

# **2012 Annual Report to the Congregation**

Annual Meeting May 5, 2013

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## **2013 Annual Meeting**

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## **St. Olaf Lutheran Church Annual Meeting of the Congregation Agenda**

**Sunday, May 5, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

Opening Devotions – Pastor Matt

Approval of May 6, 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

President's Report – Ron Egelseer

Treasurer's and Endowment Reports – Karl Monis

## Ministry Reports

Pastor – Pastor Matthew Lee

Youth Director – Justine Cadena

## Council Chair Reports

Property – Peggy Morrissey

Parish Life – Jody Homulos

Music and Worship – Clara Birkel

Youth Education – Amy Hoffmann

Adult Education – Cindy Schlieve

Finance – Karl Monis

Outreach – Mary Hershoff

## Other Reports

Women of Grace – Elaine Monis

Scrip – Laura Lee

Review Previous Ministry Plan and Proposed Ministry Plan

New Business

Adjourn

Lord's Prayer

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## **Minutes From the Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

Sunday, May 6, 2012 – 11:00 am

26 people representing 19 families were present

Called to order by Council President, Ron Egelseer at 11:43am.

Devotions by Pastor Matt

The May 22, 2011 annual meeting minutes were approved.

President's report: We are struggling with stewardship. We are trying to bring in additional funds through fundraising efforts, but fund raising alone will not support the

church. The President asked for ideas on how to start an effective stewardship program.

Treasurer & endowment report: There is \$31,076 in the mortgage reduction fund. \$378,000 is owed on the church building. \$192,860 is in the ministry plan for this year. We met the 10% benevolence payment obligation. "Allocated income" on the report is income other than plate offerings i.e. fund raisers, etc.

Ron Egelseer explained that what is presented is a ministry plan and not a budget. Committees are requested to keep that in mind. He explained our goal of having a fundraiser every quarter and having fun doing so. The neighborhood will see that we are a fun group. He said he wants to include mentoring the youth in life experiences in the church youth program. Such a program would also add to our cross generational efforts.

Pastor's report: Pastor thanked those who have done such good works for the church the past year. He looks forward to be able to use fundraising income for expanding our ministry rather than just paying the bills.

Youth Director report; Justine thanked the Women of Grace for supporting her trip to the Youth Gathering training in New Orleans. Three St. Olaf's youth will be attending the upcoming National Youth Gathering event in New Orleans.

Committee reports other than those in the annual report:

Property: Their next project will be painting the church and garage.

Outreach: Two families are coming for the next Family Promise week. Please sign up to help.

Women of Grace: Elaine Monis reported on the recent Mother - Child dinner with Norwegian dancers. She said that the WOG are here to serve. Call them when you need their help. The WOG need a kitchen chairman to monitor the condition of the

kitchen. Lyn Johnson reported that the actual WOG balance is \$3,200 rather than what is indicated in the report because \$3,700 was recently contributed to the last matching fund and \$2,500 to benevolences.

Scrip report: Laura Lee reported that Scrip participation is improving. She would like to have some additional help with the program. The start up loan will be paid back shortly and about \$700 of the profits will be directed to the general fund. It was suggested to include a Scrip order form in the monthly Caller.

It was suggested that we start accommodating credit cards in fundraising efforts.

Dave Johnston was thanked for his wonderful work on the church website.

It was reported that the exterior sign / lighting proposals are progressing

Ron Egelseer reported that the iron scrap drive is still underway.

There was discussion on drawing a kitchen remodeling plan.

The Ice cream social / car show planning is underway.

Inquiry was made on the status of our new computer software. Pastor reported that some of the software was free and some was paid by donation. It is up and running but training staff on how to use it and inputting information to the software is taking more time than we would like. We are asking the congregation for technology expertise to assist but so far have not gotten any volunteers. Pastor talked about some of the things the new software will do for us when it is in full use.

There was some discussion on visitation of inactive members.

Inquiry was made on how many members there are in the church. Pastor reported that such a number is very difficult to attain because record keeping on transfers, etc. are not kept the way they used to be kept. Roger Johnson reported that 155 giving units contributed to the general fund in 2011 and that 52% of these giving units averaged \$3.50 / week to the general fund. He estimated that, when the update on current membership is complete, it will show a membership of about 130 giving units.

Roger Johnson reported that he will be seeking authorization to have a 1950s music concert for a fundraiser in the fellowship hall next Fall.

A testimony to the Simply Giving program was given by Ann Marie Kraemer.

There was discussion on the necessity to have an effective stewardship effort and the hope that some people will come forward to organize it.

Discussion on 2012-13 ministry plan:

Concern was expressed about passing a "budget" that we can't meet. Discussion included the difficulties in church financial planning and the differences between financial planning in churches and businesses. It was explained that we will be voting on a "ministry plan" rather than a "budget". There was a comment that we should work on cutting expenses as well as increasing giving. It was stated that every line item in the ministry plan is repeatedly scrutinized by church leadership, however any cost cutting ideas are welcomed by the Leadership Team. After further discussion, a motion to approve the 2012-13 ministry plan was made by Cindy Schlieve and seconded by John Christenson. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Roger Johnson

Council Secretary

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**Report from the President of the Congregation**

I was doing some day dreaming the other day and reflected a bit on my life...that is what you do the older you get...goes with the territory. Linda and I lived in Beaver Dam, WI for about 30 years before moving to the Rubicon area. Beaver Dam is a very nice community...good schools, shopping, various entertainment etc. We were members of First Lutheran Church. First Lutheran is a much larger church than St. Olaf with three pastors and a much larger congregation. Although we participated in various events and activities, we were not that active in the church. It was easy to reason why we did not participate more. We were busy with raising kids...I was busy with my business...In the summer time, we like to be at our lake home...the list goes on...you know what I mean. When our kids were grown up and had moved on, we decided we wanted to move to a country setting and found a wonderful home on Harding Road in the Town of Ashippun. Once we were settled in, we started looking for a new church to attend and were delighted to find St. Olaf just a couple miles down the road. One of the things Linda and I both decided, prior to joining St. Olaf, was that we wanted to be more involved than what we were at First Lutheran, although I have to admit, the president's position was not on my bucket list. Involved we have become, and I would like to thank everyone in the congregation that has made us feel very welcome and has invited us to participate in the many wonderful events and activities at St. Olaf. We thank all of you and yet at the same time realize what a mistake we made years ago by not being more involved at First Lutheran. The biggest benefit to being a member of any church or organization is not being a member...but being an actively involved member. I have learned that the more I am involved, the more I personally benefit. The benefit comes in the form of wonderful friends and acquaintances, shared ideas, smiles from everyone attending our worship services, and the many events. The list goes on and yet the list cannot be appreciated to its fullest unless you get involved. I am not telling any of you anything new when I say, "life is busy". All of us can find things to do and justify why we do one and not another. The message that I am sending is, "don't wait...get involved now", and take advantage of the many benefits I missed out on.

