

# Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church



## 2022 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES and 2021 ANNUAL REPORTS

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# SARDIS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PASTORS SERVING AT SARDIS

Alfred J. Fox	1867-1872	3
Marcus Lafayette Little	1872-1882	
John Anderson Rudisill	1882-1890	
Jefferson Polycarp Miller	1891-1894	
William Pinckney Cline	1894-1896	
Robert Anderson Yoder	1896-1899	
Jacob Calvin Wessinger, Sr.	1899-1902	
William Pinckney Cline (supply)	1903	
Robert Henry Cline (supply)	1904	
William Pinckney Cline(supply)	1905	
James Francis Deal, Sr.	1906-1907	
Martin Luther Pence	1908-1914	
Frederick Martin Speagle (supply)	1915	
David Leander Miller	1916-1918	
Joseph Alonzo Yount	1919	
John Jacob Bickley	1920-1921	
Bernice Justus Wessinger	1922-1926	
Luther Lindsay Lohr	1927-1930	
Curtis Kerr Wise. Sr. (supply)	1931	
Walter Augustus Sigman, Sr.	1931-1937	
Walter James Roof	1938-1950	
Wade Davis Yount	1950-1953	
John Luther Morgan, Sr.	1954-1957	
Charlie Lemuel Hoyle	1958-1961	
Lawrence Edwin Yount	1961-1962	
Iverson McKoy Brendle, Jr.	1963-1974	
Dr. Theodore Theusen (supply)	1974-1975	
Homer Edgar Fry	1975-1985	
Dr. Jacob Larry Yoder (supply)	1985-1986	
James Blair White	1986-1990	
John Henry Sigmon, Jr. (supply)	1990-1991	
Harvey Ludwick Blume	1991-1998	
Lester Oda Roof, Jr. (supply)	1998-1999	
Robert Francis Howard	1999-2007	
Dennis Hacker (supply)	2007-2008	
Anna Harrell Merritt	2008-2014	
Dr. Charles Pierson Shaw (interim)	2014-2016	
Adrienne Elizabeth Martin	2016-present	

## MUSICIANS SERVING AT SARDIS

Clara Wiggs	Willie Hood	Scottie Sue Wyant	Max Yount
Connie Hoyle	Hope Gladden	Carolyn Truitt	Jerry Whitener
Betty Smith	Lisa Guthrie Caudle	David Periconi	Melanie Hood Altman
Trudy Frye Reece	Karen Nester	Miriam Weaver Punch	Gale Speagle Rudisill
Jim Gossler	Vickie Matthews	Ray Whitener	Mary Louise Sitton
Nena Hood Babb	Sam Duggins	Joe Robinson	Loraine Scronce Lawing
Josh Herman	Mary Scott Workman Davis		Frank Griffin

# SARDIS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## STAFF FOR 2022

Pastor	Rev. Adrienne E. Martin
Director of Music	Frank Griffin
Secretary/Treasurer	Jane Moretz

## OFFICERS FOR 2022

Vice President, Congregation Council	Gene Biggerstaff
Secretary, Congregation Council	Kathy Weaver
Financial Secretary	Jane Moretz, Dwayne Whitener
Sunday School Superintendent	Zach Stuart
Women of the WELCA, President	Dawn Covington
Lutheran Men in Mission, President	Rick Johnson
Memorial Fund Secretary	Margaret Whitener
Parish Register	Rev. Adrienne E. Martin

## CONGREGATION CHURCH COUNCIL

<u>Term 2020-2022</u>	<u>Term 2021-2023</u>	<u>Term 2022-2024</u>
Jon Gladden	Gene Biggerstaff	Nena Babb
Bryan Hood	April Fulbright	Roger Lutz
Kathy Weaver	Susan Jones	Kristin Teague
Ben Whitener	Mike Midgett	Ray Whitener

## 2022 CONGREGATION CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Terry Bledsoe	Bruce Sigman
Tim Whitener	Jill Bledsoe
Roger Teague	Donna Biggerstaff

## 2022 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Susan Jones	(2020-2022)
Dawn Covington	(2020-2022)
Phyllis Biggerstaff	(2021-2023)
Heather Carroll	(2022-2024)
Sylvia King	(2022-2024)

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL 2022  
MONTHLY DEVOTIONS, CONTACT & COMMITTEE  
CONTACT**

COUNCIL MEMBER	MONTH	COMMITTEE
Ray Whitener	January	Evangelism / Property
Kathy Weaver	February	Worship and Music
Nena Babb	March	Historical / Worship and Music / Finance
April Fulbright	April	Youth Angels of Christ / Christian Education Adult & Youth
Gene Biggerstaff	May	Finance / Land Use
Kristin Teague	June	Altar
Bryan Hood	July	Property / Cemetery / Security
Susan Jones	August	Scholarship
Jon Gladden	September	Evangelism / Endowment
Ben Whitener	October	Technology / Energy Saving / Land Use / Security
Mike Midgett	November	Property / Land Use
Roger Lutz	December	Social Ministry

## Worship Dates to include in 2022 Sardis Calendar

1/9 = Baptism of Our Lord Sunday  
 2/27 = Transfiguration Sunday  
 3/2 = Ash Wednesday  
 3/6 – 4/3 = Sunday evening Lenten services  
 4/10 = Palm/Passion Sunday  
 4/14 = Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.  
 4/15 = Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.  
 4/4 = Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m.  
 6/5 = Pentecost/Confirmation  
 9/11 = Homecoming  
 10/30 = Reformation Sunday  
 11/6 = All Saints Sunday  
 11/20 = Christ the King Sunday  
 11/23 = Thanksgiving Eve Soup & Sandwich/Service (**at Sardis**)  
 11/27; 12/4; 12/11; 12/18 = 4 Sundays of Advent  
 12/24 = Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m. (Prelude at 10:15)  
 12/25 = Christmas Sunday

\* We hope to honor Pastor Anna Merritt during 2022.

