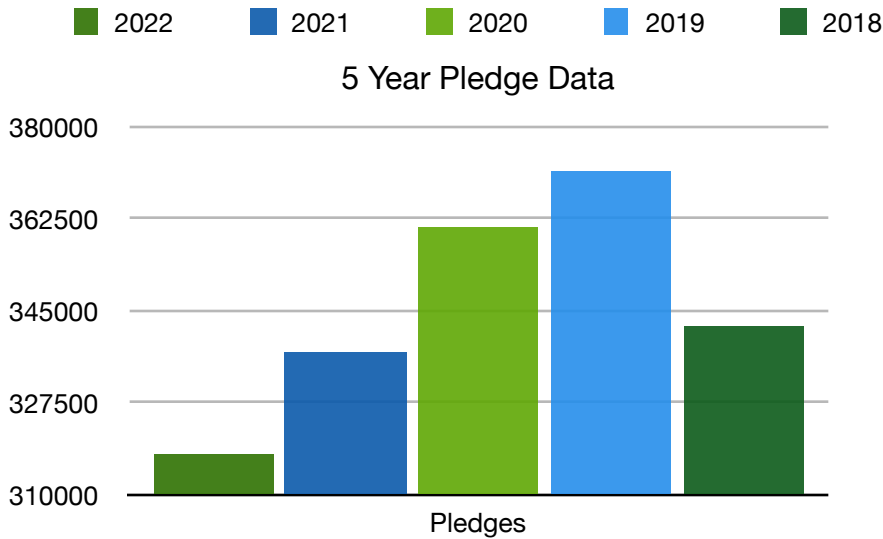


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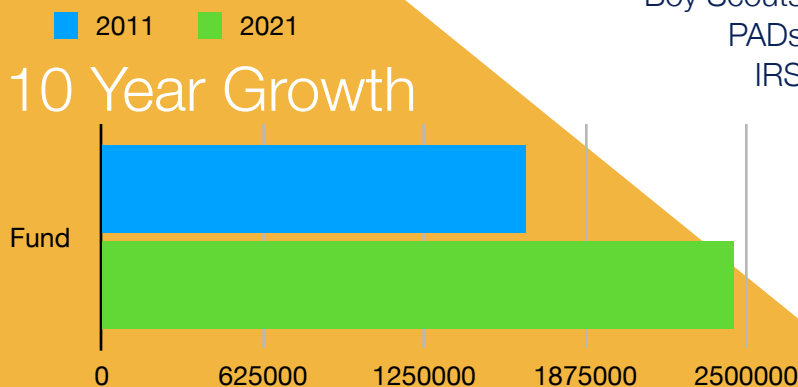
Reported by Treasurer Russ Klosinski

During 2021, the Foundation gave \$55,876 to recipients as listed. During the past ten years, the Foundation has given away \$652,833.34 (some spent on accounting expenditures). At the same time increasing the fund from \$1,645,056.21 to \$2,454,677.83, an increase of 49.2%

2021 BLC Foundation Grants and Expenses

- Open Door Michigan City: \$1,000
- Bethany Security: \$6,000
- Bethany Social Ministry: \$5,000
- Bethany Sound/Lighting: \$15,000
- Kiwanis Parade: \$2,500
- Bethany Outreach: \$12,500
- LaPorte Symphony: \$2,500
- Parkison&Hinton: \$1,800
- Boy Scouts: \$2,500
- PADs: \$6,000
- IRS: \$1,076

10 Year Growth



HIGHLIGHTS



\$6,500

Given to Local Non-Profits Helping with Fair Outreach Buildings



\$12,500

Given to Help Local Families/ Groups & Tornado Victims in Kentucky



\$37,500

Given to County First Responders From the Local Heroes Benefit Event



\$70,000

Put into LaPark for the Community Raised with Donations & a Matching Grant From the IHCD for GLICE Skating Rink

2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion made at each service to:

1. Accept financial report
2. Adopt the budget
3. Accept the minutes

Motions by Dan Buresh & Jim Edwards
 Seconds by Dick Smith & Mike Garwood
 Motion Passed

Dear Bethany Family,

There may never have been a time that has been so crucial to the future of the congregation as the years of 2021 and 2022. I mean that in all sincerity. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is neither evangelical nor Lutheran any more. It has publicly and privately suggested that there are no consequences for rejecting God. The national bishop has said "if there is a hell it is probably empty." She said it to the Chicago Sun Times and in other source material. She believes there are no consequences for human rebellion. She may not even believe that there is such a thing as sin. Under her direction and the other bishops the ELCA is in a steep decline of membership. The ELCA has nearly abandoned all missionary activities and the caucasian members of the ELCA are urged to admit and confess both their white privilege and the systemic racism. Do we need to divide people more or do we need to preach the Gospel in a more robust and welcoming way? We will not suggest that law enforcement and police have racist intentions and that our nation is so deeply flawed that only a political overthrow can solve the problems as some radicals within the ELCA have suggested. The list of heretical and unbiblical teachings run too deep for us to tolerate.