A couple years ago, the Leadership Team decided to endorse a concept that many other churches have adopted called "Small Group Ministry". The concept is rather simple. The design is to allow a small group of individuals to pursue a specified project or mission within a block of time and a defined outcome. The beauty of the Small Group is that it allows people the flexibility to pursue things that they have an interest or possibly training in. Leadership requested that projects suggested meet the following criteria. 1.) Provide a benefit to St. Olaf's congregation. 2.) Involve our

local community 3.) Proceeds from the events or projects be directed to chosen ministries at St. Olaf or elsewhere, specified by the leader of the group. 4.) Finally, the Leadership Team oversees, monitors, and approves each request for such a group. Needless to say...these programs are working well. Small Group Ministry was alive and well this past year at St. Olaf, and everyone benefited from the efforts of all those involved. The participation that I observed at our many events and programs was over whelming. It is truly wonderful to see everyone come together as a unit supporting St. Olaf whenever the need arises. Finally, I would like to point out that it is not necessary to feel that you have to support every event or group, but I would ask you to be “supportive” of the effort. What ideas do you have...we would like to make them a reality.

Indirectly, I touched on Time and Talent Stewardship earlier and pointed out how I deprived myself and my family by not being more active in our previous church experiences. I would be remiss if I did not discuss our Financial Stewardship responsibilities also. When we were members at First Lutheran, we would pledge a specific amount of money that we would donate each week. We had offering envelopes, and I had a system. My system was that when Sunday morning rolled around...and we were all running around to get ready...I would try to figure out how much of my pledge I could afford that week or if we had not attended regularly for a while, how much I needed to play catch up. Sound familiar? I also remember filling out checks periodically in the pew as the sermon was taking place...talk about a pressure cooker. I have learned a couple of things since I joined St. Olaf and have become more involved with the operations of the church. 1.) The expenses of the church are monthly...like our expenses at home. The church has to meet those expenses or experience the same consequences that we would experience at home if we did not pay our bills. 2.) It is important that the commitment that everyone makes be consistent so the church can honor its commitments and continue to exist for everyone's benefit. 3.) People go on vacation...the church does not go on vacation. We need to be consistent in our giving...week to week 4.) St. Olaf has designed a program to take away all of the financial stress that each of us feels or has felt on Sunday morning as we are trying to get ready for church...it is called “Simply Giving”. At first I procrastinated on signing up for the program but after I did what a relief! The program is very secure...it eliminates any system you may have for keeping track of your giving...and it provides a steady flow of contributions to ensure that St. Olaf will be there for you and your family now and forever. The Leadership Team is not asking you to donate more money we are asking that everyone be

consistent, week to week, in their giving. Please consider making a commitment to sign up for “Simply Giving” this year.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your President. I would hope that every one of you would, at some point, have the same opportunity.

God Bless all of you!!!

Ron Egelseer

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## **Endowment and Special Project Trust – 2012-13**

The St. Olaf Lutheran Church Endowment and Special Project Trust (ESPT) continues to hold the accumulation of funds for long term projects, memorials, and capital improvements. The endowment is funded by gifts, and it is used to ensure ongoing ministry, encourage Christian education, and make improvements to the building and property.

**Capital Fund:** Funds in this account are to be used for purchase of additional equipment, improvements to the buildings, and acquiring additional property. This past year, major investments include: painting south and east sides of church (2750), LED lighting (1245), fire door repair (605), stretching carpet in sanctuary (400), parsonage windows (336), and parsonage septic line repair (650). Please give a special thank-you to everyone who donated labor, time, and money towards these projects. Approximately \$3,710 was donated towards the Capital fund in addition to \$250 from sale of the stove and \$270 from cookbook sales.

**Memorial Fund:** These funds are invested with Thrivent Investment Management to maintain and earn interest on the balance. We were blessed with \$2710 in gifts to the fund this year. Expenses include the mobile communion kits & engraving (942) (funds donated in memorial Larry Rolefson last fiscal year), banners were purchased

for the sanctuary (160), crown of thorns (128), and lighting for organ / piano (458). Thank you to donors and those who have contributed to these projects.

**Scholarship Fund:** The Lutheran Community Foundation (LCF) manages the money invested within the Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are granted by our scholarship committee. Last year, two \$500 scholarships were awarded Gwen Downing and Mark Cadena. This year additional funds for scholarship will be available.

The account balances are shown below.

Sincerely,

Karl Monis

## **ESPT Balances by Account**

**4/1/2012**

**3/31/2013**

**Capital & cookbook**

\$13,020

\$11,072

**Scholarship**

\$57,096

\$59,840

**Memorial**

\$11,432

\$12,622

**Total ESPT Balances**

\$81,547

\$83,534

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## **Report from the Pastor**

*Rejoice in the Lord! Again, I say rejoice—Philippians 4:4*

I will forever look back on this past year as a year of new beginnings. In fact, life itself began anew for me this past year. Laura, the girls and I were on vacation in the Upper Peninsula with some of Laura's family when her cousin strongly prodded me, "Go get a sleep study done. Something is not right!" Apparently, she had been through this before. I scheduled an appointment and the results showed that I not only had sleep apnea, but as the doctor told me: I am the poster-child for it. The data told that I stopped breathing 97 times in an hour and each time I would startle awake. Waking up once every 37 seconds meant I got zero restorative sleep each night. I have always been tired--that is all I ever can remember. I just pumped myself full of caffeine and sugar and kept pushing forward. What is amazing to me is actually

feeling rested being on the c-pap machine and experiencing the energy that comes from sound sleep. I have no memory of ever feeling that way, and the result is that I now have a difficult time wearing myself down.

