



ST Luke's Lutheran Church Albury

BOOK OF REPORTS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

30th April 2023

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To Members of St Luke's Lutheran Church Congregation

The Annual General Meeting of St Luke's Congregation will be held on Sunday morning April 30th 2023 at 11.00am following the service at 9.30am.

St Luke's Church Council urges all St Luke's members to be in attendance at this important meeting and to take an active part in the running of church affairs.

Attached is a copy of the AGM Meeting minutes held on 27th March 2022 and reports for meeting. Please read and bring these documents along to the meeting.

Lynne Cox

Chairperson

St Luke's Lutheran Church Albury NSW

Agenda

30th April 2023

1. Welcome and Opening Devotion – Pastor Will Frost
2. Roll Call and Apologies
3. **Adoption of minutes from previous AGM held on March 27th 2022**

Passed:

Seconded:

Business Arising from these Minutes

Amended MOU between St Luke's Lutheran Church, Albury, St John's Jindera Church Plant and LCA NSW and ACT District which was signed on 19th October 2022. Peter Reed is being mentored by Pastor Will Frost. MOU will be reviewed when Peter Reed moves to 5 days per week at St John's which commenced at Easter 2023.

Call Committee: This group nominated and established at 2022 AGM have met on a regular basis and in 2022 two ministers were

called to St Luke's and both declined their Call. It is planned to have the next Congregation Call Meeting on May 2023 when the Call Committee plan to present three names to the congregation for consideration.

Corrective Services: Currently we have a female who is coming to St Luke's each Thursday from 10 am until 2pm. There are currently 9 people authorised to supervise but more are needed as some of these people will be away on holidays during the next few months. Usually one person supervises from 10am until 12 and then another from 12 until 2pm.

4. **Incoming correspondence**

Amended MOU

Letter from Bishop Robert re Pastor Frost's employment position

Letter from Bishop Robert re Ministry and sacrament permission for

Peter Reed and John McClelland for a period of 12 months

5. **Outgoing correspondence**

6. **Pastor's Report – Pastor Will Frost.**

As per book of reports

Passed:

Seconded:

7. **Music/Tech/St John's Report – Peter Reed**

As per book of reports

Passed:

Seconded:

8. **Church Council Chairperson's Report – Lynne Cox**

As per book of reports

Passed:
Seconded:

9. **Church Council Treasurer's Report – Terry Caldwell**
As per book of reports

Passed:
Seconded:

10. **Pastoral Carers Report**
As per book of reports

Passed:
Seconded:

11. **Property Report – Robert Schulz**
As per book of reports

Passed:
Seconded:

12. **Ladies Fellowship Report**
As per book of reports

Passed:
Seconded:

13. **Elections**

Call Committee

Nominations as follows

- Leigh Caldwell (Chair)
- Lynne Cox

- John McClelland
- Colleen McRae
- Maureen Timms (St Peter's)
- Dianna Semmler(St Peter's)

Passed:

Seconded:

Church Council

Nominations as follows

- Chair: Lynne Cox
- Vice Chair: Noel Frohling
- Secretary: Christine Essex
- Treasurer: Terry Caldwell
- Pastoral Carer 1: Dorothy Dunkerton
- Pastoral Carer 2: Verna McGrath
- Property Officer: Robert Schulz

Passed:

Seconded:

14. **New Business**

- Memorandum of Understanding between St Luke's Lutheran Church Albury and St Peter's Lutheran Church Lavington. Explanation of what is proposed in this document.
Service Times for both congregations will be discussed and ideas to be put forward for discussion between the two church councils.
- Child Safety Plan that was lodged with LCA in Dec 2022
- St Luke's Organisational Statistics document which was lodged online with LCA in March 2023

15. Meeting Close: Prayer – Lynne Cox

** Note: One copy of minutes and agenda per family, please bring to meeting
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St Luke's Lutheran Church Albury

AGM Minutes: 27th March 2022

Attendees: Refer to attendance sheet

Apologies: Petra Reynolds, Robert Schulz, Christine Essex, Scott Friedrich, Olive Severin, Dulcie Schmidt, Colleen McRae, Fiona Schulz (& family)

Meeting Opened: 11:12am by Pastor Malcolm in prayer Meeting Chair (Terry Caldwell) acknowledges we have enough for a quorum as per the constitution.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 10TH NOVEMBER 2019

Some talk of incorporation at last meeting, otherwise everything addressed. No comments from the floor.

