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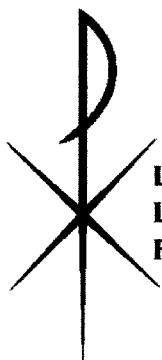
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Rev. Dr. Scott E. Olson

ANNUAL REPORT for 2022



LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
FOLLOW JESUS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESTON, MINNESOTA
January 29, 2023

AGENDA

OPENING PRAYER:.....Rev. Dr. Scott E. Olson

MEETING CALL TO ORDER.....President Bradley Leathers

APPROVAL OF 2021 MINUTES

REPORTS:

Rev. Dr. Scott E. Olson
President Brad Leathers

Team Reports:

Michael Johnson.....Education Team
Brad Leathers.....Property Team
Darrel Olson.....Stewardship/Evangelism
Sara Niemeyer.....Worship-Music Team
Susan Pikula.....Youth Team

Auxiliary Reports:

Membership.....Amanda Means
Altar Guild.....Mary Glaser/Karen Trende
WELCA finances.....Darla Ebner
Christ CraftersDiane Johnson
Craft & Bake Sale.....Barb Mielke
WELCA Audit Committee.....Carol Solberg
Audit Committee.....Lisa Baker/Erik Topness

Treasurers Report/Proposed Budget:...Mike Erdman

Nominating Report:

Elections for: 2023 Council /Audit/Nominating/Synod Delegates

CLOSING - The Lord's Prayer

ADJOURNMENT

Pastor's Report
2022 Annual Report
Christ, Preston, MN
January 2023

Siblings in Christ,

Back in 2010 I was in transition from my call at Central Lutheran Church in Winona to a new call at Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato. Of course, I posted an announcement regarding this move on Facebook. Dr. Gary Simpson, one of my doctoral advisors responded, "Blessings during this Janus time." I had to look it up.

As Wikipedia states, "In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, frames, and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces."

It's no accident that "the month of January is named for Janus (*Januarius*)." It is normal for us to look back on the past year as well as to look ahead to the coming one.

Having only been at Christ Lutheran for three months, it would be presumptuous of me to comment on the entire year, though it is evident that a major event of note would be Pr. Dan's own "Janus time" as he transitioned from this call to another. What may not be evident to you is that this has been your own "Janus time" as well, doubly so.

Not only have you been looking back at mission and ministry this past year, but you have been reflecting on Pr. Dan's sojourn with you. Both things are good and healthy. Equally necessary is to look ahead at what God is hoping to do in, with, and through Christ Lutheran Church. We'll be asking, "What is God doing here?" and "What does God want to do here?" As we work through those questions, we'll also ask, "What kind of leadership does Christ Lutheran need to support God's mission and ministry through it in the coming years?"

One way to address these questions is to look back on what God has been up to at Christ Lutheran. As you read the various reports, I hope you will get a sense of the difference Christ Lutheran made in the lives of people, the community, and the world this past year. Ministry teams don't just ask members to do things to keep busy or out of a sense of duty. Rather, they do it in response to God's call to make a difference in peoples' lives, including our own. We who are named and claimed as God's Beloved are sent to convey that same grace to others in word and deed.

On a personal note, I am overwhelmed with the encouragement, care, and support you have heaped upon me within this short time. It will continue to be a privilege to walk with you as you prepare for your next settled pastor.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Scott E. Olson, Interim Pastor

President's Report 2022

Where do we begin – my second year as Council President was far from normal. The church continued to feel the impact of COVID 19. Many people have started to come back to church and we are moving towards a new normal.

We were blessed with Pastor Dan's leadership to begin 2022. He continued to carry a large virtual presence for Christ Lutheran that continued with on-line worship. Of course, we also found that God was calling him in a different direction when he accepted a call to a Church in Ottumwa, OH, to be closer to family. And while, we were sad to see Pastor Dan move on, we were able to get our current interim Pastor Scott Olson.

I would like to give a big thank you to a few people. Pastor Dan, and Pastor Olson have both made my time as Council President enjoying and gratifying. Amanda, continues to keep everything flowing smoothly; to Dan and Deb who continue to take great pride in keeping the church clean. To Pam Ristau, for keeping the books together and completing payroll. Thanks to the worship and music team for coming together to plan our services. Big thanks to Tami Christianson for her beautiful organ music, Sarah Kling-Punt for her piano playing, and all the numerous worship leaders and musicians who bless the church with their time and talent.

The Council will lose 2 members this year. Bradley Leathers, served as the Treasurer in Year 1, Property Committee Year 1-3, and Church Council President for Years 2-3. Carol Solberg took the remainder of Dave Harrison's term this summer. Dave held the Youth Committee Chair position during his tenure serving on Council and we appreciate his hard work. Susan Pikula was also able to serve the remainder of Steve Corson's term through 2023. We thank you all for your contributions.

Team Highlights have been included in the Annual Report and as you see, all teams, and the Church continue to be affected by the changes to our landscape made by the pandemic. We are very grateful to our Evangelism & Stewardship team, Property Team, Youth, and Education Team, and the enormous contributions they make.

This year was even more challenging in meeting our budget, and unfortunately, we are not where we hoped to be at the end of the year. Most of that budgetary position can probably be contributed to replacing the front walkway, as that increased our costs year over year but we were able to see other savings elsewhere. We had a very strong Craft and Bake Sale when we were able to raise 9.5K. Giving continues to be extremely strong in the winter months, and lightens in the summer months. In completing the 2023 Budget, we trimmed expenses where we could, and included much needed raises for others. We also continue to encourage Simply Giving, an electronic form of giving. As always, we are open to any suggestions for trimming expenses where available.

We continue to have many congregational members that extend their time, talent, and tithe in many ways and are always willing to step up. We also continue to experience the need for additional volunteers in several areas so if you are willing and able, please get involved.