I share this with you because who I am as a person, a pastor, a husband, a father, a child of God is continuing to change to this very day. There are just not enough hours in the day and getting so much done throughout the day is a pure joy. I am constantly and naturally finding more to do and doing it quite efficiently. I am finding new ways of organizing and improving the quality and quantity of what I do. My memory is slowly getting better. I am finding myself less behind and more ahead of schedule. My administration and leadership skills are slowly beginning to improve. I looked up the effects of long-term sleep deprivation and was startled by what I read. The recovery and healing is gradual, but I rejoice over how far I have come so far. I don't know what the future brings but I further rejoice with each positive step that occurs.

I looked over the past calendar year and noticed that things really began to take effect since last December. We put together a team to focus on visits and I have taken on at least 25 a month. Visiting is the best part of being a pastor for me, and I have enjoyed every minute of it, and I hope those I see find blessings from our time together as well. I have recently started a different method which should help improve my productivity with visiting, but I won't bore you with those details.

Clara and I also started meeting weekly last summer to plan out worship services as well as other events. These several hours a week have really helped us both get ahead in planning and staying on the same page. Justine and I have also been intentionally meeting each week with similar results. It is not that we did not meet before, but there is a strong focus and intentionality to these times together. Justine and I have not only put together a new confirmation and youth program, we have reworked it to improve it at the halfway point, and continue to discuss and look at ways to make our time with the youth the best as it can be. Our youth are so important to both of us. Clara and I have taken on further projects such as First Communion class and have found wonderful results. I have been trying to rework my preaching to better fit it in with who St. Olaf is since I have arrived. I finally told Clara, during a meeting, "Give me some help and insight into what would fit the culture of

this area.” We had a great discussion and I finally think the preaching is starting to blend well. I want to thank both Clara and Justine for their time with me.

In my looking over the past year, I rejoiced also in the work that continues by the congregation of St. Olaf. Continued ministries such as St. Ben’s, Lutefisk, Ice Cream Social, Pie Auction, Pill Bottle Collection for the Free Clinic, and Family Promise not only continue, but I find the congregation continuing to embrace new ways to enhance these activities. That is such a sign of health and it is why we continue to have these activities going since the 1800s while other congregations have let them die out long ago. We embrace the ideas that come in and try new things out here. That is what keeps us alive and well. We stay open to what the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst. We have also taken on new activities such as the Four Guyz, Beer and Wine Tasting, Native American Flute Lessons, Yoga, and some new upcoming events continue to sprout up. That, too, is a sign of health. Not everyone is excited about everything, but there seems to be a willingness to share our time and space with all. Each of these events has been respectfully done and carries a Christ-centered nature.

St. Olaf’s mission of “Sharing God’s Love...Caring for Community!” does indeed lead us forward. I have been hearing more and more how those within and outside the congregation continue to talk about all the activities that are happening here at St. Olaf’s. Such voices are a sign of our health and vitality as we bring who we are in Christ to the surrounding area. I look forward to continue to lead, grow and heal as your pastor, and look forward to seeing what new small group ministries continue to rise in our midst.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Matt

## April 2012 - March 2013

My long letter to my Friends in Christ,

Our youth ministry program is not only about doing. Our youth are involved in so many different activities in addition to school and homework that it is very hard to plan church activities. Our ministry is also about showing God's love to them by being there for them, praying for them, and walking alongside them when times are tough. We teach the importance of prayer and worship, being thankful, living as God's child, the Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed, and serving others, but do they really "get it"? Just like Confirmation. Do they really "get it"? We can teach all we want but it is up to them to learn and put into practice what they've been taught. We can only plant the seeds by what we do in our ministry and leave it up to the Holy Spirit to work through us and in them. We provide opportunities designed to help teach and guide them to live life with the faith they have been given and pray they will one day understand.

Last April, 2012, six youth (Max, Matt, Caroline, Jamie & friend, and Josie), and I participated in the 30-Hour Famine through World Vision with 5 other churches' youth and Youth Ministers. Elaine & George Monis helped us make Communion wafers for one of the activities. It was again held at Holy Cross in Menomonee Falls and approximately 80 people participated. They were from Holy Cross, Our Savior's in Oconomowoc, Our Savior's in West Bend, St. Stephan the Martyr, and St. Luke's in Greendale. We went hungry to raise money for the people in Africa and learned through various activities what some people have to do to survive. We did park & riverside clean up in the community and participated in a grocery store activity, buying food for a family of 5 with only \$5.00 to spend. The event closed with Worship and sharing a meal together.

Three 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys were confirmed in May 2012 wearing the white confirmation robes which signifies being clothed in Christ's righteousness. They were Thomas Guenther, Maxwell Roth and Matthew Sutrick. Since our class was smaller last year with 10 total students, Pastor Matt & I lead the class without other parents as guides. Our Confirmands' pictures and Banquet was again held on the Friday evening before

the May Confirmation Service and a power point video of when they were growing up and the events they had participated in while in the Confirmation Class was developed and shown to them and their families.

We held a youth Brat Fry Fundraiser at Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, June 16, 2012 and again thank John Christenson for setting this up each year. Those going to the Nat'l Youth Gathering participated and one of the Family Promise ladies that stayed here came & helped out. This year the Brat Fry will be on June 22.

June, September, December and March were the months St. Olaf's hosted the homeless families from Family Promise and a few of the youth & parents helped with unloading/reloading the trailer, the set up & take down of cots, and either provided and served the evening meal or helped with clean up and the fellowship hour.

We continue our commitment to work at the Ashippun Bread Basket Food Pantry on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. to stock shelves. Youth are always needed to sign up for this and also for Shorehaven Nursing Home on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month to wheel the elderly to Sunday worship in the Chapel. Working in the community is what our St. Olaf mission statement is all about: Sharing God's love, caring for community. Other adults & parents are encouraged to sign up and help out also.

Graduate Recognition was the first Sunday in June at our worship service with speaker, Drew Tobias, giving a dynamic message. "God Bless the Graduates" cake made by Amy Hoffmann was served in the Gathering area after worship. Those graduating from high school were Alex Cowell (absent), Alyssa Dorosz (non-member), Mitchell Kraemer, Cody Millikin, Trevor Schell (absent), and Nick Solveson. The Youth were given key chains, a small devotion book, and laundry bags to remind them that our sins are washed clean.