Passed: Leigh Caldwell

Seconded: Lynne Cox

BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Nil.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter received from Ruth Fritsch and family regarding the farewell of Elmore.

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Mal:

As per Book of Reports.

No questions from the floor.

Passed: Myrna Frohling

Seconded: Keith Kilo

MUSIC/TECH/LIVESTREAM/ST JOHN'S REPORT – Peter:

As per Book of Reports and PowerPoint presentation (refer to printed copy of presentation slides).

Peter reinforced a huge thank you to the volunteers in the tech and music space. No questions from the floor.

Chair: Exciting what's happening at St John's. Feedback from the Bothe's regarding how well Pastor Mal supported the school community following the tragic death of a student last year. Also, many positive comments have been received regarding Peter & Bronwyn's impact at the school. MoU needs to be resolved – hopefully the partnership moves forward harmoniously. Treasurer expressed concern over the amount of money requested for the tech budget. It is hoped the St Luke's congregation is supportive of creating an equipment fund, as the general budget will likely not be able to cover the expense. St John's to fund part of Peter's salary – numbers do not equate at present, to be resolved shortly.

Passed: John McClelland

Seconded: John O'Brien

ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR'S REPORT – Bron:

As per Book of Reports.

No questions from the floor.

Chair: Shared that Bron is a wonderful addition to the team.

Passed: Edna Galvin

Seconded: Ruth Blaess

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/EXIT STATEMENT – Paul:

As per Book of Reports.

Paul acknowledged everything that happened during his time as Chairperson and the difficulties of the role. St Luke's appreciates everything Paul has done.

Vote of thanks has been put forward by Myrna Frohling seconded by Dorothy Dunkerton.

No questions from the floor.

Passed: Edna Galvin

Seconded: Noel Frohling

CHURCH COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT – Terry:

As per Book of Reports & PowerPoint presentation (refer to printed copy of presentation slides).

If we want the work of the church to continue, we need to support it financially as a congregation:

- 2 main parts of financial contribution are the offering and the lease of 440 Guinea Street. Need to fund \$126,000 just for salaries – support coming from St John's (Peter) and District Funds (Bron - MoU). Exercise class (hiring the hall) boosts income and gratitude extended to the Government for supplying JobKeeper and business support funds
- Interest rates are down
- Trading table income has allowed us to send money to support ALWS and some more local causes but has been impacted by Covid
- Christmas action appeal funds have decreased dramatically – impact of Covid <https://netorgft8325810->
- Incoming AV funds from the District funded most of the service streaming costs
- Malcolm's district funding has ceased
- No income from Frontier (no incoming course fees)
- Church cleaning has been a big expense – to consider cleaning roster?
- Big printer in the office was on its last legs and we've acquired 2 new printers (convenience). Big printing jobs are done at OfficeWorks (funeral programs etc)
- Commercial lease has been of benefit (as opposed to domestic lease) as rates etc are all paid by the tenant. We are paying agent fees and there was some expense to get it ready to rent out
- Conference expenses increasing now with conferences happening again (post covid)
- Intention to get property up to scratch post selling of Macauley Street – these expenses should decrease now
- Fire check and testing and tagging is a large expense, but it has to be done – legal requirement
- Online giving is encouraged due to the expense of the offering envelopes and less work for volunteers (counting money etc)
- Each year \$10,000 paid to the District
- Deficit \$20,000 first year of covid, deficit \$60,000 last year – should get over \$20,000 back for Bron's wages
- Need to buy some banners
- \$358,600 from Macauley street sale has been used for improvements to the hall and manse (new roof - \$36,000). Guinea street set up and no rent income prompted \$53,00 transfer to the general account. \$27,000 was spent on music and sound (licences etc). Recruiting music director cost \$8,000 (chiefly travel

and accommodation). \$160,000 spent since 2019 on salary and related expenses.

