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**South Santiago  
Lutheran Church**

**2021 Annual Report**

January 23, 2022

## 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2021 Annual Meeting was called to order by SSLC Council President Lyn Peterson at 9:10 am.

Pastor Thul shared a devotional on Luke 18, a Gospel lesson in which a blind man learns that Jesus was passing by on the road and shouts for His mercy. Jesus asks him: "What do you want?" His answer: "I want to see." The SSLC Prayer (Carrying Verse for 2021) is this exclamation: 'We want to see; lead us by your Holy Spirit through the challenges we will face, bless us to share your love and light into your Creation.'

The Annual Meeting agenda was approved. Attest: Danny Jergenson

The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were approved. Attest: Shelly Bluhm

Sandy Cox, Ralph Johnson and Denise Fowler were the ballot candidates for the three open positions on council, and with no additional nominees from the floor. President Lyn Peterson asked for and received unanimous consent to elect the slate as proposed. Attest: Mark Bistodeau

SSLC Treasurer Mike Peabody reported on the 2020 budget, which ended the year in the black. The broad number item spreadsheet was included in the annual meeting packet.

Walt Munsterman and David Darsow volunteered to represent SSLC as delegates to the SWMN ELCA Synod Assembly on June 11-12. Attest: Richard Harshman

After some discussion, the 2021 Budget was passed. Attest: Jeanette Harshman

New Business:

Members of the council detailed the plan in place to resume more normal worship opportunities, the transition forward based on caseload in the Sherburne County area, as well as health care guidance factors. Until the pandemic begins to diminish (or vaccination levels reach a higher level), an outdoor worship will be provided. Even after the services move inside, the A/V team will continue to use the FM signal to allow individuals to stay in their car and listen.

The Council and Pastor are working to get the equipment needed and the A/V team trained to live-stream worship on Sundays and Wednesdays.

The meeting was adjourned by President Lyn Peterson at 9:50 am.

Pastor Thul led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

NOTE: Annual meeting minutes were reconstructed by Pastor Thul and Jeff Mateyka.

## 2022 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Devotions-Pastor Daryl
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of minutes
5. Election of Council Members
  - A. Three 3-year positions (nominations from floor)
  - B. One 1-year position (nominations from floor)
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Delegates to Synod Assembly (3 people split male/female) in June
8. 2022 Budget
9. New Business: A: Reopening of worship and church building  
B: Election results for council members  
C. Other business
10. Adjournment
11. Close with the Lord's Prayer

### **1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.*

*There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways,  
but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.*

*A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.*

## Pastor's Report

*"Lord," the blind man said, "I want to see."*

That quote, taken from the Gospel according to Luke and included in last year's report to the congregation, became my personal carrying verse for 2021. Both personally and collectively, our prayer rose to God's ears, asking again and again to show us what He wanted us to do and how He wanted us to do it.

This was certainly a prayer answer.

We've come through several waves of the pandemic, have begun the process of rebuilding the ministry into our congregation and outward into the world. And it has not been easy. We've overcome hurdles and have thankfully been given to trust God in the steps we have taken.

Any success we have found – and there has been plenty – is God's to claim.

It became apparent late in the summer that we were not going to bring on an associate pastor: There were several reasons, but this ultimately led to ...

The church staff was reorganized more than halfway through the year, adding ministry coordinators for adult, children and youth ministries. Karla, Dee and Kayla hit the ground running and the upcoming year will give us opportunity to really see growth in their ministry areas.

Even as we were bringing individuals into new positions, we saw the end of an era with Rosalie Klinker ending her decades-long run as the SSLC librarian. I thank God for her work and her commitment to Jesus' mission in this area: Ruth Thom has taken over the duties and we look forward to where God leads us through Ruth.

The band is coming back together: COVID-19 hurt our community, causing brothers and sisters in Christ to fall out of communication with one another. It's really tough to maintain relationships when you don't see someone very often – or ever. As the Spirit continues to call us back into active Christian lives, these connections return, and we can do so much more together than we can do alone.

Keeping people safe: We've worked very hard to ensure a safe environment and will continue to do so. The last thing we want to do is hurt one another in any way – including passing along viruses.

Our financial goals were met in 2021, and that has allowed us to complete and even build ministry. When a council, pastor and staff do not need to worry about how it will pay bills or make payroll, it creates an environment in which we can focus on ministry and living into God's plan for us. So thank you for your support. 2022 will cost us more than 2021 did, so my hope is that the Spirit will assist all of us into being a little more generous. I will increase my tithe, too (putting my money where my mouth is).

