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See,  
I am making all things  
*new.*

Revelation 21:5, NRSV

ASH WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 2  
DRIVE-THRU SERVICE  
5pm - 6pm

See page 8.







# Pastor Aaron's Message

Dear people of God,

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* — Matthew 18:20

One of my favorite lessons while I was in seminary was learning Greek so we could translate the New Testament. Our teacher pointed out how often the word "you" in our English translations was actually plural, so it would more accurately be "y'all." So for example, here is 1 Corinthians 3:16 with the y'all's added: ***Do y'all not know that y'all are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in y'all?*** The plural changes the meaning a little bit, right? All of a sudden, it's about how this congregation, this faith community, is a place where God can be found with God's Spirit living and moving. God is found in community.

*So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.* — Romans 12:5

When we read the Bible, it is important to remember that much of it was written to communities of people. And those gatherings of people were imperfect and broken. They would struggle with pettiness, distrust, and selfishness. They would be unfaithful in their worship, practice, and lives. And the Word of God would come to them, and guide them (sometimes in pretty serious ways!) toward reconciliation, wholeness, and life. But it wasn't just for them as individuals. It was also for the community, those who gathered and were connected to one another in their faith.



*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.* — Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

God knows that we need one another and has created us for relationships. We live in a world where loneliness is an epidemic, where mistrust and suspicion dominate how we see each other. And so God continually tries to draw us together, healing our divisions and reconciling us together. God knows we need community to bring us life and wholeness.

*Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.* — Colossians 3:13

As we enter this season of Lent, our focus will be on the blessing of community that God has given us, and how Jesus' journey to the cross is a blessing for each of us and all of us. Each week, we'll grow in how Jesus connects us and brings us deeper in relationship with him and with the world around us. Because God knows that we need one another, and that it is through those around us that we grow in Christ to serve others!

*Peace,*  
*Pastor Aaron Richter*

# Council News



## Early Childhood Programs

Jennifer Feutz

Registration for the 2022 - 2023 school year is underway for our Preschool and MDO. Please help spread the word on our wonderful programs. The number of students we are currently serving is holding steady, and we would love to welcome more of God's littlest children in the upcoming school year. We serve children ages 18 months to 4 years old (see page 8). ECP is also preparing the process of hiring a new director for next year. Please keep the process in your prayers.



## Worship and Music

Ken Smith



## Servant Outreach

Amy Coronado

See page 9.



## Congregational Life

Becky Sonnen

Happy March!

What a fun New Year's party. If you didn't make it, you missed delicious food, excellent entertainment, fun and colorful decorations, and a terrific time with friends. T.J. Dolotina crooned away at music from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, George Strait, Johnny Cash, and many more superstars. There was a fun game, a photo booth, dancing, beer, wine,

appetizers, and a lovely meal of lasagna, salad, and garlic bread. So much fun!

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Congregational Life has also been busy assisting with funeral meals, WNL meals, baptism celebrations, Love in the Mail, Cowboy Breakfast, and organizing Lenten Meals.

Thank you to all who have sent desserts for an event, provided cookies for coffee fellowship, or assisted in prep, serving, or cleanup at any event. We absolutely cannot do all that we do without your help. A special thank you goes out to Lindy Hammerstrom for taking over all the responsibility for Love in the Mail for the month of February.

New Members! If food, fellowship, and fun is your forte and you are interested in using your talents to serve others, please TEXT me. I would love to include you in future events.

We always can use treats for our Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship. If you'd like to help, please look at the schedule below or bring goodies any time it is convenient for you.

Last Name	Date
N - R	Mar 6
S	Mar 13
T - Z	Mar 20
A - B	Mar 27
C - E	Apr 2

### *Coffee Fellowship Cleanup:*

Date	Crew
Mar 6	Doug & Lindy Hammerstrom
Mar 13	Corina & Rod Leachman
Mar 20	Barb Wade
Mar 27	Kathy Moser



## Ministry Support

Don Kurtti

## Stewardship

Our 2022 Stewardship chair has needed to step down. Please prayerfully consider serving your church in this capacity. You may be the perfect fit!