- Peter's contract was extended to June 2022 – we all want Peter and other staff here, so we need to do our best to make sure we can make it happen
- Tech and streaming made such a big difference during the pandemic – it's been very good to keep the congregation able to access church services during the height of Covid
- No budget has been completed for this current year as the biggest item is salaries and we don't know exactly what is happening with the church in the call process, nothing is finalised for Bron from the District, nothing has been received from St John's regarding Peter's salary Questions from the floor:
- Can you please clarify what the MoU is and how it affects Bron's funding? Terry explained the MoU is a Memorandum of Understanding between the stakeholders involved in the proposed Jindera church plant (St Luke's, St John's and the Burrum Parish). Once the document has been passed by all parties, the District will reimburse all of Bron's salary (currently being paid out of St Luke's funds)
- Are there any bequeathed funds left or has it all been spent? The most recent bequest (Trevor Klein) has been spent and covered in previous reports, which are available for viewing if anyone wishes to review
- When we call a full-time pastor, will the wages expense increase? Would the wage structure be higher? To date, we've been better off, Malcolm's salary has been coming from the transfer fund (& not ordained yet) – the church is officially in vacancy with Malcolm as the Pastor. Initially, while we are calling, the District will be paying 50% of Malcolm's salary. It will cost more to have a full-time pastor. St Luke's can afford 1.5 salaries.

Passed: Noel Frohling

Seconded: Neville Lowe

PASTORAL CARE REPORT – Dorothy:

As per Book of Reports.

Pastoral Care Team members:

- Dorothy Dunkerton
- Verna McGrath
- Olive Severin
- John McClelland
- Helen Diffey
- Colin Parry

Thank you to Dorothy for leading this group and commendations extended to the group for all the positive feedback the church receives about their service. No questions from the floor.

Passed: Pat O'Brien

Seconded: John McGrath

PROPERTY REPORT – Dalise:

As per supplied report (submitted late, so not included in Book of Reports).

Dalise has resigned from her position.

Thank you extended to Dalise for all of her hard work.

No questions from the floor.

Passed: Gill Bahr

Seconded: Ian Bahr

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP REPORT - Myrna:

As per Book of Reports.

There are no executive officers at present – just a fellowship group.

No questions from the floor.

Passed: John McClelland

Seconded: Myrna Frohling

LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP REPORT - Helen:

As per Book of Reports.

Executives:

Helen Diffey: President

Dorothy Dunkerton: Vice President

Carolyn Kiss: Secretary

Wendy McLoughlin: Treasurer

Passed: Lynne Cox

Seconded: Carolyn Lowe

ELECTIONS:

CALL COMMITTEE

Nominations as follows:

- Leigh Caldwell (Chair)
- Lynne Cox
- John McClelland
- Colleen McRae
- Kerrie Kohlhagen

All nominations accepted.

No comments from the floor.

Passed: Haydn Blaess

Seconded: Elaine Wolter

CHURCH COUNCIL

Nominations as follows:

- Chair: Lynne Cox
- Vice-Chair: Noel Frohling
- Secretary: Christine Essex
- Treasurer: Terry Caldwell
- Pastoral Carer 1: Dorothy Dunkerton
- Pastoral Carer 2: Verna McGrath
- Property Officer: Robert Schulz

All nominations accepted. No comments from the floor.

Passed: Haydn Blaess

Seconded: Edna Galvin

New Business:

- Establishment of a call committee – as per elections section above
- Recruitment of Church Council members including new Chairperson – as per election section above
- Rite to be completed for Noel and new recruits to Church Council – during a worship service
- Flower fund – Treasurer is prepared to put a separate bank account aside for fellowship and craft groups to be able to assist with the flowers. Mother's Day stall is planned at the end of April to help with fundraising. We will also have a

retiring offering to get it started – there has not been a retiring offering for some time. It is a difficult task to continue having fresh flowers. Most of the time we will have silk flower arrangements. Funds will be available for special events etc where fresh flowers are preferred. Those who wish to contribute creatively can access the flower fund. **Can consider equipment fund/offering after flowers have been addressed.**

Sandra: ladies in the congregation who are happy to do some flower arranging, please give your name to Sandra or Leigh