The largest most noticeable project that took place this year was replacing the front walkway. We were able to raise \$44,000 for that purpose, the project ended with \$28,000 in receipts thanks to the wonderful contributions of Scheevel & Sons who demolished the front walkway, and Solberg Welding who designed, built, and installed the railing. We thank you for your work and contribution.

I know that many our older parishioners had fond memories of the German and Norwegian Lutheran churches that combined all those years ago, and the walk that was made on that entryway in 1961. I hope that the entry will continue to be a beacon and welcome Parishioners, community members, and all who step foot on our Church Grounds for the next 60 years. We will be able to look at the walkway and all that we can accomplish moving forward together for the next 60 years.

This report highlights the awesome contributions made by the staff and congregation which makes Christ Lutheran a wonderful church and family to belong to.

Thank you!

Bradley Leathers

Christ Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes – Sunday, November 14, 2021

Council President Bradley Leathers called the meeting to order.

Steve Corson made the motion to approve the 2020 annual meeting minutes. Sue Hager seconded. The motion carried. No further discussion.

Pastor Dan reviewed his report. He is grateful to be able to gather together for in-person worship and is hopeful there will be a Christ Kids Christmas Program this year as we missed out last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Pastor Dan thanked all who donated their time and talent through partnership in ministry.

Bradley Leathers presented the Presidents report. He thanked Pastor Dan, Amanda, Danny and Deb, Tami, and Pam Ristau for their years of service to Christ Lutheran Church. He also thanked Jessica, Sara, and the music team for sharing their time and talent and Sue, Becky, Susan, and Carol for their service on council. Bradley talked about how the council tried to trim the budget as this is the second year without the church dinner and the decrease in revenue from that event.

Each Council Team Leader presented their report. Team leaders: David Harrison - Youth Team. Bradley Leathers - Property Team, Steve Corson - Music and Worship Team, and Sue Hager - Stewardship and Evangelism Team. Pastor Dan spoke on behalf of the Education Team as leader Rebecca Schwingle was absent. Teams did not meet in-person due to the covid -19 pandemic, with the exception of Property Team.

Auxiliary Reports from Altar Guild, WELCA, Christ Crafters, and Audit Committee were reviewed.

Mike Erdman presented the Financial Report. Mike spoke of the Federal PPP (Payroll Protection Program) Grant Forgiveness Loans in the amount of \$44, 962.15 included in the financial report.

Motion was made by Steve Corson and seconded by David Harrison to accept the Budget/Financial Report. The motion carried. There was no more discussion.

Nominating Committee Report: Kristen Bunge and Dawn Hellickson brought to the Annual Meeting the following names to fill positions for the 2022 Council: Sara Niemeyer, Michael Johnson, and Darrel Olson (3-year terms). A motion was made by Mike Erdman and seconded by Jim Keune to accept the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. Motion carried.

There was further discussion regarding Steve Corson being interim council member. Steve will serve until a replacement is found (2-year term remains).

Sara Niemeyer questioned the possibility of a Student Representative on Council. Pastor Dan will check the church constitution before further discussion.

A motion was made by Brad Leathers and seconded by Dave Harrison for Alison Leathers and Steve Corson for Nominating Committee. No further discussion. Motion Carried.

Synod Assembly Delegates: Steve Corson and Carol Solberg will serve as 2022 Synod Assembly Delegates. Bradley Leathers will serve as alternate. Synod Assembly 2022 will be held Saturday, May 7 in Mankato, MN. This event is planned for in-person; however, discussion continues on the possibility of an online event pending Covid-19 restrictions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Grooters and seconded by Michael Johnson.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Solberg
Council Member, in the absence of Council Secretary.

2022 Education Team Update

2022 has been an exciting and fun year to be involved with our young youth of Christ Lutheran.

The year started out with continued Christ Kids programming during the Sunday morning worship services. This was a good way to begin some youth programming after Covid and allowed us to offer something with limited teacher/volunteers. The kids put on a great Easter program during Palm Sunday that was enjoyed by all.

During the summer a few of the kids took advantage of an opportunity to participate in Vacation Bible School with Greenfield Lutheran in Harmony with a food truck theme. This was a good experience and may be continued in the future.

This past fall the education team decided to return to a tradition Sunday school schedule with classes taking place after worship service on Sunday morning and kicked it off with a fun football themed Rally Sunday on September 11th. Attendance has been great with approximately 50 kids attending on a weekly basis. We have split the kids into 3 age groups for class but begin each week all together in the theatre room to sing songs. The kids have sung during the worship service one Sunday each month. We have used the book *Sword Fighting* by Karyn Henley to guide our weekly curriculum. Each week we have been working with the kids to practice looking up bible verses in the Bible. This has been very rewarding to see them improve and begin to find the weeks verse by themselves.

In December the kids put on a fun and delightful Christmas program during the Sunday morning worship service the week before Christmas. This is always a highlight of the year for the kids and the congregation.

2022 was a year of change, learning and growth. We have an amazing group of volunteers who have selflessly dedicated their time and energy for our church's great kids. Christy Bakken has led the 4th - 6th graders, Michael and Margaret Johnson and Cassie Keene have worked together to lead the 1st - 3rd graders, and Jenna Pederson and Cari Ledin have led the preschoolers and kindergarteners as well as leading the music time. Sara Niemeyer has also been a big help with planning and executing. All volunteers have worked hard to engage the kids and prepare activities on a weekly basis to bring the kids closer to an understanding of God's word.

The education team enjoys seeing our church's kids every week and the time spent together. They are our future, and our future is bright!