A carrying verse is one that you come back to again and again, a reflection of your deepest desire and/or need from God. The previous year, most of which I spent in Taji, Iraq, I utilized Jesus' promise at the end of Matthew 28:20. He said, "Lo, I am with you always."

As 2022 hits speed, I am sharing Romans 12:2 as the carrying verse for the year: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

It's a tough verse, mostly because it applies so well to our situation. The world tells us so many things that go against what God says and what God wants us to do, and what ultimately God wants us to be.

Everything we do as SSLC must be to affirm our long-standing mission statement:

*We are a congregation whose core values seek changed lives through the power of the Holy Spirit by forming and sustaining life-long personal faith in God through Christ Jesus.*

*We practice this by engaging in cross-generational ministry and radical hospitality as it is revealed by God's Word.*

*We do this by connecting with our congregation, the community and the world.*

The Council understands this. Our leaders and elders discuss our plans and ambitions in light of God's Revelation – that's just a fancy way of saying that they bounce everything against Connection (with God and with one another) and Engagement (how we connect God to and through us and into the world).

We were given such a gift by God in 2021 – and things happened that we certainly couldn't see as the year began. Change will continue to happen. There's no option there.

So the choice is to conform (to the world) or to transform (God's Spirit engaged). May our hearts and minds be made new, may the fatigue of the past couple of years melt away and may we Dance in the Light.

Let us be both cautious and bold – knowing that God has anointed us to share His love.

## Pastoral Care in 2021

### Baptisms:

Preston Raymond Douglas Cielinski	Son of Nicholas & Kari Cielinkski
Walter James Bouma	Son of Taylor and Paige Bouma
Clayton Wyatt Lerdahl	Son of Mark & Jennifer Lerdahl
Ella Lou Engdahl	Daughter of Jarid & Ashley Engdahl
Molly Grace Stang	Daughter of Matthew & Mallory Stang
Weston Lee Holtan	Son of David & Samantha Holtan
June Marie Turnquist	Daughter of John & Shawna Turnquist
Marley Louise Turnquist	Daughter of John & Shawna Turnquist
Emmett Donald Stang	Son of Dylan & Megan Stang
Lucas John Vekved	Son of Caleb & Mariah Vekved
Ashley Victoria Spiczka	Daughter of David & Sarah Spiczka
Colt Jayden Harren	Son of Josh & Kallyne Harren

### Funerals:

Carol Michaletz  
Elwood Orton  
Ron Gilyard  
Roger Humble



### Home, Hospital, and other Visits:

Visits made by request of member or their family

## Adult Ministry Coordinator

As we close 2021 and look ahead to 2022, I am looking forward to continuing to help foster opportunities for each of us to learn, serve and grow here at SSLC. To accomplish this we will:

Offer a variety of small group Bible Study opportunities.

Offer new member classes every six months or more if needed.

Increase our opportunities to serve by increasing our activities at the Lange home.

Facilitate team building with our staff & leadership through communication, resources and training.

Help meet the practical needs of seniors through connections with others here at SSLC such as a wellness group.

Help plan and coordinate activities with various groups here at SSLC and support their missions.

God's peace & blessings to all,  
Dee Punton

## Council President

Greetings to all of our friends and families,

As we breathe new chilly air in 2022, my heart is overwhelmed with how God has been at the front and center of SSLC, it's place in the community, building upon the light we shine for all to see.



Christmas brings families together. The children's program was a great hit! Many members got out caroling in the neighborhood. Singing brings this special season depth as to why Christ's birth is epic. We will also share in April another special time, Easter. As Christians worship on Good Friday, we are humbled that Jesus bears our sins, yet knowing the word "Salvation" comes as a risen Lord a few days later.

There are many ways to look in the rear view mirror of 2021. As for the church council, we can only say "Wow!" Countless hours of people donating their time, energy, at every new adventure. A balanced budget even with large projects that were addressed, can and did only happen with your generosity. A very large "thank you!" from the council.

Please take time to proof the budget, ask questions if so desired. We are to be held accountable for that what we oversee. In years past, the proposed budget has been on the generous side. We added more positions, omitted a 2nd pastor, to end 2021. This has proved to be fruitful.