• **Volunteers to help with the mowing please – corrective service are not able to be relied upon – thank you John McGrath for volunteering. Colin Parry happy to volunteer for mowing. Still needs to be maintained during winter**

• Letter of thanks – not actioned

• **Lynne:** The Church Council members elected today are going to make a great team. Acknowledgment of the contributions of Celia Hall, Paul Scholz & Dalise Scholz, who have all resigned from council since the last AGM. There are lots of things to look at immediately: MoU, Constitution updates, CC is the governing body and all decisions need to be ratified by the congregation. Highlighted the importance of the constitution and keeping it relevant. Constitutions should be reviewed on a regular basis – ours is overdue for an update. Lynne will be putting out a list of names and contact details. Lynne will be asking the congregation if there are any problems within the church. Need to increase communication with congregation. Ensure CC is transparent and communicating everything all the time. Congregation is to be part of the decision-making process.

Next Meeting: TBC

Meeting closed: 12:25pm in prayer by Lynne Cox

Pastor's Report – AGM, St. Luke's 2023

by Will Frost

I have been an Interim Pastor—called to the District and made available by it—at St. Luke's since January 2023. The following report reflects my involvement in the ministry here over the last three months.

Ministry team: It is proving to be a joy working with Peter Reed and John McClelland. I am learning much from them. We meet every Thursday morning to plan for Sunday services and discuss spiritual, missional, and pastoral issues in the congregation.

The Office: We should express gratitude for the effort put in by all those involved with the office administration of the congregation. They are an important cog in our pastoral support offered to St. Luke's. Please keep them in your prayers. I am particularly grateful for Nikki Spaans our new administration officer and look forward to working with her.

Church Services: We have a sufficiency of musicians/singers in the congregation, but of course more would be even better. I feel that we have a good blend of contemporary and traditional forms of worship in our Sunday services. I must express gratitude to those who assist with our services. You are doing the work of the Holy Spirit. Lent was a fulfilling time for both myself and the congregations of St. Luke's and St. Peter's. The midweek Lenten services were focused on the love-virtues of Christ and were well received by those that attended them. It was also a pleasure working with Pastor Peter Fuhlbohm in preparing for the devotions. Holy Week was a blessed experience.

Pastoral care group: We hold monthly meetings to reflect on the basic pastoral needs of St. Luke's members. I have been doing home and aged care visits with members of our pastoral care group. This has allowed me to get to know those with special needs. I would like to spend more time visiting the general membership, “fringe members”, and “frequent visitors” over the next few months.

Funeral: I held the funeral service for Geoff Scholz in February at Alma Park.

Baptisms: the baptism of Lukas Sakkas on Palm Sunday was a joy. I will hold a double baptism for Nora and Ryker Everett on 29 April.

Bible studies: I assist with studies for the evening ladies guild meetings, as well as the ladies afternoon fellowship group. The theme of the studies is the fruits of the love of God.

St. Johns School: I provide pastoral and theological support to Peter Reed, our church planter at St. Johns. I am also learning much from him in this regard. I feel that this church plant is an important missional opportunity for Lutheranism in the Riverina. We should therefore continue to actively support Peter as much as we can.

Christian education: we have thus far not received any confirmees. I believe that some form of Christian education is important for congregational life, and am thus thinking of holding an introductory/refresher course on Luther's Small Catechism for whoever would like to attend.

Men's fellowship group: We meet once a month for a chat and brekkie at the Commercial club. I am in the process of thinking through themes for the chats for this year.

St. Peter's: I will provide the necessary spiritual, theological, and pastoral support as we discern the nature of our working relationship with St. Peter's over the forthcoming months.

Upcoming: Ministry and Mission Conference in June and Pastor's Conference October.

Personal: I receive professional psychological support for my own self-care and healing after a marriage breakup. My children visit me every fortnight for a weekend. My PhD thesis is nearing completing with all three examiners agreeing "Pass with minor revisions for the intent to publish."

Challenges and opportunities:

- The congregation needs to think about how to establish an active children's ministry.
- Some thought needs to be put into a "young people" ministry.

