

# THE MESSENGER



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

— GALATIANS 6:9

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- Installation of Pastor Steve and Deacon Steve
- Luther Hall Remodel
- Train Club Model

And more...

## OUR VISION

Through LCOS all come to know the unconditional love of God, grow in their faith, and share their love and faith with others.

## THIS IS LCOS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

**Bible Study:** 8:30 am

**Worship Service:** 9:30 am

**Fellowship after service:** 10:30 am

## CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Stephen Kauffman, **Pastor**
- Steve Smeach, **Deacon**
- Naoko Okada, **Minister of Music**
- Charlie McCoy, **Accountant**

## CHURCH COUNCIL

- Heidi Richters, **President**
- Kim Jordan, **Vice President**
- Sara Berge, **Secretary**
- Kristi Saligame, **Financial/Treasurer**
- Barbara Beauregard
- Charlie McCoy
- Lynne O'Reilly
- Don Richardson
- Gail Smeach
- Mike Watson

## OUR MISSION

That all may experience the love of Jesus Christ, we reach up, through worship celebration. We reach out by sharing our faith; and we reach in through prayer and study.

## MISSION TEAM LEADERS

### Acolytes & Crucifiers

#### Adult Education

Don Richardson  
Kent Chetlain

#### Altar Guild

Gail Smeach  
Barbara Beauregard

#### AV Team

Lynne O'Reilly

#### Coffee Hour

Martin Stewart

#### Counters

Roger Swain

#### Liturgists & Communion Asst.

Heidi Richters

#### Facilities & Grounds

Barbara Beauregard

#### Fellowship

Don Richardson  
Martin Stewart

#### Food Bank

Kristi Saligame  
Rita Blyden

#### Information Technology

Kent Chetlain

#### LAFFS

Lynne O'Reilly

#### Lay Pastoral Care Team

Steve Smeach

#### Newsletter/Bulletin

#### Note Folks

#### Ushers

Martin Stewart

#### Website & Social Media



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Congregation,

There has been a lot happening at LCOS in the past few months. On Sunday June 9th we had a Children's Service. It was all centered around God's children. We would've liked to have had more children attend the service but we were happy to see many new faces. It was a joy to see the kids and participating in the songs and the service.

On May 19th we had 7 confirmands who were confirmed. It was a pleasure seeing Sophia, Colin, Machlin, Liam, Ryan, Noah and Jannie give their faith statements and become adult voting members of the church. Their journey with their faith and the church has just begun. I pray each of them continues to grow in their faith and participation in church and the many volunteer opportunities at LCOS.

It was official on Sunday June 30th. LCOS had the installation of Pastor Steve Kauffman as our Pastor and the reinstatement of Deacon Steve Smeach. It was a wonderful service. LCOS is thankful and blessed to have both of you as our leaders. Thank you both for all you do for LCOS.

The Synod Assembly for 2024 was in Lake Buena Vista on May 31st- June 2nd. I met Pastor there. We went Friday and Saturday. We wanted to come back early to be at the Sunday worship service. There was a lot going on 7th the assembly. The opening service was nice. Tom O'Reilly's company printed the bulletin books for the opening/closing services. There were many good speakers at the assembly. The Keynote Speaker was Rafael Malpica who is from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He was so interesting. At the assembly they installed Rev. Dr. Derek Hoven to Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission(North Region) and Rev. Dr. Carlos Ham as Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission(South Region). Those two positions were previously held by Rev. Rob Rose who is now the Assistant to the Bishop for Administration and Khader El- Yateem who will take over for Rafael Malpica in Chicago. One thing we did at the assembly was, as an assembly, we voted to have the Synod take control of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Miami. We pray for Emmanuel Lutheran and pray the Synod will be able to reconstruct a new church that will be more viable for their community.

The Church Council didn't meet in July. We took the month off due to members traveling. Our next Council meeting will be August 18th.

School starts August 12. We pray for all the students and teachers. We pray they all have a safe and successful school year. I hope they all had time to relax during the summer and are ready to get back to school/work. We pray for all the bus drivers and remember to leave home a little earlier so you don't get stuck in all the traffic.

Blessings

Heidi Richters

**Council President**



## **PROPERTY MANAGER'S MESSAGE**

*The BIG question.....*

### **How did Facility and Grounds spend its summer?**

Well, Facility and Grounds was very busy! Our big project was the roof on Luther Hall, the walkway, the kitchen and foodbank. A big project with many surprises and changes. But, the project is finished and that should be good for at least the 10 to 15 years, or more.

That is just the outside of the Hall, but the inside had many things happening! The Hall is being leased on Friday/Saturdays, except the second Fri/Sat of each month, that weekend is reserved for anything we want to have.) The work is being done by the photographer and Carlos, from the Day Care. Thus far the stair case to the attic has been moved, the stage has been rebuilt, the floors have been cleaned and polished, the curtains are in along every wall, the chandeliers are in place, the restrooms have been redone, new chairs are being assembled. What was once our Craft Room has also been refurbished. When all is complete, the last item is a fresh coat of paint.