So let's make 2022 more special to our guests, our families, our community. We all have a vested interest, praying that God directs the show. I am excited to see us running on all cylinders (guy thing). Our job is listening to what God wants for us, and from us, and can be hard at times. May the good Lord continue to bless us here at SSLC, in your homes with loved ones, in what capacity we can let our light shine!

Blessings, David Darsow

## Building and Grounds Group

### PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2021

- Bird spikes installed on main building as needed
- Cleaned and painted stucco areas
- Continued replacement of bulbs with LED bulbs
- Handicapped door opener installed



### UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR 2022

- Annual check of heating systems with furnace filter replacement
- Sidewalk sealing
- Repair cracks in blacktop in parking lot
- Siding paint warranty work as needed
- Monitor shingles on roof to gauge replacement date

A special thanks to all of the volunteers for doing tasks such as lawn mowing, changing light bulbs, snow plowing and sidewalk shoveling, prayer garden upkeep, repair work, plus many other tasks.

God's Blessings, Ralph Johnson, Building and Grounds Chairperson  
Group Members: Rich Alickson, Bill Rogers, Walt Munsterman, David Darsow, Les Krei, Mark Bistodeau

## Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator

2021 was a crazy year for Kingdom Kids along with the rest of the world. Carla Griffin did an amazing job through distance learning and video messages for Kingdom Kids and their families. We want to thank her for her hard work. VBS Day Camp went great for the 3 days in August, we had approximately 30 kids in attendance. We had excellent volunteers that made it possible.

In the fall I took over as the Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator. I was able to find 6 teachers and 6 youth helpers and some awesome 5th & 6th grade parents to teach 3yr olds-6th grade. We are using the same curriculum for preschool-4th grade that we used 5 years ago and it seems to be going well. We did order a new curriculum for the Breakfast Club that they just started to use in January. We were able to do some hands on events with the Breakfast Club as well, they sanded and stained baptismal boxes; needless to say everyone had a great time doing it. Our group also packed 85 boxes for Operation Christmas Child to share God's love in the world.

We held our annual Advent Craft Day which has always been a blast, 7 stations and lots of happy children. We hosted a Parent's Night Out in December and had approximately 20 kids. We fed them pizza, played games, made crafts and gingerbread houses, and sent them home tired.

Our Christmas program was phenomenal! All the children, parents, teachers and helpers did an amazing job, thank you for your help!

We are excited for the new year and to see what 2022 will bring. Lots of planning is going on starting with a memory verse program called Bible Bucks, another Parent's Night Out, planting a garden for the children and their families to tend to over the summer, and we will be announcing the VBS dates soon.

I hope 2022 will bring us all peace and healthiness. God's blessings to all.

Karla Zerwas

## High School Ministry Coordinator

What a year 2021 has been! When I accepted the job of High School Ministry Coordinator in the fall of 2021 we dove head first into what activities the kids wanted to do, and ways we could spread God's Word through service.

We kicked off Breakfast with Bill, at Bill Rogers' house, which had an amazing turn out. We were also graciously hosted by the wonderful Marilyn Humble where we made breakfast, shared stories and laughed.

The youth also took charge of some service projects. We did raking for members of our congregation, we built baptismal boxes, along with other various volunteer opportunities that came up along the way.

We have decided where the 2022 Mission Trip will be going, and that is Rockford, Illinois! We've had a few fund raising opportunities for this, including wreath sales during the Christmas season, we had a table at the Craft Fair where students also volunteered to work at and sell wreaths. We also got competitive and had fun with it, by challenging Karla Zerwas & Pastor Daryl to a Pancake War, Chocolate Chips vs. Blueberry! That was a lot of fun seeing the kids along with the congregation get involved in the friendly competition, as well as a great fundraiser for the mission trip!

In 2021 we signed up through Service Learning Camps to be a host church for other churches to come stay at, and take part in service work in this area. And so far we will be hosting two different church groups! A group from North Dakota, and a group from Kansas have already signed up to stay here this upcoming summer, and we are very excited! 2021 had its ups and its downs, but we are thankful for the opportunities that we've been blessed with, the connections we've made, and we pray for a happy healthy 2022!