- Continuing with our child-safe policies and procedures.
- Waiting for a pastor to accept a call.
- Forming relationships with the community (groups, organizations, and so on).
- I have noticed a few new faces at our Sunday services. Let us get to know these people.
- St. Luke's is an active congregation: people are genuinely involved in the life of their congregation. It also seems to me that people are open to exploring new ideas for church life. There is a good culture here. Having said so, I believe that it is important to target our resources and energy towards activities that are sustainable and creative.
- The challenges of the last three years. How are people travelling in light of those experiences?

Music, Tech, and St John's Church Plant Report

This will likely be my last official report at a St Luke's AGM. I have loved being a part of this community, and have really enjoyed working in a congregation that shows so much love for one another.

On Easter Sunday I officially started working full time as a Church Planter in Jindera. As part of that role, I am acting as a Chaplain at St John's School, providing Pastoral Care and Spiritual Support for the students, staff, and parents. With a group of volunteers from the school and wider Jindera community, I have started running Friday evening Kids Church services twice a term. The three we've run so far have been very successful, and I'd like to thank God for the amazing volunteers who He's brought together to help, including various St Luke's members!

As my new role doesn't currently include Sunday services, I plan on spending Sunday mornings visiting various Lutheran churches in the area. I hope to still spend at least 1 Sunday a month with you all. I will also be continuing to meet weekly with Pastor Will and John McClelland to pray together and support each other in ministry. If you see me around the grounds, be sure to say hi! This last year has been a time of upheaval in the music and tech spaces. The sudden departure of previous employees meant we no longer had enough volunteers for either our tech and music spaces to continue to operate in the same way. This meant that a few of our services have had pre-recorded music, and we had to stop livestreaming/recording services. However, the camera system remains installed and operational, and could be utilised in the future. As St Luke's discusses its possible shared future with St Peter's, one possible option would be to stream occasional services from St Luke's to St Peter's, to lessen the service load on the new Pastor.

I'd like to thank Leigh and Heather who have both gone above and beyond to make sure as many services as possible have had live music. Leigh and John Mac have both learnt to run some of our projection and administration software to help lessen the load on me while we didn't have a Pastor or admin personnel. I'd also like to thank Lucas, who has pretty much taken over my role as tech manager in the church. Thanks also goes to all the wonderful musicians, singers, and tech volunteers that St Luke's is blessed to have.

Thank you all for being a wonderful congregation to work for. I am excited to see what God has in store for you in the future.

Peter Reed

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS

Chairperson's Report 20th April 2023

Hope. What is it? It is a condition of the human spirit, a longing we hold within, a sense that things will work out, a confidence that the difficulties will end, a decision that we make to continue toward a goal. Hope is often something that wells naturally within us. But sometimes hope can be tested. Perhaps the recent pandemic has tested our sense of hope. Hope becomes something we may need to work on. Hope is what keeps us going. It gives us strength to continue when things are not going well. It sustains us when we are suffering and renews us when we are exhausted with situations, we have no control over.

Hope is generated in prayer, in reflection and conversation with God. Prayer provides an opportunity to reflect on the path of our congregation and the vision of God walking that path with us. In prayer we sense again the presence of a loving God, sustaining us and generating hope in our hearts.

During the last twelve months there have been some difficult times at St Luke's but in these times, God has given us hope and filled us with courage.

We are so blessed at St Luke's to have a congregation of members who come together each Sunday for services and at lots of other times during the week for fellowship, prayer and recreation activities because we enjoy each other's company. We look after each other, care for each other and pray for each other. Our love of God has brought us together and we continue to grow together in our faith.

During the vacancy at St Luke's many congregation members have stepped up to fill roles so that we have had continuity of services. John McClelland and Peter Reed were authorised by Bishop Bartholomeaus for sacrament and ministry and have skilfully served our congregation in presenting services. We thank John in particular, for serving us in this role and providing us with inspiring and interesting sermons.

Ian Bahr has taken Lay Reading services and other retired ministers Hayden Blaess, Ernie Kiss and Garry Kenny have also made themselves available to take services.

In October 2022 Bishop Bartholomaeus asked retired minister, Pastor Dennis Obst to spend some time taking services at St Luke's. Dennis was with us most weeks until Christmas taking services, visiting members and offering counselling and advice.

