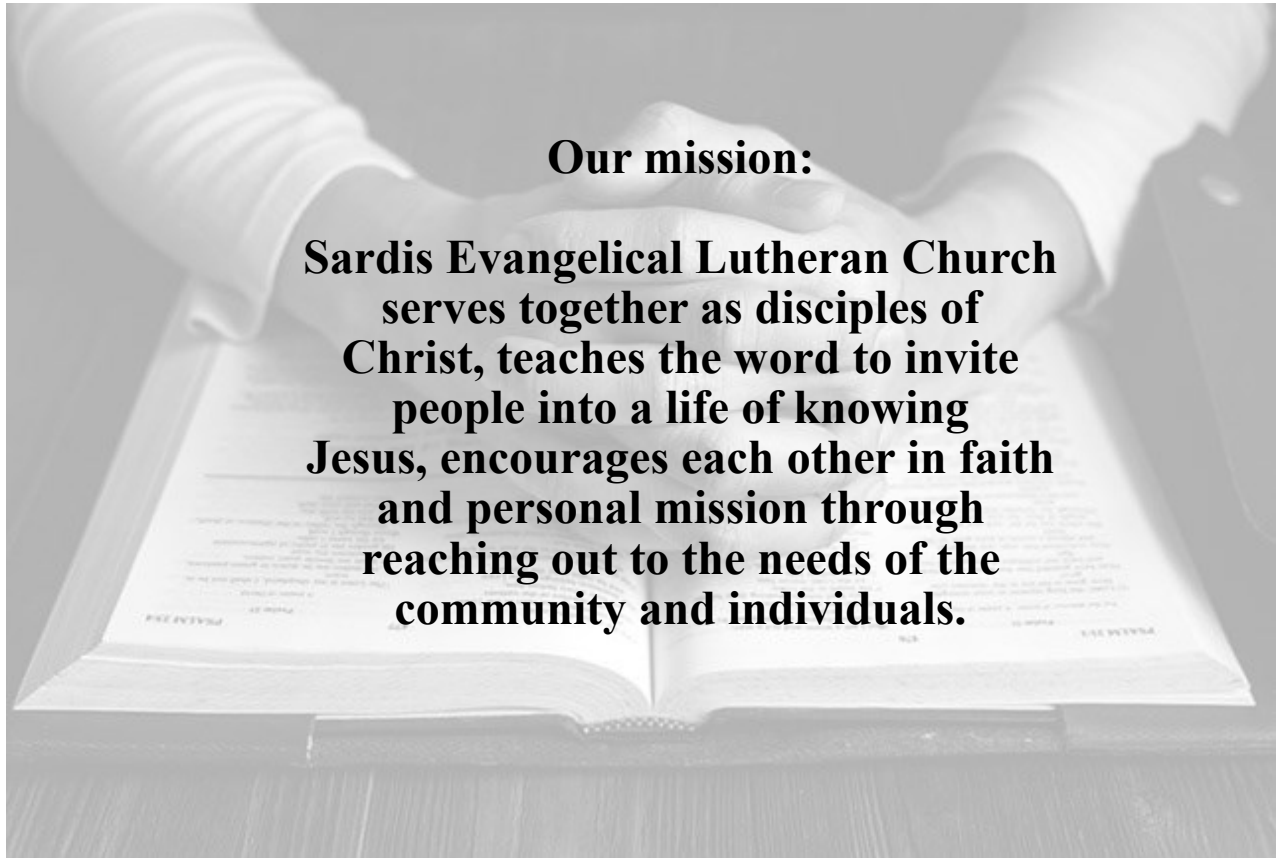


Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church



Our mission:

Sardis Evangelical Lutheran Church serves together as disciples of Christ, teaches the word to invite people into a life of knowing Jesus, encourages each other in faith and personal mission through reaching out to the needs of the community and individuals.

2023 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES and 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS

Pastor - Rev. Adrienne E. Martin
Council Vice President - Terry Bledsoe
Director of Music - Frank Griffin
Secretary/Treasurer - Jane Moretz
Youth Director—Robin Stuart

pastor@sardislutheran.com
terrybledsoe@charter.net
tfgriffin59@gmail.com
secretary@sardislutheran.com
rstuart74@gmail.com

www.sardislutheran.com

SARDIS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Title Page.....	pg. 1	2
Table of Contents.....	pg. 2	
Pastors and Musicians Serving at Sardis.....	pg. 3	
Congregation Staff; Officers; Council; Nominating and Scholarship Committees.....	pg. 4	
Cong. Council Monthly Contact, Devotions, Comm. Contact, Annual Meeting Results.....	pg. 5	
Worship Dates in 2023, FTF Seniors Schedule.....	pg. 6	
Special Service Helpers, Altar Flowers.....	pg. 7	
Volunteer Schedule.....	pg. 8	
• Acolyte		
• Crucifer		
• Communion Assistant		
• Greeters		
Volunteer Schedule.....	pg. 9	
• Lay Readers		
• Offering Counters		
• Security		
Volunteer Schedule.....	pg. 10	
• Communion Preparation		
• Communion Clean-up		
• Assisting Minister		
• Ushers		
Banoak Backpack Program.....	pg. 11	
Meal Delivery.....	pg. 12	
Bereaved Families Food List, FTF Seniors Schedule	pg. 13	
Newsletter Information Deadline	pg. 14	
Financials/Committee Reports	pg. 15	
Cemetery Account, Discretionary Account.....	pg. 16	
Building Fund Report	pg. 17	
Statement of Activity.....	pg. 18-19	
Spending Plan.....	pg. 20-21	
Miscellaneous Income	pg. 22	
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	pg. 23	
ELCA Treasures Report, Lutheran Men in Mission Treasures Report	pg. 24	
Memorial Fund, Endowment Fund, Baker Scholarship Fund	pg. 25	
2022 Committee Members.....	pg. 26	
Altar Committee Report, Cemetery Committee Report	pg. 27	
Pastor's Report.....	pg. 28-30	
Parish Register Report.....	pg. 31	
Land Use Report.....	pg. 32	
Evangelism Committee/History Committee Reports.....	pg. 33	
Property Committee Report/ Sardis LMM Report.....	pg. 34	
Sardis Music Ministry Report/Energy Saving Report.....	pg. 35	
Social Ministry Committee Report.....	pg. 36-37	
Technology Committee Report.....	pg. 38	
Sardis Women of the ELCA Report.....	pg. 39	
Worship and Music Committee Report.....	pg. 40	
Youth Ministry / Youth Christian Education.....	pg. 41	
Event Pictures.....	pg. 42-43	