### 2022 FRED T FOARD SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE

**JANUARY 5TH WESLEY CHAPEL**

**JULY 6TH GRACE**

**FEBRUARY 2ND EBENEZER**

**AUGUST 3RD EBENEZER**

**MARCH 2ND GRACE**

**SEPTEMBER 7TH LAUREL HILL**

**APRIL 6TH PLATEAU**

**OCTOBER 5TH BLACKBURN BAPTIST**

**MAY 4TH SARDIS**

**NOVEMBER 2ND PLATEAU**

**JUNE 1ST TRINITY**

**DECEMBER 7TH SARDIS**

## SPECIAL SERVICES HELPERS

Date '22	Torch Bearer's	Bible Bearer
Easter Sunday 4-17	Donna Biggerstaff, Phyllis Biggerstaff	Roger Teague
Christ the King 11-20	Jennifer Whitener, Marilyn Teague	Roger Teague
Christmas Eve 12-24	Marilyn Teague, Kathy Weaver	Roger Teague

## ALTAR FLOWERS

<a href="#">2-Jan</a>	CATHERINE HOUSER	3-Jul	DOROTHEA WYANT
9-Jan	KATHY WEAVER	10-Jul	DAVID & MILDRED FULBRIGHT
16-Jan	BEN AND APRIL FULBRIGHT	17-Jul	BENNY & EDNA FULBRIGHT
23-Jan	CAROLYN HOYLE	24-Jul	RANDY & JOYCE SPEAGLE
30-Jan	DWAYNE & BARBARA WHITENER	31-Jul	ROBIN STUART
6-Feb	NENA BABB	7-Aug	JOE & SCOTTIE WYANT
13-Feb	KEN & MARGARET PROPST	14-Aug	STEVEN & ASHLEY YOW
20-Feb	WOMEN OF ELCA (SYLVIA KING)	21-Aug	MIKE & SHERRIE MIDGETT
27-Feb	RALPH (PETE) & SHEILA RAMSEY	28-Aug	OSAMA & CARRIE YOUSEF
6-Mar	BUSTER BLEDSOE	4-Sep	BETTY WHITENER
13-Mar	BRUCE & SHARON SIGMAN	11-Sep	ETHAN & HEATHER CARROLL
20-Mar	RICHARD & DAWN COVINGTON	18-Sep	DARRELL JARRETT
27-Mar	HOPE GLADDEN	25-Sep	BILL & MAE WHITENER
3-Apr	JOE AND PHYLLIS BIGGERSTAFF	2-Oct	KAY WHITENER
10-Apr	DAVID AND REBECCA RITZ	9-Oct	EVAN & PAT LAIL
17-Apr	KRISTIN TEAGUE	16-Oct	GENE AND DONNA BIGGERSTAFF
24-Apr	BEN & JENNIFER WHITENER	23-Oct	JANE MORETZ
1-May	ANDY & ANITA RUGGLES	30-Oct	TIM & BARBARA WHITENER
8-May	ROGER & MARILYN TEAGUE	6-Nov	RICK & RITA LUTZ
15-May	GREG & KERBY SMYRE	13-Nov	RAY & MARGARET WHITENER
22-May	RALPH & WANDA STALLINGS	20-Nov	JOE RUDISILL
29-May	AL & SYLVIA KING	27-Nov	MIKE & FELICIA HOLLAR
5-Jun	FERNE BAKER	4-Dec	SUSAN & AMY JONES
12-Jun	GARRY & LEEVADA WOOD	11-Dec	ADRIENNE MARTIN
19-Jun	RICK & PATSY JOHNSON/BETTY JO WEAVER	18-Dec	LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION (JON GLADDEN)
26-Jun	TERRY & JILL BLEDSOE	25-Dec	WAYNE & ELAINE JARRETT

