

2023 Rejoice Annual Meeting
Sunday February 5, 2023

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Agenda

Meeting Called To Order Becky Brzinski

Opening Prayer

Old Business

Approval of 2022 Annual Report (all reports included in Annual Report & last year's minutes)

New Business

Presentation of 2023 Nominees (see Nominating Committee Report)

Election of 2023 Council Leaders

Approval of proposed budget for 2023

Land Sale Property

Constitution Ratification vote

Acknowledgements

Adjournment

Closing Prayer

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**REJOICE LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2/6/2022**

- Attendance: A roster is distributed for 55 present members to sign.
- Land sale handouts distributed
- President Becky calls the meeting to order
- Deb Biorn makes a motion to accept the Agenda as written; Dick Chwalek seconds the motion and the motion is carried through a vote.
- Opening prayer: Pastor leads us in prayer as we read the Litany from the back of the handout.
- Paul Amundson makes a motion to approve last year's minutes including all reports within the annual report. Brad Johnson seconds the motion and the motion is carried through a vote.
- Presentation of 2022 nominees for open positions:
 - Joyce Middendorf to Chair Finance and become part of Rejoice council
 - Dick Chwalek to remain Green Lake Bible Camp Representative
 - Jeff & Laurie Hoff to remain SW Synod Representatives
 - Doris Scharmer agrees to take the open Nominating Committee Chair position. Motion to approve the election of nominees was carried.
 - Motions for remaining open positions, Youth & Family, Education and Social Concerns, were solicited but none came from the floor.
- Sue Henstein & Joyce Middendorf present the Capital Fund Drive results, \$337,500.00 in commitments, surpassing our goal.
- Mission Investment Fund approved our refinance, based on our balanced budget for 2022.
- Brad Johnson made a motion to approve Rejoice 2022 budget; Rhoda Senkler seconds the motion and the motion is carried through a vote.
- Paul Amundson presents details regarding the land sale to the Food Shelf. Rejoice will receive \$78,000.00 from the sale of the property. This money will be used to pay \$20,000.00 toward mortgage reduction. The remainder to be put in an investment fund to be used to support building maintenance and mortgage payment shortfall. Paul Amundson makes a motion to move forward with the sale of one acre of land to the Clearwater-Clearlake Food Shelf, as defined within the Letter of Intent and Agreement in Principle. Rhoda Senkler seconds the motion. A congregational vote is taken by ballot which is approved with 52 yes and 3 no votes.
- Becky Brzinski acknowledges Pastor Jim, council members and all members' hard work over this past year.
- Closing Prayer: "The Lord's Prayer"
- Sue Chwalek makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dick Chwalek seconds the motion and the motion is carried through a vote.

Respectfully submitted: Chari Ahrenholz Secretary

Pastor's Report

I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone." The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate." Revelation 21:3-5
The Message

In my opinion, 2022 will go down as one of the most consequential years in my personal ministry, but I also believe so for Rejoice Lutheran. God is making so much new here at Rejoice!

- One of the most notable achievements was our Capital Campaign, *Growing Our Rejoice-Full Future*. We set a three-year goal of raising a total of \$279,000 to cover our mortgage refinance, and raise funds for future ministries. We far exceeded our goal in pledges totaling \$327,000.
- Because we achieved our campaign goal, we were able to refinance our mortgage and save \$2,000 per month! We are on our way to financial stability.
- We took another step toward financial stability in selling one acre of land to the Clearwater, Clear Lake Food Shelf. Proceeds from the sale went to pay down some of our loan principal, and the rest is sitting in a savings account to cover rainy day expenses, sometimes known as "a float fund."
- Also new in 2022 is our roof! It was just two years old when another hail storm came through, rending that roof damaged and in need of replacement.
- We built a new website, thanks to Kris Maehren, that is more user friendly and engaging. A church's website is the new front door of a church. It is important to make the most of that front door.
- It took over six months, but we drafted a new constitution and unanimously passed it on its first reading. Our 2007 version was greatly outdated.
- We adopted a new platform for digital giving that syncs with our church management software, making the act of giving more convenient and tracking gifts simpler. Rejoice is adapting to the changes in our culture and technology that will work to our benefit for the years to come.
- For over twenty years Rhoda Senkler has been our treasurer, and volunteered enormous amounts of time and energy. We thank her for all her diligent work now that she has retired.
- We began a new way of doing our financials, employing an outside firm to do our monthly reporting and payroll. As we wade into 2023 we are continuing to learn and grow using this new approach.
- Carol Eich has been a steady presence and leader for our church coordination and office management for over twenty-five years, and officially retired December 23, 2022. Her faithful service is so appreciated by all our members. A search for a new person has proven slow. The Personnel team continues their search. We are grateful for all of Carol's gifts and service, and thankful she has volunteered to continue on a part time basis until we hire someone.
- Nicole Heberling has been our music leader for years, but she stepped down from the coordinating role at the end of 2022. She will continue to accompany worship on a monthly basis. We are so thankful and fortunate for her leadership!
- I took a bold new step in hijacking our fellowship time with Bible study, for Lent and for a fall series. I am thankful for the welcome this approach has received, as it is intended to build on our core value of "purposeful community."

