congregation prepare a dinner and then more congregants serve the guests. With real plates and silverware (not paper plates). Personally, having never worked as a waitress, I have become aware of how much work that is. But when you hear that 'thank you, ma'am' and see that smile it doesn't seem like work at all. And then there are the stories you hear. So wonderful!

SMT supports the Hoboken Shelter. In 2022, the Shelter

- Served 153,307 meals
- Provided vocational, educational skills building workshops and outreach to 25,982 people
- Provided security deposits, back-rent and utility assistance to 40 people
- Provided vouchers for permanent housing programs the another 40 AND
- Moved 231 people from the streets, to the Shelter and to THEIR OWN HOMES!!!!

Mark your calendars – besides putting a check in the mail, you can support the Shelter


- May 6th – “Back to the 80's” fundraiser at the ELKS
- October 28 – run in the HoBooKen Halloween run
- December 13 – The Annual Auction at Birch

Finally, when disasters– and there were way too many– hit. You were there to help through the ELCA and LWS (Lutheran World Services) Disaster Relief and LIRS (Lutheran

Immigration Relief Services. Thank you!! You help so many AND put SMT in a shining light.

*Thank you for all your support of these missions,
Leslie Neve*





Property Report

By Mark Singleton

Greetings. As always there are many people to thank, and a reminder to the congregation that our beautiful buildings require a team to keep them going. Thanks to Pastor Gary for his consistent reminders of not only our stewardship obligations but also for the constant reminders to “think differently” about how we use our buildings lest we end up in a situation where we serve our buildings rather than them serving us. In fact, I have been using the executive committee as a de facto property committee so thanks to Courtney, Jen, Carol and Melissa for their help and everyone who pitches in to keep this place going. A special thanks to Sarah for her effective clean-up days and care for our well used bathrooms! Not glamorous work but essential. And many, many more. As you would expect, there are a million small fixes which I cannot list here and could not have tackled without all of your help. As a member of SMT you are one of the literally one of the OWNERS of this place. This is YOUR house so I look forward to your continued help with property.

Now on to big projects. After an unusual number of winter service-calls for the church boiler revealed an unusual level of soot buildup inside the unit, it was determined that we had a serious venting issue with our 160-year-old masonry chimney. We have a big boiler with hundreds of thousands of BTUs which create a massive amount of Carbon Monoxide and smoke so obviously we took this process seriously. We hired a chimney contractor during Christmas week and after a few failed attempts to re-line the existing flue with stainless steel it was determined that it was too far gone. So instead, we installed a brand-new triple-walled stainless steel chimney flue up the back of the building which guarantees we will have no CO infiltration in our building and is guaranteed for 50 years. This project was in excess of \$60K but we were lucky enough to receive some significant dedicated gifts to offset this cost. After completion of this project we immediately moved on to the roof.

As anyone can see from the condition of the South wall of the sanctuary (left side), we have a very serious roof problem. Water is coming in and through the wall with every rain. It has been very difficult to find a contractor willing to tackle our 160-year-old slate roof with an extreme pitch and copper gutters. Certainly NOT your average roof job. After meeting with 5-6 contractors, we found one that was willing and able to take this job on. It was determined that rather than a “repair” of the most badly damaged sections, it would be better and more cost effective to redo the entire south side of the roof which will eliminate the problem of continued deterioration of the old roof. As one roofer told me,

slate is stone and lasts forever but the nails that hold it on to the roof are made of steel which rusts. It is a big job and we received a range of quotes from \$70K to \$125K depending on material choices. The Council decided to proceed with the least expensive option which is a traditional Roofing shingle since that side of the roof is not at all visible from the street. If and when we do the north side, which can be seen, we might need to consider something more decorative. So acceptance of my report today will indicate that the congregation agrees with our choices and that the roofers, who are scheduled to start on June 26th can begin. We will be starting a “Raise the Roof” campaign to recoup the cost of this job and we have already received one very generous donation to get us started. And then there’s the issue of the wall repair...

Other property highlights.

- SMT Center remains vibrant, and users continue to use the space.
- Our residential units at 63 8th Street are full. Ongoing repairs needed and in process.
- Conversations around LTM Cleaning solutions continue.
- Bricks WILL BE installed before the end of the year.
- Many more clean-up days to come.
- Both garages are currently rented to neighbors and friends

Thanks again to the wonderful people of St Matthew Trinity for their continued support and I look forward to exciting things ahead.

*Yours in service,
Mark Singleton*





Shelter Report

By Mark Singleton

St Matthew Trinity is a founding member of the Communities of Faith for Housing, the board that administers the Hoboken Shelter. This year we were represented by me, Pastor LeCroy and most recently Dan Pickerel. Dan has really stepped up as a monthly member of the Chicken People but also serves on committees, most notably the Consumer Advocacy Committee which aims to hear from our guests directly about their experiences at the shelter.

The shelter continues to operate at capacity serving Around 500 meals a day, 1000 showers a week and sheltering at least 50 guests overnight every night. Also, we once again maintained 30+ units of permanent and supportive housing and moved scores of people from the streets, into the shelter and then into their own homes, furthering our mission of ending homelessness one person at a time. Our dedicated staff work hard daily to be a voice for the voiceless and a home for the homeless. We should all be proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

I end with a cautionary note that in my nearly 40 years of being associated with the shelter, I have never felt more vulnerable to community backlash than I feel right now. “The Homeless Issue” is being used in many divisive ways and the Hoboken Shelter is being painted as part of the problem rather than what it is: the only organization that is actually doing something about it. The answer to homelessness is MORE AFFORDABLE HOMES, not fewer shelters. Please pray for those most vulnerable in our community but more importantly, please stand up in defense of our friends when the time comes, always confident that God is calling us to this important work.

Yours in Service

Mark Singleton



Music Ministry Report

By Matt Hummel, Music Minister

It is hard to believe, but it is the end of my second year as music director at SMT. I have truly enjoyed my time with the congregation and always appreciate their support and love of sacred music. In the past year, Pastor Gary and I have noticed an increase in congregation participation in the liturgy. There is a noticeable increase in the congregational responses and singing during mass. We are excited to build on this momentum and continue to find ways to engage the assembly.

Also, a big thank you to the choir and cantors. In the Lutheran tradition, to lead the people of God in worship is a high holy calling. Your dedication to the music at SMT is inspiring and you help make each service special! Plus, in the craziness of a Sunday morning we still manage to have fun!


A few things we have accomplished this past year in worship:

- Festive Reformation liturgy
- Return of St. Lucia & Friends
- 3 Christmas liturgies with special music
- Music to celebrate Black History Month
- Holden Evening Prayer for Lent
- Holy Week Special music
- Festive Easter Sunday Mass
- Return of the choir

Thank you again to everyone, and if you enjoy singing talk to me about joining the choir!

