



Vang Lutheran Church

Annual Report 2022

Sunday, February 5th, 2023

Vang Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

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Agenda

11:00 a.m. Worship Service	
Call to Order	Jim Swiggum, Council President
Opening Prayer	Pastor Paul Graham
2022 Annual Meeting Minutes	Nicole Monroe
President's Report	Jim Sviggum
Pastor's Report	Pastor Paul Graham
SEMN Synod Report	Bishop Regina Hassanally
WELCA Treasure's Report	Kari Flom, WELCA Treasure
Care Team Report	Fern Vesledahl
Creation Care Team	Jen Eggum
Family Ministry Report	Amanda Flom
Sunday School Treasurer Report	Betsy Messner
Stewardship Team Report	Brian Koester
Lutefisk Report	Pam Enfield
Growing Connections Garden Report	Larry Enfield
Financial Secretary Report	Jen Eggum
Treasure's Report	Paul Ramig
Joint Treasure's Report	Betsy Messner
KW Ministry Partnerships	Pastor Paul Graham
Building Committee Report	Rene Koester
Cemetery Memorials/Account	Clyde Eggum
Nominating Committee	Clyde Eggum
2023 Readers, Greeters and Acolytes	
Synod Assembly Delegates	
Old Business:	
New Business:	
Adjournment	The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH YEAR HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A CHALLENGING ONE. WE WILL BE THANKFUL TO RIDE OURSELVES OF THE COVID ERA. VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH IS A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY OF FAITH. THE MANY THINGS THAT ARE DONE AT VANG ARE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE ALL CONTRIBUTE TO VANG AND IT'S OUTREACH.

THE VANG CHURCH BUILDING ITSELF SAW A BIG FACE LIFT THIS SUMMER. ACTIVE WEATHER SYSTEMS FORCED US TO PUT IN CLAIMS TO OUR INSURANCE COMPANY. THE FINAL INSURANCE PAYMENT FOR SHINGLING, PAINTING AND FIXING WAS ABOUT \$82,000. THE CRG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND AL KERN WERE VERY GOOD TO US AND I THINK OUR CHURCH LOOKS FANTASTIC.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN WAS AGAIN A WONDERFUL LABOR OF LOVE. A LOT OF WORK BY A LOT OF PEOPLE! MANY POUNDS OF FOOD WERE TAKEN TO LOCAL FOOD SHELVES.

OUR CHURCH IS ALWAYS DECORATED BEAUTIFULLY! THANK YOU TO THE DECORATING COMMITTEE FOR ALWAYS MAKING THINGS FOR THE DIFFERENT SEASONS. DENISE AND MICHELE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO KEEP THINGS CLEAN AND BRIGHT.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMITTEE PEOPLE, WORSHIP MUSICIANS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO GET THINGS DONE! I WILL NOT MAKE A LIST OF NAMES FOR FEAR OF LEAVING SOMEONE OFF.

ONE BIG HOPE I HAVE IS THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE MORE PEOPLE AT CHURCH SERVICES. WE NEED EACH OTHER TO KEEP VANG A STRONG, VIABLE CHURCH. LIFTING

EACH OTHER UP AND WORSHIPPING TOGETHER MAKES US
BETTER. I HOPE WE WILL SEE MORE YOUNG AND OLD
IN THE Pews!

THANK YOU TO PASTOR PAUL FOR HIS PASTORAL WORK
AND ALL HE DOES TO KEEP US ROLLING. THANK YOU TO
BETSY FOR KEEPING US ORGANIZED AND ON TIME!

WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT LIES AHEAD BUT LET'S
CONTINUE TO BE THE BEACON OF LIGHT THAT SHINES
FOR ALL TO SEE!

Jim Sjöberg
President

The Vang Annual meeting took place on February 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order by the council president, Jim Sviggum. The opening prayer was led by Pastor Paul. Jen Eggum read the Annual Minutes from, 2021.

President's Report:

The president's report was read by Jim Sviggum. Jim took over the role of Council President when Don Kotke resigned from his position when he and Lorna moved north. Jim expressed his concern about the effects that Covid has had on worship and the need to still make sure that we are still able to be active. He thanked the council for all of their hard work. Along with the cemetery board, Care & Creation team, Garden Committee, and Betsey, Nicole, and Denise for all of their hard work throughout the year.

Jim discussed the problems with the steeple and what the next steps would be to assess what needs to be done. He extended a special thank you to Pastor Paul for all of his hard work.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor began by thanking Betsey for all of her great work, and Nicole and others for filming the service every week.

Pastor is looking forward to outreach in 2022 and to be able to serve communion.