I would like to thank members of Church Council who have assisted me during the year Noel Frohling: Deputy Chair, Terry Caldwell: Treasurer, Christine Essex: Secretary, Dorothy Dunkerton and Verna McGrath: Pastoral Carers, Robert Schulz: Property Maintenance. Thanks also to Peter Reed, our Tech and Music support person.

Nikki Spaans recently commenced work as our administration support person one day per week. Nikki is learning quickly and has settled into the role comfortably. Over the next few months, you might be contacted by Nikki to update your membership details. Working With Children Check or safe Church Training details.

In mid-January Pastor Will Frost commenced at St Luke's in a relieving role as our minister until such time as a permanent minister accepts a Call to St Luke's, which hopefully will be during 2023. Pastor Frost is living in a property we have rented for our manse. He has been welcomed by congregation members and has given us some inspiring sermons to reflect upon.

The Woman's Fellowship Groups both evening and afternoon groups and Craft Group have all continued the activities they have organized to bring together members of the congregation in the name of Christ. The fellowship developed within these groups reflects their commitment to the congregation and love of our saviour Jesus Christ.

The Pastoral Carers have offered great support to members who have been sick, those who find it difficult to come to church because of mobility and members who reside in nursing homes in Albury. They have not been able to offer communion in the home. They also have assisted with delivering communion during our church services. Thank you to this team of dedicated members who unselfishly give their time to others.

The music group and organists have led our worship in music and singing each Sunday. This small group of dedicated members gladly offer their services in this area and give their time to practice each week to ensure we are familiar with the music and songs to be used each week. Thank you for your

contributions and musical talents that have assisted in highlighting our ministry and congregational life each week.

Each Thursday morning a group meet for prayer led by Ruth Grulke. This group have been praying for members and our future.

Each week there are visual presentations that appear on the overhead screen. This takes time to coordinate and prepare. Thank you to the small band of members who put this together each week.

There is another group of members who give their time to regularly supervise correctional services people to complete the mowing of lawns, sweeping and blowing leaves and make the areas around our buildings very welcoming each week. Thank you for completing this very important task that you do so well.

Over the next twelve months we will be working with Peter Reed, St John's school Chaplain on planting a new church group at the school supporting him in this role where we are able to. So there are exciting times ahead for us. We thank God that he has answered our prayers and through prayer we will continue to be able to grow our ministeries.

Faithfully submitted

Lynne Cox, Chairman

Property Report-

Robert Schulz

Repairs

At the start of the financial year minor termite damage was attended to in St Luke's Office with some skirting boards requiring repairs.

Other structural repairs concerned the sliding doors of the church and of the hall.

Correctional Services update

St Lukes currently hosts and supervises offenders under community orders. A lot of work does get done (but can be variable) around the church and this is quite evident. This can only happen if St Luke's provides the supervisors. I would like to thank the following supervisors – Colin Parry

- Colin Parry
- Neville Lowe
- John McGrath
- Ian Bahr
- Leigh Caldwell
- Carmel Khan
- ..and a big thankyou to Lynne Cox and Terry Caldwell for the continued organization of this endeavor

Contributions to property and Maintenance

Many thanks to Joyce Lauritzen and son Mathew Lauritzen for the straw much of which St Luke's garden has benefited

Sound Equipment

The previous sound desk did not quite meet the current needs of congregation. To this end a replacement sound desk was sourced and the previous sound desk was sold. This sound desk was then moved downstairs at the back of the church. Many thanks to Peter for organising this.

Garage cleanout

A number of items no longer used by St Luke's were placed in the garage...waiting for something to happen. In the end church council decided to sell items that were of no value to St Luke's. Some of these items including misting fans and heaters. Many thanks to Lynne Cox and Leigh Cardwell for organising.

Cleaners

Paul Morgan from McKenmore Cleaning is now employed as the cleaner for St Luke's as from January 2023. Thanks to Paul for sorting out some of the messier cleaning jobs

Security

The toilets now have locks due to messes being created during the week.

PASTORAL CARE REPORT

Greetings from your pastoral carers who meet monthly with our Pastor.