On March 13, 2022, my birthday, we will take a second vote to exit the ELCA. We will choose to affiliate with the North American Lutheran Church. The NALC is in its infancy in many ways but it is striving to be a deeply Biblical and authentically Lutheran organization. It does not threaten congregations with taking their property or expelling their pastors as the ELCA is doing. It may not be perfect but it is much more responsive to individual congregations and pastors.

What we will also do in 2022 is celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Carmel Chapel and the Swedish roots of this congregation. We will not celebrate a "white" origin story of the congregation. We will celebrate the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice of immigrants who loved Jesus and wanted to share the love God has for all people. We will be Lutheran and we will be Evangelical without dividing people by race or gender. We will mark this landmark year by continuing to lift up and give thanks for First Responders and how they serve and protect the public. We will work with the people of LaPorte and the Church of LaPorte to make this a better place to live and work.

Even with Covid we have welcomed a number of new members into the Bethany family. We will continue to preach the Word of God in all its fullness and truth. This will include in-person and on-line services, devotions, Bible studies, and extensive ministry within the community. We will continue to support Lutheran World Relief, First Step, our own LaPark Accessible Playground & Splash Pad, the LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra, Head Start Early Child Education, Scouting Troops, Dunes Hospice Grief Support Groups, the County Fair Building Outreach, the GLICE Rink, and much much more. Remember above all - HOPE IS EVERYTHING!



Pastor Dennis H. Meyer

Giving	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	BUDGET 2022
C&B Regular	\$467,562.00	\$455,179.00	\$474,030.00
Kids Church	\$350.00	\$14.00	\$100.00
Birthday	\$0.00	\$902.00	\$500.00
Christmas Eve	\$4,500.00	\$6,585.00	\$6,500.00
Ash Wednesday	\$300.00	\$230.00	\$300.00
Lent	\$1,200.00	\$540.00	\$500.00
Maundy Thursday	\$500.00	\$155.00	\$250.00
Good Friday	\$500.00	\$256.00	\$250.00
Easter Sunday	\$2,500.00	\$5,698.00	\$6,000.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,000.00	\$415.00	\$500.00
Year-end/Giving Tues	\$6,200.00	\$6,335.00	\$6,500.00
BLC Gear	\$500.00	\$1,671.00	\$1,000.00
Music/Choir	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Gifts	\$485,312.00	\$477,980.00	\$496,430.00
Foundation Grants	\$35,000.00	\$33,510.00	\$35,000.00
LaPark Gifts	\$5,000.00	\$3,495.00	\$5,000.00
Interest Income	\$100.00	\$54.00	\$100.00
Rental Properties	\$19,500.00	\$10,300.00	\$23,400.00
Facility Rental	\$13,900.00	\$9,400.00	\$19,200.00
Outreach	\$4,500.00	\$52,656.00	\$15,000.00
PPP / ERTC	\$0.00	\$45,800.00	\$9,500.00
Other Gifts	\$73,600.00	\$159,715.00	\$107,200.00
TOTAL GIFTS	\$558,912.00	\$637,695.00	\$603,630.00

Mission Costs	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	BUDGET 2022
Mission (Affiliate)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Worship	\$18,050.00	\$48,401.00	\$24,000.00
Learning	\$5,300.00	\$2,233.00	\$4,100.00
Witness	\$35,400.00	\$79,231.00	\$40,200.00
Staffing	\$319,162.00	\$276,186.00	\$320,680.00
Office	\$22,500.00	\$14,592.00	\$18,450.00
Building/Property	\$109,000.00	\$154,268.00	\$132,800.00
Utilities	\$38,500.00	\$47,683.00	\$46,400.00
LaPark	\$10,000.00	\$11,745.00	\$12,000.00
Costs of Mission	\$558,912.00	\$634,337.00	\$603,630.00
End of Year	\$0.00	\$3,358.00	\$0.00

Carmel Cemetery
UnAudited Report
6/1/2020-5/1/2021

Sources of Funds

Interest: \$1,498.55
Gifts: \$25.00
Graves: \$2,200.00
Burials: \$3,750.00
Total: \$7,473.55

Uses of Funds

Maintenance: \$4,120.43
Office/Misc: \$317.95
Utilities: \$936.71
Insurance: \$200.00
Grave Work: \$2,000.00
Total: \$9,644.28
Net: -\$1,970.73
Beginning Checking
\$4,148.73

Checking Bal. 5/14/20
1st Source Ckg: \$3,698.50
Investment of Funds
Franklin Templeton:
\$127,452.37
Total: \$131,150.87

RESTRICTED FUNDS
2021 YEAR-END

Remaining Amounts in
Funds of Over \$1,000

Social Ministry: \$6,634.30
Memorial: \$17,544.18
Capital Imp.: \$11,941.35
Community: \$3,099.16
Child/Youth: \$9,083.44
Quilters: \$5,338.86
Raffle: \$494.00
Local Heroes: \$9,500.22
Christkindlmarkt: \$2,024.26

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