The 2022 ELCA youth gathering in Minneapolis was canceled due to the ongoing Corona Virus pandemic. We are awaiting news about any future plans about rescheduling or where and when it will be held next.

SEMN Synod report is included to be read at your convenience.

Kari Flom read the **Welca** report it is included to be read at your convenience.

The **Care Team** report is included to be read at your convenience.

Care Creation Team:

Jen invited anyone who is interested in being part of the team to reach out to herself, Nicole, or Amaya. Jen and Bryan Eggum donated trees again this year and available for both Vang and Dennison parishioners.

Family Ministry report read by Amanda Flom the report is included to be read at your convenience.

Sunday school report read by David Wood the report is included to be read at your convenience.

The **Internship Report** was read by Al and the report is included to be read at your convenience.

The **Stewardship** report was read by Brian Koester. He highlighted that stewardship is more than just donating money rather, the talents that are shared and the time that is donated. The stewardship report is included to be read at your convenience.

The **Lutefisk** report is included to be read at your convenience.

Growing Connections Garden report is included to be read at your convenience.

The **Financial Secretary** report is included to be read at your convenience.

Treasurer's report was read by Paul Ramig. Paul included that the expenses have been "pretty much right on budget". There was a slight increase in the internship program from last year. The Treasurer's report is included to be read at your convenience.

The decision was made to not have an intern next year due to all of the "pastoral changes". Pastor Paul suggested keeping it in the budget.

Lori Ramig made a motion to keep the internship in the budget, and Jen Eggum seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The **Joint Treasurer's** report was read by Betsey. The report is included to be read at your convenience.

Pastor Paul suggested that we should have a coordinator for greeters and readers and acolytes.

The **Building Committee** report was read by Rene Koester. Rene shared that there is a possible grant opportunity from the Partnership for Sacred Places to help with the repairs to the steeple. They had a meeting with River City builders to determine the issues. The Building Committee report is included to be read at your convenience.

Cemetery & Memorials Report was read by Clyde Eggum.

Clyde extended a thank you for all of the donations. The report is included to be read at your convenience.

Big thank you to Larry Flom who donates his time and services plowing the church parking lot.

Big thank you to Vinny Rauk for donating his time and services to mow the lawn at Vang.

Big thank you to Howard Quamme Jr for his time and services to mow the cemetery.

Nominating report:

Church Council (3 years) Vote for three:

1. Steve Schmidt
2. Jennifer Eggum
3. Steve Sviggum

Church Council (2 years) vote for one:

1. Dennis Remme

Memorial Committee (1 year): Vote for five:

1. Kari Flom
2. Denise Olson
3. Nordis Estrem
4. Fern Veseldahl
5. Missy Sviggum

Head Usher (1 year) vote for one:

1. Dick Sviggum

Nominating Committee (1 year) vote for four:

1. Jim Sviggum
2. Rene Koester
3. Phil Maring
4. Clyde Eggum

Fern Veseldahl asked that her name be removed from the memorial committee

The motion to accept was made by Larry Flom, and the motion was seconded by Bryan Eggum. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Synod will be in May and we would like to send two delegates to meet in person. Paul Ramig was suggested by Lori Ramig.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A worship committee will be created this year.

Beverly Sviggum requested that the Apostle Creed be printed in the bulletin. She also requested that the flags be moved back into the Sanctuary and Ken Veseledahl agreed. Pastor Paul spoke about the flags being moved for different reasons and would like to further discuss the topic when the council meets.

Motion made by Paul Ramig to have the Lutefisk dinner in 2022. This motion was seconded by Fern Veseledahl. All were in favor and the motion carries.

Pastor Paul suggested that it would be a good benefit to become a Thrivent Lutheran member. There is a representative in Northfield.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Jen Eggum. The motion was seconded by Lori Ramig. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Nicole Monroe

(The Lord said) "Do you think this is the kind of fast day I'm after: a day to show off humility?

To put on a pious long face and parade around solemnly in black? Do you call that fasting, a fast day that I, God, would like?

This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts.

What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage.

If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out,

Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.

I will always show you where to go. I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places— firm muscles; strong bones.

You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry.

You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past.

You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again. (Isaiah 58)

In vivid imagery, Isaiah points the people towards God's agenda. We need to continually discern what God is up to in this place, and seek to sync up our priorities with those of Jesus. Then, "our light shall break forth," a community like a "gurgling spring that never runs dry."