Kayla du' Monceaux

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report	1/1/2021	12/31/2021
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Petty Cash	\$300	\$300
Checking-Frandsen Bank	\$82,279	\$95,355
Money Market –Frandsen Bank	\$75,787	\$77,357
Mission Investment Money Market	\$9,157	\$10,402
Buildings & Grounds	\$1,646,643	\$1,646,643
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,814,167</b>	<b>\$1,830,058</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Mission Investment Fund Mortgage	\$535,434	\$508,074
Accrued Expenses	\$1	\$11
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$535,435</b>	<b>\$508,085</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
General Fund	\$149,389	\$175,953
Building Fund	\$7,385	-\$14,683
Local Benevolence Fund	\$346	\$2,654
Net Fixed Assets/Equity Fund	\$1,110,934	\$1,138,295
Jr & Sr High Youth Fund	\$7,819	\$16,775
Mission Scholarship Fund	\$2,460	\$2,460
Altar Guild Fund	\$192	\$192
BackPack Buddies Fund	\$206	\$326
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$1,278,732</b>	<b>\$1,321,973</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$1,814,167</b>	<b>\$1,830,058</b>

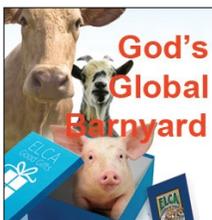
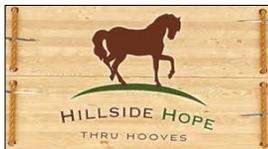
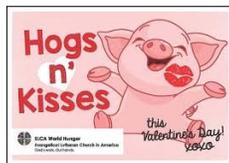
## Noisy Offerings for 2021

Every fourth Sunday we collect a Noisy Offering (loose coin, bills thrown into a metal pot to make noise) for a specific area of need. With the check that we send, we send a letter with the following statement explaining our donation.

“We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. An important part of our mission is following Christ's call to witness to the whole world. Part of our outreach includes receiving a "noisy" offering of coins on the fourth Sunday of every month which is then designated for a mission/outreach beyond the walls of our own church.

Many years ago, our church was lost to a horrible arson fire. In the aftermath of that event, we received a shower of blessings of churches and individuals that helped us regain our ministry. From that day, we determined that generosity, outreach and hospitality would be first priorities for our congregation.”

January	Quiet Oaks Hospice house, St. Augusta	\$75.56
February	ELCA Hogs N Kisses	\$75.52
March	C.R.O.S.S. Center, Foley	\$255.39
April	Pockets of Hope, Sartell	\$161.68
May	Hillside Hope Through Hooves, Ramsey	\$124.31
June	Christian Aid Ministries, Atwater chapter	\$168.49
July	Ken Jerrick Toledo—Children International sponsor child	\$146.78
August	Foley C.A.R.E.	\$97.42
September	ELCA God's Global Barnyard	\$124.82
October	Can Do Canines, New Hope	\$64.63
November	Eagle's Healing Nest, Sauk Centre	\$143.57
December	Kentucky Tornados—Lutheran World Relief	\$229.70



## Women of the ELCA 2021

Balance Forward	01/01/2021	\$3,069.70
Income		
Funeral donations	\$150.00	
Fall Offerings	\$1,565.00	
Craft & Bake Sale	\$3,623.50	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,338.50</b>	
Available Funds		\$8,408.20
Expenses		
Quilting Supplies	\$569.93	
Gifts & Donations	\$425.00	
Craft & Bake Sale supplies	\$1,307.35	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,302.28</b>	
Ending Balance	12/31/2021	\$6,105.92

## Cemetery Board 2021

Opening Balance	01/01/2021	\$3,366.57
Deposits		
Interest	\$53.63	
Cemetery lots	\$750.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$803.63</b>	<b>\$4,170.20</b>
Expenses		
Youth Mission Trip	\$250.00	
Weed spray	\$50.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	
Ending Balance	12/31/2021	\$3,870.20

## 2022 Proposed Budget

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
General Fund Income	\$230,000	\$222,003	\$225,000
Building Fund Income	\$52,852	\$34,815	\$52,852
Other Fund Income	\$6,000	\$2,549	\$6,000
Total Income	\$288,852	\$259,367	\$283,852
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Total Pastor Expense	\$142,788	\$87,962	\$91,574
Total Salary	\$36,095	\$40,335	\$51,645
Total Payroll Taxes	\$3,904	\$4,814	\$5,537
Total Lay Expense	\$1,250	\$145	\$1,250
Total Music Expense	\$7,745	\$4,479	\$7,745
Total Utility Expense	\$12,964	\$9,902	\$12,964
Total Building Maintenance	\$18,985	\$19,364	\$20,875
Total Administration	\$9,210	\$9,138	\$9,810
Total Youth Expense	\$6,240	\$3,754	\$6,240
Total Education	\$176	\$634	\$1,401
Total Worship Expense	\$8,979	\$13,367	\$14,810
Total Outreach Expense	\$15,980	\$15,574	\$15,980
Total Loan Expense	\$52,852	\$52,852	\$52,852
Total Expenses	\$317,169	\$262,320	\$292,683
Difference	-\$28,317	-\$2,953	-\$8,831