Yours in Service
Matthew Hummel
Music Minister





Communications Report

By Courtney Kochuba

Facebook: [/stmatthewhoboken](#)

Instagram: [@stmatthewtrinity](#)

Twitter: [@hobokensmt](#)

Email Sign Up: tinyurl.com/SMT-Mailing-List

As usual, I write this report with great delight, as working on marketing and communications strategy for SMT is such a joy. Last year, I discussed how our team settled into a strong content strategy workflow. This year, I'm excited to say that we've not only upheld that strategy, but really found our groove.

Above, you'll find our digital marketing channels, which are our committee's main focus in addition to printed materials such as our Christmas card mailer. Upon reviewing Jen's President Report, it's worth noting that the vast majority of the projects she listed had their own marketing campaign. Each campaign centered around a set of graphics and copy, which was shared across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email communication, website and print materials.

So, how did they perform? Well from last year, our Instagram reach is up 260% and Facebook page visits are up 38%. Our Instagram profile visits and Facebook reach are both down a bit from last year, but that tells us something: our audience is coming to find us on Facebook, whereas they are organically stumbling upon us on Instagram. All of this intel helps our team to further strengthen our strategy to reach new followers.

And speaking of followers, here are a few stats about our audience:

- On both Facebook and Instagram, women make up more than 60% of our audience.
- On Facebook, women ages 65+ are our top demographic.
- On Instagram, women ages 35-44 are our top demographic.
- Interestingly, only 15-20% of our followers (on both platforms) live in Hoboken.
 - 7-10% live in Jersey City
 - 8-9% live in NYC
 - The rest are in various parts of NJ

And in terms of posts, these were some of our highest performing (if you're reading digitally, be sure to click through to the link):

- [Art decorating at VBS](#) (IG, video)
- [Pastor Gary birthday](#) (FB, photo carousel)

- [“Trifecta” day at SMT: First Communion Class, Passion Play Rehearsal, Spring Cleaning](#) (FB, photo carousel)
- [Council merry & bright meeting](#) (FB, photo post)
- [First Communion](#) (FB, photo carousel)
- [Easter singing](#) (IG, video)
- [Easter post](#) (FB, photo carousel)
- And, this conga line [reel](#) had a reach of over 7k. A bit of an anomaly!

Many thanks to everyone who supports, likes, shares and comments!

In terms of email, our open rate (that is, when our audience actually opens the emails they receive from us) has increased 38% from last year. And, we’ve received over 130 new subscribers!

Looking ahead, our team is planning to focus on a few things:

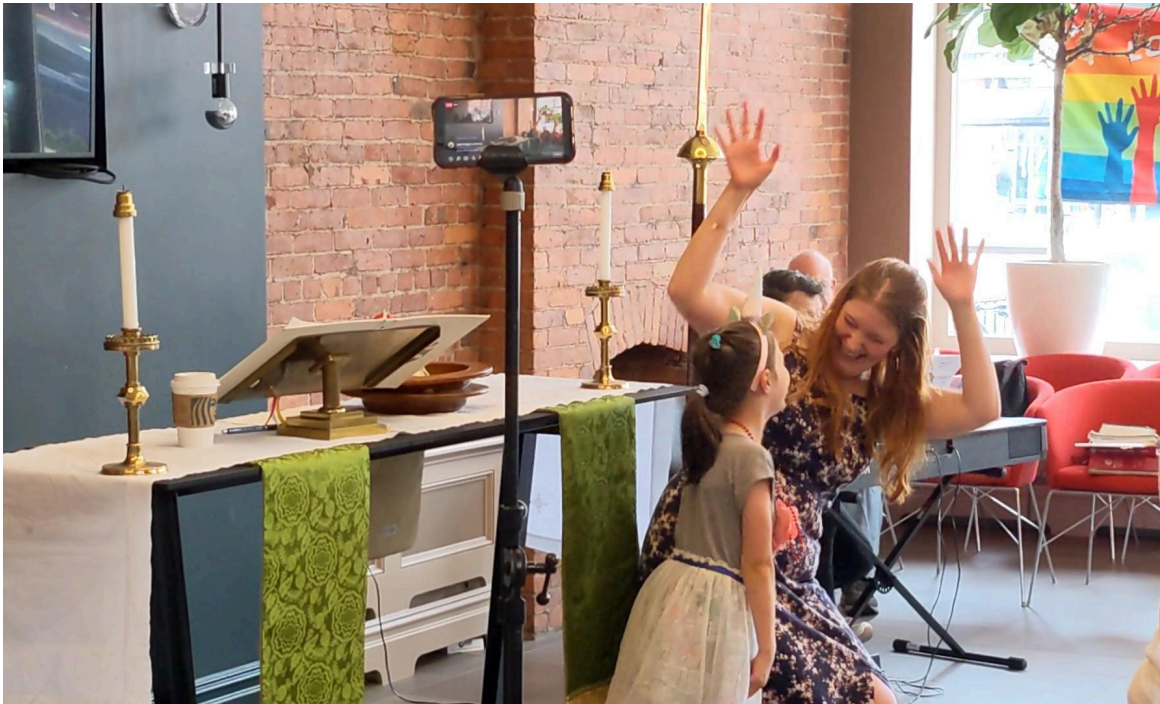
- create more campaigns that pull in current social trends to further engage our community
- spend more money in paid advertisements to target the local community of Hoboken
- curate campaigns beyond our scheduled events, to better explain the spirit and mission of SMT to our community

I’d like to wrap up with a huge shout out to **Carly Longo**, our part-time Communications Coordinator, and **Sarah Reeve-Pickerel**. **Carly** continues to be an incredible addition to our SMT staff by managing our eblast and social media strategy, among other marketing efforts. Her dedication and creativity shine forth with the passion she puts into her work – and, it is a joy to work with her! **Sarah**, meanwhile, has energy that knows no bounds. If you see something beautiful at church – be it online or in a t-shirt design or a sign in the Parish Hall – that came from Sarah. We have so much gratitude to her for the design work that she brings to SMT, which continue to allow us to further expand into the Hoboken community via fun swag!

We are always looking to grow our reach, so we encourage everyone to follow us on the above social platforms, as well as sign up for our email list. Our weekly newsletter is sent out every Thursday, and is a terrific rundown of the current activities and programming at church. Much gratitude to Carly, Pastor Gary, Matt, Terri, Sarah, Spike and Bernadette for their support in providing weekly content.

As always, if you have ideas for a social media campaign or news to share on our channels, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Kochuba





Stewardship Committee Report

By Terri Matteo

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 1 Timothy 6: 17-19.