I would like to thank our staff. Thanks to Betsy Messer for all of her hard work and dedication. Thanks to our janitors, Denise Olson and Nicole Monroe, for keeping the churches looking great. Thanks to those who provide music for worship – Tammy Hanson, Lori Ramig, Todd Thompson, and others who played here last year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. It is a meaningful, challenging, and often times joyful vocation. Thank you for the gift of a sabbatical this summer. It was a time of rest and renewal, and of visiting family, especially my dad as he was on hospice care. We had many good visits together this summer. Thank you for all your kind words when he passed in December. And thank you to Rev. Grant Aaseng for filling in for me this summer.

This summer I took vows as a novice Brother in the Order of Lutheran Franciscans. The Order of Lutheran Franciscans is a religious community seeking to live out spiritual path of St. Francis. This will be a source of on-going spiritual formation for me in both Lutheran theology and Franciscan spirituality.

Highlights from 2022 include:

- Adult faith formation (including Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop, Adult Ed book study on "Jesus Unforsaken," presentations on El Camino Santiago and Franciscan spirituality, and Wednesday Evening adult ed)
- Community events (such as bingo night and blessing of the animals)
- Community Outreach (including establishing "Community Chests" at Vang and Dennison, the frozen meal ministry, the "Growing Connections" Garden, Care Team, training in people to take communion to people's homes, parent's night out)
- New Worship services at Dennison (Songs of My Life, Evening Prayer)
- Cultural Encounters (JustMove led worship in May, A Migrant's Journey joint confirmation event, Border Immersion presentations)
- Christmas Play

As a way to lift up healthy stewardship, I often will highlight something positive our churches have done in the previous week. It is never hard to think of something. Our churches are active and making a difference in Christ's name.

Goals for 2023 include:

- Faith formation opportunities for adults. I hope to begin an on-going Centering Prayer group in February, and adult ed opportunities at the Wednesday community nights.
- Work on ways our local churches can share ministries and resources. Good things happen when we collaborate, and I feel this could be a source of vitality for our churches moving forward.
- Continue Dennison Outreach.
- Begin planning summer a youth/young adult trip for this summer and the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024.
- Continue to seek opportunities to engage and learn about other cultures.

Pastoral Acts: Dennison and Vang Lutheran Parish 2022

Baptisms:

Funerals: Marcia Drew, Harold Fogelson, David Henke, Harland Kasa, Richard Olson, Sandra Olson, Dorothy Pince, Carol Remme.

Weddings:

Confirmations: Kyle Brogger, Henry Hannenberger, Joseph Mills, Kaia Monroe, Kaden Wood

New (Or Renewing) Members: John Annon Svien, Ryan Olson and Shannon Pflaum



Southeastern Minnesota Synod



At our 2022 Synod Assembly, we gathered under the theme *Imagine: Endless Possibilities in God's Grace*. As we live into the future God has for us, we see what we had once only imagined start to take shape in concrete ways.

This year has brought a new way of meeting the needs of congregations in transition as we have explored various models for pastoral ministry. Most prominent among them is what we call a Bridge to Settled model. This new model allows congregations to work with a Bridge pastor (different than an intentionally trained interim) while forming a call committee and engaging in the call process with the understanding that both the pastor and congregation are open to transitioning from the Bridge into a settled call. It is not the right model for every congregation, but it has greatly benefited many.

We have also seen a gentle uptick in individual congregations exploring partnerships of all kinds. Some congregations are forming new joint parishes, others are working together to meld two part-time calls into full-time work for a single candidate, and still others are merging weekly confirmation classes. More and more of our congregations are realizing the profound benefits and joy of collaboration.

It has been fun to walk alongside folks as they lead their congregations into new ways of being the People of God in their community in this time and place.

As 2023 approaches, I remain ever hopeful for all that the Spirit will continue to do in and through us as the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. Looking ahead to our next Synod Assembly, I am excited to announce that we will be joined by Drs. Susan Brower and Matt Bloom. Drs. Brower and Bloom will give us tools to understand our communities as they are presently and as they are projected to be. They will also explore ways congregations can ignite flourishing in the communities to which they are called.

I am excited to continue imagining alongside each of you as we discern what God is doing in our midst and calling us to do. What a wonderful time to be the church together for the sake of the world.