- Our book reading group held a workshop in March 2022 addressing issues of race, expanding our understanding of what it means to journey toward anti-racism. In all my years of ministry, nothing has surpassed the transformation we have experienced in our book group.

There is so much newness taking place at Rejoice. God is using this newness to give to us a Rejoice-Full future!

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Jim Bump

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Cru Wilmes
Leighton Olmscheid
Wilhelmina Eckerman
Lena Heberling
Olivia Pokornowski
Emilia Moeller
Stella Khambong

Confirmation

Addisyn Canon
Tyler Charboneau
Ryan Eckerman
Hailey Michalski
Bryce VanNurden

Funerals/Memorials

Beverly Allen

Members Received (children)

Jim & Victoria Jasper

Members requesting transfer/moved:

Travis & Jean Eid; Vincent, Dominick

Wedding(s):

Duane Ergen & Regina Holland

Baptized Membership: 894

Confirmed Membership: 580

Average Sunday Attendance: 72

2022 Music Annual Report

The year 2022 for the Music Ministry at Rejoice was a full year of returning and remaining normal. We continued with a rotation of piano players to accompany our 9:30 worship service. We are thankful for those accompanists that have been willing to share their gifts with Rejoice. Our one Sunday service was a blend of contemporary and traditional and continued to be streamed online through our YouTube channel. In June we saw a successful outdoor service and pork chop dinner. The beautiful, cooperative weather was welcomed after the previous year's rain. Several talented members shared their musical gifts as a part of the worship team each Sunday. We are thankful for their time and commitment to the music ministry at Rejoice.

The year 2022 will also close my time at Rejoice as the Music Coordinator. I am grateful for the last 8 years that have allowed me to share my joy of music with the people of Rejoice. Thank you to all that helped and supported me. I started with the Rejoice worship team as a middle schooler playing keyboard and my first service leading at 14 years old. Rejoice has truly been an extended family helping me grow in my faith journey and as a church musician. I will continue to play periodically, but am looking forward to the increased time to focus on family. Again, a sincere thank you.

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Heberling

COUNCIL REPORTS

President's Report

God knows His plan for Rejoice and all we need to do is prayerfully listen to see where he is leading us. So many people have responded to God's calling this year to lead Rejoice back into a hopeful, joyful, and beautiful place. God works in mysterious ways through us and among us. Praise God!

During the year, we were excitedly discussing the mortgage refinancing progress, the 2022 balanced budget, the Growing our Rejoice-Full Future campaign, and the sale of land to the Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf.

In April, a small group from Rejoice attended church at Reborn Lao in Waite Park. As part of our Capital Campaign at Rejoice we made it our mission to give to Reborn Lao. At the service Rejoice presented them with the first of three checks for money that was generously promised over three years. Members from Reborn Lao came to Rejoice and we participated together in God's Work, Our Hands in September.

God continues to bless our church and its missions in Courageous Service, Extravagant Hospitality, Transformational Worship, Compassionate Justice, Joyful Generosity, and Purposeful Community.

The committee working on the Constitution, Bylaws & Ministry documents completed the draft documents and presented them to the Synod and Council members. The Council set a Special Congregational meeting for **October 16, 2022** for the first vote on these documents. The final vote for ratification will be at the Annual Meeting in February.