# Council News



Aaron Theilengerdes

## Discipleship



Charles Beierle

## Property and Resources



Lori O'Berg

## Evangelism

## Council Executive Board



### President:

John Gallo



### Vice President:

Barbara Wade



### Financial Secretary:

John Schultz



### Treasurer:

Gordon Hengst

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### Secretary:

Nicholle Seiler

## *Leroy W. Albrecht*

*August 29, 1939 —  
January 25, 2022*



TLC Member Leroy Albrecht passed away on Tuesday, January 25, at the age of 82.

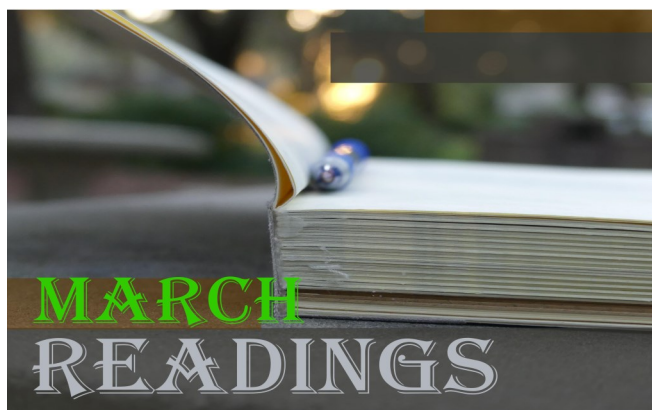
Leroy was a beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle, who dedicated many years of his life to helping others and in service to his faith.

He was born on August 29, 1939, to Herbert and Telka Albrecht. Leroy graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1957. He spent 34 years working for City Public Service and retired in 1998. For many years, Leroy volunteered in the 4-H and FFA organizations. For the last 20 years, he enjoyed volunteering his time with the Livestock Committee at the San Antonio Rodeo.

Leroy enjoyed traveling with his wife far and wide, bowling, woodworking, gardening, and working on small engines. He was an active member of the City Public Service retirement group, and a 60-year member of Hermann Sons Lodge. He loved taking walks to visit his granddaughter, Shelby, and great-grandson, Easton, who lived nearby.

Leroy was always willing to lend a helping hand at church services and events as well. He volunteered as Head Usher, organizing usher needs and recruiting others to help usher when needed. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents and son, Mike Albrecht. He is survived by his wife Brenda; sister Kathleen (Raymond); and children: Dwayne, Wade (Laura), Jammie (Keith), Trey (Denell), and Linda; and 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



## March Readers & Assisting Ministers

**Mar 2:** [Isaiah 58:1 - 12](#)

**Ash** [Matthew 6:1 - 6, 16 - 21](#)

**Wed.** "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven."

**Mar 6:** [Deuteronomy 26:1 - 11](#)

[Luke 4:1 - 13](#)

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

**Mar 13:** [Genesis 15:1 - 12, 17 - 18](#)

[Luke 13:31 - 35](#)

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!"

**Mar 20:** [Isaiah 55:1 - 9](#)

[Luke 15:1 - 10](#)

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Mar 27:** [Joshua 5:9 - 12](#)

[Luke 15:1 - 3, 11b - 32](#)

"We had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

### March 2: Ash Wednesday

12pm Assisting Minister	Jackie Mitchell
12pm Reader	Mary Gandolfo
7pm Assisting Minister	OPEN
7pm Reader	Gordon Hengst

### March 6

9am Assisting Minister	Walter Brown
9am Reader	Sandy Arneson
11am Assisting Minister	James Fuller
11am Reader	Sandy Arneson
5pm Reader/Comm Asst	Mary Gandolfo

### March 13

9am Assisting Minister	Ken Weber
9am Reader	John Schultz
11am Assisting Minister	Dean Neuzil
11am Reader	Lois Glazener
5pm Communion Asst	OPEN
5pm Reader	Bobbie White

### March 20

9am Assisting Minister	Rose-Marie Smith
9am Reader	Cheryl Martin
11am Assisting Minister	Amanda Henderson
11am Reader	Barb Wade
5pm Reader/Comm Asst	Kathy Beierle

### March 27

9am Assisting Minister	Tom O'Berg
9am Reader	Amy Coronado
11am Assisting Minister	Debbie Roberts
11am Reader	Dave Brinkman
5pm Reader/Comm Asst	Marshall Gomez





# Precious, Healing Tears

By Rose-Marie Smith

**I**t has been a season of deaths, funerals, hardships, and struggles – and now Ash Wednesday, Lenten season, and Good Friday are upcoming! The image of tears constantly comes up as a symbol for this season in life. Tears are part of human life that we have all experienced.