Meetings were held to get the group ready for going to the ELCA Nat'l Youth Gathering. Those that went were: Cody Millikin,

Caroline Kraemer, Hannah & Haley Roraff, Laura Charly (Sander) and myself. A few pre-Nat'l Youth Gathering events were held at various churches throughout the synod

of which we went & took part in. We left for NOLA, New Orleans, Louisiana, to join 33,000 others from across the country on July 17 and returned on July 22. We toured the Katrina area and museum and learned about Discipleship, Peacemaking, and Justice, and worshiped in the Super Dome. In August we gave a presentation of the trip to the congregation and served “beignets” for the coffee hour.

Our annual Ice Cream Social was once again held in July with a car/tractor show on the front lawn of St. Olaf’s. A free dish of ice cream was offered to anyone bringing a vehicle for the car show. Many volunteers are needed to make this event happen.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) was held at Norway Lutheran Church in Wind Lake in August with Josie Ray serving on the music team and I was a Table Leader. In Feb of 2013, TEC was held at Bethlehem LC in Wales and Josie served on the Wheat Team and I was Kitchen Team leader. For those of you that don’t know, TEC weekends are for high school & college age youth up to the age of 21. They are youth led under the direction of two Pastors or spiritual advisors and other adult leaders. During the 3-day TEC weekend, youth are given opportunities to reflect on their Christian beliefs, meet teens from many churches, study the Bible, worship, and listen to testimonies or talks given by teens. TEC weekends have impacted many youth for the last 19 years and are held twice a year at different churches. TEC will be held at St. Olaf’s the first weekend in August.

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14 youth are in our Confirmation class which meets on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. In Sept. we attended an Anti-bullying

Event at Ascension in Waukesha, listened to a speaker & a band. We also invited youth & families to a Pot Luck meal and gathered to hear Carol Leair talk about getting ready to go to Swaziland, Africa as a missionary for two years. Another family night consisted of a meal and the movie, WWJD.

October was Box City with the Family Promise network. Since the weather was bad, we made our box cities inside of one of the buildings at Moraine Park and had soup & hot chocolate outside in the rain.

Paintball was a big hit for those that attended Promisedland, a Christian paintball park in Trevor, WI near Kenosha. New things were learned that day and one of the youth said, “This is the most fun thing I’ve done with church”.

The Confirmation class students helped make cookies for the Lutefisk dinner and most of them helped out at the dinner. The class also took part in the Christmas Program with the younger children.

Lasertag in January was another big hit. Many parents and youth participated and enjoyed an evening of lasertag games, pizza, laughs & competition at Lasertag Adventure in Waukesha, another Christian based company.

On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth again joined other youth across the country in the “Souper Bowl of Caring” and collected \$300 in donations in big soup pots. The donations were given to the Ashippun Bread Basket Food Pantry. A few youth made small samples of a rice meal to share with the congregation during the fellowship time following worship.

Exploration & discussion of Faith & Life questions is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m. for High School Youth with Pastor Matt & Justine. Students picked topics they had questions on and hopefully they will be more willing to share their thoughts and continue to learn about Christian living in society today.

At our March 2013 Pie Auction, we again had the “Pie Walk” and raffled off an apple pie. Cindy Schlieve, accompanied by Clara Birkel on the piano, read Red Skeleton’s version of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Sunday school children sang a song, “The Fruit of the Spirit”. Pastor Matt & Randy Buth gave a short lesson on self defense and some of the youth really got into the bidding. Our fundraising events are Cross-Generational and are intended to bring fellowship to all that participate in addition to helping raise funds for the summer youth trips, retreats, or events. We raised approx. \$1,300 at this one.

Our commitment to send \$38.00 a month to Compassion International to support Tamirat Tule in Ethiopia from the confirmation class donations is still a struggle. We continue to use more of our fundraising money to keep current with our commitment. Tamirat is now 17 years old and the intent was to support him until he turns 18. If all students gave just 65 cents, (less cost than most candy) when they come to class each week, we could meet our monthly commitment. It's also to teach them about supporting those less fortunate than they are. We get letters from Tamirat written in his language and translated for us. He is so thankful for us being his sponsor to be able to get shoes, soap, oil, and go to school and church. He prays for us and for our country and asks that we do the same for him.

This year has been a difficult year for some youth & families. My goal for 2013-2014 is to continue in this ministry at St. Olaf's and to continue to let them know they are loved and that we are here to walk alongside them & their parents in their struggles just as Jesus does. I need a committed Youth Ministry Team to help me plan & provide activities for the youth. My prayer is that they truly learn to live their faith, pray every day, worship, and serve God by serving others. I thank everyone for their support and welcome any suggestions and will continue to ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's service,

Justine Cadena

Youth Director

P.S. Excuse me for always writing such a lengthy report. This report is like my journal of the past year. I do look back occasionally at other reports to remember all the trips & activities the youth program has provided and been involved in.

**April, 2012-March 31, 2013 Finance Report for Youth Ministry**  
**Accounts**

**CHECKING**

**SAVINGS**

|  |                    |               |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Beginning Balance 4/1/12   | \$ 2,005.67        | Beginning     |
| Balance 4/1/12   | \$ 6,044.34        |               |
| Income April 2012-March 2013   | + 6,640.69         | Interest      |
| Income + 4.59  |                    |               |
| Transfer from savings account<br>to checking account - <u>2,000.00</u> | + 2,000.00         | Transfer      |
| Expenses (checks written)  | - <u>6,706.44</u>  |               |
| <b>Ending Balance 3/31/13</b>  | <b>\$ 3,939.92</b> | <b>Ending</b> |
| <b>Balance 3/31/13 \$ 4,048.93</b>                                     |                    |               |

**CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME**

**TOTALS**

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Donation from Women of Grace | 23.40       |
| Checking                     | \$ 3,939.92 |

|   |                    |                    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Donations for Box City & Fam Promise Food                         | 35.00              | Savings            |
| + <u>4,048.93</u>   |                    |                    |
| Cinna Buns  | 105.04             | Total              |
| \$ 7,988.85 Confirmation pictures/flowers payments                |                    | 90.00              |
| Students' pmts toward Paintball                                   | 280.00             |                    |
| Students' pmts toward Lasertag                                    | 245.00             |                    |
| Students' pmts for Lutherdale Ropes course                        | 100.00             |                    |
| Thrivent quarterly donations                                      | 503.00             | <b>NOTE:</b>       |
| Cartridge Recycling given for the Souper Bowl                     | 6.75               | Donations          |
| Students' donations for 30-Hr. Famine and donations to Compassion | 80.00              | of Caring          |
| Synod 50/50 Raffle support of Tamirat are handled                 | 130.00             | for                |
| Brat Fry General Fund and   | 511.00             | through St. Olaf's |
| Ice Cream Social towards benevolences.                            | 2,723.00           | therefore count    |
| Donations for Wells Challenge                                     | 357.00             |                    |
| Youth deposit toward Nat'l Gathering                              | 130.00             | Start              |
| up cash for Ice Cream Social & Pie Pie Auction March 2013         |                    |                    |
| <u>1,321.50</u> Auction are not reflected in totals since         |                    |                    |
| <b>Total Income thru March 2013</b>                               | <b>\$ 6,640.69</b> | they               |
| are out & back in transactions.                                   |                    |                    |

**CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENSES**

**ACCOUNT EXPENSES CON'T**

**CHECKING**

|   |  |                                |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Whiteboard for downstairs activity/youth area | 79.00                                      | New checks                     |
| 26.39   |  |                                |
| Confirmation pictures & flowers (3 students)  | 79.50                                      | TEC (Teens                     |
| Encounter Christ weekend) 50.00               | Confirmation Banquet                       |                                |
| 37.73   | Lutherdale ropes course event              | 240.00                         |
| Cinna Buns                                    | 94.67                                      | Lasertag event                 |
| 415.00  |  |                                |
| Pie Auction 2013 supplies                     | 14.08                                      | Synod 50/50 Raffle             |
| 130.00  |  |                                |
| Compassion (short on donations)               | 301.00                                     | ELCAWorld                      |
| Hunger-Wells Challenge 357.00                 |  |                                |
| Donation for Box City                         | 15.00                                      | Nat'l Gathering-New            |
| Orleans rooms 1,322.70                        | Graduate Recognition Speaker, Cake & Cards | 142.00                         |
| Nat'l Gathering registr.balance               | 690.00                                     |                                |
| 30-Hr. Famine Tshirts & supplies              | 126.00                                     | Nat'l Gathering                |
| Tshirts balance 19.90                         |  |                                |
| World Vision (30-Hr. Famine donation)         | 60.00                                      | Nat'l                          |
| Gathering Katrina Tour 384.00                 |  |                                |
| Riverview Nursing Home treats                 | 17.92                                      | Nat'l Gathering                |
| food, tips, xtras 250.00                      |  |                                |
| Ice Cream Social                              | 827.97                                     | ELCAYouth Min                  |
| Network Membrship 75.00                       |  |                                |
| Family Movie Night                            | 28.81                                      | Anti-bulleying seminar         |
| <u>20.00</u>                                  |  |                                |
| Lutefisk tickets for youth                    | 25.00                                      | <b>Total Expenses thru Mar</b> |
| <b>2013 \$ 6,706.44</b>                       | Souper Bowl Sunday rice cups               | 12.09                          |
| Snacks, pool sticks, paddles, picture album   | 82.46                                      |                                |

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|---|--------|--------------|
| Develop & print pictures for albums submitted: Justine Cadena | 10.83  | Respectfully |
| Paintball event Director                                      | 580.00 | Youth        |
| Youth Tickets to High School Play                             | 34.00  |              |
| Camera for youth & church events                              | 158.39 |              |

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## **Properties Committee**

Last year this committee completed a few projects including painting the siding on the south and east side of the fellowship hall and replacing the exit door from the basement to the parking lot. We still need to paint the garage this summer and finish painting the steps from the basement to the parking lot. Dave Kraemer also coordinated cleaning all the windows in August and September. We also installed a new fire box outside the building for our fire inspection compliance.

There is still work to be done on the stairwell from the basement up to the church. We have just received a quote from Shayne Johnson for \$2,000.00 but we will have to look at our budget before we proceed.

We have quite a few ideas for upcoming projects:

- Install metal chandeliers in the narthex for better lighting. These were to be installed when we remodeled, but were never purchased.
- Install an L shape counter area by the coffee space. This would be used for all the news items and displaying anything for sale. This was also in the original design of the space but never purchased.

- Repaint the parking space lines.
- Build a shed for the parsonage.
- Have the painting completed on the north and west side of the fellowship hall.
- Make the front of the church more attractive but still keep the water issue resolved.
- Assist with the sign project.

We will continue to have our outdoor cleanup in May and October, and help when needed with any of our major fund raisers such as the Lutefisk Dinner, Ice Cream Social and the Wine and Beer Tasting event.

I wish to thank this committee for all their hard work, and also thank the many volunteers that come out to help us with various projects. You can tell that this congregation loves their worship space!

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Morrissey

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## Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life Committee aids St. Olaf members by organizing opportunities for members to be involved in projects of social concerns, to be of service to others, and care for one another. We promote fellowship, and encourage a warm and inviting environment within our church.

Some activities that we were involved in this past year were:

**Blood Drive:** St. Olaf has supported its own members needing blood and members of the community by organizing two local drives here at church.

**Giving Tree:** We have been blessed and there are many people in great need. At Christmas time we set up a tree in the narthex for gift certificates (purchased through Script), hats, mittens and scarfs to be donated for those in need. These gifts were given to some families from Family Promise, some from our community and some of the hats, mittens and scarfs were given to Milwaukee School children.

**Family Promise:** As a committee, on several occasions we prepared dinners for the families and stayed for an evening of fellowship with them.

The members of the Parish Life Committee would like to thank you for your support of the activities we planned throughout the year. We thank you for the opportunity to serve St. Olaf congregation and hope that you will consider joining our committee.

Committee Members: Jody Homulos Committee Chair, Laura Savatski, Linda Feutz & Rena Kowalski

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Homulos

Parish Life Committee Chair

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## **Music and Worship Committee**

*“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.” Isaiah 12:5*

The above Bible verse seems to sum up what the Music and Worship Committee should be and is all about. The Committee, along with Pastor Matt, is responsible for making sure that, in all aspects of worship, the Lord is present and glorified both in song and prayer. That certainly is a simplified explanation of all the Committee has to do and does before a single worship service takes place.

There were Blessings offered during our worship services for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Back Packs, and Veteran's Day.

We participated in the ecumenical services held during the annual Ashippun Firefighter's picnic in July at the Firemen's Park .

In August, a service was held in conjunction with our V.B.S. with music by the V.B.S. band and skits provided that had been done during the week of V.B.S. A "BIG" thank you to all who participated.