In Christ,

Rev. Regina Hassanally

Bishop Regina Hassanally



VANG WELCA 2022

		Checking			
Starting Balance				12/23 Lorch Funeral	\$75.00
#3016 1/21	J. Page 2020 Letise 15doz	\$165.00	<u>\$338.89</u>	12/23 Meatball Sales	<u>\$168.00</u>
TXF 1/22	N.Estreem 2020 Rosettes	\$80.00			
#3017 4/5	B.Svigum Easter Family	\$100.00		Ending Balance	\$1,340.89
	4/7 Transfer from Savings		\$500.00		
	5/24 Donation		\$140.00		
#3018 7/15	World Day of Prayer	\$15.00			
	8/25 Beets - Sold		\$12.00		
#2881 8/7	World Day of Prayer offering	\$50.00		Starting Balance	<u>\$6,530.37</u>
	12/13 Transfer from Savings		\$3,000.00	3/31 Interest	\$1.47
#3019 12/15	Christmas Family	\$650.00		4/7 Transfer	\$500.00
	12/23 Christmas Family		\$677.00	6/30 Interest	\$1.51
	12/23 Offering		\$20.00	9/30 Interest	\$1.52
	Intern Al	\$50.00		12/13 Transfer	\$3,000.00
#3020 12/20	Pastor Paul	\$100.00		12/31 Interest	<u>\$1.36</u>
#3021 12/20	Kenyon Internship Program	\$100.00			
#3022 12/20	Kenyon Sunset Home	\$120.00		Ending Balance	\$3,036.37
#3023 12/20	Hope Coalition	\$150.00			
#3024 12/20	Ruth's House	\$150.00			
#3025 12/20	Good Earth Village	\$100.00			
#3026 12/20	Vang Cemetery	\$500.00			
#3027 12/20	Belivet	\$100.00			
#3028 12/20	ELCA Good Gifts	\$300.00			
#3029 12/20	Organist	\$50.00			
#3030 12/20	Organist	\$50.00			
#3031 12/20	Organist	\$50.00			
#3032 12/20	All Seasons	\$200.00			
#3033 12/20	WELCA SE Synod	\$250.00			
#3034 12/20	WELCA SE Synod Offering	\$250.00			
#3035 12/20	WELCA SE Synod Offering	\$250.00			
#3036 12/20	WELCA SE Synod Conventic	\$10.00			

Vang Dennison Care Team – 2022 Annual Report

Vang Dennison Care Team usually meets a few times during the year to discuss different topics relating to the needs of people in our congregation or others that may need some extra support or a visit. One topic was, “Recognizing Depression in the Elderly”.

During the Pandemic, as we all know it became a challenge to visit people in person. Team members came up with new ways to let people know we care; by sending Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Thinking of You cards and letters.

For Valentine’s Day a group gathered to make and decorate Valentine Cookies. Plates of cookies that were decorated with love were delivered to church members.

At Christmas we collaborated with our youth to decorate cookies and put together fruit and cookie trays that were delivered to church members and others in our community.

Care team members keep in touch with individuals with phone calls or in person visits. They can even get into playing cards on visits, bringing frozen meals, homemade treats, flowers, or even donuts for Donut Day.

Communion has also been brought to members requesting it, especially when Pastor Paul was on vacation.

We would love to have you join the Care Team, We’re a group of people dedicated in caring for the Congregation, members and friends alike. The time commitment is small and the reward HUGE and GRATIFYING. If interested, please contact Pastor Paul or Fern Vesledahl (507-649-1322).

Submitted by Fern Vesledahl and Pam Koester

Family Ministry Team – Annual Report for 2022

The mission of the family ministry team reads, *“Through family ministry at Vang and Dennison Lutheran Parish, we seek to grow faith, build relationships, and serve together.”*

Primary duties of the family ministry team include providing children’s ministry, community events, and milestone ministry. The Family Ministry Team also provides input on confirmation and high school ministry.

Ministries in 2022 included:

Service and Learning trips: There were 16 people signed up for the ELCA Youth Gathering. The Gathering was to be last summer, but was cancelled due to COVID concerns. A number of other trip options were explored as an alternative. We had signed up for a service trip in Chicago, but that too was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of staff. We are exploring options for a trip this summer, and are looking ahead to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2024.

Confirmation Ministry: 7th and 8th grade confirmation meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30. Thanks to Amanda Flom for all her help this year with this ministry. The 9th grade confirmation group is focusing on service projects.

Community and Faith Formation Nights,” providing worship, and faith ed opportunities for children, confirmation students, and adults.

Milestones celebrated in worship included First Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, and bibles to 3 year olds and 3rd graders.

Community events – Including “parents night out” and bingo night.

Worship participation opportunities for children – including the Christmas Play, bulletin cover artwork, noisy offerings, children’s messages, and “Lectio Visina.”

One challenge in the upcoming years is that we will be having smaller class sizes in the upcoming years than we have had in previous years.

Moving weekly children’s activities from Sundays to Wednesdays was a big change this year. Part of the intent was to have community nights where adult, youth, and kids were all engaging in worship together, and then breaking into age groups for faith formation and continuing ed activities. This is intended as an experiment that will be evaluated at the end of the year.

