

First Presbyterian Church Lexington, Nebraska

2022 Annual Report



Mission Statement

Our congregation is a family of believers created to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance. Together we worship God and use our talents to share the love of Jesus Christ. Our members take an active role in church decisions and work together to make a difference. All are welcome.

Guiding Vision

Building God's Kingdom; sharing love and hope, here and now.

Our Staff

Teaching Elder—Rev. Eddie Mariel

Director of Worship Ministries—Holly Rickertsen

Hostess—Linda Anthony

Office Manager—Sarah Mariel

Bookkeeper—Kimmy Schuster

Elders

Jeanne Burns

Dr. Fran Carlson

Sally Heusinkvelt

Dan Roberts

Dian Lauby

Allison Luther

Allan McClure

Kristin Steinberger

Clerk of Session: Don Anthony

Deacons

George Allen

Joan Allen

Dorothy Bremer

Vicki Davis

Marlene Delap

Loretta Falkinburg

Steve Falkinburg

Chuck Malcom

Darlene Malcom

Tom Musil

Rhea Musil

Carol Nelson

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Statistics Report

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Births and Baptisms

Births.....	3
Infant Baptisms.....	0
Adult Baptisms.....	0

Marriages

Members married here.....	0
Members married elsewhere.....	0
Non-Members married here.....	0

Membership

January 1, 2022.....	222
New Members.....	5
Deaths.....	7
Transferred to other churches.....	1
Other Session removals.....	0
Dropped from roll.....	0
Inactive.....	0
Membership December 31, 2021.....	221

***In Memoriam, we remember
With love, all those who
Were called into the Church Triumphant
And now see God face to face***

Earl Brecks
Swede Nelson
Dale Holbein
Barbara Poehler
Ardith Bendler
Donna Holbein
Christine Mueller

Pastor's Annual Report 2022

Greetings church,

It has been another big year of adjustments and transitions in 2022. All year Session has been diligently keeping tabs on our finances and working to find ways to better communicate to you, the congregation, what our financial needs are and whether or not we are meeting those financial obligations. Session will continue this work into 2023 and work with our excellent bookkeeper to try to provide as clear, and non-complicated, a picture as possible. Relatedly, our new Financial Oversight Committee, a sub-committee of Properties, has completed its first full year of work. I am happy to report that the committee has reviewed and approved all financial transactions and you can rest assured your generous donations are safe and sound and being used for the purpose they were intended; building God's kingdom, sharing love and hope, here and now!

This is a perfect segue into the next big item of my report! Our theme for 2022 was "You Are Welcome Here" and I hope you have noticed some new faces participating in our church on a regular basis! Three new families with young children started regularly joining us for worship and LOGOS last summer and fall. What's more is that a couple of those parents jumped in to volunteer and help! Others have participated in Sunday morning adult studies! We're going to maintain this theme throughout 2023 as I continue to encourage Session and her various committees to dream up new and exciting ways to help the greater Lexington community trust that they are indeed welcome here.

Last year also saw the beginning of two different, Session approved, book study groups; Theology on Tap and Wisdom and Wine. Our generous thanks are extended to Jessica and Micheal Bliven for hosting Theology on Tap out at Canyon Lakes Brewery and the MacFarland Family for hosting Wisdom and Wine at Mac's Creek Winery. I am looking forward to continuing these studies in 2023.

Perhaps the most obvious or easily seen change in 2022 was the addition of three screens in the Sanctuary. The screens were phase 2 of the two part project that we started with the addition of the live stream equipment in 2021. Our generous thanks are extended to the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation for their grant of over \$24,000 making the screens possible. They would have happened without that grant money. The screens have smoothed out the Sunday morning service, reduced our reliance upon paper, and have visionary potential for future ministry pursuits including helping non-English speakers feel like they are welcome here! The screens also provide us an opportunity to provide support to the greater Lexington community should someone or an organization need a space to livestream an event for many people. We are still only at the tip of the iceberg with the potential for these items!

What does 2023 hold? As always, we'll see. But we are continuing a few new things, as mentioned, continuing a few "old" things (VBS anyone?) and continuing to look forward. We'll continue with the theme of "you are welcome here" and we're off to a fast start as the

non-profit organization Micah's House will operate out of our building for the foreseeable future as they continue their ministry to the Lexington Community. New adult studies will continue and we'll continue to figure out ways to invite our local neighbors into fellowship with us. We're celebrating 150 years of ministry to Lexington, NE and we want to minister for 150 more and beyond! As we think about moving forward, we did not have any new members last year, besides our amazing confirmation students, but with some of the new faces now expressing some possible interest, I'll be holding inquirer's classes again with the hope for some new members! And of course, we'll do our confirmation class again. Good things are happening here at the First Presbyterian Church and the community is becoming more aware of our existence and our willingness to help and serve the community. I invite you to continue your service and dedication to the Lord Jesus here with us and I encourage you to invite folks as well!

In His Service,

Rev. Edgar C. Mariel

Director of Worship Ministries Annual Report 2022

2022 maintained our tradition of excellence in worship through music, liturgy, the Lord's Table, and the introduction of new expressions of worship elements.

The Joy Ringers Bell Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. upstairs in the Bell Choir room. They perform in worship every 2nd Sunday, September through May. New bell ringers are always welcome!

Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. They sing in worship every 3rd Sunday, September through May. The Chancel Choir performed at the Matins service and presented an Easter Cantata. Chancel Choir looks forward to continuing into the new year and is always open to new members!

The children who attend Sunday School and LOGOS participate in worship on the third Sunday of the month, September through May. They have participated in worship in a variety of ways this past year. They have sung songs, served as lay leaders, performed puppet skits, done ribbon wands, performed acting skits and performed a Christmas play for Matins with a variety of youth and adults leading and working with them. They are learning to use the microphones and speak clearly and loudly enough for the congregation to understand them. The kids are a joy to watch and listen to!

Our weekly worship services continue to be blessed by many talented musicians. On the first Sunday of the month, Jill Williams plays organ and piano. Dian Lauby and Jeannie Homan play piano the second and third Sundays, respectively. Charles Messerschmidt played organ and piano on the fourth Sundays until his health required him to stop. Following his passing, Holly Rickertsen took over playing on the fourth Sundays. She also plays on the fifth Sundays of the month, as needed. Each of the accompanists is willing to help out for special services throughout the year as well. In addition to our pianists/organists, Pastor Eddie and Holly continue to lead the Gathering Song on guitar and piano each Sunday. They are open to having other vocalists and musicians join them!

Special music is provided each Sunday during the summer and in worship on fourth and fifth Sundays throughout the school year as it is available. There is no special music on the First Sundays of the month when we observe Communion unless we have a special opportunity for extra music.

Lent and Holy Week were filled with meaningful services. We held Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. We resumed our tradition of the chancel choir performing an Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday after taking two years off due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For Maundy Thursday service, we held a traditional Maundy Thursday service with communion in the sanctuary. Good Friday was observed with a Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk throughout the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and Parlor. We had planned to hold an Easter Sunrise Service at the home of Dan and Tempie Roberts; however, poor weather conditions

caused us to move it to the sanctuary. Regular worship for Easter was held at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

In October new screens were installed in the sanctuary. These screens allow us to show hymn & song lyrics, videos and images to enhance our worship experience. We are continuing to find new ways to utilize them to the benefit of our congregation.

The Advent and Christmas Season was special as well. Pastor Eddie and Holly chose to use "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch" for our Advent theme this year. The kids and youth curriculum was used for elementary & MS/HS Logos and MS/HS Sunday School. Multiple Adult bible study times were made available by Pastor Eddie. For the Matins service this year, the Logos and Sunday School kids and youth presented the original play, "The Grinch, The Whos, and Jesus." The Chancel Choir enhanced the play with their performances of "Shepherd's Joy" and "Welcome Christmas", the latter being from the 1966 animated version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Logos Youth lit the advent candles that Sunday. We had one Christmas Eve service held at 5:00 p.m. Our Lessons and Carols service was enhanced with middle school instrumentalists providing one special music selection. Nine different readers read the scriptures.

2022 was a year of returning to traditions that had taken a hiatus due to the pandemic. It also opened new opportunities in worship with the installation of the screens in the sanctuary. It is a privilege to continue meaningful worship traditions while also innovating new ways to worship that will enhance our worship and allow everyone to connect in ways that are meaningful to them. I look forward to continuing to create a worship space that is safe, accessible, and meaningful to all in attendance!

Holly Rickertsen
Director of Worship Ministries

Committees

Congregational Care Committee Annual Report 2022

Members of the committee include: Kristin Steinberger (Elder/Chair) and members at large: Sharon Steinberger (secretary), Deb Harkless, and Kimmy Schuster. Pastor Eddie is also in attendance at many of our meetings which are held on the third Thursday at 6:00pm at the church.

Our committee is responsible for the Sunday morning coffee hour during the months of September through May. Lisa Pebley and Judy Biehl take turns providing homemade cinnamon rolls on the first and third Sundays of those months. The remaining Sundays the committee either provides baked goods or donuts from Delight Donuts. Linda Anthony takes care of the coffee hour during the summer months by ordering and picking up donuts.

Meals on Wheels is another activity that the committee is responsible for, Sharon Steinberger coordinates the volunteers each week that the church helps deliver the meals.

The Easter SonRise Breakfast was held on April 17 and committee members made breakfast burritos and provided coffee and water, around 45 people were served in total.

For Mother's Day on May 8th, to acknowledge all the mother's, committee members assembled 40 treat bags that were filled with Lindt chocolates that were available after the church service. For Father's Day, the committee assembled cards and inserted a Dairy Queen certificate for a free ice cream cone that were available after the church service on June 5; 35 cards were assembled.

To help encourage the "All Are Welcome" church motto committee members held a family game night on July 6 and played the card game of UNO. Snacks and water were provided by members for the few that attended.

During Rally Day on September 11, the committee was put in charge of hosting a pot luck lunch after the church service. It was asked that families attending the lunch to provide either a hot dish, salad or dessert while committee members provided the refreshments. A total of 50 people were served.

The committee tries to support college students by sending them a small gift card before the holiday break to encourage them to "study hard" during finals, however there aren't any students attending college that our committee was aware of for 2022.

Our committee decided to again pay the Chamber of Commerce annual fee of \$150 for 2023, as it may help benefit the church for the upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration. More follow up will be done with the chamber to see what other involvement and benefits the church will get out of the annual membership fee.

Our annual budget for 2023 was approved from Session for \$1400.00

The committee will also be sending out around 40 Christmas cards this year to inactive members and a few new attending families of the Christmas services and programs in the church.