**VOLUNTEERS**  
 During Quarantine we will not be using a Communion Assistant

	Acolyte	Crucifer	Communion Assistant	Greeters
Ash Wed. 3/2				
6-Mar	Austin Propst	Samuel Biggerstaff	Margaret Whitener	Rita Lutz, Darrell Jarrett
13-Mar	Hayden Johnson	Rick Johnson	Austin Propst	Ben Fulbright, Edna Fulbright
20-Mar	Marilyn Teague	Keaton Farnsworth	Jane Moretz	Kristin Teague, Shuford Whitener
27-Mar	Marshall Whitener	Paisley Hood	Ken Propst	Ken Propst, Nena Babb
3-Apr	Cayden Hood	Nena Babb	Gene Biggerstaff	Donna Biggerstaff, Jill Bledsoe
10-Apr	Rick Johnson	Marshall Whitener	Jon Gladden	Bruce Sigman, Betty Sue Whitener
Maundy Thur. 4/14	Kathy Weaver	Marilyn Teague	Nena Babb	
Good Friday 4/15	Zachary Stuart			
Easter 4/17/2022	Jane Moretz	Joe Biggerstaff	Tim Whitener	Felicia Hollar, Alexis Wood
24-Apr	Keaton Farnsworth	Hayden Johnson	Zachary Stuart	Roger Teague, Marilyn Teague
1-May	Tryston Sylvester	Cayden Hood	Bruce Sigman	Al King, Sylvia King
8-May	Austin Propst	Bruce Sigman	Ray Whitener	Rita Lutz, Darrell Jarrett
15-May	Hayden Johnson	Austin Propst	Roger Teague	Ben Fulbright, Edna Fulbright
22-May	Marilyn Teague	Tryston Sylvester	Marilyn Teague	Kristin Teague, Shurord Whitener
29-May	Marshall Whitener	Samuel Biggerstaff	Jane Moretz	Ken Propst, Nena Babb
5-Jun	Hayden Johnson	Marilyn Teague	Sandra Roseman	Donna Biggerstaff, Jill Bledsoe
12-Jun	Cayden Hood	Ray Whitener	Dawn Covington	Bruce Sigman, Betty Sue Whitener
19-Jun	Kathy Weaver	Paisley Hood	Kathy Weaver	Felicia Hollar, Alexis Wood
26-Jun	Paisley Hood	Nena Babb	Margaret Whitener	Roger Teague, Marilyn Teague
3-Jul	Jane Moretz	Marshall Whitener	Austin Propst	Al King, Sylvia King
10-Jul	Keaton Farnsworth	Marilyn Teague	Jane Moretz	Rita Lutz, Darrell Jarrett
17-Jul	Tryston Sylvester	Keaton Farnsworth	Ken Propst	Ben Fulbright, Edna Fulbright
24-Jul	Austin Propst	Joe Biggerstaff	Gene Biggerstaff	Kristin Teague, Margaret Whitener
31-Jul	Marilyn Teague	Hayden Johnson	Jon Gladden	Ken Propst, Nena Babb
7-Aug	Hayden Johnson	Cayden Hood	Nena Babb	Donna Biggerstaff, Jill Bledsoe
14-Aug	Marshall Whitener	Bruce Sigman	Rick Johnson	Bruce Sigman, Betty Sue Whitener
21-Aug	Cayden Hood	Austin Propst	Zachary Stuart	Felicia Hollar, Alexis Wood
28-Aug	Hayden Johnson	Tryston Sylvester	Bruce Sigman	Roger Teague, Marilyn Teague
4-Sep	Kathy Weaver	Samuel Biggerstaff	Ray Whitener	Al King, Sylvia King
11-Sep	Paisley Hood	Rick Johnson	Roger Teague	Shuford Whitener, Darrell Jarrett
18-Sep	Jane Moretz	Ray Whitener	Marilyn Teague	Ben Fulbright, Edna Fulbright
25-Sep	Keaton Farnsworth	Paisley Hood	Rick Johnson	Kristin Teague, Margaret Whitener
2-Oct	Tryston Sylvester	Nena Babb	Sandra Roseman	Ken Propst, Nena Babb
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16-Oct	Hayden Johnson	Marilyn Teague	Kathy Weaver	Bruce Sigman, Betty Sue Whitener
23-Oct	Marilyn Teague	Keaton Farnsworth	Margaret Whitener	Felicia Hollar, Alexis Wood
30-Oct	Marshall Whitener	Joe Biggerstaff	Austin Propst	Roger Teague, Marilyn Teague
6-Nov	Rick Johnson	Hayden Johnson	Jane Moretz	Al King, Sylvia King
Men's Sunday 11/13	Tryston Sylvester	Cayden Hood	Ken Propst	Rita Lutz, Darrell Jarrett
Christ the King 11/20	Kathy Weaver	Bruce Sigman	Gene Biggerstaff	Ben Fulbright, Edna Fulbright
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4-Dec	Jane Moretz	Tryston Sylvester	Nena Babb	Ken Propst, Nena Babb
11-Dec	Keaton Farnsworth	Samuel Biggerstaff	Tim Whitener	Donna Biggerstaff, Jill Bledsoe
18-Dec	Tryston Sylvester	Rick Johnson	Zachary Stuart	Bruce Sigman, Betty Sue Whitener
Christmas Eve 12/24	Cynthia Stuart	Ray Whitener	Bruce Sigman	Felicia Hollar, Alexis Wood
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1-Jan	Marilyn Teague	Marshall Whitener	Roger Teague	Al King, Sylvia King
8-Jan	Marshall Whitener	Nena Babb	Marilyn Teague	Rita Lutz, Darrell Jarrett
15-Jan	Rick Johnson	Marilyn Teague	Rick Johnson	Ben Fulbright, Edna Fulbright
22-Jan	Cayden Hood	Keaton Farnsworth	Sandra Roseman	Kristin Teague, Shuford Whitener
29-Jan	Kathy Weaver	Joe Biggerstaff	Dawn Covington	Ken Propst, Nena Babb
5-Feb	Paisley Hood	Hayden Johnson	Kathy Weaver	Donna Biggerstaff, Jill Bledsoe
12-Feb	Jane Moretz	Cayden Hood	Margaret Whitener	Bruce Sigman, Betty Sue Whitener
19-Feb	Keaton Farnsworth	Bruce Sigman	Austin Propst	Felicia Hollar, Alexis Wood
26-Feb	Tryston Sylvester	Austin Propst	Jane Moretz	Roger Teague, Kristin Teague



# VOLUNTEERS

	Lay Readers	Offering Counters	Security Team
Ash Wed. 3/2			
6-Mar	Austin Propst	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Rick Lutz
13-Mar	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Bruce Sigman
20-Mar	Gene Biggerstaff	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Rick Johnson
27-Mar	Jon Gladden	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Ralph Stallings
3-Apr	Keaton Farnsworth	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Zachary Stuart
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Good Friday 4/15			Rick Johnson
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8-May	Ray Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Bruce Sigman
15-May	Marilyn Teague	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Rick Johnson
22-May	Al King	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Ralph Stallings
29-May	Sylvia King	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Zachary Stuart
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24-Jul	Jon Gladden	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Rick Johnson
31-Jul	Keaton Farnsworth	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Ralph Stallings
7-Aug	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Zachary Stuart
14-Aug	Nena Babb	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Rick Lutz
21-Aug	Alexis Wood	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Bruce Sigman
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4-Sep	Ray Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Ralph Stallings
11-Sep	Marilyn Teague	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Zachary Stuart
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25-Sep	Sylvia King	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Bruce Sigman
2-Oct	Joe Biggerstaff	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Rick Johnson
9-Oct	Hayden Johnson	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Ralph Stallings
16-Oct	Dawn Covington	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Zachary Stuart
23-Oct	Kathy Weaver	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Rick Lutz
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6-Nov	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Rick Johnson
Men's Sunday 11/13	Gene Biggerstaff	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Ralph Stallings
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29-Jan	Hayden Johnson	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Rick Lutz
5-Feb	Dawn Covington	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Bruce Sigman
12-Feb	Kathy Weaver	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Rick Lutz
19-Feb	Austin Propst	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Bruce Sigman
26-Feb	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Rick Johnson