We transitioned to new programs upgrading our bookkeeping and financial records. On-line access is being set up for giving and financial reports to be generated.

During this year, we sadly had two very dedicated people retire from their positions. Rhoda volunteered as Treasurer for many years and Carol retired from the church office. We so gratefully celebrate these two, as we transition and move forward into 2023. **Praise God for these two church members that provide *Courageous Service!***

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. —Romans 15:13***

Respectfully submitted by Becky Brzinski

Building and Property

Once again, the Maintenance Angels have proven to be a blessing. We saw members pitching in to complete both small and large projects. Like the faith formation group stepping up to repair the shelf in the education wing, or the volunteers that showed up for spring cleanup day. Lawn mowing, snow removal, cleaning, and maintenance repairs have been completed promptly. Your efforts have once again made Rejoice Lutheran Church a welcoming place for members and guests.

Keeping the lawn tractors in running condition has been a challenge for many years. This year, primarily due to the efforts of Scott Scharmer and Bill Bradford, the JD 420 is back in running condition. The JD 345 was headed for the junk yard due to a blown head gasket. Then Bill Bradford waved his magic ratchet wrench, and it came back to life. Today we have two functional lawn tractors.

Rejoice equipment maintenance should be a little easier because the Owners Manuals are now scanned into (pdf format) electronic files. These files are saved in a Rejoice shared file for easy recall and access. We also completed a video record of the garage and kitchen contents for inventory and insurance purposes.

In early September the Land Sale Exploratory Committee completed the sale of one acre of land to the Clearwater – Clear Lake Food Shelf. Rejoice received \$78,000.00 from the sale of this property. A portion of this money was used to pay down our mortgage, and the remainder was placed in an investment fund used to support building maintenance and mortgage payment shortfall.

The church building was damaged during a hailstorm in early 2022. In September the shingles were replaced on each of the church buildings. After insurance and donations the total out of pocket cost to Rejoice was \$5,000.

Please take note that Rejoice financial statement for 2022 shows that we spent a total of \$368 on Maintenance. This is once again a testament to the dedication of the Maintenance Angels. We would like to say thanks to all those who contributed in both large and small ways. *Thanks very much for all you do!!*

“Mighty Hands Willing to Work to Make Rejoice a Welcoming Place for Members and Guests.”

Respectfully submitted by Paul Amundson

Education

And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, “Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.” And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

This was such an important message it is stated **three** times in the bible.

Mathew 19: 13-15

Mark 10: 13-16

Luke 18:15-17

Jesus knew the importance of blessing and teaching our children, and so do the members of Rejoice. 2022 was an eventful year with the children of Rejoice. The congregation enjoyed watching the children sing numerous times and perform a Christmas pageant. Vacation Bible School was also a great success.

We have been blessed with our Sunday School teacher Janelle Rudningen and Funday School teacher Lindsey Sand along with Linda Campana our craft coordinator and all those who helped with Vacation Bible School. Please thank them for all their hard work.

Helping with Sunday school and watching the children enjoy learning about our faith is a rewarding experience for me. I am excited to see what 2023 brings.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Bissell

Outreach

A fun & successful year for Outreach happened in 2022. Our usual fundraising such as Craft & Bake Sale, European Christmas Tea we're very well attended. We had a fun Fathers Day at Rejoice serving Root beer Sundaes and we also had a Pork Chop dinner. Both days were very well received and we will do again in 2023!

Rejoice welcomed Jim & Victoria Jasper for membership in 2022.

Moving forward into 2023, we look forward to a great year together!

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Wilson, Outreach

Stewardship Committee

We have had a great year with our mortgage/building pledges for *Our Rejoice Full Future* campaign, our giving is on track for the first year. Reminder the building/mortgage pledges are a three-year commitment, and we need your continued support.

Our General Fund came in a little short, so I am encouraging everyone to continue with their giving to meet their pledge commitments. If we can meet and/or exceed our pledges, then we can fulfill our budget needs and provide ministry to others.

Thank you, we couldn't do this without you!!