In ancient times, tears were believed to be sacred. Small vials (called lachrymatories) were used to collect tears. People collect things they find interesting, are of value, or are rare. In Psalm 56:8, David asks God to put his tears into a bottle. **This verse provides a beautiful picture of God collecting the tears of those who cry out to Him.** He's interested. You may not feel that anyone cares, but God cares. Your tears have great value, are priceless treasures which He keeps safe.

Unfortunately, often we try to keep our tears inside, to bottle them up. We are so afraid to let them flow, to grieve, to show our pain publicly and vulnerably. However, this is unhealthy, and the number of tears can be too great. But tears can cleanse the heart, mind, and spirit – washing the pain and heartache away.

God can understand our pain, anger, and heartache – His innocent Son was tragically murdered on a cross. Remember God is present, knows your pain, and promises to hold and comfort you in His everlasting arms as you cry and tremble. Your tears are sacred. When you no longer feel you can bear it, He'll help you.

In our darkest times, we can feel God is nowhere; we can feel forgotten in our pain. We wonder, “does He even see our tears?” But the God of the universe is near in our hurt, fully aware of each and every tear which falls from our eyes. Pause a moment and let that sink in – **no tear has fallen from your eyes that God hasn't seen.** Even when we cry in secret, the Lord sees our tears and broken hearts.

David's psalm shows us that our caring God records our painful moments. He understands because Jesus felt the same burdens as we do (Heb 4:13) and promises to comfort and help us. One day He'll wipe away every tear from our eyes (Rev 21:3-5). He is aware and is setting things in motion to take care of you. We can know His presence and peace amid our difficulty. He alone can make our hearts whole again.

Stephen Ministers weep, mourn, ache, and walk alongside those who weep, mourn and ache – fulfilling what Romans 12:15 tells us to do. They are there in your anguish with a trusty box of Kleenex! They keep you focused on God, encouraging you to cling to Him in your pain, lifting your eyes to Him instead of cursing Him. They help sow seeds of Biblical truth, hope, and grace into your soul.

Our weeping may seem endless, but we all need to remember that with God and a Stephen Minister, the journey through the dark valley will be successful with joy returning on the other side (Psalm 30:5).

Throughout the Bible, and throughout generations, men and women alike have had their tears recorded – even Jesus wept. No one wants to suffer, but suffering together builds Christian bonds and unity.

Washington Irving said this about tears: **“There is sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.”**



# Church Life

## Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2022 - 2023 school year is NOW OPEN to the entire community. Proof of current immunization, enrollment paperwork, and a \$100 non-refundable registration fee are needed to enroll. Please visit the [church website](#) for the forms and more information.

## Ash Wednesday Services

**Wednesday, March 2**

**Traditional Services: Noon and 7pm**

**Drive-Thru Service: 5pm - 6pm**

This year, Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. We will hold our traditional Ash Wednesday services at



noon and 7pm. Additionally, we are offering the option of receiving blessings and ashes via a drive-thru format. Worshipers stay inside their vehicle as they proceed

through multiple stations, each containing a portion of the service. Wednesday Nite Live will not be held, but will return on March 9.

## Pastor & Pastry

**Sunday, March 6 at 10:15am**

If you are a visitor and want to learn a little more about Triumphant, join [Pastor Aaron](#) in the church library at 10:15am on March 6! Meet the pastor, ask some questions, enjoy a doughnut (or two!), and find out if TLC is the right church for you!