This past year, June, 2022 – June, 2023, has been another very busy, uplifting, and fulfilling year for our stewardship efforts at St. Matthew Trinity. The Stewardship Committee continues to be blessed with dedicated members who share their ideas, creativity, encouragement, and continually show up to serve with joy. It has been a blessing to serve with Mindy Krayner, Bernadette Oberndorf, Rebeka Schleifer, and Pastor Gary. They have made each one of our efforts worthwhile and have served with persistence and joy!

There has been a concerted effort to share the message of generously giving of our time, talent, and finances an ongoing year-long communication. There have been weekly updates in the church newsletter that go out to the congregation and our extended mailing list. There is a focus on the message of each week's Sunday meditation, Bible verses that relate to stewardship, and communication with opportunities to serve. This effort has been designed to be inclusive and allow for everyone to have the same information so that they can serve in whatever way is convenient for them. A great deal of thanks is owed to Carly Longo, our communications administrator, and to Courtney Kochuba for facilitating this entire process.

In addition to the weekly newsletter updates, there have been frequent announcements in the Sunday bulletin regarding stewardship. This communication has shared opportunities to serve, quotes from our members regarding their views on stewardship, and updates on the status of our fall stewardship program. Once again, the purpose is to share the same information with all of our worshippers. In this way, people are reminded of the importance of stewardship on a weekly basis. A great deal of thanks is owed to Bernadette Oberndorf for facilitating this process and to Sarah Reeve-Pickerel for her colorful and inviting graphics and the addition of the QR code for pledging and giving.

There was a great deal of time, energy, and love that went into our fall stewardship program. This year we created a Stewardship Brochure that was handed out in church and/or mailed to all of our members and friends on our stewardship mailing list. I added handwritten notes to all of the brochures that were mailed out. The theme for this year's fall program was All Are Welcome! This brochure included a letter from Pastor Gary, a message from me regarding stewardship and pledging, a chart depicting a breakdown of

last year's pledging, quotes from our members regarding stewardship, bible verses, colorful pictures highlighting the joy of serving, worshiping, and enjoying each other's company, and the QR code for pledging or giving. This idea of this brochure could not have become a reality without the dedication, creativity, and expertise of Sarah Reeve-Pickerel. Our pledge card was also updated with the QR code. Many thanks to the entire Church Council who copied and collated this brochure after a Council meeting.

An integral, impactful, and important part of our fall stewardship program were the Temple Talks. May I say that this year was an absolute delight as people volunteered or accepted the invitation to speak in such gracious and heartfelt ways. There was no arm twisting or searching for people to share their stewardship journey. The Temple Talks began on October 30th as Melissa Long shared her views on the giving of time, talent, and treasure. Her words still ring in my ears....Be Generous Always! It was a wonderful message to begin this series of Temple Talks. Avis Johnson shared her journey on November 6th and she engaged the entire congregation. The focus of sharing of your time and talent as valuable stewardship efforts was an important message. Bryan Weakland spoke on November 13th and was very impactful. Bryan's message of inclusivity, acceptance, and kindness touched so many members. There were so many positive comments about his Temple Talk. Mark Singleton wrapped up the Temple Talks on November 20th with a heartfelt message. Mark's dedication, persistence, and long-standing relationship with St. Matthew Trinity rang through his message and was well received.

After all of the Temple Talks and the publication of the brochure, there were consistent, persistent, and organized efforts to follow up and personally reach out to our members by our committee. We reached out to others via telephone, texting, emailing, and talking in church. The Stewardship Committee penned a follow up letter that was mailed out in January, 2023. Once again, I wrote individual notes to all of the recipients of this letter. This personal touch has been well received and appreciated.

We had a very positive response to our fall program. Once again, SMT was blessed with the most pledges that have been received in recent memory. This year we had 30 pledges with many new pledges and many people increasing their pledges. For a point of reference:

2016 - 19, 2017 - no record, 2018 - 20, 2019 - 26, 2020 - 27, 2021 - 28, and 2022 - 28.

Following is a breakdown of the giving units for your information. It can be helpful to see how you can challenge yourself and give even more to this compassionate community at SMT.

Breakdown of Pledges for 2023 (includes LTM & ELCA pledges)

\$ monthly	# of giving units	% of giving units	% of \$ pledged
\$ 40 - \$ 80	4	13.3%	1.7%
\$ 81 - \$ 120	3	10.0%	2.7%
\$ 121 - \$ 200	7	23.4%	9.1%
\$ 201 - \$ 250	1	3.3%	2.0%
\$ 251 - \$ 350	3	10.0%	8.1%
\$ 351 - \$ 450	1	3.3%	3.2%
\$ 451 - \$ 550	4	13.3%	16.3%
\$ 700 - \$ 800	3	10.0%	17.8%
\$ 800 - \$1000	2	6.7%	15.8%
\$1400 - \$1500	2	6.7%	23.3%
	30	100%	100%

Totals for 2023:

General Giving:	\$141,292*
LTM Pledges:	\$ 6,540
ELCA Pledges:	\$ 540
Total:	\$148,372

*this represents approximately a 10% increase over last year's pledges

During the Lenten season, the Stewardship Committee was dedicated to offering opportunities for members to give of their time and talent. There were two dates that were selected to give members significant, meaningful, and authentic opportunities to contribute to the general upkeep of our church property. On March 11th, several members gathered as we cleaned up the kitchen area, the parish hall, painted the bathrooms, added new lighting, organized closets, and discarded old paint. On April 1st, several members gathered again as we prepared for Palm Sunday and Easter. The sanctuary was full with members rehearsing for the Passion reading on Palm Sunday who then began cleaning and polishing the pews, altar, and windows. While that was going on upstairs, the Parish Hall was bustling as the young children that were receiving First Communion on Palm Sunday were busy preparing the bread, learning lessons, and enjoying the community that is being developed at SMT. This was all facilitated by many adult members who had different responsibilities. It does take a village.

Another opportunity to share time and talent is at our Third Annual Gardening Party on May 20th. This day has become a favorite of many as we clean, sweep, weed, rake, and plant beautiful flowers. These continued efforts are starting to show a real difference. We did purchase some new outdoor furniture to offer a welcoming appearance as worshippers enter our church. The continued upkeep of our property sends a message to the neighborhood that we care about our church and our neighborhood.

Looking forward, the Stewardship Committee will continue to be very busy. We would like to create a quilt that invites people to become an integral part of the fabric of our church. This will be one focus of our fall program this year. We will need help with this project. If there are any quilters, sewers, or good organizers we would welcome your assistance. We plan to have a luncheon on Pledge Sunday, November 19th as we give thanks for all of our blessings. We plan to update our Pledge Card for the 2024 year. We will, once again, have our Temple Talk series that have proven to be a wonderful opportunity to hear from a variety of our members.

There is so much to be thankful for as we reflect upon this past year and look forward to the next!

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Matteo







Youth + Family Committee Report

By Sarah Reeve-Pickerel

Joyfully connecting youth and families to the love of God and each other.