Respectfully submitted by Sue Henstein

Worship, Music, and Arts

Rejoice continues to persevere and many folks continue to support the work of the church. Pastor Jim has been a constant encourager and a driving force to get Rejoice back to where it can really thrive again with new innovative technology, new ministries, and finding better ways of connecting church and community.

There continues to be one service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Sunday School is offered for the 3-5 year old's after the Children's Message. On Wednesday evenings a light meal is offered with Confirmation and Funday School following the meal. On the second Wednesday of each month, there is an Intergenerational gathering that meets for a light meal and special activities.

In one corner of the church sanctuary there is now a special area called Kiddo Korner which invites young children and their parents to look at books, check them out, and also to engage in other activities such as coloring and writing opportunities.

Our Music program consists of a worship team of vocalists, pianists (on a rotating basis), and a faithful guitarist, Kathy Langva, who all enhance our services with wonderful voices and instrumental sounds. Traditional, contemporary, and blended songs are incorporated into our services.

As your Visual Arts coordinator, I continue to be blessed to work with a fantastic team of creative folks who help me transform our worship space with beautiful visual art. Using the seasonal colors of the church calendar, as beautifully displayed in the ceiling draping's of the sanctuary, we as a team incorporate these colors to create various art forms designed to enhance our worship services. A special thank you to Pam and Rick Bender for their faithful service for many years. I also want to thank Kathy and Dan Langva for their special help this Christmas. Our intention as a visual arts team is to make our church more welcoming to all. Our hope is to uplift and encourage everyone in their faith walk in life.

Rejoice is a wonderful place to come together to worship and to do God's work! Be that special light that shines so brightly that others will see God at work here and in the world.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Koontz

Church Reports

Endowment Fund

Year-end statements from the Endowment Funds have not yet arrived, so current values are not available.

The Endowment Committee did not disperse any funds for any projects during 2022.

Fall Festival 2022

Once again our reliable, fantastic volunteers came together to lead, work, recruit and make sure that our guests were attended to so they could enjoy, along with us, our Fall Festival. As always, there were many compliments on our Lutefisk and Swedish Meatball dinner. Many thanks for our faithful and experienced cooking crews, both outside and in. Many diners reminded us that our lutefisk is the best lutefisk around! Ole's Grill provided lighter fare and a beverage for many. Our Bake Sale, Gift Boutique, and Granny's gave our guests lots to buy and the Silent Auction provided lots to bid on. Raffle tickets provided a way to win! And our Kiddos enjoyed activities and prizes as well. All these areas provide variety for our guests of all ages. Our proceeds this year netted \$13,718.52. This money was used to shore up our General Fund. Thanks to all who participated in any way to make this event a success!

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Senkler, Carol Eich, Lisa Pridgeon, co-chairs

Southwestern Minnesota Synod

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

— 1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)

One of the beautiful parts of synod ministry involves driving across this large territory and seeing the changing colors from one season to the next: bright yellow-greens of springtime, rich deep greens of summer, the golden crops in late summer, the brilliant colors of leaves in the fall, and then the rich dark soil of early winter.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul describes the church in beautiful images: as coworkers in God's service, a field, and a building! As we look ahead to 2023, I consider the image of the church as a field.

You are God's Field

The first thing I want to say is, **"Thank you!"** Thank you for planting God's Word in the world and loving your neighbors as we move through the global pandemic. Thank you for the generosity you share to further partner and synod ministries during times of transition, challenge, and celebration. Whether lay or rostered leaders, we are coworkers for God's mission. We lead and serve in our various congregational ministries with the patience of gardeners and farmers, believing and trusting that it is God who gives the growth. I give thanks to God for you!