## Adult Mission Trip

**March 4 - 6**

The Senior High youth aren't the only ones that have the chance to go on a mission trip! TLC adults are going to Ebert Ranch in the Texas Hill Country to assist with a variety of projects.

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These projects will support the camp in continuing to offer youth and families opportunities to build relationships with God and each other.

## Primetimers' Luncheon

**Monday, March 14 at noon**

Our monthly luncheons will resume this month with a meal of our favorite casseroles and crockpot dishes. If you are 60 or better, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a hot meal and some warm conversation! [Find out more on our website.](#)



## Trivia Night

**Saturday, March 26 at 7:30pm**

What fantastic event are we having again? if you guessed Trivia Night, you're right! We'll gather on Zoom and share answers and laughter! See you there! Get the Zoom login info on our [website](#).

## Family Retreat

**May 13 - 15**

Our Family Retreat is making a comeback this year! We hope you and your family mark your calendars and plan to join us at Camp Chrysalis for a wonderful weekend of being together (finally!), and building relationships with God and each other. Watch for [registration information](#) soon!



## Creative Blessings

[Creative Blessings](#) meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 9:30am alongside the Quilting Bees group. We meet in the room between the Sanctuary and Heimer Hall. Our main goal is to provide prayer shawls for anyone in need of comfort — they do NOT need to be church members. Assistance and materials will be given to anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet. Please call Sharon St.Clair at 210-566-0874 if you have any questions or have a need for a prayer shawl.



# Lenten Services & Dinners

## Wednesdays, March 9 — April 6

Each Wednesday during Lent, please join us for a light meal followed by our Lenten service. This year, we are excited to once again enjoy the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer to help us prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter.



**Lenten Dinners** begin at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. Free-will donations will be accepted.

March 9 — provided by your Church Council

March 16 — provided by Men's Bible Study group

March 23 — provided by Altar Guild

March 30 — provided by Ladies' Bible Study group

April 6 — provided by the TLC Staff

**Lenten Services** begin at 6:30pm, followed by Wednesday Nite Live at 7pm. WNL will not be held on March 16 due to Spring Break. You can also find [Lenten Service info on our website](#).

## Serving Others During Lent

The season of Lent gives us a great opportunity to show our love for others. One way we can do this is by helping others meet some of their most basic needs. Many of the most needed items for both children and adults at local organizations are undergarments: underwear, diapers, and more. During the weeks of Lent, we will be collecting NEW items each week to benefit Haven for Hope, Child Protective Services (CPS), and Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP).

**March 2 - 8: Sports Bras, any size**

**March 9 - 15: Women's Underwear, any size**

**March 16 - 22: Feminine Products**

**March 23 - 29: Men's Boxers, any size**

**March 30 - Apr 5: Men's Undershirts, any size**

**April 6 - 12: Diapers and Children's Underwear, any size**



Please place your donations in the laundry basket in the Narthex.

Thank you for your generosity!

# From Our Missionary in Jamaica

Dear Friends and Supporters, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to share with you a wonderful experience that I had visiting the Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church ([eotcja.org](http://eotcja.org)) here in Kingston, Jamaica. The importance of Ethiopian Christianity for Jamaicans was made very clear to me last semester when I was teaching a course on the early church. One thing I have noticed in teaching church history for many years is that students will latch onto material that they find highly relevant for their own understanding, and my students last semester latched onto the history of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

This church started in the early fourth century when two Christian Syrian boys were captured from a boat on the Red Sea and sold to the king of Ethiopia, in whose court they grew up along with the prince, Ezana. They were freed as adults and one of them, Frumentius, went to Egypt to request that the bishop of Alexandria, Athanasius, send a missionary bishop to Ethiopia; Athanasius sent Frumentius himself in 347. The church grew from the royal household out, and around 480 a group of nine Syrian monks arrived to establish a thriving network of

monasteries throughout Ethiopia. The kings of Ethiopia became powerful and connected their dynasties with that of King Solomon from the Bible. The thirteenth-century King Lalibela built a series of enormous rock-hewn churches at Roha, representing pilgrimage sites in Jerusalem, thus making Ethiopia itself a “holy land.” For many Jamaicans emerging from slavery in the late nineteenth century, this African hold land became a powerful symbol of a free and royal past that would inspire the rise of Rastafarianism in the twentieth century. It was the Rastafarians who asked Emperor Haile Selassie I to authorize the establishment of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Jamaica, and he did so in 1970, after which the most famous Rastafarian, the