Kristin Steinberger
Elder/Chair

Endowment and Gifts Committee Annual Report 2022

Members of the Committee include: Allan McClure (Elder/Chair), Dian Lauby (Elder/Secretary), Steve Luther (Vice Chair), Dan Roberts, Judy Biehl, Vicki Davis, & Brenda Colvin.

Our committee is responsible for the encouragement of gifts and the management of existing funds of the committee. We were able to participate in the funding of lighting the balcony window, new rose bushes, TV purchases for the Sunday School rooms, digital hymnal for the new Sanctuary screens, and canvases for the youth. We encourage your gifts to the church. When you are Estate Planning, please consider a gift to the church for future use.

Treasurer's Report

Balance of Accounts as follows:

Pinnacle Checking Account: \$3,805.70
Edward Jones Money Market \$3,549.44
American Cap Inc Builder A \$90,221.79
American Inc Fund of Amer A \$70,429.40
\$160,651.19*

Fidelity—Endowment & Gifts \$23,136.61

Fidelity—Scholarship Fund \$13,746.96

TOTAL: \$204,889.90

*(Permanent Fund \$95,567.06 + Facilities Reserve Fund \$22,789.02 + Outreach Fund \$34,262.06 + Wallace Youth Fund \$3,000.00 + Interest \$5,033.05 = \$160,651.19)

Pinnacle Account as of January 1, 2022 \$4,438.79

Receipts:

Memorials \$1,670.00

Birthday Club \$364.00

Interest \$2.12

Deposit from FPC—Correcting Error of Double Payment \$189.00

Transfer of Funds from Spec Acct \$1,115.19

\$3,340.31

Expenditures:

Ck #364—Edward Jones (Invest 2021 B-day Club) \$523.50

Ck #365—First Presbyterian—Roses \$237.79

Ck #366—First Presbyterian—Balcony Window Project \$1,099.90

Ck #367—First Presbyterian—TV's Purchases \$1,114.00

Ck #368—First Presbyterian—Digital Hymn, Canvases, \$998.21

& Microphone Stands \$3,973.40

Ending Balance: \$3,805.70

Memorials received during the year in memory of : Patty Loudon, Swede Nelson, Barb Calder, Ardith Bendler, Steve Nelson, Karen

Moellering, Chuck Messerschmidt, and Barb Poehler.
Allan McClure
Elder/Chair

Faith Team Committee Annual Report 2022

Members:

Sally Heusinkvelt - Elder, Chair

Jeanne Burns - Elder

Holly Rickertsen - Director of Worship Ministries

Linda Lauby - Secretary

Members at large - Lisa Pebley, Gene Nansel, Tempie Roberts

Pastor Eddie Mariel - ex-officio

The committee meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. No meeting in July. Faith Committee is responsible for: all worship services including Lent/Easter services, all Christmas services, All Saint's day, scheduling communion, organizing Lenten and Advent bible studies, Sunday school, adult and youth Sunday school curriculum and teacher recruitment, Logos, VBS, youth camps/retreats, confirmation classes, new member classes, elementary bible presentations, Noisy Buckets, 50 year member recognition reception, confirmation gifts and reception, new members reception, graduation gifts and reception, Matins luncheon, coordinate Lay Leaders/Ushers/Greeters/Candle lighters/Nursery workers.

Worship services were held Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Worship services are also live-streamed and available on YouTube. Special services were Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday a Prayer Walk of the Stations of the Cross was held, Easter Sunrise service at the church due to weather and Easter Sunday service. We also celebrated Pentecost and Worldwide Communion Sunday. All Saint's Day was held on October 30th with candles being lit for loved ones who have passed. Advent and Christmas were celebrated with a Matins service with the youth participating, and our traditional Lessons of Carols service on Christmas Eve.

There were not any seniors to honor for graduation this year. Vacation Bible School was held June 27th through July 1st from 3:15 pm to 5:30 pm. On the final day of VBS a meal was held for the youth and their families. The church family was also invited to the meal.

Rally Day was held on September 11th in the fellowship hall. This year activities were provided so all ages of our congregation could participate. The bounce house was enjoyed again, there was Bible Trivia, "candy in the jar" guessing game, and other fun games to participate in.

In the fall Logos resumed again with the elementary youth meeting from 4:30-6:30 and the middle school and high school from 6:00-8:00.

50 year member Kristi Pebley was recognized on October 23rd. Individually wrapped cookies were provided for the reception in the Narthex following the service.

In October the screens were installed in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and the nursery.

Faith Committee would like to thank the many volunteers who helped and assisted in many ways to do the work for which this committee is responsible! It is certainly appreciated.

Sally Heusinkvelt, Faith Committee Chairperson

Logos Annual Report

Our Wednesday night Logos youth ministry has flourished this year. The planning committee consists of Sarah Mariel - Logos Coordinator, Linda Anthony - Supper Coordinator, Sally Huesinkvelt, and Mary Reed.

We've experienced a lot of growth this year as students have invited friends to join Logos. We have 39 students currently on our roster and we've served an average of 28 students each Wednesday. Elementary Logos is from 4:30pm-6:00pm. During that time they have recreation, worship skills, and bible study. At 6:00pm the middle and high school students arrive and all enjoy supper together family style. Elementary students are picked up at 6:30pm and middle and high schoolers begin their program from 6:30pm-8:00pm. They participate in recreation, worship, and bible study.

