

Lake Superior Christian Church



2014

ANNUAL REPORT

LAKE SUPERIOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Serving God By:

BRINGING People In To His Church
BUILDING People Up In His Son
SENDING People Out To Serve In His Harvest

Elders:

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Donald Withrow

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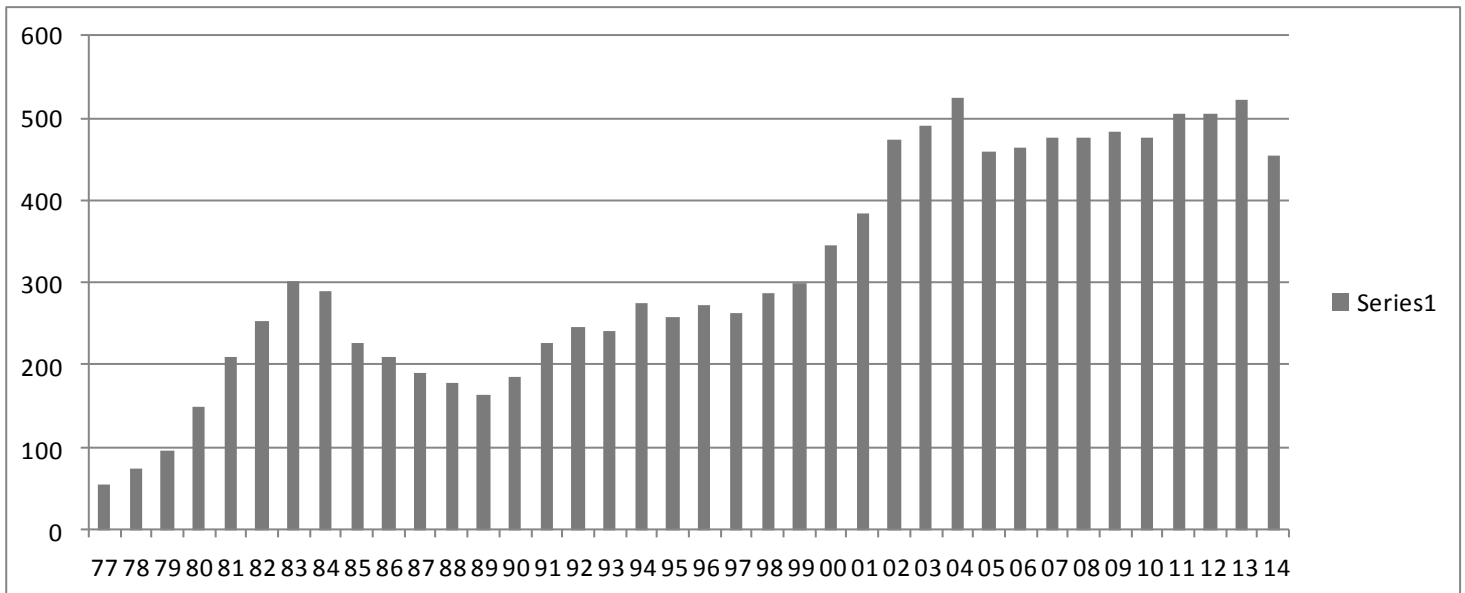
L.S.C.C. began as a Bible Study in 1976. In the fall of '77, the church was incorporated. Since then, over 2000 people have come and gone. Many became Christians through this church. The statistics here give a "picture" of over thirty five years, through attendance & membership at L.S.C.C.

L.S.C.C. NET MEMBER GROWTH 1977 - 2013

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
additions	+33	+36	+54	+58	+77	+100	+108	+76	+44	+30	+34
losses		-5	-19	-26	-33	-49	-70	-54	-72	-65	-37
net growth	+33	+31	+35	+32	+44	+51	+38	+22	-28	-35	-3
		+94%	+54%	+32%	+33%	+29%	+16%	+8%	-9%	-13%	-1.3%
offerings/wk.	\$274	\$296	\$495	\$736	\$1080	\$1390	\$1790	\$1961	\$2055	\$2036	\$2121
	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
additions	+36	+33	+58	+61	+65	+78	+71	+68	+44	+50	+51
losses	-53*	-73	-23	-36	-56	-49	-54	-67**	-42	-39	-38
net growth	-17	-40	+35	+25	+9	+29	+17	+1	+2	+11	+13
	-7%	-19%	+28%	+16%	+5%	+15%	+8%	+5%	+1%	+4%	+5%
offerings/wk.	\$2228	\$2128	\$2129	\$2395	\$2610	\$2865	\$3540	\$3697	\$3668	\$4101	\$5092
	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002***</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
additions	+65	+82	+85	+73	+93	+101	+74	+44	+59	+36	+46
losses	-25	-44	-38	-38	-34	-70	-163	-40	-58	-57	-41
net growth	+40	+38	+47	+35	+59	+31	-89	+3	+1	-21	+5
	+15%	+12%	+12%	+8%	+14%	+6%	-18%	+8%	+3%	-5%	+1%
offerings/wk.	\$5586	\$6236	\$7532	\$9,123	\$10,336	\$12,122	\$11,289	\$12,430	\$13,432	\$13,702	\$13,220
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>						
Additions	+22	+33	+41	+30	+14						
Losses	-39	-37	-20	-20	-23						
Net growth	-17	-4	+21	+10	-9						
	-4%	-1%	+6%	+2%	-2%						
offerings/wk.	\$12,385	\$13,723	\$13,824	\$14,920	\$14,411						