## VOLUNTEERS

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>COMMUNION PREPARATION</b>	<b>COMMUNION CLEAN-UP</b>	<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	Sharon Sigman	Kristin Teague	Nena Babb	Rick Lutz Ben Fulbright Nena Babb Zachary Stuart
<b>APRIL</b>	Jane Moretz	Marilyn Teague	Austin Propst	Wayne Jarrett Al King Marilyn Teague Rick Johnson
<b>MAY</b>	Donna Biggerstaff	Sharon Sigman	Gene Biggerstaff	Bruce Sigmon Randy Speagle Jill Bledsoe Ralph Stallings
<b>JUNE</b>	Marilyn Teague	Donna Biggerstaff	Rick Johnson 5th and 19th Tim Whitener 12th and 26th	Darrell Jarrett Austin Propst Sylvia King Ben Whitener
<b>JULY</b>	Sharon Sigman	Sherrie Midgett	Bryan Hood	Roger Teague Rick Lutz Dawn Covington Ben Fulbright
<b>AUGUST</b>	Jane Moretz	Wanda Stallings	Tim Whitener 7th and 21st Rick Johnson 14th and 28th	Zachary Stuart Wayne Jarrett Nena Babb Rick Johnson
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Donna Biggerstaff	Sherrie Midgett	Jon Gladden	Al King Bruce Sigmon Marilyn Teague Ralph Stallings
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Marilyn Teague	Sandra Roseman	Ben Whitener	Austin Propst Randy Speagle Jill Bledsoe Roger Teague
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sharon Sigman	Kristin Teague	Mike Midgett	LMM
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Jane Moretz	Marilyn Teague	Nena Babb	Darrell Jarrett Ken Propst Dawn Covington Mike Hollar
<b>JANUARY '22</b>	Donna Biggerstaff	Sherrie Midgett	Ray Whitener	Rick Lutz Ben Fulbright Nena Babb Zachary Stuart
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Marilyn Teague	Sandra Roseman		WOMEN ELCA

# BANOAK BACKPACK PROGRAM SCHEDULE

We currently bag and deliver to the school each week for 16 families

## ROTATING THURSDAY DELIVERIES

Dwayne & Barbara Whitener

Gene & Donna Biggerstaff

Joe and Phyllis Biggerstaff

Roger and Marilyn Teague, Jane Moretz



## Meal Delivery 2022

February 5	No Meal Delivery	September 3	No Meal Delivery
February 12	Sylvia King	September 10	Phyllis Biggerstaff
February 19	No Meal Delivery	September 17	No Meal Delivery
February 26	April Fulbright	September 24	Nena Babb
March 5	No Meal Delivery	October 1	No Meal Delivery
March 12	Rita Lutz	October 8	Donna Biggerstaff
March 19	No Meal Delivery	October 15	No Meal Delivery
March 26	Margaret Whitener	October 22	Jill Bledsoe
		October 29	No Meal Delivery
April 2	No Meal Delivery	November 5	Dawn Covington
April 9	Carolyn Hoyle	November 12	No Meal Delivery
April 16	No Meal Delivery	November 19	Sylvia King
April 23	Phyllis Biggerstaff	November 26	No Meal Delivery
April 30	No Meal Delivery		
May 7	Nena Babb	December 3	April Fulbright
May 14	No Meal Delivery	December 10	No Meal Delivery
May 21	Donna Biggerstaff	December 17	Rita Lutz
May 28	No Meal Delivery	December 24	No Meal Delivery
		December 31	Margaret Whitener
		2023	
June 4	Jill Bledsoe	January 7	No Meal Delivery
June 11	No Meal Delivery	January 14	Carolyn Hoyle
June 18	Dawn Covington	January 21	No Meal Delivery
June 25	No Meal Delivery	January 28	Phyllis Biggerstaff
July 2	Sylvia King	February 4	No Meal Delivery
July 9	No Meal Delivery	February 11	Nena Babb
July 16	April Fulbright	February 18	No Meal Delivery
July 23	No Meal Delivery	February 25	Donna Biggerstaff
July 30	Rita Lutz		
August 6	No Meal Delivery		
August 13	Margaret Whitener		
August 20	No Meal Delivery		
August 27	Carolyn Hoyle		

Catherine Houser,  
Garry, Leevada and Lexi Wood  
(no meal restrictions)

## **Bereaved Families Food List - 2022**

**Sardis Church's gift is to provide a meal for the family if the deceased is a member of Sardis.**

**Sandwich Trays and condiments will be provided for the family to take home or to eat in the Fellowship Hall after funeral.**

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
<b>Edna Fulbright, Co-chair</b>	<b>Rita Lutz, Co-Chair</b>	<b>Dawn Covington, Co-Chair</b>
<b>Hope Gladden, Co-Chair</b>	<b>Annette Richard, Co-Chair</b>	<b>Kay Whitener, Co-Chair</b>
<b>Nena Babb, Co-Chair</b>	Elaine Jarrett	Betty Jo Weaver
Jill Bledsoe	Susan Jones	Marilyn & Kristin Teague
Becky Gladden	Kathy Weaver	Robin Stuart
Leevada Wood	Donna Biggerstaff	Joyce Speagle
Phyllis Biggerstaff	Felicia Hollar	Rebecca J Ritz
Mildred Fulbright	Carolyn Hoyle	Betty Sue Whitener
Sherrie Midgett	Patsy Johnson	Wanda Stallings
Phyllis Hood	Sylvia King	Dawn Covington
Evelyn Fulbright	Dot Lutz	Barbara J. Whitener
Kelly Speagle	Margaret Propst	Margaret Whitener
Marie Speagle	Sheila Ramsey	Jane Moretz
Sharon Sigman	April Fulbright	Sandra Roseman
Heather Carroll	Dianne Nail	Teresa Starkey
Debbie Wise		
Carrie Yousef		
Elaine Evington		

## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DEADLINE DATES**

Your monthly Friendly Messenger is a vital part of the ministry and communication of the congregation here at Sardis. If committees do not get information into the office many things that we do will go unnoticed. Listed below are the dates that you need to get your information into the office. This is so you can have the information to put on your calendars before upcoming events.