Planted Together

Our synod identity statement says God has planted our congregations in cities, farms, and towns together under one prairie sky, and that by God's grace, together we have what we need. As I visit our congregations and listen to rostered and lay leaders, several things are clear:

- Like the earliest Christian communities, congregations today – from those in open country to larger cities and small towns - are very different from each other! Paul's letters to those early churches reflect the unique circumstance of each. Our congregations today are emerging the pandemic each facing their own unique challenges and opportunities. And so this is a time to listen to one another's hopes and concerns, seek to understand, and continue to remind each other that we are still in this together. *What does it mean to know that we as churches are connected to each other today?*

- God has given unique gifts to each congregation: the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), and the gifts given to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:12). Lay and rostered ministry is not a solo endeavor; we are all partners because we are the body of Christ. *Whose gifts might you discover and lift up as you look to the new year?*

- Congregation identities have been shaped by the context in which God has planted us. That includes geography, and cultural and denominational histories. It also includes the mile-markers along the way: congregation and community crises, anniversaries, transitions, and the new things we have discovered over time. Post-pandemic, we acknowledge that we cannot retreat to some of the nostalgia or habits of the past. *What is God calling you and your church to be and do in this new year?*

- Our context also provides important signposts as we consider how God is calling us into the future. Our communities have changed drastically in the past few years. The needs of our neighbors are significant. Many congregations are partnering for new ministries of serving, faith formation, staffing, and worship. *How is the Spirit leading you to be the hands and feet and smile and love of Jesus with others in your area today?*

“God’s demonstration plot”

When a seed is planted and tender shoots start to emerge from the soil, it’s hard to imagine the plant that will grow there. Corn or beans, daffodils or iris bulbs, tomatoes or pumpkins.... from small beginnings grow plants that can be beautiful and sustain life. As we emerge from this global pandemic, we can see how the rate of change sped up innovation and creativity across our congregations. We see new fruit.

One of my professors, Prof. Craig Van Gelder, wrote that growing up on a farm in rural Iowa provided a lesson for understanding the church being missionary by nature. Extension agents then would introduce new farming technologies, seeds, and fertilizers in strips of land along major highways that served as *demonstration plots* for these new innovations. Van Gelder writes, “The church is God’s demonstration plot in the world. Its very existence demonstrates that his redemptive reign has already begun. Its very presence invites the world to watch, listen, examine, and consider accepting God’s reign as a superior way of living.” ¹

As we move into new levels of activity in our congregations, it’s easy to turn inward, wonder where the people have gone, and focus on scarcity and survival. But dear friends, many in our world are watching to see what kind of church we will be in the future. People in our communities long for healing and hope. I believe God is calling and sending this church to live out the way of Jesus for this time, in the context where we’re planted. God’s reign is breaking into our world, and in Jesus Christ God is reconciling the whole world to God’s very self.

“You happen to be God’s field in which we are working.” (The Message).

I give thanks for these partners in ministry who make us all better together:

- Pastoral staff: now-retired Synod Minister Pr. Stephen Cook, and current Synod Ministers Pr. Heather Culuris and Pr. Naomi Mahler, focusing on candidacy, transitions, call process, and equipping; Director for Evangelical Mission (D.E.M.) Pr. Troy Pflibsen; Synod Administrative staff Tammy Schacher, Kristin Bakeberg, and Maggie Berggren; new Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator Pr. Nikoli Falenschek; Gifts of Grace team Pr. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen and Pr. Kelly France; and ELCA Regional Gift Planner Pr. Keith Pearson. We are also pleased that GSB Consultants Pr. Pete Reuss and Paul Marsh are working with us in generosity and stewardship ministries.

- I give thanks that we have celebrated ordinations and welcomed 13 new rostered ministers in 2022: Pr. Janet Adams, Deacon Jill Davis, Pr. Susan Christianson, Pr. Jeremy Hallquist, Pr. Jon Wendt, Pr. Chuck

Shingledecker, Pr. Sherri Larson, Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson, Pr. Paul Bravinder, Pr. Sarah Jones, Pr. Allison Peterson, Pr. Austin Krohnke, Pr. David Nelson. Please cheer them on in their ministry. And as you see people in your congregation or community who you think have the gifts for rostered ministry, consider asking them if they have considered full-time ministry. You could be the one to plant the seeds of a call in their hearts.

- Synod governance: Synod Council, boards, and committees, including the rejuvenated Partnership Committee with the Southeastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa and networks like the Racial Justice Network and Faithful Innovation and Coaching.
- Conference Deans and Chairpersons who keep us connected close to home.