Respectfully Submitted by,

Michael Johnson

2022 Property Team Annual Report

Property Team Volunteers: Dan Grabau, Scott Wilson, Rick Grooters, Dean Schumacher, Joel Mielke

Highlights for 2022:

- Purchased the Power Mop in 2022
- Refurbished AED and Cabinet were delivered (Yet to be installed)
- Front Walkway was demolished, replaced with a new walkway
- Paint touchup on the outside façade of the church
- Dishwasher valves, gauges, & sensors were repaired
- Investigated options for changing Heritage Hall to the other side of the church

Submitted by,

Brad Leathers, Property chair

2022 Evangelism - Stewardship Team Report

Although the Evangelism Team has not met “in-person” this past year, we have continued to care for our church family and neighbors. As always, God is Good!

Communion: Dawn H., Mary G., and Carol S continue to offer communion at Traditions, Park Lane, Gunderson Harmony Care Center, Harmony Place, and Chosen Valley Care Center once a month, providing the facility is open to visitors. We distribute pre-filled communion cups to home bound members as well.

Drive By, Drop Off Food Drive to Benefit the Fillmore County Food Shelf, October 29, 2022: The food drive provided 321.00 pounds of food items along with \$150.00 for the Preston Food Shelf (the CLC Youth’s Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf on Halloween has not been received yet) only made possible by the generous support of the community. We continue this generous giving through November and December with the grocery cart and basket in the Narthex. Food items are always needed at the Food Shelf, but especially at the holidays. Prior to the food drive, we had donated 905.00 pounds of food and produce and \$4190.00 (including a \$500 grant awarded through the ELCA).

The Giving Tree: The Giving Tree in the Narthex offers an opportunity to donate hats, mittens, socks, and other items for children and adults in the area who are in need. The items are distributed to Fillmore Central Schools, Fillmore County Headstart, and the Fillmore County Food Shelf in Preston throughout the fall and winter seasons. However, all friends and neighbors are welcome to give and take from The Giving Tree.

Fund the Warmth - Warm Coats for Kids: The Warm Coats for Kids Account is available for any child in need of a warm coat and/or boots for the chilly winter months. Sarah Niemeyer graciously agreed to be the contact person at Fillmore Central Elementary School. Donations for this account are accepted throughout the year.

A Gathering of Friends: Members of the Martha Bible Study gathered for fellowship, coffee, And dessert at The Harmony Place in Harmony on October 18 and at Park Lane Estate in Preston on October 26. A date has not been scheduled yet for fellowship at Traditions.

A word on Stewardship: If you were to attend a “stewardship” service, you’d likely get the impression that stewardship is an event that happens once a year, involves a giving envelope and is designed for the purpose of asking congregants to help cover church expenses. But actually, the core of stewardship isn’t money. It’s spiritual fruits: love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness — in addition to generosity and gratitude. Stewardship is about taking care of something we value and enabling it to grow, whether it be taking care of our church finances or our church family.

Respectfully submitted. Darrel Olson

2022 Music and Worship Team Summary

Let all that I am praise the Lord;
With my whole heart, I will praise his holy name;
Let all that I am praise the Lord;
May I never forget the good things he does for me. (Psalm 103: 1-2)

Team Members: Tami Christianson, Sara Kling-Punt, Cari Ledin, Tara and Eric Corson, Anna Nelson, Pastor Scott Olson
Council Representative: Sara Niemeyer

A big thank you to all the wonderful musicians who have shared their time and talent with Christ Lutheran this year! We continue to be blessed with our organist, Tami Christianson and the amazing piano work of Sara Kling-Punt. The worship team strives to organize two traditional services a month and 2 contemporary. The schedule is flexible due to availability of musicians and church events.

We enjoyed the musical talents of Pastor Dan and his wife Jessica for half of the year alongside our other music leaders. There was often plenty of laughter and fellowship at worship practices and as well as opportunities for our youth to join in and share their musical blessings. Siri and Elias Corson have joined multiple times and added so much value to our worship. After the Bredbergs moved away, the remaining members stepped up and took over organizing and providing music for the services. We can't thank you enough!

We were able to worship in person all year and have added many pre-covid activities back into our schedule. Attendance was high at both Easter and Christmas Eve services and the Sunday School kids have been actively singing about every 6 weeks. We restarted the multi-generational bell choir and that continues to be a popular activity.

We appreciate the leadership that Pastor Olson has brought to our church and look forward to sharing God's love in 2023.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sara Niemeyer

2022 Update from our Youth Team:

Youth ministry has continued to be a joyful area of our church ministry. We are thankful to continue with in-person confirmation classes for our 7th, 8th and 9th graders, which include meals. Confirmation is well attended by the students and the students who attend tell council members that they enjoy spending the evening with each other, and that they enjoy their leaders. The students share with the council that they have really enjoyed learning more about their faith and that their confirmation leaders make the night fun for them. Our confirmation leaders share that they also appreciate sharing their faith with the students and feel that our program is providing them a great foundation for their faith.

Youth Sunday took place on February 27, with the youth leading the children's message and music. Thanks to all the leaders, parents and youth involved in the service.

High School Senior Recognition Sunday took place on May 22, 2022 with 8 blankets presented to our graduating seniors and a meaningful message about graduation from Pastor Dan. Thanks to everyone who made the lovely blankets that were handed out to the seniors.

Our fall Confirmation Sunday took place on September 19, 2022 with 9 students confirmed in their faith on this day. It was a very special service for our students and their families.