Serving on the Family Ministry Team are Amanda Flom, Lori Ramig, Molly Ryan, Louise Starr, and Missy Sviggum. The family ministry team meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

2022 Vang/Dennison Sunday School-Youth Account

Sunday School/Youth	Date	Transaction	Sunday School	Youth	Total
Deposit from SS/Youth account	2/14/2022	Deposit into Joint			\$ 5,167.39
Easter Breakfast	4/17/2022	Deposit into Joint	\$	296.00	\$ 5,463.00
Bingo Night	4/28/2022	Deposit into Joint	\$	55.00	\$ 5,518.00
					<u><u>5,518.00</u></u>

Annual Vang Lutefisk Report 2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019
income - tickets and donations	\$20,899.18	\$19,816.20	\$18,616.11	\$28,418.27
expenses	-\$9,872.99	-\$8,388.24	-\$9,894.32	-\$15,038.16
to Vang Church	-\$10,000.00	-\$9,427.96	-\$7,521.79	-\$11,014.36
to Vang WELCA - Missions	-\$1,026.19	-\$2,000.00	-\$1,200.00	-\$2,365.75
balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

A Note from Vang Lutefisk Committee

Vang WELCA thank you all for your generous monetary donations and donated time and energy the day's leading up to and the day of our Annual Fund-raising Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. We have a unique group of folks here.

Sincerely,
Kari Flom, Pam Enfield, Ann Sviggum, Kathy Whipple

Here are the numbers:

Drive Through Meals	472	476	479
Delivery Meals	213	221	212
Worker Meals	87	77	79
Total Meals Served	772	774	770

Growing Connections Garden Report 2022

The garden produced a good crop this year despite the dry conditions. A big thank you to everyone who helped work in the garden, took produce to the food shelf's, donated items and organized help. I'm certain that our prayers are the only thing keeping deer and other garden pests at bay so thank you for your prayers!

The weight of the produce we gave to the Kenyon and Northfield food shelf was good this year. Beyond weight though we provided a large amount of vegetables the food shelf's specifically asked for. The beets & carrots were really nice and were very well received.

The garden works best when we have consistent help so please consider helping in 2023!

Best regards

Larry Enfield

Vang Lutheran Church Financial Secretary Report 2022

For all donations 69 families or individuals contributed to our church in the past year. The offerings were received in the following pattern:

Average Weekly Gift Given on Sunday	Number of Donars 2018	Number of Donars 2019	Number of Donars 2020	Number of Donars 2021	Number of Donars 2022	Yearly Gift Total Range
\$60.00+	5	5	5	9	9	\$3120+
\$50.00+	3	3	0	3	6	2600-3119
\$40.00+	6	0	1	5	2	2080-2599
\$30.00+	5	6	3	10	9	1560-2079
\$20.00+	10	7	12	7	11	1040-1559
\$15.00+	7	6	5	7	3	780-1039
\$12.00+	8	6	2	2	1	624-779
\$10.00+	4	1	4	5	4	520-623
\$8.00+	6	2	2	3	3	415-519
\$7.00+	1	2	4	3	0	364-414
\$6.00+	0	2	1	0	1	312-363
\$5.00+	4	0	2	2	3	260-311
\$4.00+	3	4	3	1	3	208-259
\$3.00+	1	3	2	3	2	156-207
\$2.00+	1	4	3	2	4	104-155
\$1.00+	8	11	4	4	1	52-103
Less than \$1.00	19	26	31	18	7	0-51
Totals	91	91	84	84	69	

Listed below are the General Fund envelope and loose offering totals for the last 12 years.

2022 \$119,540.49

2021	\$ 114,160.25
2020	\$68,117.75
2019	\$75,048.47
2018	\$90,712.01
2017	\$85,526.00
2016	\$79,307.00
2015	\$81,314.00
2014	\$79,318.00
2013	\$85,254.17
2012	\$86,343.54
2011	\$78,483.00

<u>2022</u>	<u>Summ</u>
\$116,888.32	Envelope General Funds
\$2,652.17	Cash/anonymous donations
\$119,540.49	Sunday Offerings for 2022
\$8,211.00	Special Date Offerings for 2022
\$127,751.49	Total Offerings for 2022

