

## Elkhart, IN RPC Session Report For Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Meeting, February 29-March 2, 2024

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*“Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles,  
They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.” (Isaiah 40:31 NASB)*

1) Total Membership: Communicant and Baptized (12/31/23), 48. (2) Average AM Worship Attendance, 55.  
(3) Average PM Worship Attendance, 19. (4) Baptized Members Professing, 2. (5) New Members by Profession, 0.  
(6) Net Change in Total Membership, -5.

We praise God for His abundant grace in sustaining, protecting, and enabling the work of His church here at ERPC. Though we may grow weary, discouraged, or overwhelmed, He is faithful. He will never leave us nor forsake us! And He has shown His abounding covenant love and faithfulness repeatedly over the past year.

Session met 19 times in constituted court in 2023, including quarterly joint meetings with the deacons. We started the year with the happy occasion of celebrating the Lord’s provision of an elder, Bob Daniels, who was ordained and installed on January 15, 2023. We have been blessed by his ministry.

The Lord has graciously gathered His people every Lord’s Day throughout 2023 to hear the call to worship and grow in responding to Him in the Spirit and in truth. We have received instruction and blessing from Pastor Wade’s biblical expository preaching. We continued the series in Luke in the morning worship services, covering Chapters 7-14. In the evening service we continued with sermon discussion/application on the first and third Lord’s Days, with our monthly congregational prayer meeting on the second Lord’s Day evenings. We had three congregational Psalm Sings on the fifth Lord’s Day evenings, in addition to the Resurrection Psalm Sing in April. Also, we celebrated the Lord’s Supper six times, alternating observances between morning and evening services beginning in June. Warm Christian communion at the Lord’s Day gatherings and at various fellowship activities held throughout the year has continued.

We were blessed by the preaching of guest ministers we have hosted: Rev. Bill Roberts, Rev. Nathan Brummel, Rev. Rich Holdeman, Rev. Andrew B., Mr. Nathan Shaver, Rev. Rich Johnston, and Rev. Namsik Yang. We are thankful to the Lord for their ministry among us.

In the spring, the small group Bible study concluded on the book of Ruth. After our summer break, in September we began two small group Bible studies, one on 1 Corinthians at the church and a home study discussing the book *Purposeful and Persistent Parenting*, by John and Cindy Raquet. In the fall, the women’s group began a study of *Disciplines of a Godly Woman*, by Barbara Hughes. The men’s group began studying *Sanctification*, by David Campbell.

S.S. classes for children have been provided along with adult classes in which we used video studies on *Assurance of Faith*, by Joel Beeke, *The Attributes of God*, by Steven Lawson, and *Reformation Profiles*, by Stephen Nichols with an 8-week summer study on the “The Family” led by Elder Bob Daniels. We also are grateful to God for His blessing on the summer VBS ministry in July.

In God’s providential leading, the elders have helped people as they sought the Lord’s guidance in becoming adherents and communicant members in Elkhart RP Church. Likewise, the elders have counselled others as they have departed to ministry in other congregations. Nine baptized and

communicant members departed through transfer and dismissal, including sadly, a removal for unbelief. We rejoice in the addition of a family of six, and for professions of faith by two covenant youth. We also accepted the resignations of Elder Andy DeRosa (2/8/23) and Deacon Isaac Moore (6/14/23) with gratitude for their service.

As we look ahead to the ministry the Lord Jesus has prepared for our congregation, we pray following the example of the Apostle Paul's intercession for the Ephesian saints – *“because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him ...”* Ephesians 1:15-17 (ESV).