*includes 18 transfers to Christian Community Church.
 **close of K. I. Sawyer AFB, September 1995
 ***moved into new building

L.S.C.C. AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



STATISTICS

* Weekly averages	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
* SUNDAY WORSHIP	455	521
* BIBLE SCHOOL	87	90
* OPERATING FUND BUDGET	\$14,411	\$14,920
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	379	370

ADDITIONS BY BAPTISM: 7

Baptized here and signed covenant.

Mitch Koetje
 Kelly Koetje
 Kevin VanAlstine
 Annette VanAlstine
 Angel Antrim
 Ron Baumler
 Rachel Mantyla

INACTIVE:

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Melissa Alexander
 Alfred Baker
 Julie Baker
 Patrizia Benstrom
 Julie Bressette
 Will Carlstrom
 Jason Collister
 Cathy Cote
 Kelly December
 Kaylie Engler
 Sandra Gearhart
 Linda Hammond
 J.D. Johnson
 Scott & Dona Kevern
 Kim Kevern
 Richard Knotek
 Jennifer Kubond
 Brian & Janell Larson
 LaVerne Mager
 Ted Martin
 Matthew & Melanie Moffitt
 Ray Morgis
 Mark Nelson
 Melissa Patnode
 Robin Peterson
 Deborah Poppe
 Suzanne Price
 Vince & Dawn Schuhknecht
 Hilia Sikkila
 Steve Simula
 Matthew & Valerie Snell
 Thomas Swick
 Julie Tasson
 Jenn & Shaun Thunell
 Greg Souza
 Dylan Weaver
 Leah & Gary Scott Williams
 Jennifer Yelland
 Wade Yelle

MOVED AWAY: 13

Mike & Misty Schneider
 Jerry & Natalie Kizzire
 Joshua , Jenny, Blake Dickey
 Austin Hartman
 Kaitlyn Keranen
 Cassie Morgis
 Billy Nolan
 Dan Pepin
 Christine Schram

RE-ACTIVATED MEMBERS: 5

Kathy Jo Doney
 Sara Perfetti
 Greg vanHartesvelt
 Joann vanHartesvelt
 Ruth vanHartesvelt

REMOVED MEMBERSHIP: 1

Lauren Hintsala

ADDITIONS BY TRANSFER: 2

Already baptized, signed covenant.

Donald & Pamela Withrow

TRANSFERRED: 8

Tom & Mary Charmley
 Charlene Currance
 Dave Kilpela
 Mike & Wendy Prevost
 Erin Rule
 Carole Turner

OTHER BAPTISMS: 8

Baptized but not members or children.

Brian & Jennifer Becker
 Peter Judd
 Tanner Judd
 Wyleen Kniola
 Delany Sall
 Melissa & Peter Yoder

IN LOVING MEMORY: 1

Marilyn Seibert

** Total Membership numbers updated from the last three years of transition in the office manager position.*

*** Children not designated as members when baptized.*

2014 Wow! What a Ride!

Wow! 2014 was quite the year, eh? Great words of wisdom are found in the book of Proverbs. In chapter 16 vs. 9, we read, “The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.” This wisdom is a reminder that God is in control and we are not. It is our responsibility to live our lives in a way that gives God all the credit. This often involves planning the best we can, yet we must understand that He may have other plans.

The past year was certainly one of those years. You hired a new Executive Minister (Me) with expectations to build a team that would enable LSCC (that is you and me) to be God’s hands and feet to turn the U.P. upside down for Jesus! Our leadership still has that vision. However, we made plans to Honor God in one way, but God determined we would honor Him another way.

God was involved in Mike Schneider and family, Jerry and Natalie Kizzire and Josh Dickey and his family moving to serve in other parts of His kingdom. The leadership and I certainly planned on them being part of our ministry here. God is very concerned about Marquette County, yet He also sees, and is concerned with His entire kingdom. Sometimes there are special people that God moves from one part of the kingdom to another. We were sad to see our friends leave, but we know God will use them to bless other parts of His kingdom, the same way they blessed us. We had all made our plans, but God seemed to grin, and say, “I will direct your steps a different way.”

God **still** has plans for us to turn the U.P. upside down for Jesus. He still wants our friends, neighbors, and loved ones to know His love, grace, and how to live in a way that reflects God, Himself to others. Even now, He is bringing a new team together at LSCC to accomplish His will.

Sara Perfetti joined the team in August as office manager. We are very close to hiring a Children’s Minister after narrowing the field down to two finalists. The Preaching Minister search team is actively searching. The Worship Ministry is doing a fine job due to the hard work and dedication of our great volunteers. As you read this, the Worship Minister search team should be formed and ready to begin the search.