This is a summary of all money that Vang took in for
2022

Category	All Deposit Amounts	Savings	Checking
Sunday Envelope Offerings	\$ 89,963.00		\$ 89,963.49
Sunday E Giving	\$ 29,577.00		\$ 29,577.00
Ash Wednesday			
Lent	\$ 355.00		\$ 355.00
Easter Offering	\$ 2,996.00		\$ 2,996.00
Thanksgiving Offering			
Christmas Eve Offering	\$ 4,860.00		\$ 4,860.00
Beacon Subscription	\$ 62.00		\$ 62.00
Use of Church	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Grinnell Mutual Insurance	81,987.51	55,233.38	26,754.13
Ag Partners Equity Distribution	\$ 376.67		\$ 376.67
Thrivent Financial Choice			
National Financial Services	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Workers Comp	33.15		33.15
Building Fund	\$ 22,595.38	\$ 22,595.38	
Edwards Jones/Retirement Dist.			
Truck Receipts	\$ 15,643.30	\$ 15,643.30	
Ivy Mid Cap Growth A IRA			
Lutefisk Dinner	19,427.96	9,427.96	10,000.00
Dennison Lions Club	1,100.00		1,100.00
United Way			
Memorial No Designation	\$ 3,030.00	\$ 3,030.00	
TOTALS	\$ 272,706.97	\$ 105,930.02	\$ 166,777.44

VANG TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2022

Submitted by Paul Ramig, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Balance January 1, 2022		\$17,704.70	
Plus Deposits	\$231,602.02		150075.26 *
Minus Expenses	\$232,698.86		147914.13 *
Balance January 1, 2023		\$16,607.86	

DEPOSITS

	\$231,602.02
Weekly Deposits	\$128,384.44
Vanco Payments	25,544.58
Transfer from Savings	77,000.00
Thrivent For Lutherans	673.00
SBA PPP Program	0.00

		<u>Budget 2022</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2023</u>
EXPENSES	\$232,698.86	\$158,505.00	\$155,231.00
Joint Expenses	\$96,000.00	\$96,000.00	\$96,000.00
Pastoral Base Compensation		70,000.00	71,000.00
Pastoral Additional Costs		15,000.00	15,000.00
Portico Benefits		9,680.00	8,815.00
Organists		8,000.00	9,000.00
Pulpit Supply		4,500.00	1,000.00
Family Ministry		500.00	500.00
Synod Assembly		700.00	500.00
Joint Office Costs		15,855.00	15,490.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$124,235.00	\$121,305.00
Ministry & Worship			
Intern Program	\$1,800.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Cannon River Conference	155.00	175.00	175.00
Envelopes	0.00	525.00	30.00
Organ / Piano Maintenance	879.56	1,000.00	1,000.00
Banners / Decorating	21.41	250.00	150.00
TOTAL	\$2,855.97	\$5,550.00	\$4,955.00
Education			
Mission Trips	\$0.00	500.00	500.00
Youth Retreats	0.00	500.00	500.00
Family Ministry	0.00	150.00	150.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
Benevolence			
Southeast MN Synod Missions	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
Kenyon Sunset Home	0.00	1,700.00	0.00
Kenyon Food Shelf	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Good Earth Village	0.00	1,000.00	
TOTAL	\$10,600.00	\$14,300.00	\$11,600.00

* Totals excluding the insurance funding for reroofing and painting projects.

Building

Insurance	12,078.74	\$12,000.00	\$12,250.00
Custodians	\$8,200.80	8,300.00	8,650.00
US Treasury (SS & Medicare)	1,358.64	1,400.00	1,450.00
Propane	9,801.20	8,000.00	9,000.00
Electricity	2,046.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Phone	1,200.30	2,000.00	720.00
Bottled Water / Softner Salt	137.56	0.00	150.00
Supplies	0.00	250.00	250.00
Waste Disposal	384.71	375.00	400.00
Lawn Mowing	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Snow Plowing	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fire Extinguishers	60.00	175.00	150.00
Pest Control Treatment	290.00	300.00	300.00
Well	0.00	0.00	
Furnace	0.00	250.00	250.00
Septic System	313.05	500.00	500.00
Lift Maintenance	614.00	600.00	600.00
Bldg Repairs / Improvements	223.16	1,500.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$36,708.16	\$40,050.00	\$40,070.00

Unbudgeted Capital Expenditures

Flowers / Memorials	\$342.00
Roofing	54,317.67
Painting	30,467.06
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
TOTAL	\$85,126.73

Other Miscellaneous

Dennison Office Rent	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
RE Taxes	168.00	175.00	176.00
Thrivent Custodial Fee	0.00	40.00	40.00
Corporate Registration	40.00	40.00	40.00
TOTAL	\$1,408.00	\$1,455.00	\$1,456.00

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Balance January 1, 2022		\$196,439.76
Plus Deposits	\$84,200.68	
Minus Disbursements	\$77,000.00	
Balance January 1, 2023		\$203,640.44

OTHER SAVINGS:

	<u>1/1/2021</u>	<u>1/1/2022</u>
Certificates of Deposit:		
Certificate 4321	\$7,576.25	\$7,576.25
Certificate 3423	\$7,345.38	\$7,363.76
Mission Investment Fund	\$8,407.27	\$8,461.88
TOTALS	\$23,328.90	\$23,401.89