<b><u>MONTH OF NEWSLETTER</u></b>	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR INFORMATION</u></b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 25th</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 27th</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd</b>
<b>JANUARY 2022</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th</b>

## 2022 Committees

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### **Adult Christian Education**

Jon Gladden- Chair  
Gene Biggerstaff

### **Altar**

Marilyn Teague - Chair  
Sherrie Midgett  
Donna Biggerstaff  
Sandra Roseman  
Jane Moretz  
Sharon Sigman  
Wanda Stallings  
Kristin Teague

### **Angels for Christ**

Robin Stuart—Chair  
Heather Carroll  
April Fulbright  
Jennifer Whitener  
Kristin Teague  
Cynthia Stuart

### **Cemetery**

Greg Fulbright - Chair  
Darrell Jarrett  
Bryan Hood  
Ken Propst  
Margaret Propst  
Tim Whitener

### **Children's Christian Educa-**

April Fulbright—Chair  
Jennifer Whitener  
Margaret Whitener  
Cynthia Stuart  
Kristin Teague

### **Endowment**

Al King - Chair  
Ken Propst  
Rick Johnson  
Dwayne Whitener  
Terry Bledsoe

### **Energy Saving**

Rick Lutz—Chair  
Rick Johnson  
Ben Whitener  
Zachary Stuart  
Bruce Sigman  
Ralph Stallings

### **Evangelism**

Ray Whitener - Chair  
Sherrie Midgett  
Donna Biggerstaff  
Felicia Hollar  
Jon Gladden  
Margaret Whitener  
Leevada Wood  
Ralph Stallings

### **Finance**

Dwayne Whitener - Chair  
Ken Propst  
Jane Moretz  
Gene Biggerstaff  
Nena Babb  
Kristin Teague

### **Historical**

Ken Propst—Chair  
Jill Bledsoe  
Nena Babb  
Terry Bledsoe  
**Land Use**  
Tim Whitener - Chair  
Ken Propst  
Rick Johnson  
Mike Midgett  
Zach Stuart  
Ben Whitener  
Terry Bledsoe  
Greg Fulbright

### **Worship & Music**

Becky Gladden - Chair  
Marilyn Teague  
Kathy Weaver  
Hope Gladden  
Nena Babb  
Frank Griffin  
Austin Propst  
Hope Gladden

### **Property**

Rick Lutz - Chair  
Ken Propst - Chair  
Roger Teague  
Ralph Stallings  
Darrell Jarrett  
Bryan Hood  
Tim Whitener  
Donald Fulbright  
Nelson Speagle  
Ray Whitener  
Rick Johnson  
Bruce Sigman  
Terry Bledsoe

### **Security Team**

Bryan Hood  
Ken Propst  
Wayne Jarrett  
Nelson Speagle  
Rick Johnson  
Rick Lutz  
Zach Stuart  
Bruce Sigman  
Ben Whitener—Chair  
Ralph Stallings

### **Social Ministry**

Donna Biggerstaff  
Phyllis Biggerstaff  
Rita Lutz  
Leevada Wood  
Rick Lutz

### **Stewardship**

### **Technology**

Jane Moretz  
Zach Stuart  
Ben Whitener  
Terry Bledsoe

## ALTAR COMMITTEE

After starting 2021 the same way that year 2020 left off, the Altar committee remained busy. When services were online, we made sure flowers were on the Altar, paraments changed, fluid was in candles, and communion was delivered to parishioners. Outdoor services were also a busy time with carrying everything outside. When we finally were able to come indoor for services the last of May, we continued our duties but with Covid restrictions. We ordered individual pre-filled communion cups and used them for approximately 5 months before we went to normal communion.

Duties included:

- Developed flower chart
- 14 communion services prepared for
- Cleaned all communion vessels after each service
- Cleaned brass and changed chancel cloths and banners
- Kept altar and torch candles filled
- Distributed flowers each Sunday
- Sent weekly flower reminders
- Set up and took down Advent wreath and decorated the church at Christmas and any special services held
- Placed flowers on Baker's graves
- Burnt palms for Ash Wednesday service
- Assisted with funerals and special services
- Trained children as acolyte and crucifer barriers

We perform many timeless duties on a weekly basis. We welcome new members who want to belong to a busy committee, but also who would like to help make our church beautiful and meaningful for Sunday services. To all my committee members, thank you for your hard work and a big thank you to Jane for your help with things when I couldn't be there. We are still taking one week at a time and hope we will soon be able to attend church without Covid restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Teague, Chairperson

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## 2021 CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

There were 5 deaths: Joe Wayne Fulbright, Sr, Dwight Dean Gladden,  
Emma Jean Jarrett, Anthony Shawn Jarrett,  
Betty Mingus Clay, Kathleen Yoder Weaver

Committee met 2 times.

Respectfully Submitted  
The Cemetery Committee



## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Grace and Peace to you, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!  
Greetings in the name of the Risen One, our Lord Jesus Christ! As I write this report, I remember last year. For our Annual Meeting, life was very different. We had dates for a drive-thru to pick up the annual report booklet and we held our meeting via Facebook Live.

I write this as I am on sabbatical. I sincerely hope that we are able to have our Annual Meeting in person this year. This past year has been one of figuring out this terrain as we navigate new territory. We have taken steps forward knowing we may have to take steps back. For an organization that thrives on tradition and relationships, it is a challenging balance to strike between protecting and loving each other while also not letting COVID19 slow us down.

This has been a challenging year! What started as an acute crisis became a chronic one. We adapted again and again. I think many of us became weary. Maybe some of us felt isolated or complacent or discouraged. I am sure all the feelings and experiences we had were many; and I honor each one of them. I honor the challenge each of you faced as you did your best to adapt to the changing landscape.

The ability to adapt makes the difference when the landscape changes. According to the NC Synod, several churches closed. They could either not work together, maintain solvency, or put each other first. They closed because they could not adapt. I am grateful for this congregation's resilience, generosity, and faithfulness. While other churches in the community may have been meeting in person before us, I do not know what criteria on which they based their decisions. For us, we focused on the guidance put forth by the NC Synod and the CDC. We watched county infection rates as we considered our most vulnerable folks. These were decisions based on data, caution, and love. In May of 2021, we returned to indoor services. I am proud and grateful to say that thus far, no one has contracted COVID19 from attending church here at Sardis. I pray that continues!