God is at work in, and at, LSCC! It looks like God is stretching our faith through this transition time and it is a great time to rely on God, rely on each other, and step up to serve His kingdom work at LSCC. We may have made our plans, but God has directed us elsewhere. As usual, we will be amazed at what God does when we continue to faithfully work for Him.

I was reminded of this poem after the kind of year 2014 was.

“Life is not a journey to the grave
With the intention of
Arriving safely in a pretty
And well preserved body,
But rather to skid in broadside,
Thoroughly used up,
Totally worn out,
And loudly proclaiming,
WOW !!! What a ride!”

(Attributed to Bill McKenna, Anonymous and in a Nissan ad)

When we serve God with our whole heart that is just how we will arrive in heaven. When I get to see Jesus face-to-face, that is exactly how I want to arrive! How about you?

~ *Donald Withrow*,
Executive Minister

Media Ministry, Children's Ministry, and everything in-between.

Well this has been the year of lots of hats worn! As I look back at 2014, and where I've seen God at work in the ministries that I have been blessed to have been part of, I find that I need to categorize. Let's start with the Children's Ministry.



Well, if you are involved with Children's Ministry or have kids of your own you most likely have realized that the Children's Director, Natalie Kizzire, moved away this summer with Jerry. For the interim I have stepped into a role of overseeing this ministry. What a talented and committed group of courageous volunteers! I am nothing short of impressed. While my role has been more of a conduit between volunteers and the executive minister, I can highlight a few of the absolute wins that I have noticed.

~ **VBS:** With only a few weeks notice, there was a surge of volunteer power, led by Joy Ward and Sandra Kent, to make sure that our kids had a great VBS experience. It was a blast to be part of the *International Spy Academy* (even if I did end up having to shave my head because the kids raised over \$1000 for Nikki Barr who was doing missionary work in the Dominican Republic).

~ **New School Year:** When Fall hit, we had changed the layout and security of the Children's Ministry. A wing of the church is now dedicated as a secure wing for kids and the class times have been tweaked to create a more easy to understand approach to where kids go on Sunday morning. Instead of traveling to multiple rooms over the course of an hour kids have a specified class room and K-5 have a BIG Gathering space for worship time.

~ **Volunteers:** I know I've mentioned this before, but it needs to be said again. The volunteers and Children's Workers have really stepped up to the plate in a time where we search for our next Children's Minister. The last six months have been a true testament to the commitment level of LSCC to the kids it ministers to. I do not have the space here to list each volunteer, but you know who you are. From the bottom of my Heart, I give you the most sincerest thanks!

Preaching Ministry:

This summer we had a great handful of guys step into the preaching roles after saying good bye to Jerry. Greg Rhodea gave us a month of insight into bridging the Old and the New Testaments through the ministry of John the Baptist. Brandon Morey, Don Withrow, Mike Bohl, and myself also filled the year by taking turns in the "pulpit". A great thanks goes out to all the volunteers within our other ministries that needed to step up to allow the space for that to happen. Sponsors with the youth group stepping up and leading in there on Sundays when Brandon was on, folks in the tech and kids areas running things while I was up, and everyone else who worked to keep things smooth while Don was on stage as well. Thank you to all who came together to make sure that LSCC held strong in our sermons during this interim time.

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Media Ministry

The folks on this team have been true, true friends. Media is my primary role and yet this year it has been the area where I have had to spend the least amount of physical time. This is only possible by the continued excellence of those involved on this team.

The first half of 2014 Shayne Fuller was an intern for LSCC in the Media Ministry. This summer he returned to North Central University in Minnesota for his undergraduate studies and in fact has changed his major from Youth Ministry to Media and Communications...fantastic! In the latter half of the year I have been spending more time on the opposite side of the microphone and trusting those who have been trained up to handle the audio/visual needs of LSCC.

This year we also installed a new sound system and acoustic paneling to help with the sound in the auditorium...in fact, the plan for panels was measured and drawn out by a volunteer within the tech team (Thanks Greg Gosnick!). While it has been hard for me to not have been as hands on with the tech side as I love to be, it has been very rewarding to see those who freely give their time to help the church succeed.

Thanks for a great year!

Dave Celeskey, Media Minister

2014 Worship Arts Ministry Annual Report

2014 is almost a memory, but there were many highlights and opportunities that happened this past year. The compass of this ministry spans over several different areas that in some way contribute to or directly support what happens each week in worship. In this report, we will briefly highlight some of the things that transpired in several of the respective areas.



The LSCC worship teams provide leadership and an atmosphere of worship for those who attend services here. It is a magnificent privilege and a high calling that we all take very seriously. Our motto and mission is to exalt God, equip and encourage His church, and to evangelize the lost. We get about two hours a week to accomplish these things most of the time and much preparation and prayer goes into that process. These servants are the front line and face of our church, so our enemy is constantly at work trying to discourage and disable their efforts. God promises us that the gates of hell won't prevail against His church and her calling to minister to a hurting world, so we cling to that at all times.