The generosity of your Mission Support sustains all we do together in the synod and with our partners in outdoor ministries, campus ministries, colleges & universities, seminaries, across the ELCA, and around the world. Our Mission Support comes back to us by providing us with a whole, full-time staff member - D.E.M. Pr. Troy - who is working with many congregations as they plan for their future. We give thanks for the relationships we share with Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Lutheran immigration and Refugee Services. Through them, you are there, standing with people experiencing war, unrest, hunger, disasters, and so much more. Thank you!

Thank you for your witness as the church today. Thank you for your generosity and partnership. I give thanks for the signs of God's presence all around us and in our life together. "You are God's field."

Thanks be to God!

+ Rev. Dee Pederson, D. Min

Bishop, Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

1 Craig Van Gelder, *The Essence of the Church: A Community Created by the Spirit* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Books, 2000), 99.

Budgeted Financial Statement through December 2022

	Acct # Description	Actual YTD	Budget Annual
INCOME			
40005	Envelope Offerings	\$183,076.72	\$235,000.00
40015	Loose Offering	\$7,088.01	\$5,500.00
40120	Special Gift/Seasonal Env/Bill Pay	\$3,681.00	\$16,700.00
40125	Fundraising	\$17,079.55	\$1,700.00
40130	Misc/Facility Use Deposits	\$23,104.50	\$3,700.00
40300	Interest Income - General	\$23.85	\$10.00
Total Income		\$234,053.63	\$262,610.00
EXPENSE			
Mission Partners			
50101	SW MN Synod Benevolence	\$1,100.00	\$8,000.00
50102	Other Benevolence	\$1,666.67	\$1,666.67
50103	Synod Assembly Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00
50105	Green Lake Bible Camp - Monthly	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
50106	Great River Conference	\$304.00	\$330.00
Total Mission Outreach		\$3,070.67	\$10,996.67
PROGRAMS			
Sunday School			
50211	S. S. age 3 - Gr 1	\$104.84	\$100.00
50212	S. S. Gr 2 - 6	\$0.00	\$100.00
Total Sunday School		\$104.84	\$200.00
Confirmation			
50262	Curriculum	\$382.56	\$300.00
50263	Confirmation Meals	\$26.94	\$0.00
50265	9th Grade Banquet	\$241.82	\$100.00
Total Confirmation		\$651.32	\$400.00
Adult Education			
50281	Adult Ed	\$22.22	\$250.00
Library			
50286	Library	\$116.00	\$375.00
Total VBS/ED/Library		\$138.22	\$625.00
ADMINISTRATION			
000/000050305	Council Retreat/Resources	\$0.00	\$150.00
000/000050310	Synod Convention	\$0.00	\$800.00
000/000050311	Fall Theological Conference	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total Administration			\$1,250.00

Stewardship		
000/000050315 Stewardship mailing	\$176.00	\$500.00
000/000050316 Stewardship Envelopes	\$1030.70	\$450.00
000/000050318 Stewardship Campaign	\$989.10	\$720.00
Total Stewardship	\$2,195.80	\$1,670.00
Outreach		
000/000050331 Outreach General	\$359.58	\$200.00
Total Outreach	\$359.98	\$200.00
Hospitality/Fellowship		
000/000050341 Non-food Items	\$230.06	\$250.00
000/000050342 Food Items	\$6.98	\$250.00
Total Hospitality/Fellowship	\$237.04	\$500.00
Youth and Family		
000/000050404 Youth and Family General	\$113.05	\$1,000.00
000/000050408 Grad Recognition	\$0.00	\$200.00
Total Youth and Family	\$113.05	\$1,200.00
Social Concerns		
000/000050505 Social Concerns General	\$0.00	\$100.00
000/000050506 Sunshine Committee	\$0.00	\$175.00
Total Social Concerns	\$0.00	\$275.00
WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS		
000/000050607 Altar/Worship Supplies	\$2,487.18	\$2,500.00
000/000050608 Music Materials	\$277.00	\$50.00
000/000050609 Piano Tuning	\$130.00	\$300.00
000/000050610 Pianist Supply	\$6,718.75	\$7,875.00
Total Worship, Music & Arts	9,612.93	\$10,725.00
PROPERTY		
000/000050701 Church Maintenance	\$367.86	\$3,000.00
000/000050702 Janitorial Services	\$6,525.00	\$7,000.00
000/000050703 Security System	\$335.40	\$800.00
000/000050704 Snow Removal	\$530.89	\$1,500.00
000/000050705 Electric	\$9,367.36	\$8,500.00
000/000050706 Gas	\$8,571.72	\$5,000.00
000/000050707 Water/Sewer	\$1,738.66	\$2,000.00
000/000050708 Garbage	\$1,564.70	\$2,300.00
000/000050709 Insurance	\$9,346.88	\$11,500.00
000/000050711 Lawn Care	\$3,245.27	\$300.00
000/000050712 Janitorial Supplies	\$657.67	\$500.00
Total Property	\$42,251.41	\$42,400.00