I am grateful to God for each of you. I value your lives and your well-being. I understand that the guidelines and restrictions were frustrating at times. We are not used to hearing, "We may do this," and "we can't do that"! These recommendations assault our American sensibilities. In situations like these it can be hard to remember that our true citizenship is in heaven. Our first identity is 'baptized child of God'. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to walk a different path: one where we put others first especially in times of hardship, inconvenience, and even in the face of death. As Martin Luther said, "A Christian is both subject to none and subject to all."

As we were in the process of reopening in April and May, we had some challenging discussions. I think what made the most difference were our prayers asking that our conversations be productive. As we continue to walk this path together, I ask wholeheartedly that we pray for continued guidance. While this experience is unprecedented and will be part of our history, I hope it is one we do not repeat.

## Cont. Pastor's Report

As our worship practices for services and funerals were constantly changing because of Shifting factors, I came to rely heavily on the Worship & Music Committee for guidance. I would like to lift up Becky Gladden, Chair of Worship & Music, and the members of the Worship & Music Committee for their courageous leadership during this time. Their concern focused on keeping our members safe, especially our most vulnerable members. I am grateful to Becky and the committee members for their faithfulness to this concern even as some of the recommendations brought pushback. All of the decisions formally made were ultimately made by church council. Please take the time to thank Becky and the other members of the Committee for their deep love of the people of Sardis.

What matters most for us is our mission. Our focus and our purpose as Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church is ***that we serve together as disciples of Christ, teach the Word to invite people into a life of knowing Jesus, encourage each other in faith and personal mission through reaching out to the needs of the community and individuals.*** This, as well as what Paul writes to the people of Philippi in Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice.”

I would like to share what I think is true, noble, right, pure and admirable. That is, of course, our Gracious Heavenly Father, our Redeeming Savior, and our Advocate, the Holy Spirit! It is also YOU and the ministry we share! I am grateful for you. I am inspired and formed by you. I give thanks for the way the Holy Spirit has worked in us and through us this past year.

- We proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ outside our walls with drive-in worship services.
- We hosted speakers for our online Lenten Series on love of self and others. Speakers were distinguished professionals in their respective areas of caring for self, creation care, poverty, health care, and racial justice.
- We engaged in an online Lenten study called “Six Weeks on Money” where we explored what it looks like to live generously.
- We resumed in-person meetings and indoor worship services.
- The Council held extra meetings and met diligently to complete four sessions of the study “Thriving Beyond Covid19” to prepare for our Council Retreat.
- Council met for a retreat to discern vision and goals for us.
- Our Christian Education Committee organized an exciting Rally Day to kick off Sunday School. They also worked very hard to explore new Sunday School formats and approaches.
- Social Ministry collected canned food, jackets, coats, and many other items throughout the year.
- We have a new Blessing Box for books and food for community members.
- We re-started the Prayer Group and continue to meet bi-weekly online.

## Cont. Pastor's Report

- We held a First Communion Class and celebrated the first communion of Cayden Hood, Graysen Whitener, Hayden Johnson, Keaton Farnsworth, Lexi Wood, and Paisley Hood on Reformation Sunday.
- We held a Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance for the beloved who have died during the pandemic when we were not able to gather in person.
- We held our second Live Drive-thru Nativity on December 19th. So much food was collected and shared with ECCCM.

Much more great ministry!

We lost many dear ones this past year. Joe Fulbright, Dwight Gladden, Emma Jean Jarrett, Betty Clay, Kathleen Weaver. Let us hold their families in prayer for peace and comfort. I give thanks for our new members William, Lindsey, Keaton, Rhiannon, and Lincoln Farnsworth, and our newly baptized Clay Smyre. I also thank you for the warm welcome you gave to the sweet little boy I fostered, Brysen. He loved attending church here and wanted to give you all a huge hug as he went to live with the loving family who adopted him. Thank you for your great hospitality and care.

I would also like to lift up what a wonderful Synod we have. At our virtual Synod Assembly in May, The Rev. Dr. Timothy Smith was re-elected to serve another six-year term as our Bishop. He is a caring and an effective leader. The Synod created a COVID19 Relief Fund and awarded us over \$3,500 for technology needs and \$3,000 in support of my sabbatical leave. The staff continues to serve the rostered ministers and congregations in the Synod.

I am grateful to our committees and committee chairs. Thank you for the good work that you do. Thank you to everyone who humbly and quietly makes things happen. Your ministry is appreciated! I am grateful for our Council VP, Bruce Sigman, who led us faithfully this year. I am grateful for Jane and the great job she does providing administrative support. I am grateful for Frank and his music ministry. I feel blessed to work with such a gifted team.

May the Lord bless us until we meet again. I am looking forward to returning on April 1st and am excited to see how God continues to work in us and through us!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Adrienne Martin

## PARISH REGISTER REPORT FOR 2021

Received by Infant/Child Baptism: 5

Keaton Robert Farnsworth	February 14, 2021
Rhiannon Rae Farnsworth	February 14, 2021
Lincoln Alexandria Farnsworth	February 14, 2021
Clarence Ray Smyre	April 18, 2021
Brysen Alexander Anderson	August 16, 2021

Received by Adult Baptism: 1

William Clyde Farnsworth III	February 14, 2021
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Received by Letter of Transfer/Affirmation of Faith: 2

Lindsey Weaver Farnsworth
Frank Troy Griffin

Received by Confirmation: 0

Total Members Received: 8

Removed by Death: 5

Joe Wayne Fulbright, Sr.	January 18, 2021
Dwight Dean Gladden	February 24, 2021
Emma Jean Jarrett	July 5, 2021
Betty Mingus Clay	August 10, 2021
Kathleen Yoder Weaver	October 15, 2021

Removed by Transfer: 1

The Rev. Bill Miller-Zurrell
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Total Members Removed: 6

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Adrienne Martin

**SARDIS LUTHERAN CHURCH-LAND USE COMMITTEE**  
**(2 Acre Tract Located Behind the Fellowship Hall)**

After a year of inactivity in 2020 due to Covid 19, the land use committee resumed meeting again in August, 2021. The goals of the committee remain the same.

---Plant grass on the property so outdoor activities can be held on the grounds.

---Make a small area for a community garden.

---Establish a walking track around the grounds.

---Kids play area.