**Ethiopian Tewahedo Church**

reggae singer Bob Marley, converted to Christianity and was buried as a member of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in 1981. The influence of this church extends to other Christian churches as well. For example, the fact that many rural Ethiopian churches are round inspired Mona Baptist Church, just down the street from the United Theological College of the West Indies, where I teach, to build a round church building for themselves in the Ethiopian style. The day that I visited



**Mona Baptist Church**

the Ethiopian Orthodox Church was really special because the (5-hour-long!) liturgy opened with the baptism of a baby girl named Garnette Mariam; her second name comes from Mary, Jesus’

## Missionary, continued



mother, depicted on an icon at the church. A drum was played by one of the women during the worship service to accompany the hymns, which were otherwise chanted acapella.

Among the scriptural texts that were read during the baptism was Acts 8:26-40, which is about an Ethiopian eunuch who is baptized by the apostle Philip. Just before the baptism, the whole congregation was asked to renounce the devil and all his works four times, once facing toward the east, once toward the west, once toward the north, and once toward the south. Then Garnette Mariam was lowered three times in the name of the Triune God into a large basin of water, after which the priest anointed her with oil on almost every part of her body as a seal of the Holy Spirit that cannot be broken. Then, rather than clapping in celebration, the congregation ululated joyfully. As we say in the Lutheran Church, Garnette Mariam, "We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world."

*Carolyn Schneider*

To read more about Carolyn's work in Jamaica, visit the [TLC website](#).

## 7 Important Women of the Protestant Reformation

While October 31 is generally celebrated in the United States as Halloween, the date is also significant because it's the anniversary of when the Protestant Reformation began.

Famous figures of the religious movement include the Augustinian monk Martin Luther, lawyer and theologian John Calvin, and the Presbyterian missionary John Knox.

The Reformation wasn't only a movement comprised of men, however, as several prominent women played their part in advancing Protestant beliefs and supporting the movement.

Seven notable women of the Protestant Reformation are revealed in the following list. They include apologetic writers, queens, a runaway German nun, and a prominent English martyr.

### Marie Dentière, c. 1495 - 1561

Born in 1495 to a noble family in France, Marie Dentière originally served as a prioress at an Augustinian convent before learning about the Reformation led her to leave the cloistered life.

Dentière focused on converting nuns to the Reformation cause, and wrote apologetic works in defense of Reformed theology, and even earned the respect of John Calvin, who at one point asked her to write the foreword for one of his printed sermons.



"In 2002, Marie Dentière became the only woman to have her name engraved on the famous Wall of Reformers in Geneva," [wrote Adrien Segal of Desiring God](#).

"There is no question she lacked what those of the time considered appropriate feminine modesty and humility, but because her passion was kindled by the pages of Scripture, her writing stirred and changed hearts not only in her own day, but in ours today, as well."

**Editor's Note:** This article continues next month when another of these notable women will be featured in the April edition of *The Trumpet*.

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# The Good Steward

By Mary Gandolfo

*But this is what the LORD says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.” — Isaiah 43:1 NIV*

I recently read a devotion that started with this quote: “Why compare yourself to others? No one in the entire world can do a better job of being you than you.” The author of the quote was anonymous, but how many times have we been told that we are unique, one of a kind, and precious in God’s sight? There may be another person out there with my name, but that person is not me. Every time I hear the above passage from Isaiah, I marvel at the ability of God to find me, among the many people on this earth named Mary. In this passage, I have been promised that God knows ME — and He calls to me by my name — I belong to HIM! Whoosh! Mind blown!

*For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother’s womb.*  
— Psalm 139:13 NIV

This Psalm goes on in the next verses to explain just how we were created.