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 2023

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

OFFICERS FOR 2023

Vice President, Congregation Council	Terry Bledsoe
Secretary, Congregation Council	Jane Moretz
Financial Secretary	Jane Moretz, Dwayne Whitener
Sunday School Superintendent	Zach Stuart
Women of the WELCA, President	Nena Babb
Lutheran Men in Mission, President	Rick Johnson
Memorial Fund Secretary	Margaret Whitener
Parish Register	Rev. Adrienne E. Martin

CONGREGATION CHURCH COUNCIL

<u>Term 2021-2023</u>	<u>Term 2022-2024</u>	<u>Term 2023-2025</u>
Gene Biggerstaff	Nena Babb	Terry Bledsoe
April Fulbright	Roger Lutz	Jane Moretz
Susan Jones	Kristin Teague	Dwayne Whitener
Mike Midgett	Ray Whitener	Ken Propst

2023 CONGREGATION CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dawn Covington	Rick Johnson
Jon Gladden	Marilyn Teague
Bryan Hood	Kathy Weaver
Ben Whitener	

2023 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Phyllis Biggerstaff	(2021-2023)
Heather Carroll	(2022-2024)
Sylvia King	(2022-2024)
Sherrie Midgett	(2023-2025)
Jennifer Whitener	(2023-2025)

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL 2023
MONTHLY DEVOTIONS, CONTACT & COMMITTEE
CONTACT**

COUNCIL MEMBER	MONTH	COMMITTEE
Ray Whitener	January	Evangelism
Terry Bledsoe	February	Technology
Nena Babb	March	Historical
April Fulbright	April	Christian Education Youth
Gene Biggerstaff	May	Christian Education Adult
Kristin Teague	June	Altar
Ken Propst	July	Cemetery, Property
Susan Jones	August	Youth Ministry
Dwayne Whitener	September	Endowment
Jane Moretz	October	Worship & Music, Scholarship
Mike Midgett	November	Energy Saving/Security
Roger Lutz	December	Social Ministry

ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

Results of the Congregational meeting:

2023 Spending Plan passed

Church Council: Terry Bledsoe, Jane Moretz, Ken Propst, Dwayne Whitener

Nominating Committee: Dawn Covington, Jon Gladden, Bryan Hood, Rick Johnson, Marilyn Teague, Kathy Weaver, Ben Whitener

Scholarship Committee: Sherrie Midgett, Jennifer Whitener

Worship Dates to include in 2023 Sardis Calendar

1/8 = Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

2/12 = Women's Sunday

2/19 = Transfiguration Sunday

2/22 = Ash Wednesday

2/26 – 3/26 = Sunday evening Lenten services

4/2 = Palm/Passion Sunday

4/6 = Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.

4/7 = Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.

4/9 = Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m.

5/21 = Youth Sunday

5/28 = Pentecost/Confirmation

6/4 = Holy Trinity Sunday

9/10 = Homecoming

10/29 = Reformation Sunday

11/5 = All Saints Sunday

11/12 = Men's Sunday

11/22 = Thanksgiving Eve Soup & Sandwich/Service (**at Wesley Chapel**)

11/26 = Christ the King Sunday

12/3; 12/10; 12/17; 12/24 = 4 Sundays of Advent

12/24 = Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m. (Prelude at 10:15)

12/31 = Lessons and Carols Sunday

SPECIAL SERVICES HELPERS

Date '23	Torch Bearer's	Bible Bearer
Easter Sunday 4-9	Marilyn T. / Kathy W.	Rick Johnson
Reformation 10/29	Kathy W. / Jennifer W.	Tryston Sylvester
Christ the King 11-26	Jennifer W. / Marilyn Teague	Austin Propst
Christmas Eve 12-24	Marilyn T. / Kathy W.	Ray Whitener
Christmas Day 12-25	WHEN CELEBRATED ON A SUNDAY	