---Firepit area.

We also received several quotes from contractors to build a 40 X 80 covered pavilion, which included several different designs, some with options of including restrooms and a storage/meeting room. At our final meeting in 2021, the land use and property committees met together along with a contractor to discuss his plans and quote and decided to look at building the pavilion in phases, beginning with a 40 X 80 structure only.

In 2022, along with the church council's support, we would like to look into how the project could be funded, and make pledge forms available to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Whitener



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/ANGELS IN CHRIST 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- "You've Been Egged" Easter Egg Hunt - About 28 children were "egged". They found plastic Easter Eggs hidden around their yard by Angels in Christ. The eggs were filled with treats and surprises as well as an empty egg reminding them of the Risen Christ and an egg with a quarter to remind them that Jesus paid it all for them.
- "The Great Treasure Hunt" Pirate VBS was held at Grace Lutheran Church. Sardis, along with Zion, Wesley Chapel and Plateau joined together for the community VBS. The event was well attended, and the children loved the Pirate Pete skit and crafts.
- Rally Sunday was held to kick off resuming Sunday School in Fall 2021. We met outside with games and snacks. The Sunday School students, young and old helped decorate a quilt banner with leaf hands. Special thanks for Sylvia King for making the quilt for our project.
- Sunday School classes were cleaned and organized to maximize student space for Sunday School and Children church
- Youth Sunday School has been blessed with new teachers and assistances this fall - their service is very appreciated
- Halloween Movie Night "Under Wraps" was a great success with the youth enjoying the movie, fresh popcorn and snacks
- Live Nativity - can goods donated for bag lanterns and then donated

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**Youth**  
activities

### **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021**

Last year's 2020 Evangelism Report started with "2020-The year of Covid 19". Our church and our community are still in the midst of the pandemic and we could change the report this year to say the same thing and just change the year to 2021. We still hear and see the numbers daily. It discourages us from wanting to be active and involved at church events but the **GOOD NEWS** for the members at Sardis and our community is that our church doors have remained open this year and our services have continued in person for everyone who felt safe to attend.

Due to Covid, the Evangelism Committee did not hold any events this year. The committee had planned to participate in the Christmas Cat Square Parade this year, but because of rain it was decided to not participate. We did not want anyone to get sick that close to Christmas. These plans will be carried forward to next year.

Thank you to Tim Whitener and Rick Johnson who post the weekly information on our church sign. This is a valuable service for our church and our community. Thank you to Terry Bledsoe and Ben Whitener who are responsible for our sound and enable our broadcast each week on Facebook.

Thank you to the valuable members of this committee who help to carry out our mission to the church and to the community. Committee members are **Jon Gladden, Margaret and Ray Whitener, Leevada Wood, Felicia Hollar, Donna Biggerstaff, Mike and Sherrie Midgett and Pastor Adrienne Martin**. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to one of our committee members and Sardis Shepherds. Linda B. Wilson made the decision to transfer her membership to her husband's church. Good luck Linda at your new church. She will certainly be missed.

Thank you once again to all the Shepherds who send out cards and make phone calls each week to all the members of Sardis. The Shepherding Group includes **Ken and Margaret Propst; Jon and Becky Gladden; Carolyn Hoyle; Al King; Bill and Mae Whitener; Rita Lutz; Nena Babb; Kathy Weaver; Kay Whitener; Patricia Lail; Marilyn Teague; Ray Whitener; Jane Moretz; Felicia Hollar; Donna Biggerstaff; Dawn Covington; Shelia Ramsey; and Hope Gladden**. This year Edna Fulbright decided to step down as a Shepherd. Thank you Edna for your years of service to the committee. **Susan Jones** has volunteered to take her place as a new Shepherd.

A committee is only as good as the people it serves and this committee continues to do great things for Sardis and the community because of the people here. If you have an idea of something you think would be beneficial to the church or community; please feel free to share it with any committee member, myself, or the Pastor.

*Peace and Blessings      Ray Whitener      Evangelism Committee Chairman*

## **2021 PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Even with the church being shut down a great deal of the year, the Property Committee continued to do the upkeep of the church and its grounds. The committee would like to thank all the people who took a very active part in the maintenance that was done.

- Planting of trees in the yard on workdays.
- Replacing the steeple and repairing the roof around the steeple.
- Replace the hot water heater in the educational building.
- Painting the outside of the church.
- Replacing the outside faucet on the educational building.
- Replacing sewer line from the old part to the septic tank.

A big thank you goes out to the church and its members who looked after these projects.

Don't forget to give to the church's Building Fund, these funds are used to pay for the maintenance of the church.

Submitted By  
Rick Lutz and Ken Propst

## **2021 LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION REPORT**

We are chartered through North Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission in Salisbury. The Men study from the Masters Builders Bible for Men. We meet at 6:30 on the last Sunday of each month. All men and all ages are invited to come strengthen your faith and have the relationship God wants us to have with Him. There is a 99th gathering at Grace Lutheran Church in Hendersonville, NC on March 5, 2022. We hope to get a group together to go.

There are many ways to get involved in our mission. You can volunteer with the disaster response team, which have trucks and trailers ready to go when the need arises after a disaster. They aid and assist those affected by hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes. We thank all those groups for their ministry to these individuals. Our group at Sardis gave to our church's sign letters which were damaged. We helped with our discretionary fund for the church. We helped fund the treat bags. Thanks to Alfred Whitener and Ralph Stallings for donating fruit; and thanks to the Men's group and congregation. We also provide altar flowers for our church once a year. For many years we have supported the Home Mission Foundation Loan and Gift Fund, which enables the North Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission to provide low interest loans to mission congregations for local projects and renovation to facilities. We also try to sponsor blood drives. We have a blood drive coming up on Tuesday, May 3.

Thanks to all the men who attend our meetings and for all the support through our congregation.

“Working and striving for all men to have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through an effective men's ministry in every congregation” is our mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Johnson  
President, Sardis Lutheran Men



## ANNUAL REPORT OF SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Social Ministry Committee's activities were limited in 2021 due to the Covid Pandemic. However, the Sardis Congregation responded in its typical generous way when the committee did plan an activity.