We are all individuals and created in the image of God, a child of His, each one different than the other. Then, I wonder, why do we so often work hard to be like someone else? In this world of pressure to conform, we are tested every day to just be ourselves. Like the quote said, “no one can do a better job of being you than you” so why undertake the daunting task of being someone else? I understand peer pressure, spousal pressure, career pressure, and whatever other pressure you can think of to change who we are. I don’t think that is what God wants us to do. When we stay true to who we are, life is a lot better.

*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.*  
— 1 Corinthians 12:12a NIV

By this time, you may be wondering just what is my point. Each of us is a unique and valuable member of the body of Christ. When we try to change ourselves into something we are not meant to be, we break a part of that body. We are designed to be a part of something bigger than we are — just as we are. The Good Steward is at his/her best when staying true to the self we are knitted together to be. Trying to improve on God’s plan for us is not beneficial for us or for our community. You are a gift to your community, family, neighborhood, and any other group you identify with. Your special talents are necessary for all of us to function. The trick is (and this is a lifelong challenge!) learning to be the person God has in mind for us. Just about the time we think we have it figured out, something changes in our environment. Lessons start all over again. There is a core essence that should remain throughout our lives, and our job is to find that core

essence and embrace the person God made us to be. Join me as I travel the road to staying true to myself and yet adapting to my environment. After all, I am the best person to just be me!

TRUST  
yourself  
TO THE  
God  
WHO MADE YOU

# Treasurer's Corner

**H**APPY NEW YEAR! Yes, you'll be reading this in March, but my report covers the first month of 2022 so it's almost like "Happy New Year" all over again! Just like a hibernating bear slowly awakens from his winter slumber and begins to move about, January 2022 was a slow start for Triumphant. As we begin our new 2022 Budget, our monthly goal for General Operating funds was raised to a monthly goal of \$41,746, up slightly from our 2021 monthly goal of \$33,070. We started off the year with General Operating offering at \$30,722. Fortunately, the Preschool had an overall net profit of \$6,048 and we had a one-time gift of \$5,000, both of which helped us recover the slow start to the year.

Our Building Fund also had a slow start for 2022, with Building Fund donations totaling only \$5,807. The remaining balance to meet our monthly mortgage payment of \$7,592 was taken from our Building Fund reserve account. Also, as I mentioned last month, Council approved using the 2021 Excess Building Fund reserve for our mortgage principal. You'll notice a nice up-tick in the green bar on the Financial Graph! We only have \$554,719 left on our Mortgage!

## A **FUN FACT** about Giving:

**Did you know there are many different ways to donate to the General Operations, Building Fund, and many specific designated activities at Triumphant? These include the traditional methods of cash and check, but also modern methods of E-giving, donations through our Website, stock options, required IRA distributions, electronic bank checks, and many more! Check out the [Triumphant Website's Giving Page](#) for more information.**

I want to invite you to be part of our Finance Team, which meets monthly (currently by ZOOM) on the first Monday of each month. The team reviews the previous month's financial status and makes recommendations to Council for monetary adjustments and planning. If you're interested, send me an email and I'll ensure you get a ZOOM invite.

Blessings,

Gordon Hengst, TLC Council Treasurer  
[treasurer@triumphantulheran.org](mailto:treasurer@triumphantulheran.org)

# RMDs and QCDs

*By Gordon Hengst*

**W**hat do you know about RMDs and QCDs?

At a recent Finance team meeting, several of us were talking about RMDs and QCDs. One of our younger members on the team asked, "What are you guys talking about? What are RMDs and QCDs?"

An RMD is a Required Minimum Distribution. The Federal laws require anyone who is 72 years old with an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) to withdraw funds from their IRA each year.



A QCD is a Qualified Charitable Distribution. The Federal law allows the RMD to be considered a nontaxable QCD if the distribution goes to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions. The QCD is generally a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA to the qualified organization.

**Triumphant Lutheran is a qualified charitable organization.** We have several members who are using these provisions of law to donate their RMDs to the church. As other members reach the age to take an RMD, we hope more will consider the QCD option.