With the growing number of students, we've also had to grow our number of volunteers and we are so grateful to the congregation for stepping up and serving the kids of our church. We have 23 volunteers that help every week with an additional 6 who are a phone call away if we need subs. Our volunteers are teaching, creating fun, cooking, cleaning, and filling the kids with God's love. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all that make Wednesday nights happen.

In addition to attending and participating on Wednesday nights, our students have an active role in our worship service on the third Sunday of every month. Students lay lead, assist in worship, provide special music, etc. Our Logos students also have an active role in volunteering in the church. Older students lead the younger students on Wednesday nights, they run the nursery, they run the live stream and the screens on Sunday morning, they lead children's sermons, they sign up to greet and usher, all while juggling school, homework, sports and extracurriculars. We can learn a lot from our amazing students!

Sarah Mariel, Logos Coordinator

Mission & Outreach Annual Report 2022

The Mission & Outreach Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. Members are Dian Lauby, Chairman, Allison Luther, Vice Chairman, Steve Luther, Nancy Evans, Brent Smets & Sarah Mariel.

Recapping the activity for 2022:

Updated the church signage by installing new directory signs were in the church.

Placed a new Welcome to Our Church sign in the Narthex.

Served approximately 50 people at the Souper Bowl Sunday in February.

Helped fill and deliver Summer Food Baskets in July in conjunction with the Methodist Church.

Additional outreach projects included

1. Volunteering at Majestic Theater
2. Teacher appreciation Sunday – gift certificates to current & retired teachers
3. Prepared 40 new teacher packet inserts for new teachers coming into the Lexington School system
4. Stewardship Drive letter – Year of Jubilee
5. Food Pantry food challenge. - our church collected around 250 of the 500-item goal for the community churches.
6. Annual donation to Parent Child Center

Loose Offering for 2022 was designated as follows:

January -	CASA
February -	Food Pantry
March	Six Pence
April 2 – April 23	One Great Hour of Sharing
April 30 - May	VBS
June -	Food Baskets
July -	Backpack Program
August -	L2 Kids
September -	Presbyterian Disaster Relief
October -	Parent Child Center
November -	Blanket Sunday
December -	Christmas Joy Offering

Dian Lauby
Elder/Chair

Nominating Committee Annual Report 2022

Members are Fran Acosta-Carlson, chair, Bruce Rickertsen, Steve Falkinburg, Judy Biehl, Andrea Nisley, Isabella Carlson, member-at-large, and Pastor Eddie Mariel

The committee began to meet each Sunday after church to brainstorm on persons to fill the 3 elder and 4 deacon positions needed to fill terms for the class of 2023. We started to meet in late October and were able to slowly fill the positions and struggled some but were able to fill all openings. These new elders will be Mary Reed, Dennis Biehl, and Dan Roberts. Dan is continuing as an elder.

For Deacons/Deaconesses we have Jonelle Lans, Vicki Davis, Marlene DeLap, and Beth Rogers in the new class.

As chairperson, I want to thank each one of the members of the committee for their hard and persistent work.

Fran Acosta-Carlson, Chair

Personnel Committee Annual Report 2022

The Personnel Committee meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the church Conference Room.

Members for 2022 include: Fran Acosta-Carlson, Chairperson; Mary Reed, secretary; Dan Roberts, Karla Denker, Dennis Biehl and Pastor Eddie Mariel.

The Committee is responsible for reviewing staff and making recommendations on compensations and benefit packages as appropriate. Session is informed of job performance and recommendations on salary changes as well as staff duty changes.

Part of the duties of the committee is to support the staff and to address congregational concerns about staff duties and/or performance and to respond to the congregation in a timely manner via various avenues. This has been done on several occasions.

Job reviews are done annually and at times we have combined positions in order to fill staff positions depending on needs. We have utilized volunteers in the office at times, due to vacation of regular staff but that has been infrequent. The staff is recognized on Staff Appreciation Month and have given Christmas gifts to each annually.

Our current staff includes: Pastor Eddie Mariel, full-time pastor and head of staff; Holly Rickertsen, Director of Worship Ministries; Linda Anthony, Church Hostess; Kimmy Schuster, Bookkeeper; Sarah Mariel, Office Manager; Jill Williams, organist; Jeannie Homan and Dian Kraus, pianists.

The committee met throughout the year taking care of routine concerns and duties including keeping track of income and expenditures while helping to maintain a robust ministry for the members of First Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Acosta-Carlson, chairperson

Properties Annual Report 2022

Committee members: Vicki Davis, Curt Harkless, Ed Heusinkvelt, Allen McClure, Fred Nisley, Kirk Psota, Bruce Rickertsen and Larry Steinberger. Kimmy Schuster ex-officio, Pastor Eddie Mariel ex-officio.

Projects we have completed this year:

Video screens installed in Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Nursery

Video streaming system for worship services.

Repainted handicap parking spaces

Repaired leaks in flat roof over older Sunday school rooms

Painted office manager's office.

Working on installing two lamp posts at the east entrance.

The principle on the roof loan will be about \$26,000 by January 1, 2023. We have budgeted to pay \$1,000.61 per month for 2023.

Your properties committee is still working hard to keep our grand building looking beautiful so we can all be proud to share it with any person or organization that wishes to use it.

Thank you for all of your support and help throughout this past year.