The activities included:

Collecting items and making personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Collecting and delivering school supplies for Banoak and Blackburn;

Collecting gently used coats for the homeless.

Collecting gently used stuffed animals for the Catawba Sheriff's Department.

Collecting egg cartons and canned goods for ECCCM;

Collecting hygiene items for Safe Harbor.

As 2022 begins the committee invites all members of the congregation to join us and to offer suggestions for projects to undertake.

Submitted

Donna Biggerstaff

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## ENERGY SAVING COMMITTEE 2021

We will continue to work with the council and the property committee to monitor the HVAC units to keep them running efficiently. The Council can work on the fuel contract so we can get the fuel cheaper by buying it in a large volume. The congregation need to keep the doors closed and cut off the lights when no one is in the room.

We re-lamped the outside lights this summer. The outside lights need to be replaced with LED type fixtures. It will pay for itself in a year.

If anyone sees something that might save energy let a member of the Energy Saving Committee know.

Thank you  
Ricky Lutz

## TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

As COVID 19 continued to have major impact on our worship experience at Sardis, the Technology Committee was again called upon to keep our members connected. We have provided an online worship experience to our members at every service offered by the church. We even streamed outdoor services and a number of funerals that could not be held inside. We also continued recording services to DVD and provided these to shut-ins that requested them. Through some Synod funding, we were able to add a second camera and an ATM switch to our system.

Our PA system is very old and the technology team has worked diligently to keep it operational and provide an enjoyable worship experience. This has included isolating wiring issues, replacing cables, soldering connections, fixing and replacing equipment. A small portable PA tower was added to ensure members could hear at outdoor services.

We continued to use phone and text message delivery systems extensive to convey information to our members. Bulletins and other worship materials were delivered via Facebook and our website. All of these have allowed us to provide worship experiences to our members while keeping them safe.

In the office, our copier was replaced with a new one by our service contract resulting in a cheaper printing cost. Our internet connection was also upgraded with faster service at a lower price.

Submitted,

Terry Bledsoe

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## SARDIS WOMEN OF THE ELCA

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

This is the purpose statement that we begin with each meeting. We try to live by this statement and show it in our actions and in the projects that we try to complete for our church and community. Every lady at Sardis is a member of Sardis WELCA. Although you may not attend our meetings, we certainly appreciate everything all ladies in our congregation do anytime we ask for help. Although the last 2 years very different for all of us and has continued to look our WELCA group were not able to complete a number of the projects we normally do, the following is a list of projects we did complete.

- Collected canned food for ECCCM during the Lenten Season.
- Served as Ushers in November.
- Organized meals every other week for members who have a need as we felt safe to do so.
- Provided sandwich trays and fixings for bereaved families after funerals.
- Sent Christmas card's to our shut ins.
- Provided items for Clothes Closet at Banoak Elementary with Thrivent help.

Again, we appreciate all the support that women in our congregation have given us. We couldn't accomplish any project without you. Together we can fulfill our purpose. Come join us when we resume our meetings! We would love to have you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Covington, President Sardis WELCA

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC REPORT FOR 2021**

Sardis continues to thrive under the leadership of Pastor Adrienne Martin and Music Director Frank Griffin. Together they plan and compose worship experiences that are meaningful and promote healing and wholeness to all attending. We are so thankful that God led them both to us.

We began the year with our worship services on-line only as COVID-19 cases were setting record highs in our area.

Sunday evening Lenten services were also recorded and available online. This year's theme was "Love our Neighbor and Who is Our Neighbor?" The services featured very informative and inspiring speakers representing a variety of community resources. Thank you to Pastor Adrienne for making the contacts and organizing the guest speakers and services.

In March, with the return of warmer temperatures and the wider availability of vaccines, the council approved Worship & Music's recommendation to resume our outdoor drive-in services. We thank Joe Biggerstaff for use of his recording equipment and knowledge, Bruce Sigmon and Ben Whitener for the use of their trailers which were used as our "outdoor chancel", and to Terry Bledsoe and Ben Whitener for recording the services so that online worship continued as an option. Thank you to the many other volunteers who helped make our drive-in services successful.

By the end of May, vaccines availability was wide-spread and we were able to return to worship inside our sanctuary, although with a number of changes and precautions as recommended by our Synod and approved by our church council.

Frank Griffin, our music director, spent countless hours preparing alternative ways to include music and singing into our services in a safe manner. We are so grateful to Frank and to the families who came in mid-week to record hymns until it was safer to have congregational singing with masks.

September 12, we returned outdoors as our Homecoming service and meal were held on the front lawn. We were so pleased to have Pastor Mary Louise Sitton as our guest pastor. We were also able to continue our celebrations of ordained women in the ELCA. We presented Pastor Mary Louise with a hand carved box, made by Terry Bledsoe, filled with gifts from the congregation. Per council's request our meal was catered by Jason's Deli.

## Cont. Worship and Music

On Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Reformation Sunday, we recognized our First Communion class upon the completion of their instruction. In November, on All Saint's Sunday, we honored the memory of our members who had died in the past year. Frank Griffin and Pastor Adrienne also planned and carried out a Service of Remembrance to help bring closure for the families who were not able to hold receiving's or in some cases were not able to have public indoor services for their loved ones.

During the Advent and Christmas season we moved from abbreviated to full services but with communion still only being held once or twice per month.

The past (almost 2 years) months of global pandemic placed an overwhelming amount of pastoral and organizational needs on our pastor. Therefore, Pastor Adrienne requested, and the council approved, a three-month sabbatical in order to allow for rest, study, and spiritual renewal. The last Sunday of the year, following the Lessons and Carols service, we had an opportunity to "Meet and Greet" Pastor Bill Hollar who was asked by the synod to be our interim pastor during Pastor Adrienne's time away.

The Worship & Music committee appreciated the council's support and consideration of our recommendations as we continued to strive to protect our congregation from the COVID-19 virus and its variants and enable our worship services to safely continue.

We give thanks to God for Pastor Adrienne and Frank Griffin and their exceptional leadership and willingness to share their time and talents with us at Sardis.

Blessings,  
Becky Gladden, chairperson