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

VOLUNTEERS

	Acolyte	Crucifer	Communion Assistant	Greeters	
5-Mar	Marshall Whitener	Nena Babb	Mike Midgett	Kristin Teague	Roger Teague
12-Mar	Rick Johnson	Hayden Johnson	Gene Biggerstaff	Marshall Whitener	Evelyn Fulbright
19-Mar	Hayden Johnson	Bruce Sigman	Nena Babb	Felicia Hollar	Wanda Stallings
26-Mar	Marilyn Teague	Rick Johnson	Sandra Roseman	Sylvia King	Al King
2-Apr	Cayden Hood	Austin Propst	Dawn Covington	Edna Fulbright	Ben Fulbright
4/6 Maundy Thursday	Marshall Whitener	Marilyn Teague	Bruce Sigman	Rita Lutz	Nena Babb
4/7 Good Friday	Zachary Stuart			Darrell Jarrett	Dianne Nail
4/9 Easter Sunrise	Keaton Farnsworth	Tryston Sylvester	Rick Johnson	Bruce Sigman	Sharon Sigman
16-Apr	Paisley Hood	Cayden Hood	Margaret Whitener	Ken Propst	Annette Richard
23-Apr	Rick Johnson	Keaton Farnsworth	Marilyn Teague	Donna Biggerstaff	Shuford Whitener
30-Apr	Hayden Johnson	Nena Babb	Ray Whitener	Austin Propst	Margaret Whitener
7-May	Marilyn Teague	Hayden Johnson	Zachary Stuart	Kay Whitener	Betty Whitener
14-May	Cayden Hood	Bruce Sigman	Jane Moretz	Marilyn Teague	Jill Bledsoe
21-May	Paisley Hood	Cayden Hood	Mike Midgett	Kristin Teague	Roger Teague
28-May	Tryston Sylvester	Austin Propst	Gene Biggerstaff	Marshall Whitener	Evelyn Fulbright
4-Jun	Keaton Farnsworth	Marilyn Teague	Nena Babb	Felicia Hollar	Wanda Stallings
11-Jun	Marshall Whitener	Ray Whitener	Sandra Roseman	Sylvia King	Al King
18-Jun	Rick Johnson	Tryston Sylvester	Dawn Covington	Edna Fulbright	Ben Fulbright
25-Jun	Hayden Johnson	Cayden Hood	Bruce Sigman	Rita Lutz	Nena Babb
2-Jul	Marilyn Teague	Rick Johnson	Austin Propst	Darrell Jarrett	Dianne Nail
9-Jul	Cayden Hood	Keaton Farnsworth	Margaret Whitener	Bruce Sigman	Sharon Sigman
16-Jul	Paisley Hood	Hayden Johnson	Rick Johnson	Ken Propst	Annette Richard
23-Jul	Tryston Sylvester	Nena Babb	Marilyn Teague	Donna Biggerstaff	Shuford Whitener
30-Jul	Keaton Farnsworth	Bruce Sigman	Ray Whitener	Austin Propst	Margaret Whitener
6-Aug	Marshall Whitener	Austin Propst	Zachary Stuart	Marilyn Teague	Betty Whitener
13-Aug	Rick Johnson	Marilyn Teague	Jane Moretz	Kay Whitener	Jill Bledsoe
20-Aug	Hayden Johnson	Ray Whitener	Mike Midgett	Kristin Teague	Roger Teague
27-Aug	Marilyn Teague	Tryston Sylvester	Gene Biggerstaff	Marshall Whitener	Evelyn Fulbright
3-Sep	Cayden Hood	Keaton Farnsworth	Nena Babb	Felicia Hollar	Wanda Stallings
10-Sep	Paisley Hood	Rick Johnson	Sandra Roseman	Sylvia King	Al King
17-Sep	Tryston Sylvester	Cayden Hood	Dawn Covington	Edna Fulbright	Ben Fulbright
24-Sep	Keaton Farnsworth	Hayden Johnson	Bruce Sigman	Rita Lutz	Nena Babb
1-Oct	Marshall Whitener	Nena Babb	Austin Propst	Darrell Jarrett	Dianne Nail
8-Oct	Rick Johnson	Bruce Sigman	Rick Johnson	Ken Propst	Sharon Sigman
15-Oct	Hayden Johnson	Austin Propst	Margaret Whitener	Bruce Sigman	Annette Richard
22-Oct	Marilyn Teague	Ray Whitener	Ray Whitener	Donna Biggerstaff	Shuford Whitener
29-Oct	Cayden Hood	Marilyn Teague	Jane Moretz	Austin Propst	Margaret Whitener
5-Nov	Paisley Hood	Tryston Sylvester	Zachary Stuart	Kay Whitener	Betty Whitener
11/12 Men's Sunday	Tryston Sylvester	Cayden Hood	Marilyn Teague	Marilyn Teague	Jill Bledsoe
19-Nov	Keaton Farnsworth	Rick Johnson	Mike Midgett	Kristin Teague	Roger Teague
26-Nov	Marshall Whitener	Hayden Johnson	Gene Biggerstaff	Felicia Hollar	Evelyn Fulbright
3-Dec	Rick Johnson	Keaton Farnsworth	Nena Babb	Marshall Whitener	Wanda Stallings
10-Dec	Hayden Johnson	Nena Babb	Sandra Roseman	Sylvia King	Al King
17-Dec	Marilyn Teague	Bruce Sigman	Dawn Covington	Edna Fulbright	Ben Fulbright
24-Dec	Cayden Hood	Austin Propst	Bruce Sigman	Rita Lutz	Nena Babb
12/24 Christmas Eve	Paisley Hood	Marilyn Teague	Austin Propst	Darrell Jarrett	Dianne Nail
31-Dec	Tryston Sylvester	Ray Whitener	Rick Johnson	Bruce Sigman	Sharon Sigman
7-Jan	Keaton Farnsworth	Tryston Sylvester	Margaret Whitener	Ken Propst	Annette Richard
14-Jan	Marshall Whitener	Cayden Hood	Ray Whitener	Donna Biggerstaff	Shuford Whitener
21-Jan	Hayden Johnson	Keaton Farnsworth	Jane Moretz	Austin Propst	Margaret Whitener
28-Jan	Marilyn Teague	Rick Johnson	Zachary Stuart	Kay Whitener	Betty Whitener
4-Feb	Cayden Hood	Hayden Johnson	Marilyn Teague	Marilyn Teague	Jill Bledsoe
11-Feb	Rick Johnson	Nena Babb	Mike Midgett	Kristin Teague	Roger Teague
18-Feb	Paisley Hood	Bruce Sigman	Gene Biggerstaff	Marshall Whitener	Evelyn Fulbright
25-Feb	Tryston Sylvester	Austin Propst	Nena Babb	Felicia Hollar	Wanda Stallings