DENNISON VANG JOINT COMPENSATION AND BUDGET

	2022			2023	
PASTOR PAUL BASE COMPENSATION	Budget	/month		Budget	/month
Salary	\$50,000.00	\$4,166.67		\$51,000.00	\$4,250.00
Housing	14,500.00	1,208.33		14,500.00	1,208.33
Social Security	5,500.00	458.33		5,500.00	458.33
TOTAL	\$70,000.00	\$5,833.33		\$71,000.00	\$5,916.67
Additional Compensation					
Insurance	\$8,400.00	\$700.00		\$8,400.00	\$700.00
Mileage	6,000.00	500.00		6,000.00	500.00
Phone	600.00	50.00		600.00	50.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00		\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00
Total Compensation	\$85,000.00	\$7,083.33		\$86,000.00	\$7,166.67
Minus Pretax Savings	16,320.00	1,360.00		16,800.00	1,400.00
Net Compensation	\$68,680.00	\$5,723.33		\$69,200.00	\$5,766.67
Portico Benefits					
Retirement	\$6,800.04	\$566.67		\$7,000.00	\$583.33
Disability	1,020.00	85.00		900.00	75.83
Basic Group Life	476.04	39.67		630.00	52.50
Supplemental Life	282.72	23.56		285.00	23.56
Pretax Savings	16,320.00	1,360.00		16,800.00	1,400.00
TOTAL	\$24,898.80	\$2,074.90		\$25,615.00	\$2,135.22
TOTAL PASTORAL COSTS	\$93,578.80	\$7,798.23		\$94,815.00	\$7,901.25
JOINT BUDGET ITEMS	Budget	Actual		2023	
Continuing Education	\$800.00	\$745.00		\$800.00	
Pulpit Supply	4,500.00	4150.00		1,000.00	
Secretary	3,500.00	3113.45		3,500.00	
US Treasury	300.00	515.80		550.00	
Organists	8,000.00	8800.00		9,000.00	
Copier	5,500.00	5076.21		5,500.00	
Phone	675.00	682.25		685.00	
WIFI	455.00	455.16		455.00	
Postage	1,200.00	718.00		1,200.00	
Augsburg Fortress	1,200.00	628.38		750.00	
SE MN Synod Assembly	700.00	450.00		500.00	
Family Ministry	500.00	367.10		500.00	
Advertising	250.00	0.00		250.00	
Supplies	750.00	801.82		800.00	
Misc	500.00	96.20		400.00	
/anco	600.00	581.76		600.00	
TOTAL JOINT BUDGET COSTS	\$29,430.00	\$27,181.13		\$26,490.00	
TOTAL ANNUAL JOINT BUDGET	\$123,008.80	Vang \$8,550.00 88.14%	Dennison \$1,250.00 12.89%	\$121,305.00	Vang \$8,000.00 86.49% Dennison \$1,250.00 13.51%

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EXPENSE	ACTUAL	<u>Budget 2022</u>
US Bank/Coordinated	\$5,076.21	\$5,500.00
Century Link Phone	\$682.25	\$675.00
Northfield WIFI	\$455.16	\$455.00
Secretary	\$3,113.45	\$3,500.00
Postage	\$718	\$1,200.00
US Treasury	\$515.80	\$300.00
1517 Media	\$628.38	\$1,200.00
Pastor Paul salary	\$68,680.08	\$70,000.00
Portico Benefits	\$25,622.64	\$26,000.00
SE MN Synod	\$450.00	\$600.00
Organist	\$8,800.00	\$8,000.00
Vanco (offering fees)	\$581.76	\$600.00
Family Ministry/Conf.	\$367.10	\$500.00
Lent/Soup Supper	\$0	\$100.00
Advertising	\$0	\$250.00
Supplies	\$801.82	\$750.00
Misc.	\$96.20	\$500.00
Pulpit Supply	\$4,150.00	\$4500.00
Bank Charges (Checks)	\$0	\$25.00
Continued Education	\$745.00	\$800.00
Total	\$121,483.85	\$125,455.00

KW Ministry Partnerships

Grace and peace to you!

All of our churches are dealing with a variety of challenges, and amid those challenges there are opportunities. One area of potential vitality is developing ministry partnerships among our KW area churches. Good things happen when we share our resources, ministries, energy, and ideas.

There was good work done in developing ministry partnerships with KW ELCA churches in 2022. This is a review of the past year and a look ahead at possibilities for 2023.

Discernment Gathering - In May, a group of pastors and lay leaders from KW area churches met. The purpose was to gather interested congregation members and to build relationships.