Bruce Rickertsen, Chairman

Financial Oversight Committee Annual Report 2022

(a subcommittee of Properties)

The Financial Oversight committee was formed approximately 2 years ago. For several years the church had tried to hire an auditor to no avail. A committee was formed Allan McClure Chairman, Dian Lauby Church Treasurer, Don Anthony, Amy Biehl-Owens and Kimmy Schuester Financial Secretary.

A local CPA was invited in for suggestions on guidelines about auditing procedures that would help the church.

This committee now meets quarterly, reviews expenditures, audits selected entries in the church's expenses, and issues a report for the church.

Some of the ideas that have been initiated is the reduction and the consolidation of church accounts. Some progress has been made and more needs to be done.

The church has eliminated the use of credit cards for the purchase of needed items, now a debit card is obtained from the church office for items purchased, this makes tracking purchases much easier for the Financial Secretary, and more control for the church.

Accounts were reviewed as of Nov 30 and found to be correct. Anything of a financial nature is open for discussion by the committee.

Service Committee Annual Report 2022

FUNERAL DINNERS SERVED:

Dwayne (Swede) Nelson-----	76
Barbara Poehler-----	120
Ardith Bendler-----	43
Steven Nelson (Cookies and Coffee)-----	55
Tammy Bennett (Cookies and Coffee)-----	150
Chris Mueller-----	56
500	

DINNERS SERVED:

Lenten Luncheon -----	42
Rally Day Potluck Luncheon-----	50
(Assisting Congregational Care Committee)	
Christmas Matins-----	75
(Assisting Faith Committee) 667 Hearts and Lives touched	

We just successfully completed our first year with only two (2) Service Committees. Hopefully, this system will continue to meet our needs. A special Thank You to the four women who served as Co-Chairwomen: Dorothy Bremer, Marlene DeLap, Karla Denker and Allison Luther!

A huge THANK YOU to ALL who so generously gave of their time: setting up tables, providing food, serving food, washing dishes, taking down tables and laundering table linens and tea towels. You are all greatly appreciated!

Service Committee Coordinators,
Linda Lauby
LaDonna McClure

Deacons Annual Report 2022

Deacons: Loretta Falkinburg, Steve Falkinburg, Rhea Musil, Tom Musil, Dorothy Bremer, Carol Nelson, Chuck Malcom, Darlene Malcom, LaDonna McClure, Tempie Roberts, Sharon Steinberger, Jo Sherman, Judy Biehl (substitute)

The Deacons quarterly meetings are held in January, April, July, and October. Communion is prepared at the church the first Sunday of each month by two of the Deacons. Communion is served quarterly at Ridgeway, Plum Creek Care/Welcove, Shackley, and in homes when requested. The total number served in 2022 was 696.

Deacons are responsible for delivering bulletins, newsletters, and devotional materials. Gifts are given and cards are sent at the discretion of each Deacon. Due to some Covid restrictions throughout the year, the Deacons were not always able to visit everyone. The following services for this year are: 808 visits, 891 cards, 277 phone calls, 479 gifts, and 148 service calls. Eight bereavement calls were made this year including the fourth quarter.

The expenses for this year were \$96.40. A \$50 donation was given to the Deacons for our services rendered.

Twelve babies were added to the cradle roll:

Julian Ray Goodman, Jo Sherman, great grandparent

Rio John Quintana, Katie Kearney & Brandon Quintana, parents; Paula and Dave Kearney, grandparents

Penelope Geist, Rebecca & Derek Geist, parents; Dennis & Yvonne Rickertsen, grandparents

Caroline Elizabeth Pretti, Christine & Matt Pretti, parents; Dennis & Yvonne Rickertsen, grandparents

Mayla Jayne Fox, Stephen & Tabitha Fox, parents; Wally Fox, grandparent

Malik Jude Sultan, Amanda Christensen, parent; Trace Biehl, grandparent

Myles James Heusinkvelt, Mitch & Megan Heusinkvelt, parents; Ed & Sally Heusinkvelt, grandparents

Parker Eben Jensen, Erica & Chris Jensen, parents; Fred & Andrea Nisley, grandparents

Leilani Rose Michelsen, Betty Nelson, great grandparent

Emmy Jo Meyer, Anne Grubb, great grandparent

Ellie Bell Drudik, Caitlyn & Justin Drudik, parents; Steve & Allison Luther, grandparents

Aiden Christopher Raftary, Riley & Chris Raftary, parents; Dan & Tempie Roberts, grandparents

Deacons completing their term of service were Steve Falkinburg, Loretta Falkinburg, Rhea Musil and Tom Musil.

Sharon Steinberger
Secretary

Knitting Ministry Annual Report 2022

The knitters meet on Mondays in the church parlor from 11:00 until noon. We have given 8 shawls to members, friends of the congregation, and the confirmands. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has become a worldwide movement of women's groups, gathering to pray and knit for those in need and those celebrating life's joys. Our shawls are an expression of our love and the loving care of the God who works through them. We also knit items for the Knitting 4 Peace organization. There is a time of prayer for those who are ill or who are celebrating a joy. We have yarn available! Please join us!