## SSLC Statistical Information

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Young Adults Confirmed	15	13	10	12	6
Baptized	12	12	15	3	12
First Communion	22	10	23	12	15
Member Funerals	2	5	5	2	4
Graduates	11	12	14	13	10
New Members Received	42	18	8	0	10
Transfers Out	1	13	3	0	0
First (Kinder. & 5th grade) Bibles	35	30	25	0	14
Member Weddings	1	3	1	1	0

# Committees/Groups for 2022

All are welcome to be part of any group.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

David Darsow  
Bert Robb  
Jeff Mateyka  
Janelle Uecker  
Michelle Prokott  
Denise Fowler  
Sandra Cox  
Ralph Johnson

## CEMETERY BOARD

Sexton: Bill Rogers  
Treasurer: Bill Rogers  
Members: Rich Alickson  
Richard Harshman  
Jeanette Harshman  
Sandy Empting  
Bill Empting  
Danny Jergenson

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Walt Munsterman  
Rich Alickson  
Ralph Johnson  
Bill Rogers  
David Darsow  
Mark Bistodeau  
Les Krei

## HEAD USHERS

Dani Priebe  
Ryan Johnson  
Kevin Kampa  
Richard Harshman  
Rich Alickson  
Bert Robb  
Mark Swanson  
Danny Jergenson

## MONEY COUNTERS

Nancy Alickson  
Barb Marsh  
Mark Swanson  
Rosalie Klinker  
Melanie Niday  
Tammy Miller-Hess  
Ralph Johnson  
Angela Spinler  
Sarah Rathlisberger  
Holly Klinker  
Lyn Peterson  
Becky Bursch

## SHARING MEALS MINISTRY

Roberta Bistodeau  
Dee Punton

## SW MN SYNOD CONFERENCE

\*\*Delegates Needed

## LIBRARIAN—Ruth Thom

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Brad Thom, Mark Swanson

## HISTORIAN—Holly Klinker

## ALTAR GUILD—Sandy Empting

## FUNERAL COORDINATOR

Dee Punton & Church Office

## GRADUATE QUILTERS

Shelly Bluhm

## MISSION QUILTERS

Shelly Bluhm

## CHOIR DIRECTOR—Heidi Hansen

## RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER WALK

Donna Pozorski

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Dee Punton  
Barb Marsh  
Marilyn Humble  
Lonnie Christopherson  
Carla Suckert

## WOMEN OF SSLC

Nancy Alickson  
Jeanette Harshman  
Barb Marsh  
Marilyn Humble

## LANGE HOME LIASON—Dee Punton

## LIBRARY GROUP

Ruth Thom  
Denise Fowler  
Ann Kooiker  
Shelley Peterson  
Teresa Zehnder  
Jakki Kydd Fidelman  
Sheri Haus  
Jordan Mateyka  
Kaylee Waters