We benefitted from a Zoom Meeting with the Bishop last May where guidelines for supporting our parishioners through a time of turmoil were discussed. The Bishop encouraged us to turn & face the issues, PRAY & LISTEN.

Pastor Dennis Obst from Canberra was with us for two weeks per month from the first week in September through to mid-December.

He made a point of visiting so many parishioners who felt at peace through his wise counsel & we thank him for that.

John McClellan, Peter Reed & Pastor Haydon Blaess also conducted services, giving generously of their time so that all services were covered.

Home Communion continues to be offered monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month. Currently we are visiting two care homes as well as several people in their own homes.

Five children were brought into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism last year. Please pray for their families as they journey through life.

Confirmation in April went well. Six young people were welcomed into the faith, taking on their Baptismal promises themselves.

In 2022 we farewelled six of our dear members & offer our loving sympathy to their families. Not all services were held at St Luke's.

Although not under the umbrella of Pastoral Care we wish to acknowledge the contribution St Luke's folk make to the wider community of Albury by way of Meals on Wheels. We provide drivers with helpers. Every six weeks, two cars deliver meals five days a week. Thankyou to those folk who give of their time & especially to our co-ordinator Wendy McLaughlin. More volunteers are always welcome.

In January we happily welcomed Pastor Will Frost into our midst and have enjoyed getting to know him. Please ask if you would like a visit from him.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Caldwell

ST LUKE'S RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FEBRUARY 25 2023			
	Recent	Previous	
	26/2/22- 25/2/23	26/2/21- 25/2/22	Notes
RECEIPTS			
OFFERINGS & DONATIONS	87,939	104,820	Significantly less. Vacancy and COVID. Average attendance 35 during 2022. Now back over 50.
Lease - SLH 440 Guinea St	21,541	20,794	Income from lease used to rent manse, within 638M account.
Church use - Donations	0	500	Funeral
Hall Hire	1,640	1,785	Just exercise classes now.
Hall/Office Use - Donation	0	250	Tutor discontinued.
Garage Sales	900	500	
Return & Earn	104	0	
Government COVID Assistance	0	43,366	Now none.
Interest	90	1,580	Less invested. Lower rate.
LLL - Interest Free Grant	14	639	Depositors earmark SL for interest. Decrease: Very low interest rates.
Donations-Trading Table	2,672	3,309	Decrease - COVID. Improved lately.
Donations - ALWS (incl Christmas)	320	130	Slightly improved Christmas appeal.
LCANSW Grant - BG employment	61,893	0	LCANSW paid for BG's costs.
LCANSW Church Planter/Interim Leader Grant	0	14,084	Ceased.
Donations/Grants to Earmark - Flower Fund	640	0	Available for flowers.
Donations/Grants to Earmark - Ladies Guild	289	0	Held for Ladies Guild
Donations/Grants to Earmark - Drought/Fire/Flood	280	0	Forwarded.
St John's Plant Income (includes LCANSW)	14,327	0	LCACNSW: \$4,475 yet to be paid for January and \$5175 for February.
TOTAL RECEIPTS	192,649	191,757	