Our 2014 outreach efforts included another very successful Easter presentation of "The Story", Worship in the Park in August, the Laugh-All-Nite Comedy event in November, a Christmas Flash-mob at the Westwood mall in December, our annual Christmas Eve services, and this year's "Party at the Plex" at the UP Sportsplex. This year Josh Dickey, Brandon Morey, and Mike Bohl also presented a great sermon series on worshiping and how we can, and should, do it not only at church, but in our daily lives.



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We are praying that in 2015 God will bring more people to help out our team thru His prompting. Right now we have great teams that give all they have to serving this body, but as with anything, burn out can happen if there are not enough workers to do the tasks. We also want to be able to challenge the team to grow musically and spiritually this coming year, and to consistently offer to God the best we have. It will be exciting to see what God does as we continue to lean on and trust in Him!



Communion prep ministry: This is a very vital group of men and women that prepare the communion elements for services each week. Judy Berkseth is currently leading the group and as it has been in the past, this is a ministry that could use some more willing people to come together and help prepare our weekly communion. We typically ask the participants to take one of three positions (Setting up, resetting after 9:30, clean up after the 11 service). If you, or someone you know, is looking for a behind the scenes job that doesn't require much time and effort, this is a great way to get plugged in.

The usher ministry is another crucial group of servants that help things flow on Sunday mornings here at LSCC. They currently serve communion, take up offerings, and help people get seated. Gary Bovan has been doing a terrific job in the role of lead usher and has a passion for what he does. He has a great deal of experience and a good knowledge base of what a successful ushering ministry looks like and we hope that this year will be a another year of growth for our ushering team.



There will always be challenges, but we serve a God of the impossible and we are convinced that as long as we are giving our all and our best, He will take our meager offerings and do great things in His kingdom. We ask that you please pray for each one of these ministries, their leaders, and the many who serve faithfully every week in them. Pray for strength, encouragement, tenacity, and most importantly, that we all stay focused on Jesus and His calling in our lives. If you were to ask anyone involved in any of these ministries, they would tell you how much they love being involved and serving, but there's always room for more in God's kingdom. We trust in God's promise to do more than we could ask or imagine if we just put our trust in Him, so we say farewell to 2014 with the hope and peace that God is faithful to accomplish His will at LSCC...that 2015 will be an even greater year where more people will be saved and connect themselves to the work here.

Standing on His promises,
The *LSCC Worship Ministry Team*





This past year started with an exciting trip to Spring Hill Camp in Lower Michigan. This was our first trip to Evart for a winter retreat but I'm so glad we decided to go. We had three vehicles which caravanned down, packed with teenagers and sponsors. The weekend was fantastic as we were able to worship and learn about God. Being at the retreat allowed our group to bond and reconnect with each other and God. We had a lot of fun with all the different activities that were offered, from horseback riding to paintballing, the teens really had a blast.

This past year we also attended Deeper Life, a summer camp that we have been attending for close to a decade. As always, this week challenged us and changed us to be more Christ-like in our daily lives. We look forward to this time each year, where we can spend a week away from the distractions of normal routines, and just spend quality time with God and our friends.

In 2014, we introduced a different way of teaching and learning to our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening lesson times. As you would expect, the teens enjoy technology and using the latest and greatest forms of learning. Because of this, we made a choice to use a great resource in **Right Now Media**. We have been through a number of series that have helped to shape and form our spiritual relationships with God. The small group questions that are connected to these video-based studies have really strengthened our faith.

Furthermore I am excited to see more of our teens involved in the Sunday morning services in a servant or volunteer capacity. I'm also encouraged to know that even more of our students are graduating and looking to become enrolled at Christian Universities where they will go on to full-time careers in ministry.

In 2015 we are praying for more students to connect with. Our hope is that they would see and hear our catch phrase, "It Starts Here", as an invitation to begin and continue growing in their relationship with God.

Thanks to everyone who has helped this past year in serving our students here at LSCC!

In Him,
Brandon Morey



BENEVOLENCE REPORT

It was another busy year for the Benevolence Ministry. We had many requests for financial help. Our guidelines stipulate that we are only able to give financial help to members and regular attendees. It is not easy to have to tell someone who has a financial need that we are unable to help, but we do put them in touch with other agencies that may be able to give the help that is needed. We also have financial advisors who will help those who wish to meet with them.

Our food pantry is open to anyone who needs groceries. It was well stocked again this year. Donations may be placed in the shopping cart in the foyer or placed outside the food pantry door which is located by the back door or put in the kitchen and marked on the bag that it is for the Benevolence Ministry. We were able to give food baskets to 7 families this past Christmas season. Thank you for contributing to this need.



We are not a budgeted ministry so all of our financial needs are met by donations.

Thank you for all of your help; whether it is financial, food for the pantry, or your prayers. Each of them help to make this ministry possible.

Thank you for caring,
Nancy Stoll,
Benevolence Deacon

BUILDING MINISTRY

2104 has been a busy year in our building here at L.S.C.C. We have seen many people come in and out of our doors between our services, Upward Basketball, VBS, Room at the Inn, and through many other events that we have hosted.

As always, a building that is used as much as ours is needs some repairing every once in a while. This year the building ministry was kept busy replacing many light-bulbs throughout the building, painting offices and classrooms, repairing bathroom fixtures, stopping leaky sinks, and putting bulletin boards up.

