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Financial Summary Financial Summary Jan-Dec 2023 **General Operating Fund**

		Dec 23		Jan-Dec 23	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	Income	\$100,266	\$158,038	\$1,225,172	\$1,303,932
	Expense	(\$101,437)	(\$116,935)	(\$1,225,172)	(\$1,275,625)
	Net Income	(\$1,171)	\$41,103	\$0	\$28,307
December Average Sunday Attendance Christmas Services' Attendance				248 864	

Fulton Bank Commercial Loan Balance (12/31/23) Fixed Rate 3.85%

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to our members for the strong financial finish in December. We appreciate your quick response to the extra offering request. As noted above, we ended 2023 with a Net Income of \$28,307.

The sale proceeds from the vicarage house, combined with your generous gifts to the Mission Campaign, and other debt specific contibutions, permitted the pay-off of the high interest rate, variable rate loan in October. A 'transaction to be celebrated, as this reduces the monthly debt requirement heading into 2024!

We are also happy to report that all budgeted Local, Global, and Synod Benevolence commitments were paid in full.

Also, a reminder that the Financial Summary above does not include: Mission Campaign, Endowment Fund, Preschool, Musical Arts, nor Scout finances.

Please feel free to ask any questions related to this Financial Summary. You may contact Sherry Moul (Treasurer) or Paul Schultz (Parish Administrator) at: churchadmin@stpeterslutheran.org or call the church office at 717-569-9211.

Again, we sincerely thank you for your continued, generous donations that support the MANY ministries at St. Peter's! We appreciate your engagement & attendance, and hope to see you in the pews, and at the many gatherings scheduled in 2024!

Your Finance & Stewardship Committees & Church Council

Pack the Pantry a Massive Success



14 Youth (and one younger sibling) delivered over 100 bags of donated food items as well as a few additional gift cards as part of our MLK Day of Service. The drop off required five fully-packed cars. Thank you to all who donated and helped make this event a massive success.





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Worship for Jan. 21

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Communion 8:00 a.m.

Pastor Ross preaching Livestream at stpeterslutheran.org

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word 10:30 a.m. Pastor Ross preaching

Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

January 21

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Ena Marie Banks; Greeter: Adam Gegg; Ushers: Cindy Miley & Don Wenrich; Welcome Center: Ron & Joan Beck; A/V: Tom Chever; Communion Assistants: Nancy Lefever & Jennifer Schlener-Thomas; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Shirley Dombach.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Greg Hand; Greeter: Sara Gable; Ushers: Scott and Sharon Breeden; Welcome Center: Benjamin DeLeonardis; A/V: Bill Schlener.

Flowers Deliverers: Karen Feldt & Judy Wenrich; Coffee Bar: Betsy Kemper & Jo Boltz.

January 28

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Jo Boltz; Greeters: Bob & Phyllis Hollinger; Ushers: Benjamin DeLeonardis & Tom Rothfus; Welcome Center: Bob & Phyllis Hollinger; A/V: Angela Moshos.

10:30 a.m. — Lector: Jordan Lambert; Greeter: Jillian & Joann Gorner; Ushers: Christine Hoffman & family; Welcome Center: Clarence Simon; A/V: Dave Tilley; Communion Assistants: Jeff Pretz & Shirley Schlener; Altar Guild Coordinator: Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; Altar Guild: Sharon Breeden.

Flowers Deliverers: Lois Benton & Jo Boltz; Coffee Bar: Shirley Dombach & Phyllis Hollinger (Karen Feldt - Baking).



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Quick Notes

YOUTH RETREAT — Our youth are heading to Camp Kirchenwald for Winter Camp February 2-4. Grades 6-7 will be with Sister Dottie and Mrs. McCarthy focusing on the seasons of the church year while grades 8 and up will be with Pastor Ross watching and discussing the movie "The Shack." The cost is \$80. Contact Sister Dottie with questions or to express interest in attending.

YOUTH SUNDAY — Join us to support our youth as they lead worship and offer the sermon on Sunday, January 28, for both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

THE BLESSING OF HOLY COMMUNION — Are you grateful for the gift of Holy Communion? Is receiving the Body & Blood of Christ an important part of your worship life? Then please help us in our Altar Guild ministry, which prepares the altar area for our communion meals. We have spots for a number of new helpers. Please contact Pr. Ross or Debbie Shue with questions or interest.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY — Pastor Ross' Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues its study of St. Mark's Gospel. And we are a week or two away from Jesus "turning his face" to Jerusalem and the Cross. As the season of Lent is right around the corner, this is a perfect time to join our Bible Study and walk with Jesus to the cross of Calvary in worship and in Bible Study. The study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Café.

50+ — Please join us on Thursday, February 1, at noon in the café, for lunch, fellowship, entertainment, and education. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Bob Frick. This month's lecture topic is Sirhan Sirhan, assassin of Robert Kennedy. Please bring your own sandwich, place setting, a beverage, and a snack to share. You are welcome to come at 12:30 p.m. for the lecture only. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or email *djshue52@comcast.net*.

WIDOWS GROUP — This is a reminder that St. Peter's hosts a monthly group for women who have lost their husbands. We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 10:30, in the cry room. We talk about how things are going in our lives and provide support to each other. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, contact Betsy Linn by email *betsylinn1@gmail.com*.