After many months of discussion at Music and Worship and then passing it on to Leadership, the times for our worship services were changed for Sept., 2012. To allow more time for the Praise band to set up between services, the late service was moved to 10:45 and so that not only the late service was changed, the early service was changed to 8:45. After a few months, the Praise band approached Leadership and stated that the 10:45 time was not working. After discussion, Leadership then decided that the Praise service would be held during one of our early worship service and would take the place of our "traditional" service for that Sunday. This practice began in February.

A healing service during a Sunday worship service, with a liturgy different than the service done on the first Saturday of the month, was begun on a six (6) month trial basis, on the third Sunday of October at 10:45 A.M.

After the six month trial, it was noted that attendance was extremely low so it was not feasible to continue this service. It was recommended that we do this service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when there are five (5) Sundays in the month.

As there was no longer a 10:45 A.M. service, it was decided to return to our original Sunday worship schedule, 9:00 A.M. worship, beginning June 2, 2013.

We celebrated World Communion Sunday in October. We had a special service for Reformation Sunday with “Martin Luther” and “Katie VanBora” as guests.

All Saint’s Sunday with lighting of candles and the tolling of the bell as well as having Vicar Gwen Downing visit and preach , Thanksgiving Eve worship, and Christ the King were special services held in November.

Christmas services : Families participated in the lighting of our Advent wreath. S.S. program was on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3:00 P.M.. Our family Christmas Eve worship was held at a t 4:00 P.M. and our candle light service was held at 7:00 P.M. with the “Gloria” for Holy Communion used at both service.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 13, with a 6:30 A.M. Meditative service with imposition of ashes and our regular 7:00 P.M. worship with imposition of ashes and communion. We again participated in the Lenten ecumenical services held with Holy Name of Jesus Evangelical Catholic Church, St. Paul’s Episcopal, Zion E.L.C.A., St. Catherine Catholic and St. Olaf’s. Palm Sunday was celebrated with the blessing of the palms and our Sunday School children singing. We had six children participate in our First Communion class and make their First Communion during our Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 P.M. The children were also instructed in acolyte training by Tiffany Brewer and Clara Birkel. A reception was held following worship. Good Friday service was a Tenebrae service with Jeff and Austin Brewer as narrators. The Easter Vigil service took place during our Saturday worship. On Easter, we had a 6:30 A.M. early worship with processional and Holy Communion and a different worship service at 8:45 A.M. with processional and Holy Communion . Women of Grace served breakfast from 7:30-8:30 A.M. Laura Savatski made a crown of thorns to be used on our Lenten wreath; a memorial donation came in designated for the purchase of a crown of thorns for the wreath. The crown of thorns made by Laura was then placed on our big Lenten cross. Instead of doing “diminishing lights for our Lenten wreath, we lit a candle a week with a different emphasis each week – water, earth stone, sand, fire and wood.

During the year, special music was offered by Sue Laubenheimer, Mark Weller, Jeff Brewer, Austin Brewer, and Josie Ray. Many thanks to you. If anyone would like to provide special music, please inform Clara Birkel.

Green Paraments and a “Come and Follow Me” banner were made by Sue Laubenheimer and donated by Patricia Rolefson in memory of family members.

We also were responsible for decorating the Sanctuary and Gathering space for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

New lights for the piano and organ were purchased that would not reflect a glare onto the congregation and blue oil-filled candles were purchased for our Advent wreath.

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A committee consisting of Music and Worship and Leadership has met with Dick Feutz regarding sound/video for St. Olaf. This will be an ongoing project.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Birkel, Chair

Committee Members: Clara Birkel, Tiffany Brewer, Jane Christenson, Dawn Freiburger, Dave Johnston, Liz Laack, Sue Laubenheimer, and Pastor Matt



## **Youth Education Committee**

The St. Olaf Youth Education Committee had another successful and eventful year in 2012. Committee members continually sought to plan and improve programs such as Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, the Christmas Program, Rally Day, and a third grade Bible class. This committee's focus included preschool through sixth grade children. Reviewing the past year will provide new ideas and insights for the upcoming year.

Sunday School is an important and major focus of the Youth Education Committee. This past year was the seventh year of rotational Sunday School. The feedback and enthusiasm continue to be positive to this style of curriculum. The children were able to learn a new Bible story every 4-5 weeks and had the opportunity to participate in different types of classroom experience each week during the story's rotation. They may have had a science, drama, cooking, or craft experience that related to the Bible story. Occasionally the children will sing during a church service. The song is chosen to compliment the lesson that has been studied during the rotation. In an attempt to encourage weekly attendance we added a pizza party incentive to the class with the highest percent attendance.

Along with Bible stories, additional programs continue to be a part of the Sunday School curriculum-Together in Faith and UFF-DA. Together in Faith separates the children by age/grade to learn a “life” lesson with the involvement of a parent, grandparent, godparent or sponsor during the 2-3 week lesson. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children and adults to grow in character and faith. During church services in Lent the children were able to participate in the service by sharing part of their Together in Faith lesson. UFF-DA incorporates all generations of faith in St. Olaf to support the youth in developing positive character assets. Several students and adults took Valentine cards they had made to the Shorehaven Nursing Home for church service and singing. These programs continue to be instrumental in growing and nurturing faith in our youth.

Another program supporting faith education is the Vacation Bible School. This program continues to be successful and fun for the children. Laura Lee and Tiffany Brewer were coordinators for this event last year. Over 60 children and 30 volunteers were involved. The dates of the program remained during the first full week in August. Attendance continues to be fairly consistent from previous years. We again offered families the opportunity to eat dinner in the Fellowship Hall before VBS began. There was a minimal fee for the week (\$5.00 per person) and students were required to have an adult with them during dinner. This was quite a success, serving 40-50 people each night, and received very positive feedback. The dinner will continue to be included in the VBS program. Finally, we were also able to “share God’s love” by combining our VBS with Zion church again this past year. Several children attended and a few adults volunteered from the church to help make it a success. An allegiance with Zion will continue again in upcoming years for Vacation Bible School.

The last program led by the Youth Education Committee was the Christmas program. Anne Hautula volunteered to direct the program with the theme “Bed, Bethlehem & Beyond.” Children from nursery ages to adults participated in the program. The money collected was donated to the Milwaukee Children’s Hospital. A reception was also provided by the Education Committee following the program.