We found information on this subject in IRS Publication 590 which can be found on the IRS website: [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov). We would advise anyone considering this option to contact their financial advisor to ensure the requirements of Publication 590 are followed to allow a nontaxable distribution. Questions can be directed to Jerry Guebard, John Schultz, or Doug Hammerstrom. You can also find this information and other frequently asked questions about giving and special donations on our TLC website: [triumphantulheran.org/giving](https://triumphantulheran.org/giving).

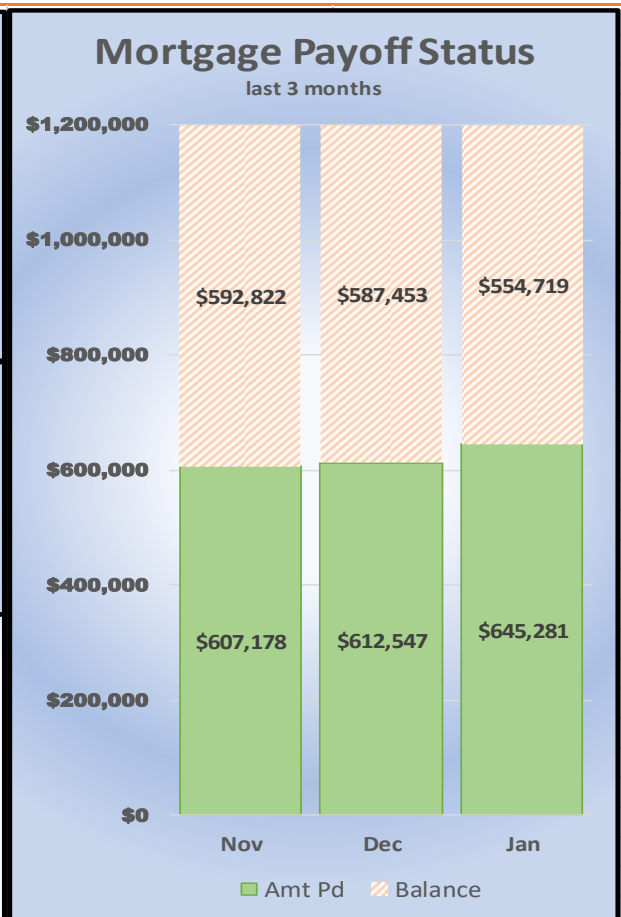
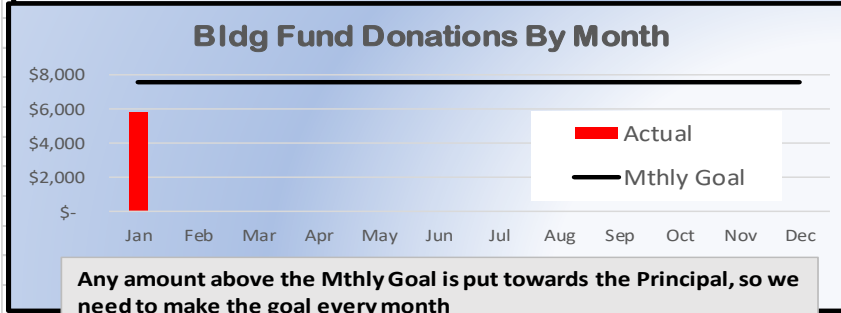
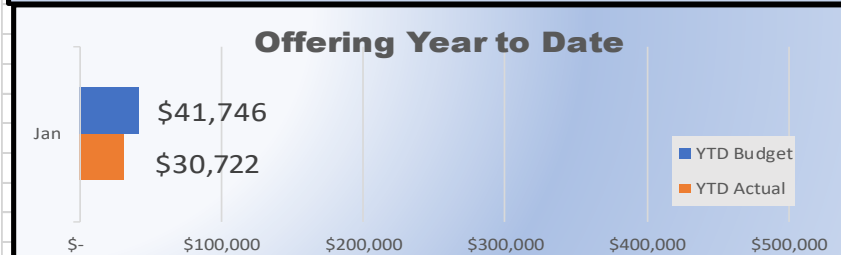
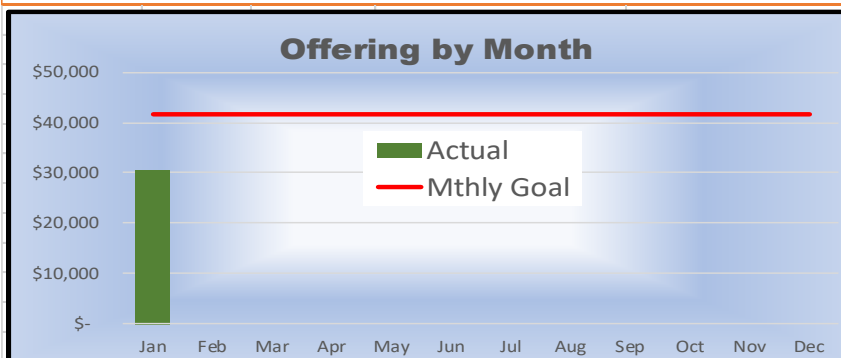
# January 2022 Financials