VOLUNTEERS

	Lay Readers	Offering Counters	Security
5-Mar	Marshall Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Roger Teague
12-Mar	Jennifer Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Zachary Stuart
19-Mar	Kathy Weaver	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Ralph Stallings
26-Mar	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Darrell Jarrett
2-Apr	Dawn Covington	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Bruce Sigman
4/6 Maundy Thursday	Austin Propst	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Rick Johnson
4/7 Good Friday	Marilyn Teague	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Roger Teague
4/9 Easter Sunrise	Ray Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Rick Johnson
16-Apr	Jon Gladden	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Ralph Stallings
23-Apr	Al King	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Darrell Jarrett
30-Apr	Keaton Farnsworth	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Bruce Sigman
7-May	Joe Biggerstaff	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Zachary Stuart
14-May	Marshall Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Roger Teague
21-May	Keaton Farnsworth	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Darrell Jarrett
28-May	Kathy Weaver	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Ralph Stallings
4-Jun	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Rick Johnson
11-Jun	Dawn Covington	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Bruce Sigman
18-Jun	Austin Propst	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Zachary Stuart
25-Jun	Marilyn Teague	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Roger Teague
2-Jul	Ray Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Darrell Jarrett
9-Jul	Jon Gladden	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Ralph Stallings
16-Jul	Al King	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Rick Johnson
23-Jul	Keaton Farnsworth	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Bruce Sigman
30-Jul	Joe Biggerstaff	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Zachary Stuart
6-Aug	Marshall Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Roger Teague
13-Aug	Jennifer Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Darrell Jarrett
20-Aug	Kathy Weaver	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Ralph Stallings
27-Aug	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Rick Johnson
3-Sep	Dawn Covington	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Bruce Sigman
10-Sep	Austin Propst	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Zachary Stuart
17-Sep	Marilyn Teague	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Roger Teague
24-Sep	Ray Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Rick Johnson
1-Oct	Jon Gladden	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Ralph Stallings
8-Oct	Al King	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Darrell Jarrett
15-Oct	Keaton Farnsworth	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Bruce Sigman
22-Oct	Joe Biggerstaff	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Zachary Stuart
29-Oct	Marshall Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Roger Teague
5-Nov	Jennifer Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Rick Johnson
11/12 Men's Sunday	Kathy Weaver	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Ralph Stallings
19-Nov	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Darrell Jarrett
26-Nov	Dawn Covington	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Bruce Sigman
3-Dec	Austin Propst	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Zachary Stuart
10-Dec	Marilyn Teague	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Roger Teague
17-Dec	Ray Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Rick Johnson
24-Dec	Jon Gladden	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Ralph Stallings
12/24 Christmas Eve	Al King	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Darrell Jarrett
31-Dec	Keaton Farnsworth	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Bruce Sigman
7-Jan	Joe Biggerstaff	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Zachary Stuart
14-Jan	Marshall Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Roger Teague
21-Jan	Jennifer Whitener	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Ralph Stallings
28-Jan	Kathy Weaver	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Darrell Jarrett
4-Feb	Jane Moretz	Dwayne, Tryston, Susan, Patsy	Bruce Sigman
11-Feb	Dawn Covington	Dwayne, Tryston, Kristin, Nena	Zachary Stuart
18-Feb	Austin Propst	Dwayne, Tryston, Sylvia, Sandra	Roger Teague
25-Feb	Marilyn Teague	Dwayne, Tryston, Sherrie, Mike	Rick Johnson

VOLUNTEERS

10

MONTH	COMMUNION PREPARATION	COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	ASSISTING MINISTERS	USHERS
MARCH	Sharon Sigman	Kristin Teague	Nena Babb	Wayne Jarrett Al King Rick Johnson Marilyn Teague
APRIL	Jane Moretz	Marilyn Teague	Mike Midgett	Bruce Sigman Randy Speagle Dawn Covington Ken Propst
MAY	Donna Biggerstaff	Sharon Sigman	Gene Biggerstaff	Austin Propst Darrell Jarrett Margaret Whitener Roger Teague
JUNE	Marilyn Teague	Donna Biggerstaff	Rick Johnson	Mike Hollar Dianne Nail Benny Fulbright Zach Stuart
JULY	Sharon Sigman	Sherrie Midgett	Austin Propst	Ralph Stallings Jill Bledsoe Wayne Jarrett Al King
AUGUST	Jane Moretz	Wanda Stallings	Ray Whitener	Rick Johnson Bruce Sigman Marilyn Teague Ken Propst
SEPTEMBER	Donna Biggerstaff	Sherrie Midgett	Gene Biggerstaff	Randy Speagle Austin Propst Dawn Covington Darrell Jarrett
OCTOBER	Marilyn Teague	Sandra Roseman	Nena Babb	Roger Teague Margaret Whitener Mike Hollar Benny Fulbright
NOVEMBER	Sharon Sigman	Kristin Teague	Mike Midgett	LMM
DECEMBER	Jane Moretz	Marilyn Teague	Austin Propst	Zach Stuart Ralph Stallings Wayne Jarrett Dianne Nail
JANUARY '23	Donna Biggerstaff	Sherrie Midgett	Ray Whitener	Benny Fulbright Zach Stuart Ralph Stallings Jill Bledsoe
FEBRUARY	Marilyn Teague	Sandra Roseman	Zachary Stuart	WOMEN ELCA

BANOAK BACKPACK PROGRAM

We currently bag and deliver to the school each week for 20 families

ROTATING THURSDAY DELIVERIES

Dwayne & Barbara Whitener

Gene & Donna Biggerstaff

Joe and Phyllis Biggerstaff

Roger and Marilyn Teague, Jane Moretz

Tim & Barbara Whitener



Meal Delivery 2023
See Newsletter for February 2023

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

Meal Delivery to:
Catherine Houser, Alfred Whitener

Bereaved Families Food List - 2023

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.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Edna Fulbright, Co-chair	Rita Lutz, Co-Chair	Dawn Covington, Co-Chair
Hope Gladden, Co-Chair	Annette Richard, Co-Chair	Kay Whitener, Co-Chair
Nena Babb, Co-Chair	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	Jennifer Whitener
Mildred Fulbright	Carolyn Hoyle	Betty Sue Whitener
Sherrie Midgett	Patsy Johnson	Wanda Stallings
Phyllis Hood	Sylvia King	Elaine Evington
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
Debbie Wise	Dianne Nail	Teresa Starkey
Carrie Yousef	Heather Carroll	

2023 FRED T FOARD SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 4TH WESLEY CHAPEL

JULY 5TH SARDIS

FEBRUARY 1ST EBENEZER

AUGUST 2ND EBENEZER

MARCH 1ST SARDIS

SEPTEMBER 6TH LAUREL HILL

APRIL 5TH PLATEAU

OCTOBER 4TH BLACKBURN BAPTIST

MAY 3RD BLACKBURN BAPTIST

NOVEMBER 1ST PLATEAU

JUNE 7TH TRINITY

DECEMBER 6TH SARDIS

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.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2023 Committees

16

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

Youth

Robin Stuart—Chair
April Fulbright
Mike Midgett
Kristin Teague
Sheila Ramsey
Cynthia Stuart