## PRAYER GARDEN

Tammy Miller-Hess

# MEMORIES OF 2021



## Thank you to all those who served this year:

- \*Dee Punton for coordinating the Christmas party for the Lange Home;
- \*All families who donated gifts for the Lange Home residents;
- \*Helen, Melody and Izzy Swanson for their special music for Christmas Eve worship;
- \*Buster Graning, Justin Houle, Ralph Johnson for snow removal;
- \*Rich and Nancy Alickson, Mark and Berta Bisodeau, David Darsow and Margy Macaulay, and Ralph and Jane Johnson for greeting the outside worship attendees on Christmas Eve;
- \*Mark Swanson for ushering for Christmas Eve sanctuary worship;
- \*Buster Graning, Justin Houle, Rich Alickson, Jeff Bluhm, Ralph Johnson, Dennis Stang, Faith Pozorski, Natalie Pozorski, Cooper Peterson, David Darsow, Jeff and Jordan Mateyka, Brad Thom and his family members for snow removal;
- \*All families who are Greeters for the drive in worship;
- \*Rich Alickson and Gary Hammer for building maintenance in the loft area;
- \*Angela Spinler and Sammie Mekeland for removing the Advent decorations and hanging up regular decorations in the sanctuary;
- \*Ralph Johnson, Andreas Thul and Jeff Bluhm for making and installing the plexiglass guards for the altar area;
- \*Bill Empting for making an end table for the classrooms;
- \*Walt Munsterman, Sarah Rathlisberger, Mark Swanson, and Mike Peabody for working on the church budget for 2021;
- \*Buster Graning, Justin Houle, Ralph Johnson, Jeff and Jordan Mateyka, Dennis Stang, David Darsow, Gus and Stacey Baldry for snow removal;
- \*Tim Gallus for technical support for the sound system for worship and annual meeting;
- \*Buster Graning, Justin Houle, Rich Alickson, Jeff Bluhm, Ralph Johnson, Dennis Stang, David Darsow, Mark Bistodeau for snow removal;
- \*Ralph & Jane Johnson, Bill Rogers, Rich Alickson, Richard Harshman, Dee Punton, Danny Jergenson, Carey Janisch, Curt Jarvi, Angela Spinler and Sammie Mekeland for delivering the Ash Wednesday packets;
- \*Rich Alickson, Bill Rogers, Richard Harshman and Bill Empting for setting up tables for Ash Wednesday Soup Supper;
- \*Bill Rogers and Ralph Johnson for redeeming the recycling cans;
- \*Mark Bistodeau, Ralph Johnson, Rich Alickson and Buster Graning for snow removal;
- \*All families who donated gifts of food and helped with all the Lenten Soup Suppers;
- \*Rich Alickson and Mark Bistodeau for worship hut repairs;
- \*Roberta Bistodeau and Paulii Temple for leading the First Communion bread baking;
- \*Helen Swanson and Heidi Hansen for special music for Good Friday worship;
- \*Danny Jergenson for working on the Faith Chests;
- \*Nancy Alickson, Susan Peterson, Karla Zerwas, and Carey Janisch for Flower Fundraising organizing;
- \*Mark Bistodeau for moving the Blessing Box;
- \*David Darsow, Donna Pozorski, Michelle and Stella Prokott for helping with First Communion;
- \*Nancy Alickson, Alberta Brown, Sandy Cox, Ella Arneson, Marilyn Humble, Nita Lerdahl, Sandy Empting, Jeanette Harshman and Shelly Bluhm for their gifts of time and talent to make the Graduate Quilts;
- \*Richard Harshman for modifying the Noisy Offering buckets;
- \*Greg Prokott for helping re-mount the video camera;
- \*Richard Harshman for leading the Acolyte class;
- \*Rich Alickson, Bill Rogers, Ralph Johnson, Richard and Jeanette Harshman, Bill & Sandy Empting, Danny Jergenson, Stacey Baldry, Mitchell Miner, Amanda Miner, Aaron Miner, Gus Baldry, and Cassie Kupczyk for Cemetery and Church shrub cleanup;
- \*Karla Zerwas, Carey Janisch, Dee Punton, Jenny Koenig, Erin Harkin, Becky Heitkamp, Shelley Peterson, Bill Rogers, Ralph Johnson and Pastor Daryl for Flower Fundraiser unloading and sorting;
- \*Rich Alickson and Bill Rogers for moving all food donations to the classroom for storage and for tile repairs in the entryway;
- \*Mike and Dee Punton for donating flowers and making up pots for the church entry;
- \*Les Krei and Mark Bistodeau for moving out the picnic tables;
- \*Mark Bistodeau for lawn mowing all season;
- \*Faith Chest crew of David Darsow, Joy Hurd, Denise Fowler, Richard Harshman, Danny Jergenson and Mark Bistodeau for making 3 more chests;
- \*Pat Krei for making baptismal cloths;
- \*Randy Bader for spring sprinkler system maintenance