A Youthworks mission trip to Duluth was led June 12th-17th of 2022 with four of our youth participating and sharing their experiences from the trip with the congregation following. The youth who participated shared that they gained a greater appreciation for their own community and families following their service, being thankful for the safety of our small town while also developing a great deal of empathy for populations that they served who were homeless or food insecure.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pikula

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2022

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Number of Households	282	279	272
All members who are baptized	683	685	672
All members who are confirmed	548	543	530
Additions			
Baptisms	3	8	2
Transfers in:	3	7	4
baptized/confirmed	3;0	7;3	4;3
Losses			
Deaths (members)	3	6	11
Transfers out	0	8	8
Worship Activity (Nov 1, 2021-December 31, 2022)			
Average Sunday Worship Attendance	141(Jan-Ma	87	94
Average Midweek Lenten Attendance	NA	NA	46
Easter Worship Attendance	NA	NA	389
Christmas Eve Worship Attendance	498 NA	236	240
Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation)	7	14	9
Received First Communion	4	7	6
Christ Kids enrollment (pre-K - 6th grade)	65	58	55
Confirmation enrollment (7-9 grade)	36	27	19
Bibles given to students			23
Baptisms	3	8	2
Funerals	4	7	14
Weddings	2	2	0

Christ Lutheran Altar Guild Annual Report 2022

The Christ Lutheran Altar Guild is made up of 39 women, who give of their time and talent to serve God by maintaining the housekeeping and decoration of God's house. The members prepare for changes in the liturgical seasons, and for all services held in the sanctuary including those of Holy Communion, Baptism, burial, confirmation, and festivals of the church year. The work of the Altar Guild is to ensure that our sanctuary reflects the holiness and the joy that we all create together in our worship. Specifically, flowers were purchased for Easter, Christmas, and confirmation. We presented seven preschool Bibles. Our income source is from serving coffee or memorials. Serving coffee was resumed for a short time over the summer and we plan to resume again after the winter months. We had two meetings this year, in April and December. Monthly duties are communicated via email.

Financial Report as of December 10, 2022

Income

\$42.00 (coffee)

\$795.50 (Easter flower receipts)

Expenses

\$994.50 (Preston Floral for flowers at Easter,Christmas, confirmation)

\$200 (donation to sidewalk fund)

Balance as of December 10, 2022

\$432.19

We give thanks for the ministry of these women, and the leadership of our pastor and council as they guide us along this worship journey.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Glaser and Karen Trende, Co-Chairs

WELCA RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE RECAP, December 2022

	Deborah Circle	\$2,687.63
	Lydia Circle	\$473.50
	Martha and Mary Circle	\$0.00
	WELCA (recapped below)	\$4,909.01
\$2,505.73	Cards, Coffee, Funeral, Kitchen	
\$350.60	Crafters	
\$249.92	LWR/Do-Day	
\$251.51	Prayer Shawls	
\$190.78	Memorials	
\$460.17	Senior Fleece	
\$900.30	Convention	
<u>\$4,909.01</u>	WELCA sub-total	

TOTAL \$8,070.14
Proof \$0.00

WELCA CHECKING ACCOUNT REGISTER - CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PRESTON

DATE	Check No.	DESCRIPTION	ACCT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
11/01/21		Beginning Balance, all accounts			\$4,395.50
11/11/21		Cards, Tea, Crafters donation, Funeral		\$ 313.50	\$4,709.00
11/11/21	4047	Treasures Abounding	cards	\$ (153.40)	\$4,555.60
11/16/21		Cards	cards	\$ 26.00	\$4,581.60
		Deborah Circle project donations	Deborah	\$ 1,910.00	\$6,491.60
12/03/21	4048	Rural Concerns-Christmas in Fillmore Ci	Deborah	\$ (100.00)	\$6,391.60
12/03/21	4049	Christ Lutheran Church - ramp	Deborah	\$ (200.00)	\$6,191.60
12/14/21		Cards (\$75.05 from craft sale)	cards	\$ 112.80	\$6,304.40
12/21/21		Deborah Circle project donations	Deborah	\$ 265.00	\$6,569.40
01/31/22		Cards	cards	\$ 55.00	\$6,624.40
02/02/22	4050	Treasures Abounding	cards	\$ (85.80)	\$6,538.60
02/02/22	4051	Zimmerman, Mary	fleece	\$ (156.98)	\$6,381.62
02/28/22		Funeral, cards, Deborah Circle offering		\$ 157.25	\$6,538.87
03/01/22	4052	VOID		\$ -	\$6,538.87
03/01/22	4053	Rochester Restaurant Supply	kitchen supplies	\$ (45.29)	\$6,493.58
03/01/22	4054	Treasures Abounding	cards	\$ (129.45)	\$6,364.13
03/12/22	4055	MN Adult & Teen Challenge	Deborah	\$ (200.00)	\$6,164.13
03/12/22	4056	Winona Campus Ministry	Deborah	\$ (300.00)	\$5,864.13
03/12/22	4057	Fillmore County Foodshelf	Deborah	\$ (100.00)	\$5,764.13
03/21/22		Cards		\$ 61.75	\$5,825.88
04/01/22	4058	Treasures Abounding	cards	\$ (75.05)	\$5,750.83
04/01/22	4059	Zimmerman, Mary	Fleece	\$ (80.00)	\$5,670.83
04/01/22	4060	Lutheran Disaster Response (Ukraine)	Deborah	\$ (200.00)	\$5,470.83
04/01/22		Cards, Deborah offering, Hindt-Hudek		\$ 178.25	\$5,649.08
04/11/22		Cards	cards	\$ 18.00	\$5,667.08
04/14/22	4061	Grooters, Sue	prayer shawl	\$ (102.42)	\$5,564.66
05/03/22	4062	Christ Lutheran Church - youth trip	Deborah	\$ (100.00)	\$5,464.66
05/03/22	4063	SEM N Synod WELCA - conf reg		\$ (20.00)	\$5,444.66
05/03/22	4064	SEM N Synod WELCA - Convention donation		\$ (10.00)	\$5,434.66
05/12/22		Deborah offering		\$ 50.00	\$5,484.66
05/23/22		Cards	cards	\$ 27.25	\$5,511.91
06/03/22		Cards		\$ 76.00	\$5,587.91
06/28/22		Cards, Deborah offering, Hindt-Hudek		\$ 511.50	\$6,099.41
07/25/22		Cards, Deborah offering, Funerals		\$ 367.00	\$6,466.41
07/25/22	4065	Treasures Abounding	Cards	\$ (168.05)	\$6,298.36
07/25/22	4066	Rochester Restaurant Supply	Kitchen	\$ (129.76)	\$6,168.60
07/25/22	4067	Women of the ELCA	Deborah-offering	\$ (110.00)	\$6,058.60
09/06/22	4068	Kelly Printing	Deborah	\$ (171.36)	\$5,887.24
09/17/22	4069	Christ Lutheran Church	Deborah-GEV cr	\$ (500.00)	\$5,387.24
09/21/22		Cards, Crafters		\$ 80.00	\$5,467.24
09/21/22		Cards, Crafters, Funeral, Deborah, Misc		\$ 248.00	\$5,715.24
10/08/22	4070	Treasures Abounding	Cards	\$ (130.45)	\$5,584.79
10/08/22		Deborah offering		\$ 102.00	\$5,686.79
10/27/22		Cards	Cards	\$ 32.50	\$5,719.29
11/08/22	4071	Zimmerman, Mary	Postage	\$ (96.00)	\$5,623.29
11/08/22		Deborah offering		\$ 80.00	\$5,703.29
11/08/22	4072	Rural Concerns-Christmas in Fillmore Cty		\$ (100.00)	\$5,603.29
11/08/22	4073	Lutheran Disaster Response (Ukraine)		\$ (200.00)	\$5,403.29
11/29/22		Deborah projects, Funeral (C. Bakalyar)		\$ 2,460.00	\$7,863.29
12/07/22		Cards		\$ 47.00	\$7,910.29
12/28/22		Kitchen, Cards, Deborah offering		\$ 117.25	\$8,027.54
12/28/22	4074	Treasures Abounding		\$ (57.40)	\$7,970.14
12/30/22		Funeral, Mariys Schultz		\$ 100.00	\$8,070.14
12/31/22		Ending Balance			\$8,070.14