Total Program Expense	\$55,664.19	\$59,445.00
Total all Staff Expenses	\$164,179.33	\$
CHURCH OFFICE		
000/000050901 Publicity Update/Web/Facebook	\$2,539.17	\$3,120.00
000/000050902 Printer	\$2,485.85	\$2,426.00
000/000050903 Postage	\$903.00	\$1,000.00
000/000050904 Office Supplies	\$1,636.56	\$1200.00
000/000050905 Computer Software	\$8,514.52	\$4,500.00
000/000050906 Computer Hardware	\$350.57	\$200.00
000/000050907 Office Equipment	\$0.00	\$150.00
000/000050908 Contingency Fund	\$0.00	\$200.00
000/000050909 Telephone	\$3,154.43	\$3,500.00
Advertising	\$249.80	0.00
000/000050911 Bank/ACH Fees	\$284.94	\$350.00
Income Giving Bank Fees	\$1,461.58	\$1,100.00
Push Pay	\$1,818.00	\$2,424.00
Total Church Expense	\$23,398.42	\$20,170.00
Total Expenses	\$246,312.61	\$95,611.67
Net Income/Loss	(\$12,803.98)	\$166,998.33
BUILDING FUND		
70003 Misc Building Donations	\$5,300.00	\$0.00
70004 Building Interest Income	\$17.11	\$0.00
70005 Building Envelopes	\$108,683.07	\$0.00
Total Building Income	\$114,000.18	\$0.00
Closing/Misc Cost	\$7,623.31	
Building Interest Expense	\$45,961.16	\$0.00
Misc. Building Expense	\$11,400.00	\$0.00
Total Building Expense	(\$49,015.71)	\$0.00
Total Building Net Income/Loss	\$49,015.71	\$0.00

MORTGAGE

The mortgage balance on 1.1.22 was \$1,096,501.37 at 5.5%. We refinanced the mortgage on May 6, 2022 with Missions Investment Fund, reducing the interest rate to 3.875%.

The loan amount was \$1,095,000.

We made a principal reduction payment on December 22 in the amount of \$25,000.

Principal balance as of 12/31/22 was \$1,054, 207.07.

Rejoice Lutheran Church Budget for 2023	2023 Budget
INCOME	
Envelope Offerings	\$ 187,000
Loose Offering	\$ 7,000
Special Gift/Seasonal Env/Bill Pay	\$ 3,000
Fundraising Net Inc- See below	\$ 25,500
Fall Festival Net	
Pork Chop Dinner	
Rejoice Savings Card	
European Xmas	
Garage Sale & Tacos	
All other Fundraising	
Misc/Facility Use Deposits	\$ 4,500
Yoga	
7th Day	
AA	
Facility Use Deposits	
Interest Income - General	\$ 20
Total Income	\$ 227,020
EXPENSE	
Mission Partners	
50101 SW MN Synod Benevolence	\$ 2,000
Reborn Lao Annual Commitment (part of capital campaign)	\$ -
50105 Green Lake Bible Camp - Monthly	\$ -
50106 Great River Conference	\$ 310
Total Mission Outreach	\$ 2,310
PROGRAMS	
50211 S. S. age 3 - Gr 1	\$ 105
50212 S. S. Gr 2 - 6	\$ -
Total Sunday School	\$ 105