As a visual person, I actually began writing this year's annual Youth + Family report by looking: combing through a year's worth of shared SMT photos for a few magical gems that would tell the story of the year. From Gardening to VBS, Sunday School to Halloween, Yoga to First Communion, I was shocked how quickly I selected 79 "favorites" to download (all before I had even LOOKED at Jennifer Nilsen's gorgeous professional photographs)!

The sumptuous attraction of beautiful photos aside, what radiates from these images is the LOVE of this SMT Community. As Pastor Gary says, Christ's love is shown to us by the love we show to one another. Even beyond official "kid" events, witnessed in these photos is how WELCOME are the children in every aspect of worship and the life of this SMT community. Pastor Gary, Music Minister Matt Hummel, all of the lay leaders, and congregants are endlessly willing to share their time and talents, folding the children into their activities— lighting altar candles, baking Communion bread, making copies, arranging flowers, or playing the chimes. Big or small, it's all necessary work, and the kids are always invited to participate. In those photos, that love and welcome shine in both our large-scale "official" Y+F events as well as in personal, spur of the moment interactions.

Youth + Family Events of 2022-23:

- **"Growing Strong in God" Vacation Bible School (July 2022):** A "green"-themed day of fun that included recycled crafts, planting an herb garden for LTM, and learning how God's love is a seed growing in all of us to care for the world and each other.
- **Rally Day and Congregational Wiffle Ball Game (September 2022):** Our now-annual all-ages community wiffle ball game on Hoboken's historic Little League field. Celebrating the start of Sunday School and our whole SMT community with lunch and fun right in the heart of Hoboken.
- **Sunday School (Sept 2022- May 2023):** Weekly 9:30am lessons using the Sparkhouse Whirl Lectionary curriculum for a mixed-age class taught by a rotation of dedicated congregants--**Courtney Kochuba, Jenn Nilsen, Jen Meusel,**

Bernadette Oberndorf, and Sarah Muscavage. This year we added a catechism aspect to each lesson, learning The Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments.

- **Contemplative Yoga & Meditation (Feb 2022- present):** A monthly 8pm candle-lit event in the SMT Center. A chance for the adults to get together and exhale with no expectations after the children—literal or figural—are put to bed for the night.
- **Ragamuffin Day Parade (October 2022):** SMT participated in the annual Hoboken children's Halloween parade, handing out lollipops customized with an invitation to worship from the SMT Center.
- **St. Lucia Day (December 2022):** Celebrating the Scandinavian tradition of St. Lucia, the children dressed up and processed with Christmas items to decorate the altar during worship.
- **Christmas Pageant (December 2022):** Over 17 children participated in our annual Christmas Pageant this year—a record number! The *Angel Avenger* script was an encore production from many years ago, so this year's performance was heartwarmingly introduced by two of the *original* Angel Avengers who are now college-age students. Thank you to the leadership of **Courtney Kochuba, Bernadette Oberndorf, Matt Hummel**, and many other adult helpers.
- **4-week Lenten First Communion "Camp" (March 2023):** During the weekly Sunday morning instruction a special focus was given to the sacrament of Communion, dividing into two age groups to allow opportunities for deeper discussion. Participants also met on Saturday to bake Communion bread with **Leslie Neve**, enjoy a Last Supper taste test with **Bernadette Oberndorf**, discuss theology with **Pastor Gary**, and perform acts of service preparing the sanctuary for Holy Week.. New communicants were acknowledged on Palm Sunday with a special welcome, calligraphed certificates, and cake after worship. Nine children participated in the special curriculum with 6 children taking First Communion on Palm Sunday.
- **Palm Sunday and Easter Celebrations (April 2023):** In addition to special congregational breakfasts on both Sundays, children were welcomed with crafts, invited to lead the Palm Processional up the block, and enjoyed an Egg Hunt all over the historic SMT property.

- **Weekly Worship:** As stated earlier, the children are welcome to participate in myriad ways depending on the day. Weekly invitations include assisting with the altar guild, acolyte duties, music opportunities, and enjoying the SMT “busy” boxes during worship. Nursery space is also available in the Parish Hall with a fully stocked changing mat. We want every family to feel at home in worship!
- **Cradle Roll:** Led by **Siobhan Stevens-Miles**, we reach out to our over 15 Cradle Roll families (children under 5) with a monthly emailed Frolic Newsletter. This newsletter offers age-appropriate ways for parents to introduce and share God’s love with their ever-changing children.

Looking forward, we are excited for:

- **“Created to Create” Vacation Bible School (July 2023):** Inspired by the popularity of our Christmas pageant, elementary-age children are invited to create, produce, and perform in a camper-created new play based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. Registration is still open and available for our one-day VBS camp on Saturday, July 15 with a performance after worship on Sunday, July 16.
- **Rally Day and Congregational Wiffle Ball (September 10, 2023)**
- **Baking Activities with Stewardship & Peace & Justice–NEW!**
- **Parents Night Out Event(s)-NEW!**
- **More kids, more baptisms, more fun, more love**

None of these activities would be possible without all the VOLUNTEERS who dedicated their time and energy to making these events a HUGE success. Thank you to the whole Youth + Family Committee, our dedicated team of Sunday School teachers, SMT’s Council Members, and all our congregants who are always ready to raise their hand and help. Not only does the SMT community care about families, the SMT community IS a family. Personally, I feel so blessed to have found a community of people who care about my family and love my children like their own.

As always our Y+F mission is to share this love and welcome with even more families in our larger metropolitan community– both meeting them “where they are” as well as inviting them into more regular participation in the life of SMT. We appreciate all your efforts and fresh ideas. All are welcome, so let’s help people really feel that love.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Reeve-Pickerel*





Treasurer Report

By Carol Cusack and Dan Stoll

Hello everyone,

This report is for the financial year July 1, 2022 – April 30th, 2023, 10 months.

The finance committee, Pastor Gary, Melissa Long, and I met every month along with the Executive Committee, Courtney Kochuba, Jennifer Meusel, and Mark Singleton and Dan Stoll. Many thanks to the committees for their valuable input and dedication throughout the year.

This year we continued to record all general donations, any directed income, and any other donations into QuickBooks. This includes donations for SMT as well as Lunch Time Ministry. Each month the treasurer presented a monthly report to the Church Council including a profit and loss statement. We issued finance statements to donors in January before tax season. We still use Paychex for payroll and Portico to help record Pastor's Benefits.

Thanks everyone for donations to all funds general and directed funds. They help keep everything going and maintain our beautiful assets. To everyone who donated to Music, Flowers, World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Special property projects and the committees who gave in Kind Donations to keep costs down, Youth and Family, Stewardship, LTM at Night, Communications and many more, thank you! The fun events keep us smiling!

Some highlights of the year:

The piano repair was completed at a cost of \$7,250 all from directed donations, there was one large donation of \$5,000.