Circles

Faith Circle Annual Report 2022

Faith Circle meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. Our Bible Study for the year is "Celebrating Sabbath". We began the study in September. During December through March, we do not meet, coming together again in April and the summer months to finish our study. We meet in homes and the lessons are given by the women of our circle. We rejoiced with the start of a new circle and welcomed a new member to enjoy fellowship time as we study together. Along with Martha Circle we planned and served the May Breakfast. In November, our Praise Service was hosted by our circle. Amanda Wooley presented the program. Our monetary gifts support Presbyterian Women in our church, Central Nebraska and the mission of the Presbyterian Women in Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We participate in the Hunger Program, Least Coin Offering, and the Birthday and Thank Offerings. These gifts are "second mile giving", over and above our church pledge. Please join us for wonderful fellowship and Bible Study.

Faith Circle Treasurer's Annual Report
December 31, 2022

Balance on hand, December 31, 2021 \$176.44

Receipts:

Donations and Tea Money \$288.62

PW Meetings \$ 87.53

Total Receipts \$376.15

Total \$552.59

Disbursements:

Presbyterian Women Pledge \$400.00

Balance on Hand \$152.59

Martha Circle Annual Report 2022

Martha Circle meets the third Thursday of every month except in the summer. We meet in the afternoons since we did not need late meetings for the day workers. Our motto is "We do this service unto thee".

Six members are on our roll with visitors warmly welcomed. Meetings are held at the church. The first part of the year we completed our study of "What Our Grandmothers Taught Me".

In September we began the new study, "Celebrating Sabbath". Lessons are led by members of the circle. This year some were able to attend the PW meeting with Cozad and the Praise service. Many were able to attend the May Breakfast. In September, we were in charge of the baked potato bar.

Monetary giving included membership gifts throughout the year to pay our pledge to Women's Association. We also give offerings to the Hunger Offering (Charlie Cheddar) and the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Monies were collected for the Birthday Offering—all go to the worldwide mission of our church. These mission projects are over and above our local pledge. The officers stayed the same for this year and for 2023. We welcome any woman who would like to join a Bible Study and enjoy this Christian Fellowship.

Martha Circle Annual Report for 2022

Balance January 1, 2022	\$87.55
Donations	\$465.00
Potato Bar	\$64.00
May Breakfast	\$58.53
Association Dues	\$450.00
Charges for printing statement	\$4.00
Ending Balance	\$221.08

Lydia & Friends Circle Annual Report 2022

In fall of 2022, a new Presbyterian Women Circle was formed to serve women of the church who are unable to meet during the work day. It meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Monday each month September through May except for December. We have 11 members and meet in the homes of our members. We are doing the PW study on "Celebrating the Sabbath". As we studied, we read about Lydia and her friends at the very beginning of the Church and how they didn't really know what they were doing, but would meet to worship anyway. That felt very much like our group, new to PW and not really knowing much, but we gather to learn and worship anyway. The circle elected Sarah Mariel as president; Kimmy Schuster as

treasurer; and Holly Rickertsen as secretary. If you are looking to join our group we'd love to have you! You can talk to Sarah Mariel or Holly Rickertsen for more information.

Presbyterian Women Annual Report 2022

The Presbyterian Women is made up of women in First Presbyterian Church. The two circles in PW this past year were Faith Circle and Martha Circle. The two circles met 8 times during the year with a Bible Study.

Martha Circle met the third Thursday of the month at 2pm in the church parlor with the exception of June, July, and August. They have eight members. Their motto is "We Do This Service Unto Thee."

Faith Circle meets the fourth Thursday in members' homes at 9:30am, April through November. They have eight members. Their motto is "Faith Without Works is Dead".

A new circle has been organized and they started in September. The name of the circle is Lydia and Friends. They have eleven members and meet in members' homes and meet the second Monday of the month at 7pm.

The Coordinating Team (officers of the circles) meets preceding the quarterly meetings.

The Community Lenten Service was hosted by our church this past year on April 7th.

The Presbyterian Women met on May 5th with Faith and Martha Circles hosting. There were 57 ladies in attendance. The guest speaker was Crystal Werger from the Dawson County Museum. She spoke on the tombstones found in the surrounding cemeteries.

Martha Circle hosted the potato bar luncheon on September 1st at noon. Pastor Eddie introduced the new lesson book for the coming year. Items were collected for school kits which were taken to the Fall Gathering Holdrege. The joint meeting for the Cozad and Lexington PW was held in fellowship hall of the Lexington Church on Oct. 6th. Ladies were served a salad luncheon. After lunch Jill Boyd, pastor of the Cozad Church was introduced as the guest speaker. She presented a delightful talk on the topic of puzzles.

The Praise Service for the PW was held in Fellowship Hall on November 3rd.

Following the soup luncheon, Amanda Wooley from the Dawson County Family Partners was the guest speaker. The purpose for the group she represented was to provide services for the families in need in Dawson County.

Following Amanda's talk the sewing projects were dedicated.

The PW participated in the following offerings: Hunger, Birthday Offering, Least Coin, Thank Offering and Blanket Sunday.

Feb 10th 9:30am Presbyterian Women's Programs
Sewing day

Mar 10th	9:30am	Sewing day
Apr 14th	9:30am	Sewing day
May 5th	9:00am	May Breakfast
Sep 1st	noon	Potato Bar
Oct 6th	noon	PW Joint Meeting with Cozad PW
Oct 13th	noon	Praise Service, Lunch and dedication of projects

Officers 2022

Linda Anthony	Moderator
Jonelle Lans	Vice Moderator
Marlene DeLap	Secretary
RoseMarie Sherman	Treasurer
LaDonna McClure	Service Committee Coordinator
Linda Lauby	Service Committee Coordinator

Reading Program

Seventeen of our Lexington Presbyterian Women read over 700 books in the time span of March 2021 to March 2022. There were two first time participants, Loretta Falkinburg and Beth Rogers. Two readers read all 15 from our Presbyterian Reading List, Rose Marie Sherman and Jo Sherman. In total books read, Elsie Barrett read the most at 178 books. Other top readers were Jo Sherman, Anne Grubb, Joyce Olsen, and Beth Rogers. Please continue to read as there are many interesting books both on the list and in our well-stocked church library, which is available to all.