Rally Day - In September, a combined Rally Day service was held at Holden Park. Members of Dale, First, Holden, Gol, Minneola, and Vang churches participated. We welcomed Bishop Regina Hassanally, who preached about our unity in Christ and our shared mission as Christ's church. Following worship there were service and fellowship opportunities (including lunch and root beer floats.)

Planning Gathering – In October, a group of pastors and lay leaders met at Fireside in Dennison to brainstorm shared events for the upcoming months.

Community Faith Night – In November, there was a community faith night at First Lutheran. Confirmation groups from Dale, Holden, First, and Vang learned about homelessness. An adult forum welcomed Bob Hawley from Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity, who shared about the good work they are doing in our community. There were activities for children, who made "Advent Chains" to help celebrate Advent in the home.

KW Area Church Collaboration Facebook page – A Facebook page was set up to share information about worship services and upcoming events at our churches.

Upcoming events - Coming up on Sunday evening, February 18, there will be an adult ed time that will be a movie night, and a time to gather ideas from people for future adult ed events. (Time and location TBA)

A Centering Prayer group is currently taking shape that will be open to people from all area churches.

The next ministry sharing leadership meeting will be on January 31. Please contact your pastor if you would feel called to be a part of this collaborative ministry team, or if you have additional questions.

We look forward to ways we can witness and serve together in Christ's name in 2023.

Participating leaders include: Pr. Hannah Bergstrom de Leon, Linda Cordes, Pr. Paul Graham, Pr. Dustin Haider, Pastoral Intern Kris Kinkaid, Carmen Nesselth, Sharon Quam, Paul Ramig, Pr. Julie Rogness, and Amanda Stehr.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The church steeple remains the biggest concern. Upon inspection, we determined the main supports below look to be still structurally sound. We found that the upper structure is badly damaged on the main support on the southeast corner and the spires are rotten and leaking. The project was put on hold due to the weather conditions and will continue this spring.

In March 2022 we applied for a grant from the National funds for Scared Places to use for restoration of our steeple. There were three hundred sixty five applications submitted, we were one of thirty four selected for the second phase. The final selection of sixteen historical churches were announced in October, of which we did not receive the grant.

Our Big project this year was the roof replacement, damaged and rotten wood replacement, and painting those areas. A thank you to Al Kern for the donation of time and resources during this project.

The float was replaced in the septic tank. The phone in the kitchen was changed from a landline to a cellphone at substantial savings. We would like to thank Ken Vesledahl for furnace, elevator and alarm system maintenance and door latch repair. We would also like to thank Larry Flom and Steve Rauk for lawn and parking lot maintenance.

Rene Koester

VANG CEMETERY ANNUAL REPORT 2022
CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
Treasurer Clyde Eggum

Checking Balance 01/01/2022 **26362.80**

Income:

C.D. Interest	675.54
Checking Interest	15.22
Memorials	1312.00
Memorial Day	400.00
Up Keep	6064.00
Burial Fees	<u>1600.00</u>

TOTAL: Income Checking: **10066.76**

Savings Balance 01/01/2022 **7886.13**

Income:

Savings Interest	<u>7.89</u>
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TOTAL: Income Savings: **7.89**

Expenses Checking:

Quamme Lawn Service (Mowing)	3910.00
Sviggum Insurance (Liability)	205.00
Steve Rauk (water at cemetery)2021&2022	<u>200.00</u>

TOTAL: Expense Checking: **4315.00**

Total Income 2022: **10074.65**

Total Expense 2022: **4315.00**

+ 5759.65 net gain

Checking Balance 12/31/2022: **32114.56**

Savings Balance 12/31/2022: **7894.02**

+ 40008.58 available funds

Perpetual Fund:

C.D. - 60 Month maturity date 07/02/2025	1.25%	22842.52
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C.D. - 60 month maturity date 09/07/2026	1.00%	39000.00
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Perpetual Savings Account		406.94
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The Vang Cemetery Board would like to Thank everyone that remembered Vang Cemetery in their Memorials this past year. It is truly appreciated.

VANG LUTHERAN CHURCH
Report of the Nominating Committee
February 5, 2023

CHURCH COUNCIL (3 years) Vote for three:

- 1. Jim Sviggum**
- 2. Amanda Flom**
- 3. Steve Underdahl**

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE (1 year) Vote for four:

- 1. Kari Flom**
- 2. Denise Olson**
- 3. Nordis Estrem**
- 4. Missy Sviggum**

HEAD USHER (1 year) Vote for one:

- 1. Dick Sviggum**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (1 year) Vote for four:

- 1. Jim Sviggum**
- 2. Rene Koester**
- 3. Phil Maring**
- 4. Clyde Eggum**