Cemetery

Greg Fulbright - Chair
Ralph Stallings
Darrell Jarrett
Ken Propst
Tim Whitener

Children's Christian Educa-

April Fulbright—Chair
Kristin Teague
Nena Babb
Margaret Whitener

Endowment

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

Energy Saving

Rick Lutz—Chair
Rick Johnson
Ken Propst
Zachary Stuart

Evangelism

Ray Whitener - Chair
Mike Midgett
Felicia Hollar
Sherrie Midgett
Margaret Whitener
Ray Whitener
Jon Gladden

Finance

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

Historical

Ken Propst—Chair
Jennifer Whitener
Nena Babb
Jon Gladden
Terry Bledsoe
Jill 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
Hope Gladden
Kathy Weaver
Nena Babb
Tim Whitener
Frank Griffin

Property

Ken Propst— Chair
Rick Lutz—Chair
Roger Teague
Rick Johnson
Ralph Stallings
Darrell Jarrett
Bruce Sigman
Ray Whitener
Tim Whitener
Terry Bledsoe

Security Team

Roger Teague
Rick Johnson
Ralph Stallings
Darrell Jarrett
Bruce Sigman
Zachary Stuart

Social Ministry

Mike Midgett
Rick Lutz
Rita Lutz
Donna Biggerstaff
Phyllis Biggerstaff

Stewardship

Technology

Jane Moretz
Zachary Stuart
Terry Bledsoe
Ben Whitener
Joe Biggerstaff

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Duties included:

- Developed flower chart
- 56 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Teague, Chairperson

2022 CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

There were 4 deaths: Patricia Hoke Lail, Ronald Alan Weaver,
Garry Lefate Wood, Linda Carolyn McGinnis
Committee met 3 times.

Respectfully Submitted
The Cemetery Committee

PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year has been a full one! Last year this time, I was on a three month sabbatical. I am deeply grateful to you, the North Carolina Synod, and Pastor Bill Hollar. It was a restful and refreshing time where I was able to read, try new things, and reflect. I was very happy to see you when I returned!

During my sabbatical, I attended a humor conference, studied for a fitness certification program, and became certified as an aerobic dance instructor. I was able to see family and friends that I had not seen in years. I even had some additional worship planning to ready myself for my return before Holy Week! I am so grateful for that opportunity and I hope that you have seen that it has made a positive difference in my leadership.

I returned on Friday, April 1, just in time for the fifth week of Lent! We finished up our Lenten services and entered the blessed time of Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord. As a result of my time away, we did get to incorporate a re-visioning of our Maundy Thursday Service and had a particularly great turn out.

We also introduced Holy Humor Sunday the first week after Easter. Holy Humor Sunday has been around for centuries, developed from the theological perspective that God in Christ beat the Devil, and because of that, we can celebrate, laugh, and sing! One of the most powerful spiritual weapons is joy, which Christians have because we know that the devil has been defeated. While it may have been a new experience in church, I truly believe that the sound of our laughter and joy in the Lord is something greatly pleasing to God!

As this year was a year filled with exciting new things, it was also a year that we saw the return of many things. This year, we were able to go to confirmation camp at Lutheridge, participate in our community Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church, feed the Fred T. Foard football team, help take residents to worship at Trinity Ridge, Fall Festival, provide a safe place for kids to Trunk or Treat, and conclude our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the ELCA.

Our youth ministries have been vigorous this year. I am grateful to Robin for her leadership of the youth; for Frank for his leadership of Children's Choir, to April for her leadership of Children's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, for Heather Carroll and her leadership of the outdoor live nativity and the Children's Christmas Program. We have had annual First Communion class offerings. I have also felt the need to meet more regularly for confirmation this year so that our students feel they are equipped to make the decision to affirm their baptisms. I am so proud of our confirmation students Keaton Farnsworth and Hayden Johnson. We also have a youth from Bethany Lutheran Church. It is a great group and we have learned about the Creed, the Reformation, and have regular service opportunities at Trinity Ridge!

I am grateful to the Social Ministry Committee for leading us in our first God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. It was awesome! I was delighted that we had the opportunity to do a service project on Homecoming. What a fitting way to give thanks to God for the ministry He has given

Cont. Pastor's Report

us! Pictures from our project were also featured on the Synod's website! I pray this tradition continues!

Our learning ministries continue as strong as ever. I am grateful for all of our teachers and students! Thank you to all of our hard working Sunday School teachers and assistants! We continue Bible Study, and August and September, we ran a six week discipleship study called *Oh, the Places You'll Go*. Learning is such an important part of the Christian life and I am so grateful for our strength in this area!

We have also started a group to step up to the Bishop's Challenge to "Welcome the Stranger." Thousands of refugees are fleeing Afghanistan and Ukraine in search of safety and a new life. As Christians, we are commanded by God to welcome them and take care of them. At Christmas we collected a significant gift for the Afghan family living in Hickory.

This year has been a year of many new things, joys, experiments, and adaptation. I am grateful for the work of our council and its leadership. I am grateful to Gene Biggerstaff and his leadership this past year. In this time, serving on council is a particularly demanding role because of the time in which we live. This is a time requiring additional resources of faith, discernment, and investment. I am grateful for the love and dedication of our council members. Please regularly pray for the council and their leadership so that we follow the life-giving direction to which Christ is calling us. Christ came so that we might have life, and have it abundantly!

I am also deeply grateful for the work of all of our committees, chairpersons, and committee members. Things only happen because of YOU! Each committee has a special and needed function and purpose in living into the ministry God has given us.

- The Altar Guild keeps our worship services, space, and supplies ready and beautiful. Thank you!
- The Cemetery Committee makes sure that our cemetery remains in good repair and is made available to members and the community. They are quick to respond in the ministry of funerals and burials. Thank you!
- The Endowment Committee manages our portfolio vigilantly and wisely so that we can accommodate special requests, but also making sure that the funds are available to serve the ministry for generations to come. Thank you!
- The Evangelism Committee plans events to gather us and connect us with the community. Thank you!
- The Finance Committee leads us in good stewardship and helps us accomplish what God is calling us to do. Thank you!
- The Property Committee makes sure our land and facilities are well-maintained and
- respond to special requests and projects that enhance our ministry. Thank you!
- The Scholarship Committee blesses students of ministry, relieving debt and providing
- resources to continue their study. Thank you!
- The Security Team members take turns to watch over us on Sundays, making sure we can worship in peace. Thank you!