Christ Lutheran WELCA (Lutefisk Dinner) Account

Following two years of the pandemic, it was decided CLC (Christ Lutheran Church) would not host an annual Norwegian Dinner in 2021. In place of the Norwegian Dinner, the first CLC Craft & Bake Sale was held on Saturday, December 4. This was our sole fundraiser for the year. The event was VERY successful thanks to the support of our congregation and the community members who attended. THANK YOU to the Christ Crafters and other church members who volunteered their time and talents with donations of tasty baked goods and unique crafts. A variety of items, including hand sewn gnomes, quilts, gift baskets, locally recorded music, jewelry, greeting cards, framed art, woodwork, candies, cookies, canned goods, and much more were offered. Also thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the work of setting up and working the day of the sale and for packing things away for next year's event. Many hands make for light work! Through these efforts, profits from the Craft & Bake Sale amounted to approximately \$6800 which benefited our church and its ministries. With additional funds already in the WELCA account, \$7500 was distributed, half to benevolences (RIP Medical Debt, Preston Food Shelf, and Growing Hope Globally) and half to the General Fund at CLC.

Thank you for sharing this event with family and friends through word of mouth, social media, and other means. We truly appreciate the support and look forward to the second annual Craft & Bake Sale on December 3, 2022.

2021 Craft and Bake Sale Committee Members: Diane Carr, Diane Johnson, Alison Leathers, Barb Mielke

Financial Report for WELCA (Lutefisk Account)

Opening Balance on 12/1/21: \$1343.27

Income/Receipts

12/31/21	Craft & Bake Sales/Donations	\$6743.95
1/24/22	Donation to Craft & Bake Sale	<u>\$100.00</u>
		\$6843.95

Expenses/Disbursements

12/6/21	Check # 1140	FCJ Ad for Craft & Bake Sale	\$138.94
3/29/22	Check # 1151	Transferred to CLC General Fund	<u>\$7500.00</u>
			\$7638.94

Note: Gap in check sequence from 1141-1150 at time of account owner transfer.

Ending Balance on 10/31/22: \$548.28

Respectively Submitted by: Alison Leathers and Barb Mielke – Financial Managers for the account

Christ's Crafters - 2022

Christ's Crafters meet twice a month at 1:00 PM on the first and third Thursday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. We average about 10 people each time. New members (as well as project ideas) are always welcome!

This group continues to have fun and fellowship while making a variety of items. Most of the items are donated to the annual Craft and Bake Sale, which is being held again this December in lieu of the Lutefisk Dinner. We also do several service projects throughout the year.

In April we made and donated Easter bags of goodies to the residents at both Park Lane and Traditions assisted living facilities in Preston.

Christ's Crafters makes the fleece blankets that are presented to the graduating seniors of our congregation. Several members also make the baby quilts given to families at the time of baptism.

In September we displayed and dedicated 57 mission quilts that had been assembled over the past several years. They have recently been delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in the Twin Cities for distribution. We will continue to work on them as time allows.

We continue to make and donate items to the Mayo Clinic St. Marys Hospital Volunteer Office. This year we donated 40 fleece animals, 4 prayer shawls, and 14 pediatric surgical caps. The group also sewed and donated 53 Kleenex covers to the local Veterans Cemetery. Eleven fleece animals were also donated to the Preston Emergency Service to be given to pediatric patients being transported via ambulance.

Note: The items made by this group are all donated. Monetary donations to Christ's Crafters are always welcome to help purchase supplies for the projects!

WELCA Audit Committee Report for Christ Lutheran Church 2022

On January 11, 2023, the following Christ Lutheran Church WELCA income and expense records and depository accounts were reviewed and audited.

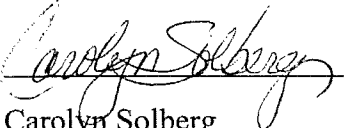
- WELCA accounts as of 12/31/2022
 - Craft and Lutefisk Account
 - WELCA General Account

The purpose of this audit was to verify the proper recording of transactions to the appropriate income, expense, or other accounts.