A new computer was donated and setup, it was badly needed! Thanks to the donors!

A new lease was negotiated for a new copier.

The chimney repair was completed after Christmas, this was an emergency job and was not anticipated, the total cost was \$54,000. \$40,000 of this came out of reserves, \$10,000 from a grant and the balance from our daily operations account.

The mortgage at 63 8th Street continued to get paid, the balance is \$15,827 and will be paid off by April 2024. This mortgage was taken out years ago to help with repairs at the 63 8th Street building.

We noticed this year that utility costs have increased by 49% from 2019 – 2022. To offset this increase, Lunchtime ministry has been contributing to paying a percentage of these costs.

Our ELCA pledge of \$17,126 was fully given for 2022 and we are on track for giving \$17,992 this year 2023. This was a 5% increase over last year. We are thrilled to have paid our pledge in full in 2022 and we are on track for full payment in 2023.

Although our Fidelity investment account did go down this past year due to the stock market, it is almost back to where it was when the account was opened. This is largely thanks to the management of this account by our contact/financial planner Bob Justich.

Our biggest ongoing expenses are salaries, property taxes at 63 8th Street, building Insurance and utilities/office expenses.

The rental property at 63 8th had some improvements made when 2 apartments were vacant for a short while. We have been blessed to find new tenants. Hudson Care Counseling continues to rent in the small office on 8th Street. Long standing tenants received a 5% rent increase as of 1/01/2023. The SMT center continues to rent to 12 step groups and music groups.

- ***How did we do?***

We continued to pay bills on time. Some months of the year SMT did run a deficit which was offset by property rental income at 63 8th Street and the SMT Center. Both garages are rented as well. LTM contributes to utility and bills and a portion of Pastor and the sexton's salary. We withdrew from reserves to help pay bills a couple of times. Salary count remained steady from last year. We reallocated additional expenses to LTM for operations in the Parish Hall. All other incomes and expenses are reflected in the Income and Spending plan (budget). See tables below for more information.

- ***Looking forward***

As well as the normal operating expenses we are planning on fixing the roof, which will cost around \$70,000, this is addressed in the property report and spending plan. We are grateful to the congregation for pledges and donations to the general fund which help pay for salaries, maintenance, utility bills, office supplies, communication, and all daily operations.

- ***Special thanks:***

To the finance and executive committee Pastor Gary, Jen Meusel, Courtney, Melissa, Mark, and council for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

Pastor Gary and Spike for their work with LTM grants and contributions and for building good relations and contacts.

Melissa for keeping all donations up to date in CCB and QuickBooks, without this we would not have the good QuickBooks reports we are able run.

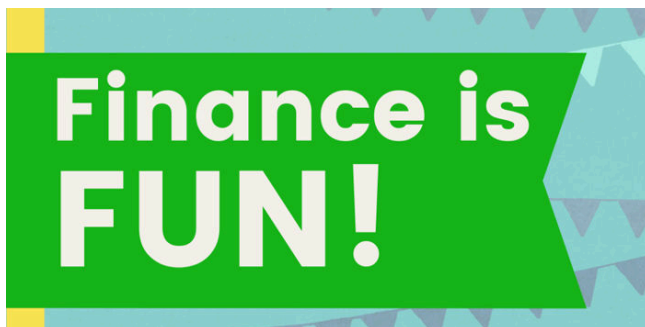
Mark for negotiating prices for various things such as the copier in the office, the chimney repair, roof repair, repairs at 63 8th street, the parish hall, scheduling contractors, plumbers, space rentals/schedules and for collaborating with our financial planner on the endowment (Fidelity) account.

Dan Stoll and the finance committee for quarterly reports and budget preparation, And Nicholas Pickerel for replenishing envelopes in the pews and for his help with printing and copying in the office. Finance committee member in training!

The finance tables are on the below pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cusack
Treasurer



Financial Tables

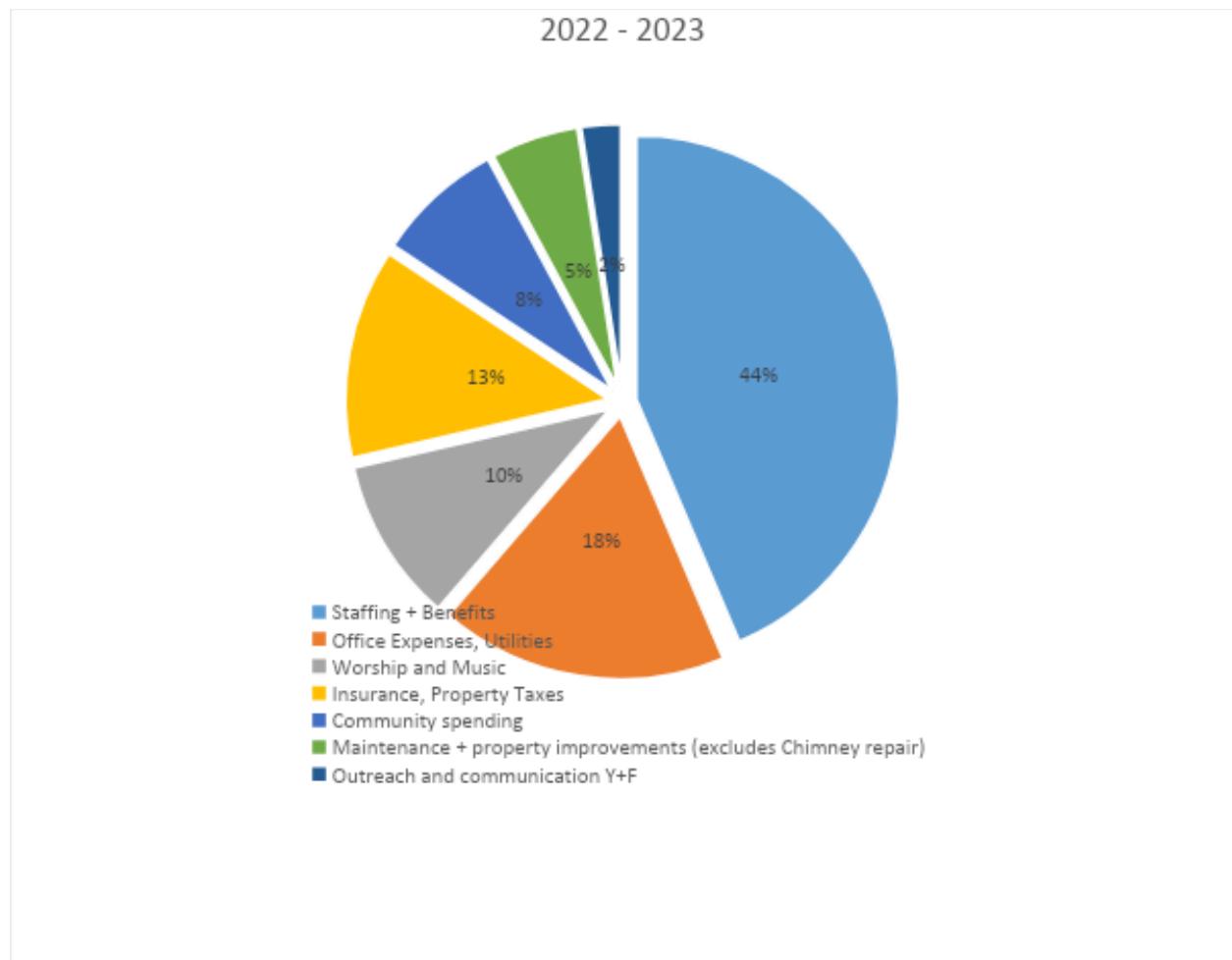
Table 1: Financial Position as of 4/30/2023