There were some major fixes that had to happen as well. We needed to purchase a new battery for the lift that we use to change the light-bulbs in the auditorium. We had a big repair on our one of our boilers. We also had to replace both of the thermostats in the auditorium.

From the painters, to the plumbers, to the many light-bulb changers; I want to say thank you to all of those who have volunteered their time and talents in these various areas to help keep LSCC in top notch condition.

As with any ministry, we can always use more volunteers, so please contact the church office or me with any questions about serving God in this capacity.



In His service,
Les Milligan, Building Deacon



DECORATING MINISTRY

Matthew 11:28 - Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest.

The scripture above the entry doors speaks volumes. God has blessed us and entrusted us with a beautiful and spacious building which hosts God's people - Lake Superior Christian Church. This ministry prays that L.S.C.C. will be a place where a person can find rest. A place of respite from any storm, because God is alive at L.S.C.C., and He is the only One who can calm our storms. Our continued prayer is that the Holy Spirit comforts and guides all who walk through our doors, whether members, visitors, seekers, friends, or family.

I was very blessed and grateful to everyone who was faithful in coming to help decorate, and undecorate, so that the church reflected the Christmas season this past year. It was wonderful to meet many new faces during the **CHRIST**mas decorating extravaganza! (Keep in mind that this is also a great way to invite a friend to come and help out in a gentle, fun environment.)

Please, help keep this House of God a place of rest and peace! We are always looking for new people to get involved and are currently looking for someone to head up this Ministry. If you are someone (or there is someone you know) who loves God, enjoys decorating, and would like to work with others to make L.S.C.C a place of comfort and rest, this just may be the ministry for you! Please contact the church office and talk to me or e-mail me at office@lsc.tv.

In His care and service,
Sara Perfetti,
Temporary Decorating Chair

GREETING MINISTRY

Our greeters are the front line, so to speak. They are usually the first people our guests have the opportunity to interact with. It is said that people make a call about whether to come back to a place in the first seven minutes of their time spent there, so the greeters have the very important task of helping people feel welcomed and informed. To this end, you've seen the greeters wear the yellow smiley face stickers that say, "I'm friendly. I'm flexible. I'm here to serve".



I, along with my co-leader, Jo Ellen Yeadon, have seen a year of blessings and growth for the greeter ministry. Many of our "regulars" consider greeting to be their ministry. Each Sunday finds our enthusiastic guys outside, no matter what the weather may be. They greet and help folks as they enter our doors. This same helpfulness continues as greeters, standing by each auditorium door, hand out bulletins, and offer friendliness and smiles.

As was stated above, greeting is of utmost importance, yet involves a small time commitment. Are you ready for a step towards involvement? Have you come to realize it is extremely beneficial to both you and the church? Do you want to try a ministry that is both important and not too time-consuming?

If the answer is yes, find me on Sunday or call me at 346-4476. You won't regret it. We need you. Can you imagine our church with **EVERYONE DOING SOMETHING?**

'Hope to see you involved.
Susan Rhodea



GROUNDS MINISTRY

We began the spring with two riding mowers. One needed repair and the other one was in parts. We decided to purchase a new sit down mower but through God's blessings, one of the elders donated a riding mower and we found a repairman that took the mower in parts as payment for repairing the other sit-down mower. We ended up cancelling out new mower purchase and started the spring with 2 sit-down mowers.



One day, one of the church members decided that we had a million dollar building, with a ten cent view. In other words, people couldn't really see our church from the road. He took it upon himself to clear about 3 1/2 acres of brush and dead trees so now we have a million-dollar building with a billion-dollar view! This Spring we plan to plant seed on that land and turn it into a park setting.

We ended up being under budget this year, so things are looking well for next year. We have some other future projects in mind, but are always looking for more ideas to improve the grounds. If you have a great idea for improving our grounds please talk to Dale Eltman.



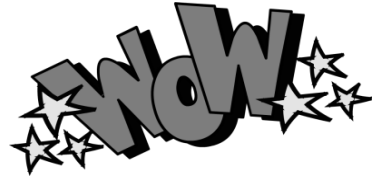
A big thank you to ALL who have helped this year! We have a small, but reliable crew for maintaining the grounds and doing snow removal but we can always use more volunteers! If you wish to be part of the grounds crew please contact Dale Eltman.

We are looking to continue to make the grounds of LSCC a comfortable and appealing setting.

Deacon of the Grounds,
Dale Eltman

GUEST CENTRAL MINISTRY

*What is the difference between a **GUEST** and a **VISITOR**?
Never missing another Sunday versus never coming back!!!*



Guest Central is a vital ministry that serves to welcome new Guests to LSCC by providing them with a clear, simple and relational way to gather information about our church and our faith. We aim to help our Guests feel welcome by providing one-stop assistance that leaves a positive lasting impression of LSCC and sends the message that you matter to God therefore, you matter to us! We average 5-6 new guests per month at LSCC, many of whom bring families or friends with them.