While the education programs dominate the Youth Education Committee’s focus, there are other events/programs that the committee initiates. A Bible class was offered through the Together in Faith program and taught by Amy Hoffmann. Children were presented with the Bible in third grade, and the class provided an introduction to the Bible. It is important for the children to have the “tool” such as the Bible but they also must be taught how to use it. Fourth Graders prepared for First

Communion by taking a 5 week class taught by Laura Lee & Pastor Matt. The students were able to decorate their own communion chalice at Creative License in Hartford. More individuals, such as Clara Birkel and Tiffany Brewer also helped prepare the students with acolyte training and learning about the Altar Guild. Rally Day was another event coordinated by the Education Committee. Children and adults enjoyed the Rally Day event and it helped foster an enthusiasm for the 2012-2013 Sunday School year.

The 2012 year was eventful and successful. The Youth Education Committee will look to the Nesting Vision to guide the decisions and planning for the 2013 year.

Nesting Vision:

- Creative & Interactive Bible Teaching:

Kids experience, rather than hearing about the Bible.

- Fun & Engaging:

Sunday school children will laugh, smile, play, sing, challenge themselves and want to invite their friends and family.

- Welcoming & Safe:

Sunday School children will feel welcome with open arms and physically, emotionally and spiritually safe.

- Discipleship:

Sunday school children will learn from, appreciate and look up to the adult members and older kids that they interact with at St. Olaf's.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Youth Education Committee

*"Ask, and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."*

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

The members of the Adult Education Committee are Lucy Braunschweig, Truman Schultz, Cindy Schlieve (chair), and Pastor Matt.

Several opportunities were presented for members to participate in study programs this past year.

- In September 2012 a program on ways to deal with grief was presented by Greg Ledesma of the Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home in Hartford. It was well attended and Mr. Ledesma spoke very well and offered some helpful information for dealing with grief.
- In October and November 2012 we presented a seven week program based on the book "Grounded in Prayer" by Brent W. Dahlseng. The study looked at how we pray, and provided ideas for us to better participate in prayer and how it can enrich our lives. The book used the parable of the sower as its reference. This was a program that allowed the participants to look into their own lives and choose ways in which they would like to improve it. It offered a time for those attending to share some personal experiences and attitudes and outlooks.
- In January and February 2013 Pastor Matt presented a three week program about Martin Luther's life. It also reviewed some of the history of the Lutheran Church. Each session was prefaced with a video. While the videos were created for a younger audience, with a somewhat different sense of humor than adults, it seems that the adults who attended appreciated the humor as well and the points made in the videos were easy to understand.

Please continue to make suggestions to the Adult Education Committee, whoever they may be, so that programs that are of interest to you may be presented.

Thank you to all who have helped in creating the programs and given us ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy J. Schlieve, Chair

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*  
Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

## The Finance Committee

Karl Monis - Chairman

Mark Larson - Treasurer

Nicole Lipske - Financial Secretary

Jerry Bohlen - member

Mark Cameron - member

The Finance committee together with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary are entrusted to manage the finances of the congregation and provide insight on best stewardship of these funds. We meet monthly to review income and expenses; procedures; giving records; efficient use of resources; mortgage and investment rates; mortgage fund balance; upcoming financial challenges; and look for ways to stretch our finances further. The committee reports financial information to the Leadership team and Council, and is committed to communicating to the congregation through various methods.

We have much to be proud of in our financial support of the ministry here at St. Olaf. Total financial giving & income surpassed \$230,750. Of that amount \$163,765 was designated towards general fund (within \$500 of last year), \$59,981 towards Mortgage, and \$7,007 to ESPT funds. We continue to make headway in reducing the mortgage; balance owed as of 3/31/2013 is now \$322,560. The trend over the last few years has been a reduction in regular giving to the general fund as fundraising and non-recurring income account for more of the general fund proceeds. This year \$142,282 was regular donations to the general fund. While fundraising can be a way to generate income, the financial and spiritual health of the church depends on free-

will offering. Although our income was essentially equal to last year, our expenses have increased. Due to these increases we were not able to meet our commitments this year. As an individual congregation, we are obligated to financially support our synod of the ELCA. This year we only provided \$2000 compared to over \$9000 last year. The expenditures designated as 'benevolence' were only \$6,523 or less than 5% of general offering & mission giving. In the past, we have been able to provide a minimum of 10%, as a token of the richness of our blessings. We as a congregation need to adjust course, so that we can again be an example to all – to give of our 'first fruits' as Jesus has taught. We need to be mindful of our financial expenditures in all areas of the church, to make sure they reflect the priorities and values of which we believe.

We have many to thank for sustaining the ministry of St. Olaf's. Gifts of time, talent, and treasure are all necessary to continue our mission. We thank John Christenson of Viking Brothers for donating snow removal again this year. We thank the Women of Grace and the Youth Group for their financial support. We thank those who have designated gifts from their estates and families who specify memorials towards St. Olaf. We are thankful for all the gifts we receive from God. The committee would also like to thank the following Counters for their commitment and accurate counting and reporting: Randy Buth, John Roth, June Sumnicht, Jim Lumsden, Rob Howell, Ron Egelseer, Marie Galbraith, and Roger & Lyn Johnson. Also, substitutes Mark Larson, Mark Cameron, and Karl Monis helped out. We are in need of additional volunteers. We thank all those who contribute financially, spend time, and share talents to fulfill our mission.

The committee encourages everyone to participate in Simply Giving, an electronic payment method to support the ministry of St. Olaf's. This method can automatically withdraw directly from your checking account or charge a credit card on a regular basis - saving you time and stress. Please contact Karl Monis or Mark Larson to get started.

Finally, in the next year I ask you to Share abundantly as you have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all. *"...and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having*

*enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8*

Respectfully,

Karl Monis, Chairperson

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## **Outreach Committee**

The focus of the Outreach Committee this past year has included:

- On-going support for the Family Promise program.
- Coordination with Visitation Teams to visit and call homebound and non-attending members. This included visitor training, regular review of the visitations and calls made each month, and mailing Callers to people who had not picked them up over the summer.
- Developed and ran a cross-generational “Christmas in July” event with special emphasis on families with babies. Included a “Cradle Roll” time for each child.

- Promoted and took new photos of members and friends of the congregation for the photo board. Updated the photo board.
- Ongoing support for new signage including reports to the congregation, fundraising at the Four Men In Dinner Jackets concert, and displaying the proposed plan.
- Installed three outdoor LED flood lights to enhance the architecture of the entire front of the church.
- Requested that the Church Secretary send the monthly Caller to our servicemen, either via email or postal service.
- Ordered and displayed outdoor banner listing our Holy Week service times.