	31-May-22	21-May-23	
Checking/Savings	As of 4/30/22	As of 4/30/2023	Comments
BCB - 0030 Reserves	\$65,580.66	\$21,632.00	Decline is due to chimney Restoration + help with bills
ELCA - 15994 credit union reserves	\$169,057.42	\$169,395.00	
Haven Checking - 2494 operations	\$1,049.81	\$28,728.00	
Haven Garden St - 1498	\$2,300.98	\$0.00	This account was closed, the balance was moved to the operations account
Haven LTM Checking - 2575	\$86,612.34	\$82,701.00	
Haven Ministry/Endowment - 9437	\$1,178.05	\$549.00	
Haven Pas. Discretion - 2486	\$2,209.18	\$5,318.00	
Haven SMT Center - 5865	\$7,979.37	\$4,034.00	Utilities and Shelves built in closets
TD Bank Checking - 5396	\$855.50	\$1,694.70	
TD Bank Facilities - 5164	\$5,399.56	\$5,399.56	
Fidelity Management Trust	\$677,460.00	\$688,965.00	Opening amount \$700K
Total Checking/Savings	\$1,019,682.87	\$1,008,416.26	Fidelity interest \$1,109

Table 2: Use of reserves as of 4/30/2023

Reserves Withdrawal and deposits	Checks	Deposit
BCB - 0030 withdrawal to help with bills	\$10,000.00	
BCB - 0030 deposit donation for roof		\$10,000.00
BCB - 0030 withdrawal to help with Chimney cost	\$13,200.00	
BCB - 0030 withdrawal to help with Chimney cost	\$20,000.00	
BCB - 0030 withdrawal to help with Chimney cost	\$10,800.00	
Total	\$54,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total change for BCB reserves account		\$44,000.00

Table 4: Operations 2022 – 2023 SMT Church by %



Largest expenses are: salaries, property taxes at 63 8th Street, building Insurance and utilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Cusack

St. Matthew Trinity - INCOME & EXPENSES PLAN		
FY: July to June	FY24 BUDGET	FY24 NOTES
INCOME		
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	\$153,640.00	
Directed Giving	\$7,000.00	Past years have been giving for organ and piano repairs
General Church Giving	\$145,440.00	1% increase from previous year
Interest + Other	\$1,200.00	
LUNCHTIME MINISTRY	\$107,000.00	
Directed Giving - LTM	\$47,000.00	3-year average
Grants and Community giving + Other - LTM	\$60,000.00	
PROPERTY	\$73,500.00	
SMT CENTER	\$36,000.00	Goal is to earn \$3,000 per month
TOTAL INCOME	\$370,140.00	
EXPENSES		
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	\$237,541.25	
Bank & Insurance	\$23,500.00	
Youth + Family	\$6,140.00	Engagement: VBS, Rally Day, Christmas, Easter etc.
Community Giving Spending	\$3,000.00	World hunger, Hoboken Shelter, ELCA causes
Synod Contribution	\$17,681.25	Goal is to increase contribution 2.5% each year
Maintenance Expenses	\$5,000.00	
Utilities	\$43,000.00	Estimating 7.5% increase due to inflation
Stewardship	\$750.00	Budget items shifting to Y+F and Communications
Communications	\$8,425.00	Includes printing & mailings
Pastor Benefits & Allowances	\$34,025.00	
Staffing	\$80,250.00	100% of Music Minister & Communications Coordinator, 75% of Pastor, 50% of Sexton
Worship Supplies	\$3,800.00	Based on FY23 expenses
Music Ministry	\$11,970.00	Supplemental musicians, Jazz Vespers, Shelter Church
Other	\$0.00	
LUNCHTIME MINISTRY	\$108,720.00	
Community Spending	\$3,000.00	
LTM - Food Supplies	\$14,000.00	Based on FY23 expenses
LTM - Maintenance	\$3,500.00	Parish Hall fixes
LTM Pastor Salary	\$17,670.00	25% of Pastor
LTM Program Manager	\$34,150.00	100% of LTM Manager
LTM Sexton	\$6,400.00	50% of Sexton
Utilities	\$30,000.00	
LTM - Other	\$0.00	
PROPERTY	\$22,500.00	
Other Maintenance + Repairs	\$6,000.00	
Mortgage Interest	\$1,500.00	Payments finish in 2024
Property Taxes	\$15,000.00	
SMT CENTER	\$6,500.00	
Maintenance + Construction	\$4,500.00	Includes Brick Installation estimate
Utilities	\$2,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$375,261.25	
NET PROFIT/LOSS	-\$5,121.25	

FY24 Raise the Roof Campaign Goal	\$50,000.00	Fundraising goal
FY24 Roof Repair Estimate	\$80,000.00	Use of reserves for any overage above campaign