When the Guest arrives at Guest Central, we help them in several ways: by accompanying them to find check in stations and classrooms for their children, by showing them to an usher or greeter who leads them to the auditorium for worship and by answering their basic questions about locations and events, pointing them to Connection Central, an Elder or Staff member to assist when needed. Once service is done, we thank our Guests for coming to LSCC by providing information about our church, a short book to help deepen their faith and a small gift to show our appreciation.

At Guest Central we currently have over 30 volunteers committed to caring for our Guests. It is a simple way to serve and send a message of love to those walking through our doors for the first time.

If you would like to help our Guests have a WOW experience at LSCC, please contact Pam Beauchamp, Michelle Morey or Cheryl Schram for more details.



LIBRARY MINISTRY

Paul wrote to Timothy, "When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all, the parchments." 2 Timothy 4:13.

Paul had need of books: how much more the growing Christian of today needs the stimulus of books for reference, for Bible study, for inspiration in Christian living! The church library is a teaching tool, important to the congregation, the class, the individual, for study and support. It supports the mission of the church as well as the growth of one's faith. In our study of the Bible, we need the information, discoveries, and examples found in these books.

Your LSCC library hosts over 4,000 books, DVDs, music CDs, and reference tools, that are available for check out. We are continuously adding new items to the shelves and encourage you to browse through the shelves and find something to check out.

In 2014, we have added nearly 300 new items to the library, thru donations as well as purchased with the budget. We are thankful for the generosity of our patrons for their donations which help extend the budget each year. This past year, we have also been blessed with new volunteers. Their dedication and faithfulness to serve on Sunday mornings and throughout the week is greatly appreciated! Our volunteers for 2014 included Lee Yelle, Sue Parson, Krista Wealton, Kayla Argeropoulos, Pam Withrow, and Deb Fuller. Thank you for your servant hearts!

In the new year, 2015, we are excited to be busy working on a website for your LSCC library. We expect it to be complete and ready to be utilized later this year. Look for more information on this in the upcoming months.

If you like and have an understanding of organization and order, we could use your help. We are looking for volunteers to "man" the library on Sunday mornings or to assist with processing the new items for the library shelves and the website. Training will be arranged. Please see Deb Fuller for more information or stop in to Connection Central to be connected.

Another area we are currently expanding is our "book reviews". Have you read a great book lately from the LSCC library? Couldn't put the book down? Tell us about it. We need reviews for the church newsletter and for the library website. It's great for others to read about what great books we have on our shelves. Children are welcome to write reviews too, with the help of their parents!

It is truly a blessing to be your Library Coordinator. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for His church.

In His service,
Deb Fuller
Library Coordinator
1-2015



MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's ministry got off to a rough start in 2014. Jim Beran stepped down and handed it off to Glenn Troupe. We had a really hard time trying to get more men involved at first. The men had a snowshoe outing but the outing wasn't advertised enough, so there weren't many that actually showed up. The men's retreat last year also had low numbers due to a longer and colder winter, and the starting of people's summer vacations.



Our Men's Breakfast numbers have been great! Jim Beran has been the main speaker for the messages during men's breakfast. Donations have been down for this, so we are looking to refine spending for certain breakfast items to help with that. The men's survey had a decent return, but there are still many who have not filled out one. If you would like to fill one out please contact me.

Plans for the New Year: For the Men's Breakfast we will be refining spending on certain breakfast items due to a lack of interest in those certain items. We would like to have more movie and dinner nights than we did last year. We are planning a snowshoe outing in February and would be hoping to put together a promotion video for this. We would like to put together some kind of horseshoes league or fellowship in the spring, have a men's retreat at Pete Corkin's camp in the late spring, and we are also interested in starting a new men's Bible study.

We have been looking for more ways to remind the men of certain events and outings and are looking to start compiling email addresses to send reminders out about our events. We are also thinking about creating a Facebook page, much like the women have for their group.

With a Shout,
Glenn Troupe



REPORT 2014 MISSIONS

Monthly Income

General Fund	6400.00
Offering (average)	2607.00

MONTHLY SUPPORT

World Team (Ed & Valerie Johnson)	290.00
Keryx Prison Ministry	50.00
Care Clinic	300.00
Gutenberg Ministries	300.00
Great Lakes Christian College	300.00
His House Christian Fellowship	825.00
Mountain Mission School	100.00
Wisconsin Christian Ministry Association	225.00
Ryan Gilroy (Manistique)	225.00
Helps International	350.00
GFA- Native Missionaries	90.00
SEACM	1300.00
GFA-Bridge of Hope- Chanepag Sandeep	35.00
GFA-Bridge of hope- Sahil Rai	35.00
CMF International	700.00
Friends of Israel	150.00
Hand to Hand	815.00
Doulos Discovery School	<u>500.00</u>
	6590.00

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The Mission Committee uses undesignated funds to make one-time gifts each month, such as: additional support, building projects, recovery from natural disasters, etc. All designated funds go to that individual or organization!