Cont. Pastor's Report

- The Social Ministry Committee helps us serve the community and its needs by staying informed and mobilizing us to respond. Thank you!
- The Technology Committee equips the congregation in teaching and worship ministries, and we have a new sound system! Thank you!
- The Worship & Music Committee plans for the liturgical year and special events in which we gather in Christ's name. Worship forms and shapes our life together. Thank you!

• One ministry that goes under the radar, but one that makes a big impact in the community is our Banoak Backpack Program. We have a dedicated group of individuals who get the food, pack it, and share it with the families of the school. These meals may be the only ones the children get. On top of that, the relationships this ministry has built have let the families know Sardis is here for the community.

I am grateful for Jane Moretz in her position of secretary. She works hard and does an excellent job. I am grateful for Frank Griffin and his faith-filled music ministry. This year, I would like to lift up Nena Babb as Sardis' superstar for 2022 for her exemplary service and initiative. I am grateful for everyone who steps up in their own way. Everyone here has an important role and I am grateful for the beautiful people God has created you to be!

This year, a few dear members entered the Church Triumphant. In the arms of God rest Patricia Lail, Garry Wood, Ronnie Weaver, and Carolyn McGinnis. We give thanks for their lives, and trust in the promises of our great and Almighty God to whom they have returned. Let us keep their families in our prayers.

May our Heavenly Father bless this year, and more importantly, may we be a church that He blesses. This year, as we look forward, I invite us to keep our eyes on the prize: Jesus Christ our Lord! I conclude with Hebrew 12: **“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

In Christ,
Pastor Adrienne Martin

Parish Register Report for 2022

Received by Infant Baptism: 0

Received by Adult Baptism: 0

Received by Letter of Transfer/Affirmation of Faith: 0

Received by Confirmation: 0

Total Members Received: 0

Removed by Death: 4

Patricia Hoke Lail

Death: 5/17/2022 Funeral: 5/21/2022

Ronald Alan Weaver

Death: 7/31/2022 Funeral: 8/4/2022

Garry Lefate Wood

Death: 9/9/2022 Funeral: 9/13/2022

Linda Carolyn McGinnis

Death: 12/16/2022 Funeral: 12/22/2022

Removed by Transfer: 0

Total Members Removed: 4

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Adrienne Martin

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

The Land Use Committee, along with the property committee, met several times with contractors in 2022 to get an idea of the cost of building an open air pavilion on the property behind the fellowship hall. Due to the rising costs of building materials and other fundraising priorities, it was decided that the project be put on hold at this time. With prayerful consideration from the Church Council, the short term goal for the committee for 2023 would be to plant the field with grass in the fall so the area can be utilized for outdoor activities and events.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Whitener



EVANGELISM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

2022. This year we got back to business after a previous year in 2021 of not being able to have any activities at Sardis due to “covid 19”. Thank you to the members of our Evangelism team who helped to carry out our objectives and outreach programs. Members on our committee are **Margaret Whitener, Donna Biggerstaff, Mike and Sherrie Midgett, Jon Gladden, Felicia Hollar, and Leevada Wood.**

Thank you to Tim Whitener 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, Ben Whitener, and Joe and Samuel Biggerstaff. They are responsible for our sound and enable our broadcast each week on Facebook.

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; Marilyn Teague; Ray Whitener; Jane Moretz; Felicia Hollar; Donna Biggerstaff; Dawn Covington; Shelia Ramsey; Susan Jones and Hope Gladden.** The committee lost a valuable shepherd this year. Pat Lail served on this committee as a shepherd until her untimely death and her loss is greatly felt by all. This is **THE** most important function of the Evangelism Committee and your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Events sponsored by the Evangelism Committee this year included a movie night; “Mister Rodgers” was the movie we enjoyed watching. A Shepherd’s Appreciation Dinner was held in April; A back to school ice cream fellowship was held in August in conjunction with the collection of back packs and supplies for our elementary students at Banoak Elementary School. This was a joint project with the Social Ministry Committee. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for providing money for this project. The committee continues to help provide food for The Blessing Box. Contributions for this project are needed weekly by ALL members so please see someone on the committee as to how you can contribute if you are able. Trunk or Treat night was held indoors this year because of inclement weather, but it was still a successful night. Thank you to Plateau UM Church for allowing us to use their van to go walk thru the Christmas Lights at McAdenville. If enough people are interested, then next year we will take another trip there. A Christmas Party was held in December for the Shepherding Group and spouses and The Evangelism Team and their spouses. We continue to give out Visitor Gift Bags to any visitors we may have.

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 Roy Whitener Evangelism Committee Chairman

History Committee

One of the goals of the History Committee, since the 150th celebration, was to locate pictures of all of our past Pastors. With help from Pastor Martin, we completed this endeavor during 2022. The frame for this display was built by Terry Bledsoe from old tables that had been used in the younger children’s Sunday School Classrooms. The pictures were then printed, labeled, individually framed, and placed in the wall display. It includes Pastors as well as interim/supply Pastors. Much time was spent verifying accuracy of service dates of each of these Pastors.

Respectfully submitted,
Historical Committee

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

The committee held a work day at the property and spread mulch around the shrubbery and cleaned up the playground which got burned when it caught fire, later on we helped assemble the equipment and opened the playgrounds.

The outside spigot was repaired by Caldwell Plumbing as well as opening the drain on the water fountain.

We moved the chairs out of the back of the sanctuary to have a crew come in to do a deep clean of the Church. WC Reynold's done the routine maintenance on the HVAC equipment.

If you see anything that needs to be repaired let the property committee know.