## KEY POINTS:

✚ **January** was a slow start to the year in both General Operating and Building Fund accounts. Fortunately, the Preschool had a profit of \$6,048.91 which bolstered our month-end amounts. We also had a one-time General Operating Fund donation of \$5,000.00.

✚ **Building Fund and Mortgage:** The Building Fund in January also had a slow start for the year, receiving only \$5,807.23 which included a one-time gift of \$1,200.00. The remaining \$1,784.77 needed to make the monthly mortgage payment was taken from the Building Fund Current Excess account. We also applied the 2021 Year-End Excess Building Fund reserve to the mortgage, making a \$27,345.60 payment to the principal.

✚ **Mortgage:** Council approved the Finance Team to proceed with refinancing our mortgage to take advantage of low interest rates which essentially will allow us to keep the same mortgage payment but reduce the payoff time to 2028.



## January 2022 Month End Financial Summary

January	NET INCOME		ANNUAL BUDGET	
Description	January	Year to Date		
Operating Income	\$51,276	\$51,276	Operating Income	\$692,016
Operating Expenses	\$62,560	\$62,560	Bldg Fund Income	\$91,104
Net Operating Income	(\$11,284)	(\$11,285)	Other Income	\$4,488
Bldg & Designated Income	\$8,689	\$8,689	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$787,608</b>
Bldg & Designated Expenses	\$8,615	\$8,615	Operating Expenses	\$736,128
Net Designated Income	\$74	\$74	Debt Service	\$91,104
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$11,211)</b>	<b>(\$11,211)</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$827,232</b>



# MARCH



- 3 Rita Brogdon & Don Johnson
- 18 Walter & Gail Brown
- 19 Jim & Peggy Madison
- 20 Rick & Carol Snyder
- 22 Mike & Sharon Hopkins
- 22 Donald & Hannelore Kestler
- 26 Angel & Jana Gomez
- 31 Melvin & Gloria Kreusler
- 31 Patrick & Cindy McCaffrey

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**The April Trumpet Deadline**  
**Tuesday**  
**March 22, 2022**

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- 1 Pam Erickson, Amber Henk, Cody Johnson, Kirsten Sweet
- 2 Ruth Sharp
- 3 Jesus Melendez, Paula Salazar
- 4 David Brinkman, Hal Halamuda
- 5 Kinsey Coronado, Sharon Hopkins, Gavin Still
- 7 Linda Shultz
- 8 Emmy Bazaldua, Jacque Hayne
- 9 Rachel Crow
- 10 Heather Henk, Autumn Wilcox
- 11 Olivia Ayala-Scharf, David Haug, Sam Neuzil, Sandy Van Horn
- 12 Jerry Guebard, Loretta Rietz
- 14 Jane Johnson
- 17 Lois Glazener
- 19 Rick Andersen
- 20 Marty Dumpys
- 21 Greg Chapman
- 22 Brad Miller
- 24 Linda Braun
- 26 Karen Courter
- 27 Kendra Hinze, Wanda Reidy, Jack Schlameus
- 28 Chris Crawford
- 29 Tom O'Berg, Anja Seiler
- 30 Kirkland Theilengerdes
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