ONE TIME GIFTS/SUPPORT BY MONTH:

JANUARY

GFA Women's Ministry	400.00
Prison Fellowship	400.00
Mission Bible Training Center	500.00
IDES	500.00
White Fields World Ministries	500.00
Ray Thorne (gift)	500.00

FEBRUARY

Wycliffe Bible Translators	200.00
North American Christian Convention	180.00
Cookson Hills	300.00
ESP Ministries	200.00
Erika Johnson-CRU	300.00
Gospel for Asia	220.00

MARCH

Impact Ministries	800.00
Gospel for Asia	850.00
International Conference on Missions	360.00
Global Radio Outreach	25.00

APRIL

CRU	1000.00
Prison Fellowship	640.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	640.00
Gospel for Asia	640.00

MAY

Compassion International	32.00
Global Aid Network	1383.00
Nikki Barr	500.00
Trip to Mountain Mission School	1000.00

JUNE

Janelle Janeau (travel expense)	200.00
SEACM (airline ticket)	1800.00
His House	100.00
Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission	240.00
Wycliffe Bible Translators	500.00
Rapha House	750.00
Christian Freedom International	300.00
Mission Bible Training Center	240.00

JULY

Doulos Discovery School	1487.12
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AUGUST

His House	1545.25
Compassion International	32.00
IDES	200.00
Ken Oosting (Christian's Haven)	200.00
Colegio Biblico	200.00
CMF International	65.00

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SEPTEMBER

Compassion International	32.00
International Conference on Missions	500.00
New Tribes Mission	500.75
Christian Freedom International	300.00
Janelle	200.00
Cookson Hills	245.00



OCTOBER

Ladysmith Church of Christ	500.00
Janelle	200.00
Compassion International	32.00
Global Radio Outreach	25.00
Ray Thorne	2002.50
Gospel for Asia	120.00
John Johnson (Hostel support)	500.00



NOVEMBER

No meeting in November

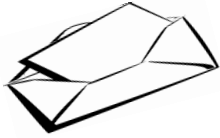
DECEMBER

Janelle	400.00
Compassion International	64.00
Global Radio Outreach	25.00
Gospel for Asia	410.00
Ed Johnson (gift)	200.00
John Johnson (gift)	200.00
Mitch Robey (gift)	200.00
Sam Galvin (gift)	200.00
Ken Henes (gift)	200.00
Ryan Gilroy (gift)	200.00
Dave Foerster (gift)	200.00
Janelle Janeau (gift)	200.00
Ray Thorne (gift)	200.00
Nikki Barr (gift)	200.00
Danai Chowwiwat (travel expense)	<u>100.00</u>
Designated	8274.00
Christmas Eve Offering	<u>4433.05</u>
Total	120,791.05



The 2014 Mission Committee Members: Keith Beauchamp, Pam Beauchamp, Sally Lyford, Tim Tebby, Dwayne Ward, Joy Ward, Vince Rose, Karen Chandler, and Bob Hodges





OFFICE MINISTRY



As your new office manager, I would like to say thank you to everyone for making my transition into this position such a smooth one. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you, and am looking forward to meeting even more people, as 2015 continues to progress.

I would like to give a special thank you to Alana & Bill Kiple, Barb Koski, Lois Ray, Keith & Pam Beauchamp, Susan Rhodea, Lisa Simpler, Barb Osterman, Susan Twa, and Judy Berkseth for their invaluable assistance with doing tasks such as attendance, folding and cutting of the weekly bulletins, proofreading bulletins, newsletters, etc., mailing out the monthly newsletters, answering the phone during our weekly staff meetings, volunteering in the office when I was absent, taking care of the outdoor sign, and helping with church-wide mailings.

As with any ministry, there are always ways for new volunteers to help out, so if you have some free time, and are looking for a way to get plugged at L.S.C.C. please give the office a call during regular office hours (Monday-Friday 9:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), email me at office@lsc.tv, or find me during a Sunday service and I will be glad to talk to you.



In His service,
Sara Perfetti,
L.S.C.C. Office Manager

SHEPHERDING MINISTRY

We revamped the SHEPHERDING TEAM MINISTRY for our LSCC Family during the 4th quarter of 2014. Our purpose is serving God and our church at the foundation level - while being the pulse for members and non-members (@ 400 family units) that attend LSCC from 17 various communities in the U.P.

Our ministry involves obtaining from our family units, updated contact information for the purpose of improving ministry service for our LSCC Family. This is a foundational ministry aimed at serving our family units through encouragement and prayer. Our goal during the 1st Quarter of 2015, is that each family unit that attends LSCC regularly will come to know their shepherding deaconess or deacon. Please pray for the 31 shepherding team members that are currently serving our family units at LSCC.

Jason Alumbaugh	Mike Elliott	Brandon Nylander	Randy Yelle
John Anderson	Sharon Eltman	Connie Oslund	
Joel Asher	Sam Galvin	Mike Paternoster	
Georgie Baij	John Gentile	Lou Praznik	
Steve Barr	Tim Hares	Peggy Salo	
Jim Beran	Bob Hodges	Wes Schober	
Mike Bohl	Jim Kent	Howard Schram	
Jonah Bonovetz	Mitch Koetje	Rob Slater	
Doug Boyle	Darren Miller	Tim Takalo	
Steve Buteyn	Les Milligan	Tim Tebby	

In God We Trust:
Dave & Vicki Slater
Shepherding Coordinator & Assistant





Believe – that God loves you
Belong - to a loving community of women
Become – a woman after God’s heart

2014 was an exciting year for Women Connected (Women’s Ministry). We are a team of 13 dedicated and passionate women who love the Lord and love building women up in their faith. We have a Facebook page and are trying to more effectively and warmly promote women’s events and activities. We are working on a web page to be linked to LSCC’s website.

The Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening Bible studies continue to meet and grow, offering great opportunities for women to get together to deepen their study of God’s Word and enjoy fellowship. In addition, there is a monthly women’s book club that is enjoyed by many. In the summer there is a weekly gathering of moms and kids at area parks. A faithful group of women have also started praying at the church at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. You are welcome to join Women Connected in prayer any time you can!

Women’s Event Night (WEN) is an ongoing monthly event that we host, and will continue into 2015 (the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.) In 2014 those who attended grew in their walk with God by listening to the faith journeys many women shared with us, as well as other activities such as geocaching, Blind Date with a Book (library), stocking the food pantry, and making CHRISTmas cards for our troops and a children’s hostel in Thailand. There are generally 25-30 women in attendance and it is always exciting to see new faces at WEN. We have a great schedule of testimonies and events lined up for 2015. This is a great opportunity for women to invite friends from outside the church to attend.

On February 22 we enjoyed a full-day outing including a time for snowshoeing, worship, fellowship, board games and a potluck attended by about 15 women despite a lot of snow and the need to relocate the event!

On April 5, 2014, we hosted an all-day Live Simulcast featuring Priscilla Shirer, a respected and much-loved women’s speaker (Lifeway Ministries). There were over 120 women in attendance representing many cities and churches. Priscilla challenged us to dig deep into God’s word, praying that it would resonate deep within us and make its home inside our hearts. We enjoyed intimate times of prayer and worship, as well as a delicious lunch catered by Babycakes Muffin Co. (Spiritual food and physical food!) We had many enthusiastic and positive responses from those who attended.

The Christmas Tea was held on December 13 (this event is held every other year). The tickets sold out in about 20 minutes (as they usually do). The theme was “Bethlehem Star”. As one of my friends likes to say, “God showed up and showed off.” The team served in all areas, alongside the 40 or so men who served with humble hearts as they set up, cleaned up, parked cars, served tables, kept beverages filled, waited tables and did dishes. The 165 women that attended enjoyed the beautifully decorated tables, a gluten-free brunch, and Christ-centered program. We were able to gift the Care Clinic @ Sawyer with a little over \$500 after our expenses were paid.

We again helped with Operation Cookie Blessing in 2014. 75 dozen cookies were delivered to 80 businesses to employees who had to work on Christmas Eve.

All these events would not be possible without the mighty presence of God the Father, the grace of Jesus Christ His Son, and the leading and indwelling of the Holy Spirit working through the Women Connected Team. Thank you sisters-in-Christ!

In God’s service – *Chris Corkin* and the Women Connected Team
women@lscctv





No doubt you've noticed the "Get Plugged in" logo on many of the pages. These are just a few of the ministries that are looking for more volunteers to get involved.

We are currently looking for people to head up the following ministries: **Laundry Ministry, Chair Transition, Decorating, Prayer & Care, and Special Events Furniture Transition.** Each of these areas is more of a behind-the-scenes role, but they are each vital to our ministry here at L.S.C.C.

God gives each of us special gifts and it's up to us to use those gifts to help His Kingdom grow and reach out to others. Please consider using your gifts and talents at L.S.C.C. in 2015!

For more information on these, or any other ministry, please contact the church office at 249-1431.

FINANCE REPORT

During 2014 there were big changes and some challenges. Saying good bye to those who answered God's call to minister in other areas of our country has been bitter sweet. As we trust God and continue to seek His will and obey, ♪♪♪♪ "Trust and Obey" ♪♪♪♪ comes to mind. We can't help but praise, worship, and give thanks to our awesome God.

The projected income for 2014 was \$767,055. God blessed us with \$749,374 or 2.3% less than projected in operating tithes, offerings, and ministry income. During the year expenses were \$738,028. As our building increases in age the need for repairs arises. In 2014, boiler/furnace repairs were done. The building was made more secure and many building light bulbs were replaced. This caused a 4% increase in the overall Building expenditures over the budgeted amounts. Some ministries were collectively over budget by an average of 26%, while some ministries were under budget at year's end.

With all the unexpected expenses, God's provision is evident, in that at year's end income was approximately 1% more than expenses.

One more blessing to pass on is that thru designated contributions, one extra principal mortgage payment was possible.

Wow can't help but see God's hand in all this.

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to the Finance Team members, Lois Ray, Mary Kay Johnson, and Sharon Elliott. Also a THANK YOU to Linda Beauchamp, Susan Bovan, Ann Kantola, Sally Lyford, Gail Praznik, and Cheryl Schram for being available to assist on Sunday's.

I will close with "*Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.*" Psalm 105:4

Lee Yelle
Finance Manager