Respectfully submitted by
Rick Lutz and Ken Propst

2022 Sardis Lutheran Men Report

It seems the year went by in the blink of an eye. 2022 was a good year; we struggled with economic conditions but we strive to continue to do what God wants us to do—build a relationship with Him. It was a good year because we have a men's group, and a congregation that supports the things we need or do. We are blessed. We are chartered through North Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission. LMIM has the Home Mission Foundation which started in 1953. It is a non-tax corporation for the purpose of making loans and investing monies raised through the Loan and Gift Fund. This provides funds to build new churches and to assist in theological education, renovations, and other projects that churches across North Carolina need and at a low interest rate. You can help by making donations to NCLMIM Loan and Gift Fund. We contributed this year to this fund. Thank you to all that contributed. We had a men's Sunday on November 9th and all men participated with good music and a message from Joe Biggerstaff. We talked about things NCLMIM do and the Disaster Relief Program. As natural disasters occur, NCLMIM have volunteers ready and equipped to go to where they are needed. Interested persons are encouraged to contact North Carolina Lutheran Men in Mission to get your name on the disaster network list. We sponsored a dinner and movie night. With the help of several other individuals, the men helped with Christmas tree purchase, provided flowers on Sunday for the altar, and thanks to Alfred Whitener, the men's group and the congregation for our treat bags. We also have two blood drives a year in December and May. Our next blood drive will be May 2, 2023. NCLMIM will celebrate their 100th year anniversary this year on March 11 at Grace Lutheran in Salisbury. You can visit NCLMM.org for any information you need on NCLMIM. You're invited to come to our meetings on the last Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM. We study from the Masters Builder Bible. See you there.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Johnson

Sardis Music Ministry Report

2020 was a year that left us roaming in disbelief as Covid upended life as we knew it. 2021 was a year of slow, sometimes painful, rebirth. 2022 was a year of celebration and rebuilding.

Music in worship was never silenced at Sardis, though it faced many obstacles on the rebuilding journey. Those obstacles were met head on, sometimes with only two or three voices for livestream only services, or small groups prerecording hymns for the first indoor services, and other times raising its full voice outdoors in God's creation.

On the long road back from Covid isolation, the Chancel Choir rejoined the worship procession on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. Handbells played again for the first time on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022.

But 2022 wasn't just about rebuilding, it was also a year for new growth – Children's Choir! The newly formed Children's Choir made its debut at the Golden Age Banquet on Sunday, September 18, 2022, and sang in worship for the first time on Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2022, singing Mark Patterson's *My God Is With Me*. What better message to begin a new ministry with! Many thanks to the children and their families for adding a new ministry to already full schedules.

Also, thank you to those who have provided meals for the children and their families – you are as much a part of this ministry as the children. Most of all, thanks be to God for equipping and providing opportunities for us all to serve.

Frank

ENERGY SAVING COMMITTEE 2022

We have got most of our lights switched over to the LED type. The existing fixtures outside still have metal halide bulbs. Most need replacing now, it may be a good time to replace the fixtures, I will talk to Dwayne about this and see what we can do. The cost of a LED fixtures is more expensive than MH bulbs.

The committee suggest that we do an inexpensive study on the heat lost due to the duct work being under the floor. We think the congregation should be become aware of this situation.

Submitted by Rick Lutz

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE 2022

Social ministry involves physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of individuals.

The new year came in with a new project named NOISY OFFERING. We collected spare change in a bucket to make a noisy sound. At the end of the year, all the offerings were sent to LUTHERAN GOOD GIFTS to purchase a domestic animal to help support ELCA'S efforts to fight hunger.

Also, we collected tabs from aluminum cans and delivered them to THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE in Durham, NC. These tabs are recycled to offset some of the House expenses.

We also collected Boxtops for Education. These were mailed to Crossnore School at Crossnore, NC. The school is for the less fortunate children. Little acts of kindness make such a big difference.

During the months of April and May, we collected items for THE PERSONAL CARE KITS. These kits were distributed by LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. We collected 18 kits.

In June, the Social Ministry Committee supplied Camp Agape with 150 fruit cups for their service project. In addition, during this month we purchased and assembled 120 homeless meal bags for The Hickory Soup Kitchen.

The events during the next two months were especially successful! The Social Ministry Committee and The Evangelism Committee partnered together to collect school supplies and backpacks for Banoak and Blackburn Elementary Schools. These items were for the children whose parents simply could not afford the necessary school supplies. Education is surely one of the strongest tools a community can have.

Another celebration followed on September 11. This was "God's Work Our Hand's Sunday" which expounded upon our Lutheran roots. The Social Ministry Committee provided the service project which was meal bags for the homeless. The entire congregation helped fill the bags, put a Bible verse or word of encouragement in the bag and then stapled them. Everyone was involved! Later the bags were delivered to the Corner Table Soup Kitchen.

Social Ministry cont.

In addition, we conducted our Coat Drive for the homeless during October and November. They were taken to the HICKORY SOUP KITCHEN. Also, 50 toboggans were crocheted by a member of our committee and dropped off at the HICKORY SOUP KITCHEN and THE CORNER TABLE Soup Kitchen.

Lastly, the NOISY OFFERING total was \$372.65. The Senior Youth selected the animals in support of ELCA EFFORT TO FIGHT HUNGER.

SEVERAL BIG THANK YOUS ARE IN ORDER: Thanks to the congregation for your donations, time spent and your never-ending support. Thanks to Thrivent for the gracious grants given.

Blessings,
Rita Lutz



TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 2022

2022 became the year of the sound system. Our old sound system was finally replaced with a new state of the art system thanks to a funding campaign by the Finance Committee. With the new system we are able to offer many options for our music and worship programs while enhancing the worship experience in the church building and online.

The old PA system was sold and funds were used to add microphones and a sound board to the sound tower we purchased while doing outdoor services. This portable system can now be used throughout the church building for events.

Societal changes and COVID 19 concerns continue to have major impact on our worship experience at Sardis. The Technology Committee has worked diligently to keep our members connected. We have provided an online worship experience to our members at every service offered in the sanctuary by the church. We have discontinued recording services to DVDs as all services are available online.

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 and information to our members while keeping them safe.