St. Matthew Trinity - FINANCIAL RESULTS & BUDGET COMPARISON

	FY23 Actual* vs. FY 23 BUDGET vs. FY 22 BUDGET			
FY: July to June	FY23 ACTUAL*	FY23 BUDGET	FY 23 BUDGET (%)	FY22 BUDGET (%)
	*7/1/22 TO 4/30/23		*FY23 = 10 months	
INCOME				
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	\$159,625.28	\$159,500.00	0%	90%
Directed Giving	\$29,272.00	\$12,500.00	134.2%	178.6%
General Church Giving	\$130,532.47	\$144,000.00	-9.4%	102.5%
Interest + Other	-\$179.19	\$3,000.00	-106.0%	10.0%
LUNCHTIME MINISTRY	\$128,841.70	\$92,000.00	40.0%	102.2%
Directed Giving - LTM	\$40,175.00	\$46,000.00	-12.7%	102.2%
Grants and Community giving + Other - LTM	\$88,666.70	\$46,000.00	92.8%	102.2%
PROPERTY	\$60,433.56	\$73,500.00	-17.8%	105.0%
SMT CENTER	\$25,691.00	\$48,000.00	-46.5%	100.0%
TOTAL INCOME	\$374,591.54	\$373,000.00	0.4%	96.8%
EXPENSES				
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	\$230,677.79	\$239,787.00	-3.8%	89.2%
Bank & Insurance	\$22,123.86	\$23,000.00	-3.8%	113.6%
Youth + Family	\$1,122.10	\$7,000.00	-84.0%	87.5%
Community Giving Spending	\$1,973.77	\$12,500.00	-84.2%	178.6%
Synod Contribution	\$17,076.00	\$17,250.00	-1.0%	105.2%
Maintenance Expenses	\$2,185.94	\$9,000.00	-75.7%	97.3%
Utilities	\$39,830.00	\$40,000.00	-0.4%	114.3%
Stewardship	\$4,161.56	\$4,000.00	4.0%	47.5%
Communications	\$8,790.56	\$4,200.00	109.3%	105.0%
Pastor Benefits & Allowances	\$30,986.39	\$32,400.00	-4.4%	85.3%
Staffing	\$77,184.58	\$76,437.00	1.0%	78.4%
Worship Supplies	\$3,972.37	\$2,000.00	98.6%	15.4%
Music Ministry	\$11,940.00	\$12,000.00	-0.5%	100.0%
Other	\$9,330.66	\$0.00		NA
LUNCHTIME MINSTRY	\$92,574.18	\$92,148.00	0.5%	108.0%
Community Spending	\$2,023.09	\$3,000.00	-32.6%	100.0%
LTM - Food Supplies	\$13,380.82	\$8,500.00	57.4%	85.0%
LTM - Maintenance	\$4,573.90	\$1,200.00	281.2%	NA
LTM Pastor Salary	\$11,626.35	\$16,821.00	-30.9%	102.5%
LTM Program Manager	\$27,569.54	\$32,527.00	-15.2%	104.9%
LTM Sexton	\$3,520.00	\$6,400.00	-45.0%	100.0%
Utilities	\$29,210.48	\$22,500.00	29.8%	121.6%
LTM - Other	\$670.00	\$1,200.00	-44.2%	NA
PROPERTY	\$71,569.10	\$21,000.00	240.8%	98.8%
Other Maintanance + Repairs	\$60,659.70	\$2,500.00	2326.4%	119.0%
Mortgage Interest	\$1,029.04	\$1,500.00	-31.4%	69.8%
Property Taxes	\$9,880.36	\$17,000.00	-41.9%	100.0%
SMT CENTER	\$4,604.34	\$4,000.00	15.1%	37.4%
Maintenance + Construction	\$3,012.57	\$1,800.00	67.4%	24.0%
Utilities	\$1,591.77	\$2,200.00	-27.6%	68.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$399,425.41	\$356,935.00	11.9%	92.5%
NET PROFIT/LOSS	-\$24,833.87	\$16,065.00		

St. Matthew Trinity - FY FINANCIAL RESULTS TRENDS

FY: July to June

FY20 ACTUAL

FY21 ACTUAL

FY22 ACTUAL

FY23 ACTUAL*

*7/1/22 TO 4/30/23

INCOME

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23*
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	\$149,119	\$175,966	\$163,500	\$159,625
Directed Giving	\$6,969.98	\$27,072.00	\$15,836.10	\$29,272.00
General Church Giving	\$136,213.40	\$143,857.83	\$144,668.20	\$130,532.47
Interest + Other	\$5,935.40	\$5,036.07	\$2,995.84	-\$179.19
LUNCHTIME MINISTRY	\$90,395	\$116,264	\$97,363	\$128,842
Directed Giving - LTM	\$47,820.50	\$58,484.47	\$48,610.00	\$40,175.00
Grants and Community giving + Other - LTM	\$42,574.00	\$57,779.10	\$48,752.79	\$88,666.70
PROPERTY	\$99,991.65	\$59,109.20	\$63,023.00	\$60,433.56
SMT CENTER		\$15,681.92	\$32,796.00	\$25,691.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$339,505	\$367,021	\$356,682	\$374,592

EXPENSES

CHURCH ACTIVITIES	\$260,018	\$268,527	\$277,183	\$230,678
Bank & Insurance	\$24,856.45	\$18,299.55	\$22,040.72	\$22,123.86
Youth + Family	\$985.00	\$283.35	\$3,672.09	\$1,122.10
Community Giving Spending	\$12,022.44	\$2,895.94	\$9,459.20	\$1,973.77
Synod Contribution		\$80,230.00	\$18,182.00	\$17,076.00
Maintenance Expenses	\$8,465.77	\$9,650.22	\$8,514.91	\$2,185.94
Utilities	\$36,404.35	\$31,525.46	\$40,940.99	\$39,830.00
Stewardship		\$6,174.23	\$8,519.07	\$4,161.56
Communications	\$2,785.63	\$4,621.28	\$9,616.16	\$8,790.56
Pastor Benefits & Allowances	\$37,941.81	\$29,913.72	\$33,078.62	\$30,986.39
Staffing	\$123,955.10	\$69,716.16	\$85,914.19	\$77,184.58
Worship Supplies	\$12,601.83	\$3,812.51	\$1,744.95	\$3,972.37
Music Ministry		\$10,925.00	\$8,225.00	\$11,940.00
Other		\$480.00	\$27,275.00	\$9,330.66
LUNCHTIME MINISTRY	\$60,036	\$77,942	\$101,523	\$92,574
Community Spending	\$2,817.45	\$4,583.35	\$5,273.56	\$2,023.09
LTM - Food Supplies	\$7,823.02	\$794.61	\$9,237.52	\$13,380.82
LTM - Maintenance		\$0.00	\$1,706.46	\$4,573.90
LTM Pastor Salary	\$4,432.18	\$16,398.30	\$14,579.38	\$11,626.35
LTM Program Manager	\$29,404.35	\$30,881.95	\$30,978.74	\$27,569.54
LTM Sexton	\$6,486.75	\$6,330.84	\$5,158.12	\$3,520.00
Utilities	\$9,072.14	\$18,952.51	\$34,589.57	\$29,210.48
LTM - Other				\$670.00
PROPERTY	\$23,551.66	\$15,116.68	\$35,930.62	\$71,569.10
Other Maintenance + Repairs	\$3,140.52	\$121.11	\$21,213.99	\$60,659.70
Mortgage Interest	\$2,911.14	\$2,107.99	\$1,542.63	\$1,029.04
Property Taxes	\$17,500.00	\$12,887.58	\$13,174.00	\$9,880.36
SMT CENTER		\$2,185.15	\$2,807.05	\$4,604.34
Maintenance + Construction		\$1,681.53	\$1,428.00	\$3,012.57
Utilities		\$503.62	\$1,379.05	\$1,591.77
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$343,606	\$363,771	\$417,444	\$399,425
NET PROFIT/LOSS	-\$4,101.00	\$3,249.78	-\$60,761.99	-\$24,833.87