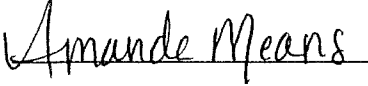
We verified the official bank statements and each account's records as of 12/31/2022.

After such review we have found the records to be accurate and up to date.

Respectfully submitted by the WELCA Audit Committee members:


Carolyn Solberg

1-11-2023
Date


Amanda Means

1-11-2023
Date

Christ Lutheran Audit Committee Report for 2022

On January 17, 2023, we reviewed the December 31, 2022, Christ Lutheran Church financials.

The December 31, 2022, Statement of Assets balances were compared to the year-end bank statement balances for the following accounts:

- Special Gifts
- Alter Guild
- Capital Account
- General Account
- High School Youth Account

The balance in each account was consistent between the December 31, 2022, Statement of Assets and the bank statements.

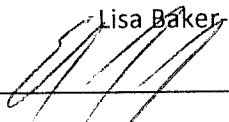
The General Account was reviewed, further, by comparing the debits and credits of the account for three randomly selected months from 2022. The months of May, July, and December were reviewed. All debits and credits from the in-house statements match with the bank statements.

A full audit of the Christ Lutheran Church accounts was not required, nor completed, by the Audit Committee.

The findings above are true to the best of our knowledge.



Lisa Baker-Audit Committee



Erik Topness-Audit Committee

Christ Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2022

01/09/23

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions Income			
Regular Offering	141,944.11	230,000.00	-88,055.89
Restricted Contributions	500.00	3,000.00	-2,500.00
Simply Giving	40,476.75		
Total Contributions Income	182,920.86	233,000.00	-50,079.14
Craft & Bake Sale	9,597.00		
Interest Income			
Interest Income Altar Guild	0.01		
Interest Income Capital Account	44.62		
Interest Income General Account	27.89		
Interest Income Spec Gifts	24.17		
Total Interest Income	96.69		
Miscellaneous Income			
Altar Guild Receipts	1,445.50		
Special Gifts Account Receipts			
Church Maintenance Receipts			
Ramp Receipts	16,624.50		
Church Maintenance Receipts - Other	140.00		
Total Church Maintenance Receipts	16,764.50		
Food Resource Bank Receipts	3,373.60		
Lutefisk Contributions to CLC	7,500.00		
Memorial Receipts	1,520.00		
Radio Receipts	4,100.00		
Thrivent Choice Allocation	3,712.00		
WCFK	300.00		
Total Special Gifts Account Receipts	37,270.10		
WELCA Receipts	4,918.75		
Youth Account Receipts	100.00		
Miscellaneous Income - Other	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	43,734.35	11,000.00	32,734.35
Total Income	236,348.90	244,000.00	-7,651.10
Expense			
Benevolence			
Campus Ministry/Luther Seminary	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
Disaster Relief/World Hunger	1,725.00	1,700.00	25.00
Donations	1,000.00	350.00	650.00
ELCA	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Food Shelf	4,237.43	3,000.00	1,237.43
Good Earth Village	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Local/Global Missions	5,774.00	3,000.00	2,774.00
MPM Infant Rescue	50.00	600.00	-550.00
Open Hands	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Total Benevolence	27,586.43	22,450.00	5,136.43
Operations			
Altar Guild Expenses	1,130.50	600.00	530.50
Fuel-Heating	8,605.32	6,000.00	2,605.32
Insurance-Building & Liability	6,148.25	7,000.00	-851.75
Interest Expense	2.80		
Office	9,668.43	9,000.00	668.43
Postage	1,971.00	2,000.00	-29.00
Property			
Capital Improv Expenditures	28,289.25		
Property - Other	11,617.15	14,000.00	-2,382.85
Total Property	39,906.40	14,000.00	25,906.40
Special Gifts Expenditures	91.73		
Synod Assembly/Conference	150.00	580.00	-430.00
Telephone/Internet/Website	3,302.28	3,250.00	52.28
Utilities	8,735.92	9,000.00	-264.08
Total Operations	79,712.63	51,430.00	28,282.63

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January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Programs			
Education	864.62	750.00	114.62
Evangelism	273.94	750.00	-476.06
Miscellaneous	2,132.05	1,000.00	1,132.05
Music Supplies/Maintenance	1,112.64	1,000.00	112.64
Stewardship	90.15		
Worship			
Radio Broadcast-Spec Gifts	2,680.00		
Worship - Other	3,547.17	6,000.00	-2,452.83
Total Worship	6,227.17	6,000.00	227.17
Youth & Camping			
Youth Ckg Account Expenses	377.50		
Youth & Camping - Other	1,459.19	2,500.00	-1,040.81
Total Youth & Camping	1,836.69	2,500.00	-663.31
Total Programs	12,537.26	12,000.00	537.26
Salaries			
Accounting Services	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Assistant Custodian	0.00	250.00	-250.00
AV Tech	525.00		
Custodian	11,869.42	13,200.00	-1,330.58
Music Personnel	3,360.00	3,000.00	360.00
Office Administrator	23,837.76	23,616.80	220.96
Payroll Taxes	4,859.27	6,300.00	-1,440.73
Senior Pastor			
Disability & Fees from Portico	614.52	1,600.00	-985.48
Group Life	425.41	400.00	25.41
Housing	17,592.25	22,300.00	-4,707.75
Housing Pastoral Rent	3,000.00		
HSA Pastor	1,050.00		
Pension	6,859.66	6,700.00	159.66
Pension Administration costs	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Portico Health/Dental Insurance	17,665.20	29,000.00	-11,334.80
SECA Allowance	1,211.50		
Senior Pastor Auto	1,918.51	500.00	1,418.51
Sr. Pastor Continuing Ed.	396.31	750.00	-353.69
Wages	40,047.33	44,583.54	-4,536.21
Total Senior Pastor	90,780.69	106,183.54	-15,402.85
Supply Pastor			
Supply Pastor	300.00		
Supply Pastors Mileage	162.01		
Supply Pastor - Other	300.00	900.00	-600.00
Total Supply Pastor	762.01	900.00	-137.99
Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,265.00	1,300.00	-35.00
Total Salaries	140,259.15	157,750.34	-17,491.19
Total Expense	260,095.47	243,630.34	16,465.13
Net Ordinary Income	-23,746.57	369.66	-24,116.23
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
WELCA Expenses	9,384.61		
WELCA Expenses-Designated	130.00		
Total Other Expense	9,514.61		
Net Other Income	-9,514.61		
Net Income	-33,261.18	369.66	-33,630.84