Jo Sherman, Librarian

2023 Budget

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE		
Advertising/Visibility		400.00
Deacons		250.00
Fellowship Activity		250.00
Special Events		500.00
Total		1,400.00
FAITH COMMITTEE		
Bell Maintenance		500.00
Church School/Logos Curriculum		500.00
Church School Supplies		50.00
Copyright License		500.00
Library		50.00
Logos Meals		800.00
Logos Program /Supplies		200.00
Music/Choir Supplies Expense		550.00
Musicians		3,200.00
Vacation Church School		500.00

Worship Resources		550.00
Total		7,400.00
MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE		
Food Baskets		500.00
Lexington Parent Child Center		100.00
Local Fellowship		1,500.00
Missionary Support		500.00
Per Capita		7,735.00
These Days/Upper Room		325.00
Unified Mission Support		5,000.00
Total		15,660.00
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE		
Senior Pastor		
	Salary	39,985.40
	Housing Allowance	22,000.00
	Pension/Major Medical	26,189.08
	Professional Expenses	4,000.00
	SECA Reimbursement	4,741.88
	Total	96,916.36

Office Staff		28,681.38
	Office Manager	
	Bookkeeper	
Hostess Salary		6,097.00
Director of Worship Ministries		8,229.70
Choir Accompanist		1,250.00
Part-time Office Help		600.00
Part-time Hostess		600.00
Pulpit Supply		1,000.00
Payroll Taxes		3,800.00
Staff & Miscellaneous Gifts		500.00
		50,758.08
Total		147,674.44
PROPERTIES COMMITTEE		
Church Decorating		350.00
Church Maintenance		10,000.00
Cleaning Services		7,920.00
Computer, Software & Support		2,000.00
Custodial/Kitchen Supplies		650.00
Dues & Subscriptions		75.00
Gas		5,000.00

Insurance		10,000.00
Light/Sewer/Water		9,000.00
Loan Payment		12,007.32
Miscellaneous Expense		300.00
Office Equipment Rental/Repair		4,000.00
Organ & Piano Tuning		1,850.00
Phone		400.00
Postage		500.00
Sanitation/Soft Water		1,200.00
Session Expense		250.00
Stationary/Office Supplies		1,000.00
Total		66,502.32
TOTAL		238,636.76

Financial Report 2022

INCOME						
	General Fund Receipts		End of Year	Budget		
		Interest Income	1.05			
		Pledge Income	185,443.31	239,816.68	-54,373.37	
		Rent Income	1,470.00			
		Loan Payment Income	12,007.32			
		Total GF Receipts	198,921.68			
			2022	Spent as of	Amount	%
			Budget	12/31/22	Left	Used
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE						
Advertising/Visibility			400.00	397.42	2.58	99%
Deacons			250.00	46.40	203.60	19%
Fellowship Activity			250.00	164.11	85.89	66%
Special Events			500.00	45.98	454.02	9%

Total			1,400.00	653.91	746.09	47%
FAITH COMMITTEE						
Bell Maintenance			500.00	500.00	0.00	100%
Church School/Logos Curriculum			500.00	386.50	113.50	77%
Church School Supplies			50.00	133.28	-83.28	267%
Copyright License			500.00	290.00	210.00	58%
Library			50.00	50.00	0.00	100%
Logos Meals			800.00	800.00	0.00	100%
Logos Program /Supplies			200.00	55.55	144.45	28%
Music/Choir Supplies Expense			550.00	142.79	407.21	26%
Musicians			3,200.00	2,420.00	780.00	76%
Vacation Church School			500.00	500.00	0.00	100%
Worship Resources			550.00	1,065.26	-515.26	194%
Total			7,400.00	6,343.38	1,056.62	86%
MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE						
Food Baskets			500.00	409.33	90.67	82%

Lexington Parent Child Center			100.00	100.00	0.00	100%
Local Fellowship			1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0%
Missionary Support			500.00	0.00	500.00	0%
Per Capita			7,500.00	7,437.00	63.00	99%
These Days/Upper Room			325.00	159.00	166.00	49%
Unified Mission Support			5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100%
Total			15,425.00	13,105.33	2,319.67	85%
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE						
Senior Pastor						
	Salary		42,180.00	42,180.00	0.00	100%
	Housing Allowance		18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	100%
	Pension/Major Medical		24,122.59	23,714.88	407.71	98%
	Professional Expenses		4,000.00	3,860.79	139.21	97%
	SECA Reimbursement		4,603.77	4,603.68	0.09	100%
	Total		92,906.36	92,359.35	547.01	99%
Office Staff						
	Office Manager			16,115.79		