Respectfully submitted,

The Session of ERPC

Robert Daniels—RE, Wade Mann—TE, Fikre Menbere—RE

| ERPC 2023 Report & 2024 Budget          | 2023<br>Budget    | 2023<br>Actual       | 2023<br>Difference   | 2024<br>Budget       |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                           |                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 101 Contributions                       | 154,396.19        | \$134,726.23         | (\$19,669.96)        | \$140,000.00         |
| 102 Interest                            | 0.00              | \$8.73               | \$8.73               | \$0.00               |
| 105 Designated Gifts                    | 0.00              | \$275.00             | \$275.00             | \$0.00               |
| 107 Other                               | 0.00              | \$1,957.75           | \$1,957.75           | \$0.00               |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME =</b>                   | <b>154,396.19</b> | <b>\$136,967.71</b>  | <b>(\$17,428.48)</b> | <b>\$140,000.00</b>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                         |                   |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>CONGREGATION</b>                     |                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 201 Christian Education                 | 1,000.00          | \$2,340.75           | (\$1,340.75)         | \$2,500.00           |
| 202 Fellowship Activities               | 1,750.00          | \$1,384.09           | \$365.91             | \$1,750.00           |
| 203 Youth Ministry                      | 500.00            | \$0.00               | \$500.00             | \$250.00             |
| 204 Guest Ministry                      | 2,200.00          | \$2,842.96           | (\$642.96)           | \$2,500.00           |
| 205 Administration                      | 1,500.00          | \$263.54             | \$1,236.46           | \$1,500.00           |
| 206 Pastor's Ministry Expenses          | 3,000.00          | \$3,271.77           | (\$271.77)           | \$3,000.00           |
| 207 Workman's Comp Insurance            | 350.00            | \$327.65             | \$22.35              | \$350.00             |
| 208 Group Study Resources               | 250.00            | \$0.00               | \$250.00             | \$250.00             |
| 209 Session Expenses                    | 0.00              | \$392.49             | (\$392.49)           | \$500.00             |
| 210 Other                               | 0.00              | \$903.50             | (\$903.50)           | \$0.00               |
| <b>Congregation Sub-total =</b>         | <b>10,550.00</b>  | <b>\$11,726.75</b>   | <b>(\$1,176.75)</b>  | <b>\$12,600.00</b>   |
| <b>PASTORAL SUPPORT</b>                 |                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 301 Salary                              | 32,960.00         | \$32,960.00          | \$0.00               | \$35,360.00          |
| 302 Parsonage Allowance                 | 33,740.00         | \$33,740.00          | \$0.00               | \$33,740.00          |
| 303 Salary Supplement                   | 0.00              | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               |
| 304 Pension                             | 9,620.00          | \$9,870.00           | (\$250.00)           | \$9,620.00           |
| 305 Medical Insurance                   | 6,400.00          | \$6,400.00           | \$0.00               | \$7,500.00           |
| <b>Pastor Sub-total =</b>               | <b>82,720.00</b>  | <b>\$82,970.00</b>   | <b>(\$250.00)</b>    | <b>\$86,220.00</b>   |
| 306 Associate Pastor (Sabbatical)       | 0.00              | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               |
| 307 New Pastor Relocation               | 0.00              | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               |
| 308 Professional Development            | 1,500.00          | \$753.63             | \$746.37             | \$1,000.00           |
| <b>Pastoral Support Sub-total =</b>     | <b>84,220.00</b>  | <b>\$83,723.63</b>   | <b>\$496.37</b>      | <b>\$87,220.00</b>   |
| <b>MISSIONS</b>                         |                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 401 Local Outreach (Wednesday Dinner)   | 2,000.00          | \$655.33             | \$1,344.67           | \$1,000.00           |
| 402 Vacation Bible School               | 500.00            | \$255.54             | \$244.46             | \$500.00             |
| 403 Short Term Missions                 | 250.00            | \$0.00               | \$250.00             | \$550.00             |
| 404 Other Missions (Family Conference)  | 1,000.00          | \$710.00             | \$290.00             | \$2,957.75           |
| 405 Mercy Ministry                      | 1,000.00          | \$0.00               | \$1,000.00           | \$1,000.00           |
| 406 Protection and Preservation of Life | 500.00            | \$0.00               | \$500.00             | \$500.00             |
| 407 Seminary Student Support            | 1,500.00          | \$0.00               | \$1,500.00           | \$0.00               |
| <b>Missions Sub-total =</b>             | <b>6,750.00</b>   | <b>\$1,620.87</b>    | <b>\$5,129.13</b>    | <b>\$6,507.75</b>    |
| <b>DENOMINATION</b>                     |                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 501 Presbytery Assessments              | 1,929.19          | \$1,929.19           | \$0.00               | \$2,000.00           |
| 502 Synod Assessments                   | 2,970.00          | \$3,609.00           | (\$639.00)           | \$3,700.00           |
| 503 Synod & Presby Delegate             | 300.00            | \$510.00             | (\$210.00)           | \$600.00             |
| 505 RP Home Missions                    | 1,000.00          | \$1,000.00           | \$0.00               | \$1,000.00           |
| 506 RP Global Missions                  | 1,000.00          | \$1,000.00           | \$0.00               | \$1,000.00           |
| 510 RP Missions/Ministry                | 7,181.00          | \$5,574.00           | \$1,607.00           | \$5,700.00           |
| <b>Denomination Sub-total =</b>         | <b>14,380.19</b>  | <b>\$13,622.19</b>   | <b>\$758.00</b>      | <b>\$14,000.00</b>   |
| <b>PROPERTY</b>                         |                   |                      |                      |                      |
| 601 Mortgage                            | 0.00              | \$0.00               | \$0.00               | \$0.00               |
| 602 Utilities                           | 9,500.00          | \$9,546.47           | (\$46.47)            | \$9,500.00           |
| 603 Maintenance & Supplies              | 5,000.00          | \$9,046.88           | (\$4,046.88)         | \$8,500.00           |
| 604 Property Insurance                  | 5,000.00          | \$6,366.00           | (\$1,366.00)         | \$6,500.00           |
| 605 Property Improvements               | 18,196.00         | \$15,295.25          | \$2,900.75           | \$15,000.00          |
| 606 Office Equipment                    | 500.00            | \$0.00               | \$500.00             | \$500.00             |
| 607 Other Equipment                     | 300.00            | \$0.00               | \$300.00             | \$300.00             |
| <b>Property Sub-total =</b>             | <b>38,496.00</b>  | <b>\$40,254.60</b>   | <b>(\$1,758.60)</b>  | <b>\$40,300.00</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES =</b>                 | <b>154,396.19</b> | <b>\$150,948.04</b>  | <b>\$3,448.15</b>    | <b>\$160,627.75</b>  |
| <b>YTD NET =</b>                        | <b>0.00</b>       | <b>(\$13,980.33)</b> | <b>(\$13,980.33)</b> | <b>(\$20,627.75)</b> |

**Total Cash Balance**

Beginning Balance January 1: \$123,592.38 \$109,612.05

Net from This Year: (\$13,980.33)

**Balance = \$109,612.05**