Excluding Repairs

-\$12,273.00

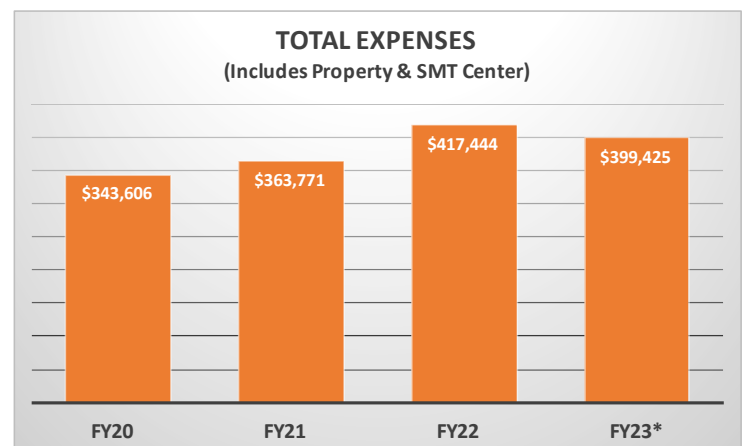
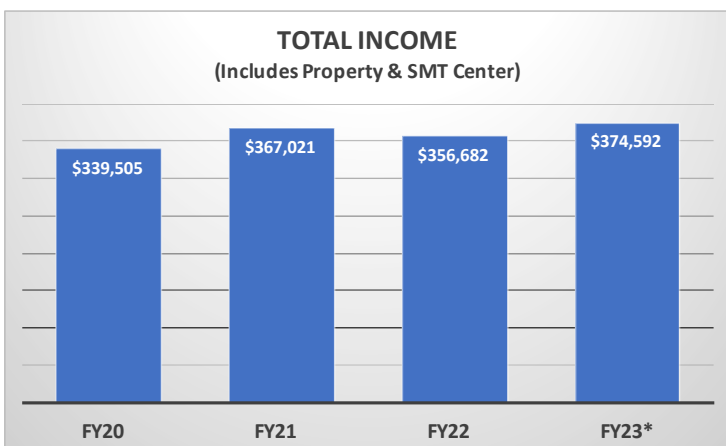
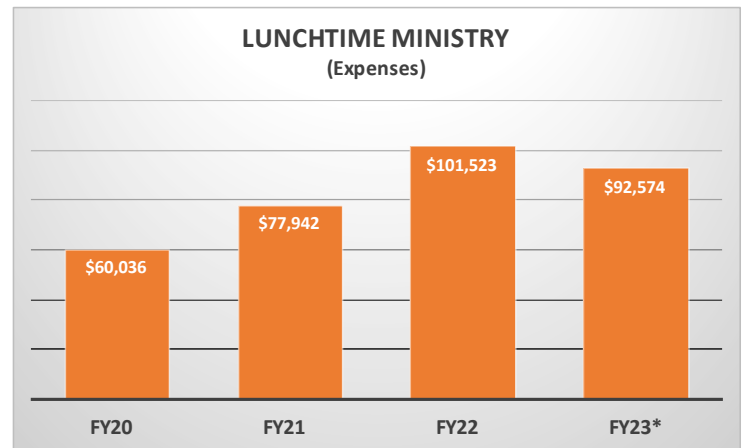
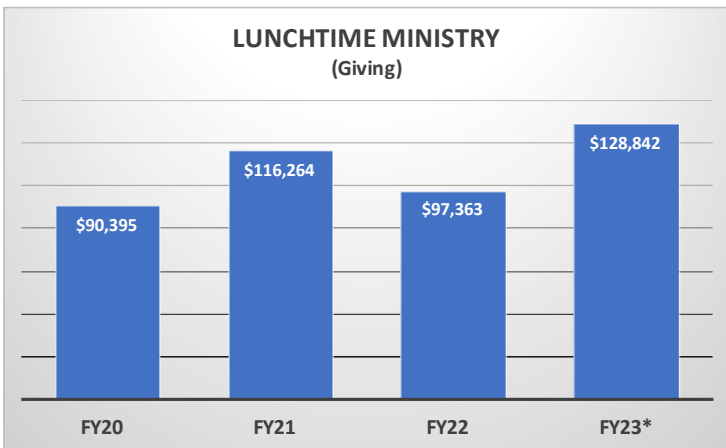
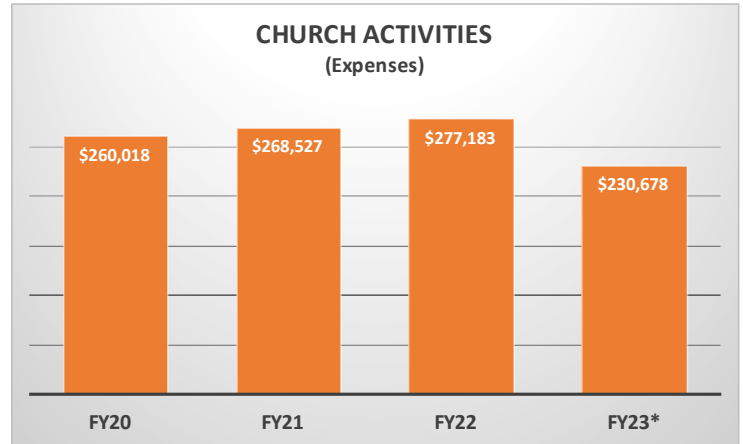
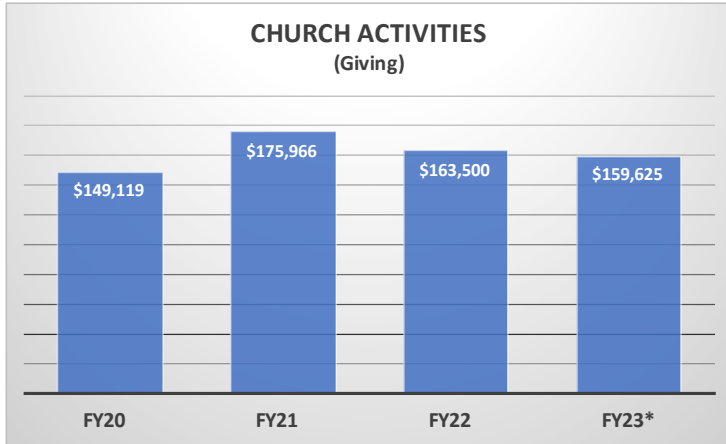
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Building Repairs

\$48,488.99

\$56,920.76

SMT FINANCIAL TRENDS (FY20 TO FY23)



* FY23 = July 2022 to April 2023 (10 months)



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