	Bookkeeper		27,846.00	4,789.16	6,941.05	75%
Hostess Salary			6,097.00	3,938.56	2,158.44	65%
Payroll Taxes			3,800.00	1,791.12	2,008.88	47%
Pulpit Supply			1,000.00	428.08	571.92	43%
Staff & Miscellaneous Gifts			500.00	43.33	456.67	9%
Part-time Hostess			600.00	147.50	452.50	25%
Part-time Office Help			600.00	0.00	600.00	0%
Choir Accompanist			1,250.00	1,050.00	200.00	84%
Director of Worship Ministries			7,990.00	7,989.96	0.04	100%
			21,837.00	15,388.55	6,448.45	70%
Total			142,589.36	128,652.85	13,936.51	90%
PROPERTIES COMMITTEE						
Church Decorating			350.00	194.79	155.21	56%
Church Maintenance			10,000.00	5,409.70	4,590.30	54%
Cleaning Services			7,920.00	7,920.00	0.00	100%
Computer, Software & Support			2,000.00	2,540.34	-540.34	127%
Custodial/Kitchen Supplies			650.00	800.60	-150.60	123%
Dues & Subscriptions			75.00	64.95	10.05	87%

Gas			8,000.00	4,391.21	3,608.79	55%
Insurance			10,000.00	9,823.00	177.00	98%
Light/Sewer/Water			9,000.00	7,106.19	1,893.81	79%
Loan Payment			12,007.32	12,007.32	0.00	100%
Major Improvements			3,000.00	1,532.13	1,467.87	51%
Miscellaneous Expense			300.00	90.47	209.53	30%
Office Equipment Rental/Repair			4,000.00	3,838.34	161.66	96%
Organ & Piano Tuning			1,850.00	2,084.00	-234.00	113%
Phone			600.00	415.78	184.22	69%
Postage			800.00	536.87	263.13	67%
Sanitation/Soft Water			1,200.00	1,088.10	111.90	91%
Session Expense			250.00	0.00	250.00	0%
Stationary/Office Supplies			1,000.00	670.06	329.94	67%
Total			73,002.32	60,513.85	12,488.47	83%
TOTAL			239,816.68	209,269.32	30,547.36	87%
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 01/01/22				\$19,501.92		
RECEIPTS				198,921.68		
DISBURSEMENTS				209,269.32		

BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2022				\$9,154.28	
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Special Account Income & Expense

12/31/2022

INCOME				
Congregational Care				
	Advertising			0.00
Faith Committee				
	Bell Maintenance Accrual			500.00
	Youth Funds			1,520.70
	Craft Fair	0.00		
	Egg Money	0.00		
	LOGOS	0.00		
	Misc Youth Funds	0.00		
	Noisy Buckets	94.98		
	Sunday School Room Updates	0.00		
	VBS	128.00		
Miscellaneous Funds				
	Church Fundraisers			0.00

	Fellowship Coffee		634.20	
	Interest		0.90	
	Kitchen Remodel		0.00	
	Library Fund		0.00	
	Music		0.00	
	NE Presbytery Foundation		23,999.10	
	Prayer Shawl Ministry		0.00	
	PW		58.52	
Mission & Outreach				
	Local Benevolence		0.00	
	Misc Designation		3,530.51	
	One Great Hour of Sharing		544.06	
Personnel Committee				
	Employee Training/Activities		0.00	
Properties				
	Organ Maintenance		0.00	
	Roof Fund		19,609.16	
TOTAL RECEIPTS				50,397.15

EXPENSE				
Congregational Care				
	Advertising		11.57	
Faith Committee				
	Bell Maintenance Accrual		0.00	
	Youth Funds		1,744.60	
	Craft Fair	0		
	Egg Money	0		
	LOGOS	0		
	Misc Youth Funds	352.22		
	Noisy Buckets	0		
	Sunday School Room Updates	0		
	VBS	0		
Miscellaneous Funds				
	Church Fundraisers		0.00	
	Fellowship Coffee		1,000.45	
	Interest		0.00	
	Kitchen Remodel		140.00	
	Library Fund		589.97	

	Music		496.23	
	NE Presbytery Foundation		23,999.10	
	Prayer Shawl Ministry		0.00	
Mission & Outreach				
	Local Benevolence		400.00	
	Misc Designation		3,194.44	
	One Great Hour of Sharing		544.06	
Personnel Committee				
	Employee Training/Activities		0.00	
Properties				
	Organ Maintenance		0.00	
	Roof Fund		12,007.32	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				44,127.74
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AS of 01/01/22				22,198.97
RECEIPTS				50,397.15
DISBURSEMENTS				44,127.74
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2022				\$28,468.38

Special Revolving Accounts 2022

Congregational Care			
Faith Committee			
	Bell Maintenance Accrual		1,015.00
	Youth Funds		7,589.60
	Craft Fair	499.00	
	Egg Money	664.75	
	LOGOS	1,516.05	
	Misc Youth Funds	3,196.06	
	Noisy Buckets	1,216.77	
	Sunday School Room Updates	40.74	
	VBS	456.23	
Miscellaneous Funds			
	Church Fundraisers		1,100.76
	Fellowship Coffee		984.02
	Interest		4.73
	NE Presbytery Foundation		0.00
	Prayer Shawl Ministry		150.33
	PW		58.52
Mission & Outreach			
	Local Benevolence		242.69
	Misc Designation		10.00
Personnel Committee			
	Employee Training/Activities		202.39
Properties			
	Organ Maintenance		1,508.77
	Roof Fund		15,601.57
Total			<u>\$28,468.38</u>