PAYMENTS			NB: Salaries for next period are unpredictable, depending on call, so no 2023 budget.
Payroll - LCA HRS - Processing Fees	798	781	
Payroll - MH (incl Transfer Fund, Tax, Super, FB, Travel, LSL, Job Keeper, Workers Comp)	-4,056	25,002	Ceased. Includes Termination. Also Transfer Fund refunded some MH tax already paid by St Luke's.
LCA Transfer Fund	40,577	50,709	Transfer was paying MH in vacancy. Current: SL paying Transfer Fund 50% of Pastor Salary & Travel. Transfer Fund now pays Interim Pastor (WF)
Payroll - TE	0	-791	Refund TE's LSL in previous period. PR now paid 80% for St John's Plant (reimbursed by LCANSW) and 20% for St Luke's. LCANSW not yet paid for January (\$4,475) and February (\$5175). Full time with SJP from Easter.
Payroll - PR (includes Tax, Super, FB, Travel, LSL, Job Keeper, Workers Comp)	77,253	73,755	
Payroll - BG (includes Tax, Super, FB, LSL, Workers Comp)	41,566	19,184	Reimbursed by District (see above)
Workers Comp - Pastor	450	0	Paid in anticipation of called pastor.
LCA Pensions & Providence Fund	4,500	4,968	Pastors: LSL, Retirement
Locum/Interim Pastor Accommodation & Travel	262	0	
Advertising & Interviewing - Admin person	1,424	0	Outsourced interviewing. Changed contractor very recently. Monthly cost is now less.
Cleaning Contract	8,498	7,990	
Cleaning - Supplies	159	91	
IT (Accounting, Internet, Office 365, Web hosting, Pro-Presenter, Anti-Virus, Planning Center)	3,519	2,948	Added Pro-Presenter, Planning Center and Trend Anti-Virus.
Optus Phone & Messaging	458	407	
Rental & Preparation Tarakan Av (includes bond)	8,231	0	Leased for Interim Pastor. St Luke's has paid for Interim Pastor's gas. Electricity bill due in March.
Electricity & Gas - Tarakan Avenue	49	0	
Electricity & Gas - 432 Guinea St	4,064	4,007	
Electricity & Gas - 436 Guinea St	766	732	
Electricity & Gas - Gas (Elgas) - Hall	50	50	Annual fill fee.
Insurance-Bldg & Cont(GST Free)	7,361	4,829	Lessee pays for 440G insurance.
Office Supplies (GST) including postage	214	623	
Printer/Copier Contract&Service	1,518	1,310	Included colour printing for bulletins
Printing - external (colour funeral service orders)	0	239	Colour printing for funeral at Officeworks.
Rates & Water - 432 Guinea St	584	559	
Rates & Water - 436 Guinea St	1,524	8,095	
Rates & Water - 440 Guinea St	0	217	Lessee now pays this.
Conferences/Courses - Lay & Pr	8,095	507	Employee at conferences after COVID
Honorarium - service leader	600	0	
Synod Expenses	965	620	NSW & National. Includes Primary Schools SRE. Not yet invoiced
Albury Christian Ministry F'ship	0	1,020	Committed mthly \$80 contribution.
Generate: Secondary Religious Ed	320	0	
Reprs&Maint-Church,Hall,Office	2,126	2,601	
R&M-Manse as offices & teaching	2,528	880	
Fire Equipment & Tests 432&436G	448	923	
Fire Equipment Tests 440G (L)	0	-100	Lessee now pays this.
440G R&M (org by SL)	0	86	Now all organised by agent.
440G R&M (org by agent)	4,819	-1,430	
440G Agent Fees	1,457	3,400	
Music, AV & IT expenses	9,175	9,656	Improving AV capabilities.
Worship - Advertising & Promotion	470	1,160	
Worship - Church Service Requirements	948	934	No more envelopes to be purchased. Over \$1000 to provide envelopes.
Worship - Copyright Regn.& Licences	679	925	Ceased live streaming licence
Flowers	25	0	
Library, Books & Educ.Material	-2	32	Books purchased and sold for more.
Confirmation Expenses	0	241	Payments when there is a class.
Baptism expenses	126	0	
Social Activities / In-church activities	122	53	Advent evening.
District Budget	10,000	10,000	
PNG Birthing Kits	58	0	
LCA Disaster and Welfare Fund	2,000	3,200	Trading Table and retiring offering. Current period included Trading Table and retiring offering.
ALWS Donations (includes Trading Table)	2,070	130	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 246,798	\$ 240,543	
DEFICIT	-\$ 54,150	-\$ 48,787	

St Luke's Evening Fellowship Report

Helen Diffey-President

17/04/23

Our group of twelve members have continued to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, usually in the church office.

We appreciate Pastor Will leading us in Bible study, taken from "The Lutheran Women" magazine, focusing on The Fruits of the Spirit.

Social activities have been limited however members participated in the World Day of Prayer service held at St Matthew's church in early March providing us with the opportunity for social interaction with other Christian women. We look forward to the upcoming LW-NSW/ACT convention to be held at Jindera on 29/04/29 and in June the Southern Zone Fellowship day at Temora.

Members give generously enabling us to continue supporting the LWA projects. A collection for Gifts of Grace at our Christmas get together was generously supported.

The executive would like to thank all members for your support and contributions over the past year.