Thanks to my committee members and volunteers who have made it a pleasure to work on these projects, and for the continuing support from the all the “saints” in the congregation who greet visitors and members alike with joy in their hearts and a smile on their faces!

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Hershoff

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## **Women of Grace**

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Mission Statement:

*To Mobilize Women to Act Boldly on their Faith in Jesus Christ*

Purpose Statement:

*As a Community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society and the world.*

We welcome all women of St. Olaf and the community to participate in our Bible Studies, service projects, trips, and events. We support the activities of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod and church-wide organization.

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Fall Convention was held October in Cedarburg. Eight women attended. Laura Lee serves on the synod board. October 12, 2013 the annual gathering will be at St. Olaf Church. We will be serving the noon meal. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Laura Lee or Elaine Monis.

Our WELCA Triennial Gathering will be July 24-27 in Charlotte, NC. The theme “of many generations” comes from Isaiah 54:12. We pray many families will choose to participate.

Monthly 2012-2013 Bible Study, Gathered by God, themes can be heard on the web [.http://www.womenoftheelca.org/2012-13](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/2012-13). Summer 2013 Study is All Who Hunger Gather Gladly written by Audrey Novak Riley. When the hungry crowd gathered, Jesus told his friends to give the people something to eat—and then he made sure they could. You are welcome! We will meet the fourth Monday at 7:00 on Denise Cairns sun porch. Come enjoy the sounds of Jesus and the lovely summer evening. All women of St. Olaf are welcome to attend and bring a friend. Have you tried our monthly magazines, Gather, or the electronic magazine Cafe? Wise writers speak to many moods of the women in and of our church.

We thank the congregation for their support of service projects. Thank you supporting the Lutefisk Dinner and Bake Sale. Thank you for purchasing gourmet quality Meru Coffee, grown by small farmers in our sister synod, in Tanzania. Friday mornings during the winter months we gather to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. In 2012 we made 100 quilts, this year there is a great need to increase 25%. Everyone is

welcome to come and help! Other service projects were: preparing and serving the meal for the homeless at St. Ben's, Bibles for the Sunday School children, Bingo and Birthday Party at Shorehaven, financial support for Greater Milwaukee Synod. This year we would like to support any youth of St. Olaf wishing to go to Bible Camp this summer. Our December Bake Sale generated donations of \$800 to former member and missionary Carol Leair and \$200 each to Family Promise, Lutherdale, LWR, LSS, ELCA Global Missions, PAVE, LDF, and Katie's Fund,

The kitchen service committees help with funeral meals and other services from the kitchen at St. Olaf. We thank all volunteers for donating salads and desserts, and helping with the meals. Your donations are appreciated and delicious!

Some other activities in 2012 included pampering at SPA day, celebrating mothers and children entertained with Norwegian Dancers, hearing Carol Leair's plans with Children's Cup, honoring preschoolers and their elders at Cradle Roll Party, making Norwegian cookies with the youth, and more.

Thank you for your support. We encourage women to participate with other St Olaf women as we join in service to our congregation, our community, and our global sisters of faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Monis

## 2012 Annual Report from the Women of Grace Treasurer

### CHECKING

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Checking Balance 1/1/12 | \$11,634.68 |
| Income                  | 15,008.16   |
| Checks Written          | 15,426.69   |
| Ending Balance          | \$11,216.15 |

### CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Coffee Sold         | \$ 576.00                 |
| Bake Sale           | 2,420.00                  |
| Circle and Meeting  | 111.25                    |
| Banquets            | 219.00                    |
| Funerals            | 1,630.00                  |
| Lutefisk Dinner     | 8,366.88                  |
| Misc.               | 1,665.03                  |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b><u>\$15,008.16</u></b> |

### SAVINGS

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Opening Balance 1/1/12        | \$2,469.38                |
| Interest                      | 2.45                      |
| <b>Total Savings 12/31/12</b> | <b><u>\$ 2,471.83</u></b> |

## **CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENSE**

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Projects                    | \$ 439.50                 |
| Coffee                      | 936.81                    |
| Lutefisk Dinner             | 3,124.68                  |
| Missions                    | 3,399.52                  |
| St. Olaf Mortgage Reduction | 1,850.00                  |
| Programs & Conventions      | 875.00                    |
| Other (2,850 to St. Olaf)   | 4,801.18                  |
| <b>Checks Written</b>       | <b><u>\$15,426.69</u></b> |

Submitted by Marie Galbraith, Treasurer 1/22/13

## **Total Net Worth**

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Checking     | \$11,216.15        |
| Savings      | \$2,471.83         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$13,687.98</b> |

# Scrip Annual Report

The Scrip card program continues to grow--thanks to all of those very loyal customers who know how to spend money wisely. It feels good to fill up your gas tank (even with the high prices we see at the pump), knowing that up to 9% of the money spent will benefit St. Olaf's. If everyone filled their tanks using Scrip cards our profit would be unbelievable! Why don't you consider buying Scrip cards?

We continue to carry an inventory of cards and have increased the number of some of the cards we have on hand. Having an inventory of cards has proven to be a very popular option for most people. We can still order any cards and we have to do that with some of the not-so-popular cards, but at any time you can pick up cards for BP, Domino's Pizza, Cabela's, Chili's, Home Depot, I-Tunes, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Menards, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Papa Murphy's, Pizza Hut, Pick 'n Save, Piggly Wiggly, Sam's Club, Starbucks, Subway, Target, Walgreen's, and Walmart. There are hundreds of stores from which we can order so please keep the Scrip program in the front of your mind when you are planning your shopping excursions. If you have any questions about which stores are available we have forms on the Scrip Desk and you can always visit [glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com).

See Laura Lee, Sonja Daly, DeAnn Slade or Sandy Friedl for more information or to buy your Scrip cards. We could also use more people to help staff the table. It's an easy 10-minute job (if even that), so please help out if you can.

This year we paid \$700 back to the Building Fund for the start-up money we had received. We also wrote a check for \$500 to the General Fund, and we will soon be adding another \$1000.00 to the General Fund—and all of this from people shopping and not spending one extra cent out of their own pockets. It just doesn't get any easier.

Each week we average a profit of \$40-\$75, depending on how many cards we sell. Think of how much more we could grow if everyone took part!

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**St. Olaf Proposed Ministry Plan**