## Thank you to all those who served this year:

- \*Brad Thom for his help with worship every week;
- \*Bill Empting for making a wooden step stool;
- \*Sandy Empting, Dee Punton, Teresa Zehnder, Nancy Alickson and Shelly Bluhm for helping with funeral serving for the Gilyard and Humble funerals;
- \*All families who have offered to provide meals for the Zerwas family;
- \*Bill Empting for building a cart for the projection booth and candle repairs;
- \*Ralph Johnson, Bill Rogers and Rich Alickson for changing furnace filters;
- \*Tammy Miller-Hess for weeding the Prayer Garden;
- \*Mark and Roberta Bistodeau and Les Krei for bagging and delivering food donations to the C.R.O.S.S. Center;
- \*Les & Pat Krei for donating snacks for the Day Camp;
- \*Sandy Empting for weeding the flowerbeds;
- \*Mark Swanson for leading worship;
- \*Rich Alickson and Les Krei for building maintenance;
- \*Day Camp helpers: Sandy Empting, Jeanette Harshman, Nita Lerdahl, Michelle Prokott, Sheri Haus, Carey Janisch, Dee Punton, Marilyn Humble, Ruthie Seidenkranz, Pastor Jennie Thul, Carla Griffin, Shelley Peterson, Ann Barringer, Cade Barringer, Ali Barringer, Brady Haus, Cole Haus, Kaylee Waters, Kelsey Janisch, Cooper Peterson, Jordan Mateyka, Maddie Doucette, Makenna Zerwas, Amanda Miner, Bill Rogers, Rich Alickson, Ralph Johnson, Pastor Daryl;
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- \*Al Fish for donating a wheeled walker;
- \*Rosalie Klinker for her many years of being SSLC's faithful librarian;
- \*David Darsow for leading worship;
- \*Ruth Thom for volunteering to take over the SSLC library;
- \*Jennie Thul and Ruthie Seidenkranz for making Backpack Blessing tags;
- \*Bill Empting for Faith Chest repairs;
- \*Rich Alickson and Gary Hammer for building maintenance;
- \*Kayla du' Monceaux, Karla Zerwas and Dee Punton for their new roles in SSLC ministry;
- \*Randy Bader for winterizing the sprinkler system;
- \*Ralph Johnson and Mark Swanson for installing a new projector bulb;
- \*Richard Harshman for candlelighter repairs;
- \*Danny Jergenson for making Baptismal chest crosses;
- \*Tom and Karla Zerwas for making the pallet display for Operation Christmas Child;
- \*Barb Marsh for delivering Craft sale donations;
- \*Alberta Brown for donating a lefse griddle, votive candles and lunch bags;
- \*Karen Jensen for making and donating a prayer shawl;
- \*Karla & Tom Zerwas for the use of their truck and trailer to pick up the wreath fundraiser items;
- \*Dee & Mike Punton for picking up the wreath fundraiser items;
- \*Makenna and Thomas Zerwas for sorting all the fundraiser items;
- \*The Miner family for donating corn shocks for the entryway;
- \*All families who donated items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes;
- \*Carla Griffin, Kristina Winkelman, Rochelle Ament, Denise Fowler, and other adults and all kids who helped pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child;
- \*All team members from Blueberry and Chocolate Chip for making and serving breakfast;
- \*Mark Bistodeau for Prayer Garden maintenance;
- \*Richard Harshman and Les Krei for setting out the signs for the Craft and Bake Sale;
- \*Bill Empting for building and installing a banner hanger;
- \*Roberta Bistodeau and her crew of families who helped prepare and cook lefse for the Craft and Bake sale;
- \*Julie Johnson, Barb Marsh, Kim Kampa, Jenny Koenig and Shelly Bluhm for working to set up the Craft and Bake sale venue;
- \*All families who helped with serving and donating for the Craft and Bake sale;
- \*Dale and Donna Pozorski for donating Dum-Dums for kids worship;
- \*Confirmation girls group for making fleece blankets;
- \*Les Krei and Richard Alickson for picking up the Craft Sale signs, putting the picnic tables away for the winter and for installing bird spikes on the church;
- \*Nancy Alickson, Alberta Brown, Sandy Empting, Shelly Bluhm, Marilyn Humble, Jeanette Harshman, Nita Lerdahl, and Sandy Cox for their gifts of time to make Mission Quilts;
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**To all un-named helpers for 2021, thank you for all your faithful service, it is very appreciated!**



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday at 8 & 10 a.m.  
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Youth Activities**

Youth 7- 12th Grade at 6:30 p.m.

*Looking forward to a great year in 2022!  
We look forward to new opportunities  
to step out in faith, service to our  
neighbor, and a renewed mission  
for the year.*