Confirmation	
50262 Curriculum	\$ 460
50263 Confirmation Meals	\$ 50
50265 9th Grade Banquet	\$ -
Total Confirmation	\$ 510
Vacation Bible School	
50276 Vacation Bible School	\$ -
Adult Education	
50281 Adult Ed	\$ 75
Library	
50286 Library Association Dues	\$ 150
Total VBS/ED/Library	\$ 225
ADMINISTRATION	
50305 Council Retreat/Resources	\$ -
50306 Stewardship Envelopes	\$ 1,120
50307 Stewardship Mailings	\$ 175
50310 Synod Convention	\$ 300
50311 Fall Theological Conference	\$ -
Total Administration	\$ 1,595
Outreach	
50331 Outreach General	\$ 300.00
Total Outreach	\$ 300
Stewardship	
Stewardship Jon Olson Campaign Consultant 2022 payable	\$ -
50337 Stewardship	100
Total Stewardship	\$ 100
Hospitality/Fellowship	
50341 Non-food Items	\$ 250
50342 Food Items	\$ -
Total Hospitality/Fellowship	\$ 250
Youth and Family	
50404 Youth and Family General	\$ 100
50408 Grad Recognition	\$ -
Total Youth and Family	\$ 100
Social Concerns	
50505 Social Concerns General	\$ -
50506 Sunshine Committee	\$ -
Total Social Concerns	\$ -

WORSHIP, MUSIC & ARTS	
Supporting Staff - Music Coordinator inc in staffing	\$ -
50605 Visual Arts	
50607 Altar/Worship Supplies	\$ 1,500
50608 Music Materials	\$ 275
50609 Piano Tuning	\$ 300
50610 Pianist-000/000050822 \$125/wk	\$ 6,500
50611 Pianist mileage	
Total Worship, Music & Arts	\$ 8,575
PROPERTY	
50701 Church Maintenance	\$ 500
50702 Janitorial Services	\$ 7,100
50703 Security System	\$ 370
50704 Snow Removal	\$ 700
50705 Electric	\$ 9,500
50706 Gas	\$ 8,300
50707 Water/Sewer	\$ 1,750
50708 Garbage	\$ 1,600
50709 Insurance	\$ 9,300
50711 Lawn Care	\$ 3,500
50712 Janitorial Supplies	\$ 725
Total Property	43,345
Total Program Expense	\$ 57,415
Total all Staff Expenses	\$ 147,497
CHURCH OFFICE	
50901 Publicity	\$ 2,800
50902 Printer	\$ 2,500
50903 Postage	\$ 500
50904 Office Supplies	\$ 1,600
50905 Computer Software	\$ 8,500
50906 Computer Hardware	\$ 385
50909 Telephone	\$ 3,500
50912 Income Giving Bank Fees	\$ 1,500
50913 Push Pay Annual Fee	\$ -
50911 Bank/ACH Fees	\$ 270
Total Church Expense	\$ 21,555
Total Income	\$ 227,020
Total Expense	\$ 226,467
Net Operating Budget	\$ 553

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee (Kay Krogstad, Carolyn Bissell, Shalynn Reid) presents the following people for election. Each position is a three year term unless otherwise noted. A person may serve two consecutive three year terms. However, if a person fills a vacancy, they can serve the duration of that term and are eligible to serve two consecutive three year terms. The Church Treasurer is appointed by the Church Council.

Presentation of 2023 Nominees:

Additions to Church council 2023-2026:

President –	3 year term (2026)
Vice President –	3 year term (2026)
Social Concerns –	3 year term (2024)
Youth & Family –	3 year term (2024)
Worship, Music, & Arts –	3 year term (2026)

Continuing Positions:

Secretary – Chari Ahrenholz	2 year term (2023)
Education – Carolyn Bissell	3 year term (2024)
Outreach – Mary Wilson	2 year term (2024)
Personnel & Finance – Joyce Middendorf	2 year term (2024)
Property – Paul Amundson	2 year term (2026)
Stewardship – Sue Henstein	2 year term (2023)

Green Lake Bible Camp Representative (1 year term)

Representative:

Southwest Minnesota Synod Delegates (June)

(1 year position – Term expires December 31, 2023)

(Rejoice is allowed to send up to three)

Male:

Female:

Other/Youth: _____

Nominating Committee:

_____ (2022-2024)

Shalynn Benson (2021-2023)

Kay Krogstad (2021-2023)

Carolyn Bissell (2021-2023)