While most of us have watched the Hall transformation, few know the Train Club has been doing a major renovation! The once church storage building attached to the end of the Day Care has also had a clean out, clean up. The Train Club took on this project and cleared out years of accumulated stuff! (We never throw anything away!) Next they took out the wall between the storage room and a small space that had been used for storage by the school when it was using the space. The Train Club insulated the walls, put in new drywall, a ceiling, redid the floor, installed air conditioning, put in a conference table, added chairs from the Hall that are not needed and now they have a great meeting room.

All of these changes meant finding new places to put things we needed to keep, so the back room behind the stage was cleaned up and divided with the Korean church so they have their space and LCOS has theirs. The attic was also getting a good clean out, clean up but the staircase move sort of messed up the attic. That project will have to wait for much cooler weather! Also, added to the list of projects is the back room in the Sanctuary, which became our meeting room for many users.

In the end, we did stir up a lot of dust, make a lot of changes/upgrades and look forward to a great future here at LCOS!

Even the Memorial Garden got a facelift and there maybe some more items happening there, thanks to the future plans happening in the Hall.

Many thanks to everyone who has been apart of these projects.

Barbara Beauregard, **Property Manager**



# INSTALLATION OF PASTOR STEVE AND DEACON STEVE

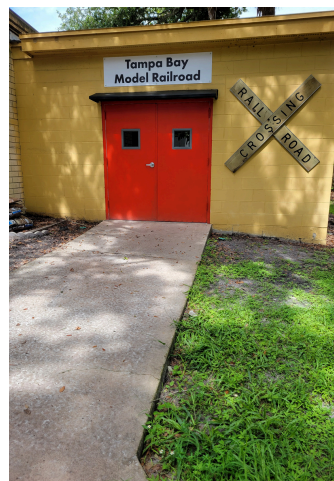




**LUTER HALL REMODEL**



**TRAIN CLUB REMODEL**



**PATRICA SOHL FUNERAL**



# LCOS TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2024

## July Review

July church income was \$19,646, above our budget of \$18,866 and below last year's result of \$18,923.

- Member Giving was \$15,223, above our budget of \$14,200 and giving last July of \$14,690.
- We used \$2,151 in Designated Funds, including \$2,000 from the Mortgage Reduction Fund and \$151 from the Roof Fund.
- Facilities/other income in July was \$2,272 vs. \$2,967 in the year-ago period.

Church expense was \$64,767 in July, vs. \$20,616 a year ago and our budget of \$23,220.

- Facilities expense in July included \$45,620 for the new roof on Luther Hall, the walkway, and the kitchen/foodbank building. Member gifts to the roof fund, as well as other designated funds, were deployed to meet this expense.
- Our budget for July had included a down payment for our combined insurance policies of \$5,047. Instead, we paid the \$3,687 down payment in June.
- Managing operations expense included an unplanned \$700 for improvements to our church website, <https://www.lcostampa.org>, as we gear up for this year's golf tournament. Interested golfers, donors, and sponsors can now register and pay online.
- Other expense categories were generally in line or below expectations.

LCOS recorded a net loss of (\$45,121) in July.

## Year to Date:

Month/Q	Current Year Results			Year-Ago Results		
	Income	Expense	Difference	Income	Expense	Difference
Jan-Mar Q	\$58,922	\$55,599	\$3,323	\$65,031	\$59,763	\$5,268
April	\$53,619	\$20,193	\$33,425	\$20,234	\$19,802	\$432
May	\$25,266	\$17,754	\$7,512	\$34,885	\$33,583	\$1,302
June	\$20,750	\$20,536	\$214	\$26,874	\$24,765	\$2,108
July	\$19,646	\$64,767	(\$45,121)	\$18,923	\$20,616	(\$1,693)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$178,203</b>	<b>\$178,850</b>	<b>(\$646)</b>	<b>\$165,946</b>	<b>\$158,529</b>	<b>\$7,417</b>

## This & That

For the year to date, we have a loss of \$646. A loss is not generally good news, but I'm grateful that we were able to digest the cost of such a major capital improvement. I am confident that we can recover, and continue to rebuild our reserves, in the second half of 2024.

Our annual Golf Tournament FUNdraiser is scheduled for November 16, 2024 at Countryway Golf Course. Online registration is available on our website, <https://www.lcostampa.org/events/golf-tournament/>. Please check in with Karen Matteson if you would like to reach out to a local business for donations or for sponsorship – she can provide a letter and other materials.

Thank you for your faithful support of LCOS! Please keep the mission and ministries of this church in your prayers.

Kristi Saligame, **Treasurer**





# THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