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 January through December 2022

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Accrual Basis

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Income			
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Interest Income	96.69		
Miscellaneous Income	43,734.35	11,000.00	32,734.35
Total Income	236,348.90	244,000.00	-7,651.10
Expense			
Benevolence	27,586.43	22,450.00	5,136.43
Operations	79,712.63	51,430.00	28,282.63
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Christ Lutheran Church
Statement of Assets
As of December 31, 2022

	Dec 31, 22	Dec 31, 21
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
General Checking	87,018.27	107,358.24
Separate Funds		
Altar Guild	351.20	36.19
Capital Account	40,947.46	40,902.84
High School Youth Account	13,537.54	13,815.04
Special Gifts		
"WCFK"	786.81	550.99
Church Maintenance Fund	15,746.69	15,606.69
Elevator Funding	100.00	100.00
FRB-Growing Hope Globally	3,577.50	3,777.90
Front Ramp Funding	12,260.25	23,125.00
Handbells	557.24	557.24
Interest Income Special Gifts Memorial \$	194.41	170.24
Craig Mensink	4,967.54	4,967.54
Florence Foss	2,406.68	2,406.68
Francis Kramer	1,609.06	1,609.06
Shirley Hanning	4,672.03	4,672.03
Memorial \$ - Other	7,759.16	7,479.16
Total Memorial \$	21,414.47	21,134.47
Miscellaneous Bank	-55.48	-159.27
Organ Designated Donations	3,860.00	3,860.00
Projector Upgrade	982.11	982.11
Radio	3,965.00	1,330.00
Thrivent	1,818.37	706.37
Tuition	0.00	1,671.34
Total Special Gifts	65,207.37	73,413.08
Total Separate Funds	120,043.57	128,167.15
Thrivent Brokerage Account	100.74	100.74
WELCA Accounts		
WELCA - Craft & Lutefisk	539.77	0.00
WELCA Checking	8,223.54	0.00
Total WELCA Accounts	8,763.31	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	215,925.89	235,626.13
Total Current Assets	215,925.89	235,626.13
TOTAL ASSETS	215,925.89	235,626.13
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	796.75	2,197.43
Total Accounts Payable	796.75	2,197.43
Other Current Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities		
FICA/Medicare Payable	520.06	926.52
FWT Payable	59.00	66.00
MN SWT	40.00	35.00
Portico Employee Retirement Con	852.40	0.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	1,471.46	1,027.52
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,471.46	1,027.52
Total Current Liabilities	2,268.21	3,224.95

Christ Lutheran Church
Statement of Assets
As of December 31, 2022

	Dec 31, 22	Dec 31, 21
Total Liabilities	2,268.21	3,224.95
Equity		
Designated Funds @ 12-31		
Fund Balance - Altar Guild	351.20	211.19
Fund Balance Capital Account	40,947.46	40,902.84
Fund Balance Special Gifts		
Fund Balance-Thrivent Choice	1,818.37	706.37
Fund Balance - Church Maintenanc	15,746.69	15,606.69
Fund Balance - Elevator	100.00	100.00
Fund Balance - Front Ramp	12,260.25	23,125.00
Fund Balance - Growing Hope	3,577.50	3,777.90
Fund Balance - Handbells	557.24	557.24
Fund Balance - Memorials	21,414.47	21,134.47
Fund Balance - Organ	3,860.00	3,860.00
Fund Balance - Radio	3,965.00	1,330.00
Fund Balance - Tuitions	0.00	1,671.34
Fund Balance - WCFK	786.81	550.99
Projector	982.11	982.11
Fund Balance Special Gifts - Other	138.93	10.97
Total Fund Balance Special Gifts	65,207.37	73,413.08
Fund Balance WELCA		
Fund Balance - WELCA General	8,223.54	0.00
Fund Balance - Craft and Bake S	539.77	0.00
Total Fund Balance WELCA	8,763.31	0.00
Fund Balance Youth	13,537.54	13,815.04
Total Designated Funds @ 12-31	128,806.88	128,342.15
Undesignated - General Fund	118,111.98	43,220.73
Net Income	-33,261.18	60,838.30
Total Equity	213,657.68	232,401.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	215,925.89	235,626.13