Submitted,

Terry Bledsoe

Terry Bledsoe	terrybledsoe@charter.net
Jane Moretz	jmoretz@charter.net
Ben Whitener-Chair	bgwhiten@gmail.com
Zachary Stuart	zach99zman@gmail.com
Joe Biggerstaff	biggerstaffjoe@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.sardislutheran.com>

Face Book: Sardis Lutheran Church

Instagram: sardislutheranchurch

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 everyone does not attend our meetings, we certainly appreciate everything all ladies in our congregation do anytime we ask for help. We tried to complete more projects in 2022 than we have been able to complete in the past two years. We feel we were successful. Following is a list of projects we did complete:

- ✦ Planned and presented Bold Women’s Sunday in February.
- ✦ Collected food for ECCCM in conjunction with the Lenten Season.
- ✦ Planned and carried out our first Mother’s Day Cake Tasting event.
- ✦ Planned and served a Continental Breakfast for the Men on Father’s Day.
- ✦ Planned and served a meal for the Foard Football Team before a game.
- ✦ Carried out Golden Age Banquet for our members with it being catered by Norman’s Café.
- ✦ Decorated our new Christmas Tree with Chrismons.
- ✦ Planned and served refreshments after the Christmas Play.
- ✦ Purchased Christmas gifts for a needy family in our community.
- ✦ Continued serving sandwich trays and fixings to our bereaved families.
- ✦ Continued with our Saturday Meal Delivery.

Again, we appreciate the support we get from all members of our Congregation. We couldn’t accomplish our projects without you. Together we can fulfill our purpose. Come join us at a meeting. Look for our new meeting time. We would love to have you!

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Covington, Former President Sardis WELCA

WORSHIP AND MUSIC REPORT FOR 2021

Worship and Music Report for 2022

We began the 2022 year with Pastor Bill Hollar, an area retired minister, as our interim pastor. Pastor Hollar agreed to serve Sardis while Pastor Adrienne was on a 3-month sabbatical. Pastor Hollar and our music director, Frank Griffin, planned and led our Sunday morning 10:30 worship services as well as several special services.

Following the Ash Wednesday service on March 2nd, we participated in a Sunday night Lenten service rotation with Beth Eden, Old St. Paul's, and St. Paul's Startown. Pastor Adrienne returned to us for the 5th Lenten Service on April 3. During Holy Week Pastor Adrienne and Frank led us in a commemoration of the Passover on Maundy Thursday. The service/meal was held in the fellowship hall. Our traditional Easter Sunrise service and breakfast were held on April 4th. On the Sunday following Easter Sunday Pastor Adrienne introduced us to "Holy Humor Sunday". This new to us celebration was a delightful service with scripture readings, hymns, and festive decorations all focused on Joy. In June we celebrated Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sundays.

In August we gave thanks for Pastor Adrienne's 6th anniversary of her ordination. In September we invited Susan Harris, who is a Lay Pastor and in training to be a Synodically Authorized Minister, to be our guest pastor for Homecoming. We all enjoyed her message and history of Sardis and our connections with neighboring congregations. Following our Homecoming lunch, we participated in a God's Work Our Hands activity by packing kits for area Homeless. Also, in September, our music director Frank Griffin began rehearsals for our Children's Choir (K-5). Our services have been enhanced numerous times already by their music.

In October our 5th graders attended First Communion classes and were recognized on Reformation. Sardis hosted the community Thanksgiving Eve this year with a soup and sandwich meal in the fellowship hall followed by a service in the sanctuary. The first Sunday of December we were thrilled to welcome back Pastor Anna and Doug Merritt. They were welcomed with a coffee hour at 9:30 followed by the worship service with the message given by Pastor Anna. With this service we were able to honor our final woman pastor and complete our celebration of 50 years of ordained women pastors in the ELCA.

During Advent Pastor Adrienne and Frank planned and led 3 Thursday evening Holden Evening Prayer services. This year our traditional 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service was on Saturday night followed the next morning by Christmas Day worship. As Christmas fell on Sunday this year no Sunday School was held.

We thank God for sending us Pastor Adrienne and Frank Griffin. We pray for them daily as they so faithfully tend to our congregation.

Blessings,
Becky Gladden, chairperson

YOUTH MINISTRY

The first three months of the year I was at Holy Trinity in Hickory learning about youth groups and helping them out during a transition time. When Pastor Adrienne came back from her sabbatical the youth committee formerly ANGELS for Christ committee got busy planning a Fall Festival and for our youth groups to start. We met several times and worked on ways to get the word out about youth activities at our church to the local schools. We can now send announcements through Parent Square. Many thanks to the people who got that set up. We started meetings for middle and high school groups together in the fall, had a fall festival, and worked at getting to know each other. After much thought and consideration and more people wanting to be involved in middle school youth but didn't want the groups mixed with high school we did some restructuring. We took a break in December and as I write this we are planning on kicking things back up again. I have been doing some reaching out to area congregations about partnering up to do some activities in 2023. We had a lock-in in the fall and the kids have told me that they want to do that again. So plans for that will be coming in the spring after the temperatures warm back up. We also started putting out a monthly newsletter for everyone to keep up with the youth activities. We have a lot of things in the works for the coming year...stay tuned.

Respectfully submitted
Robin Stuart
Chairperson and youth leader

Youth Christian Education 2022 Highlights

Easter Egg Hunt returned for 2022. The youth had a blast finding eggs, dying eggs and playing games.

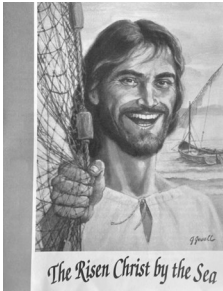
"Jerusalem Marketplace" VBS was held at Zion Lutheran. Sardis, along with Grace, Wesley Chapel and Plateau joined together for the community VBS. The event was well attended, the gym at Zion was transformed into a real life marketplace with pottery, basket weaving, carving, jewelry making, and more

Youth Sunday School has been blessed with several new teachers and assistances this fall. Their time and talents have been a great asset to our youth.

The Christmas Window play was a great production by our youth. They did a great job sharing the true meaning of Christmas.

Respectfully submitted
April Fulbright

Easter Sunday



HUMOR SUNDAY



Homecoming Sunday



God's Work
our Hands





Fall Festival



Feed FTF FB Team



Sardis Shepherd's



Youth Christmas Play



