

St. Mark Lutheran Church Annual Meeting
January 26, 2025

Meeting commenced at 10:55am with opening prayer by Pastor Kevin Tracey

President Bonnie Tillman recognized current church council members and thanked outgoing members, Steve Talley and Fran Cosentino for their six years of service

Pastor Kevin provided a summary of the annual report and highlighted a few items

1. Our core values which will guide our understanding of who we are as a congregation which were developed by our mission and vision team and guidance from the Synod Vitality team
2. Thank you to those that returned your stewardship pledge cards. Stewardship is not only our financial contribution but also our spiritual and relational commitment to St. Mark
3. We are going to explore small group ministries to break out of our Sunday morning space and meet in new and creative ways. See the Mission and Vision report and Pastors report
4. Recognition of Faith Woodward for her continued gifts to our community and weekly service.
5. Please see Christian school report by Melisa McDaid. If any of you are available on Thursday mornings, you are welcome to come by during Chapel time with the children. It is a highlight of Pastor's week. Faith formation is happening here with 100 kids every week. Our Christian school was awarded Best of Delco pre-school and of the Best of Delco for summer camp
6. Our Thrift shop continues to do incredible work expanding our outreach to the community
7. Other ministries happening at St. Mark: We have recovery groups that meet here almost every day of the week. We are partnering our food pantry ministry with St. Stephens after we met with the Clifton borough. We are expanding how our building is used – nonprofit softball groups, PTA of Westbrook Park, parties, and hall rentals

Opened the floor to questions on annual report. No questions

Bill Bohne made a motion to accept the annual report and seconded by John Kampmeyer. Motion carried

Our treasurer, Justin Bainum, is not able to be here due to sickness.

Pastor Kevin reviewed the "budget" or the "spending plan". Our finance team, Justin, Tom, Edie, Jeanne, and Kathy will be expanding how we talk about money and communicate about finances. We do not end with a deficit. We love to talk about what we do not have and what we are lacking but we are not ending with a deficit. Please continue to donate and increase your giving. Think about all we can do. The ministry support of the Christian school is a great blessing for us. This year we have hired a bookkeeper, Jennifer F, with Ledger Life which works with churches and non-profits. She puts together quarterly

financial report which are you are welcome to review at any time. You are also welcome to review our church council minutes at any time. Pastor Kevin explained the difference between restricted vs. unrestricted gifts (also known as designated or undesignated gifts).

Opened the floor to questions regarding the budget/spending plan. No questions.

Sandy Gilchrist made a motion to accept 2025 budget. Seconded by Bill Bohne. Motion carried

Pastor Kevin reviewed our church council composition (see agenda) and opened the floor to questions. Answering a question posed, Pastor Kevin stated that church council activities will continue to be transparent to all church members.

After discussion, the minutes from our 2024 annual meeting were distributed and reviewed. Motion made by John Kampmeyer to accept 2024 annual meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Bill Bohne. Motion carried.

Bill Bohne made a motion to adjourn our 2026 annual meeting. Seconded by Steve Talley. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Kevin.

Respectfully submitted,

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St. Mark Lutheran Council Secretary