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
2023 BUDGET**

	<u>Budget 2022</u>	<u>Actual Jan 2022 to Dec 2022</u>	<u>Budget 2023</u>
Income			
Contributions Income	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 182,920.86	\$ 218,000.00
Craft & Bake Sale Income		\$ 9,597.00	\$ 10,000.00
Income Interest		\$ 96.69	
Miscellaneous Income			
Restricted Contributions	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2021 Surplus	\$ 11,000.00		
Altar Guild Receipts		\$ 1,445.50	
Ramp Receipts		\$ 16,624.50	
Church Maintenance Receipts - Others		\$ 140.00	
Food Resource Bank Receipts		\$ 3,373.60	
Lutefisk Contribution to CLC		\$ 7,500.00	
Memorial Receipts		\$ 1,520.00	
Radio Receipts		\$ 4,100.00	
Thrivent Choice Allocation		\$ 3,712.00	
WCFK		\$ 300.00	
WELCA Receipts		\$ 4,918.75	
Youth Account Receipts		\$ 100.00	
Total Income	\$ 244,000.00	\$ 236,348.90	\$ 228,500.00
Expense			
Benevolence			
Luther Seminary	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 900.00
MPM - Infant Rescue	\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00
Campus Ministry	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 900.00
Open Hands	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Disaster Relief/World Hunger	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,700.00
ELCA	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Food Shelf	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,237.43	\$ 3,000.00
Good Earth Village	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Local/Global Missions	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,774.00	\$ 3,000.00
FRB- Growing Hope Globally			
Local School			
Other Local/Global Missions			
Other Benevolence	<u>\$ 350.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	\$ 1,000.00
Total Benevolence	\$ 22,450.00	\$ 27,586.43	
Operations			
Altar Guild Expenses	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,130.50	\$ 1,150.00
Heat-(MN Energy)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,605.32	\$ 9,000.00
Insurance - Property	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,148.25	\$ 7,000.00
Interest Expense		\$ 2.80	
Office	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,668.43	\$ 9,500.00
Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,971.00	\$ 2,000.00
Capital Improvement		\$ 28,289.25	
Property	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 11,617.15	\$ 12,000.00

	Special Gifts			
	Expenditures		\$ 91.73	
	Synod			
	Assembly/Co	\$ 580.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00
	Telephone/Internet/Website	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,302.28	\$ 3,250.00
	Elec, Water & Sewer-(PPU)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,735.92	\$ 9,000.00
	Total Operations	\$ 51,430.00	\$ 79,712.63	
	Programs			
	Education	\$ 750.00	\$ 864.62	\$ 900.00
	Evangelism	\$ 750.00	\$ 273.94	\$ 250.00
	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,132.05	\$ 1,000.00
	Music Supplies & Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,112.64	\$ 1,200.00
	Stewardship		\$ 90.15	
	Radio Broadcast & Special Gifts		\$ 2,680.00	
	Worship	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,547.17	\$ 6,300.00
	Youth & Camping	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,836.69	\$ 2,000.00
	Total Programs	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,537.26	
	Salaries			
	Custodian	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 11,869.42	\$ 14,520.00
	Assistant Custodian	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
	AV Tech		\$ 525.00	\$ 2,340.00
	Music Personnel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 3,750.00
	Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 4,859.27	\$ 6,300.00
	Supply Pastors	\$ 900.00	\$ 762.01	\$ 900.00
	Worker's Comp	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 1,300.00
	Office Administrator	\$ 23,616.80	\$ 23,837.76	\$ 28,288.00
	Accounting Services	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	Pastor Disability, Life & Fees from Portico	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 614.52	
	Group Life	\$ 400.00	\$ 425.41	
	Portico Health Insurance	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 17,665.20	\$ 2,808.00
	Housing	\$ 22,300.00	\$ 17,592.25	\$ 8,772.00
	Housing Pastoral Rent		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
	HSA Pastor		\$ 1,050.00	
	Pension	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,859.66	\$ 13,044.00
	Pension Administration cost:	\$ 350.00	\$ -	
	SECA Allowance		\$ 1,211.50	\$ 2,908.00
	Pastor Auto	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,918.51	\$ 8,184.00
	Pastor Continuing Ed.	\$ 750.00	\$ 396.31	\$ 750.00
	Wages	\$ 44,583.54	\$ 40,047.33	\$ 63,348.00
	Total Pastor	\$106,183.54	\$ 90,780.69	\$108,814.00
	Total Salaries	\$157,750.34	\$140,259.15	\$169,462.00
Total Expense		\$243,630.34	\$260,095.47	\$256,812.00
	Net Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 369.66		\$ (28,312.00)
	WELCA Expenses		\$ 9,384.61	
	WELCA Expenses		\$ 130.00	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

For 2023 Church Council (2)

___Andy Bunge_____

For Audit Committee:

___Bradley Leathers_____

For 2024 Nominating Committee (3)

For 2024 Assembly Delegates (2)

Alternate (s):

___Bradley Leathers_____

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESTON, MINNESOTA

The purpose of our church is simple;
We are here to **Love God, Love People** and **Follow Jesus**

We accomplish these things by learning to live a balanced life that grows
Up, In and Out

We seek:

To Grow Upward in our relationship with God through worship, bible study and prayer.

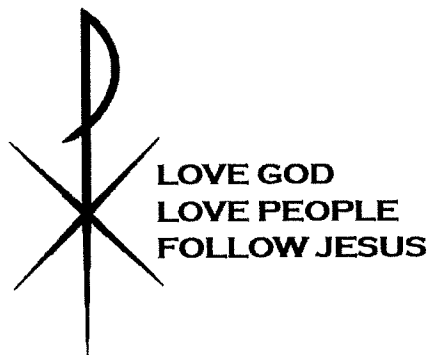
To Grow Inward in our relationship with each other through small groups, meals, fun events and Sunday morning fellowship.

To Grow Outward in our relationship with the world through intentional acts of service to our neighbors and community.

We pray for our church to be a place where people experience the love and grace of God, grow in faith, establish life-long friendships, find practical help for life, discover and use their spiritual gifts, and reach out to serve the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

We pray that you will find a fellowship of believers in Christ where you can experience God's amazing grace, worship the lord, grow in faith, and serve your neighbor in love.

Since relationships are so important to the Christian life, we encourage you to regularly attend worship services and participate in a small group, mission team or class. We also hope you will find ways to share your gifts by caring for people in our community, joining a service group, visiting team or lay ministry, and by generously giving back what god has first given to you. Know that we are more concerned with how many people we send out our doors in service than how many come in our door to our worship services.



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESTON, MINNESOTA



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