

## 2024 Great Lakes/ Gulf Presbytery Meeting

### Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

***"...you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."-Psalm 23:5***

As the verse in Psalm 23 reminds us, our cup overflows with the blessings and goodness of the Lord. 2023 was a great reminder to us of this fact. The past few years have been challenging as a congregation, but God has continued to be good to us and he continues to overflow us with His grace.

One of the greatest blessings to our congregation in 2023 was the provision of an associate pastor. For many years we had been praying, planning, and saving as a congregation for an associate pastor. God provided by bringing the Sturm family to Lafayette. One of the greatest highlights of the year was Jon's installation as our Associate Pastor in June. We have already been extremely thankful for Jon's work among us, and we look forward to how our ministry as a congregation will grow because of his labors.

As a congregation we continue to be blessed by the ministry of our Senior Pastor, Adam. He serves our congregation well and for that we are grateful. Adam has now finished his sixth full year of ministry here in Lafayette. In 2024, the Niess family is planning on taking a 6-week sabbatical, probably sometime this summer. We are thankful that they can take this sabbatical and we pray it will be a great time of refreshment for Adam and the family together.

As a congregation we were blessed with our sermon studies through the book of 2 Timothy, our topical series on the armor of God, and currently Adam is preaching through Ezekiel, while Jon is preaching through Mark. The preaching of the Word continues to be paramount to the ministry of our congregation and we are thankful we can hear God's Word opened twice each Lord's Day.

Our deacons continue to faithfully serve our congregation. We are thankful for their hard work and labor among us. Due to having one of the longest serving members of the board retire in 2023 we saw a need to add more deacons. We were blessed to hold a deacon election at the end of this last January and God has seen fit to have three more men elected to the office. We are currently working through the examination and installation process, but please praise God with us for this blessing.

In the fall of 2023, we conducted an outreach event. We had a workshop led by Ed Blackwood on evangelism, conducted door-to-door outreach the next Saturday, and invited friends and family to join us for worship the next Lord's Day. We are thankful for many from the congregation that were able to participate in this event and pray the Lord brings fruit from it.

Our congregation continues to be involved with ministering weekly at the Tippecanoe County Jail. We also continue to minister to undergraduate and graduate students at Purdue as well as young adults through our CORPS ministry. We also continue to minister to the youth of our church through Youth Group and Sabbath School programs.

In 2023 the session met as a constituted court a total of 23 times. As of 12/31/23, our current membership is 151 (112 communicant members, 39 baptized members.) Net change in total membership is -3 from 12/31/22. Our average attendance for our worship services was 134 (+12 from 2022) in the morning, and 106 (+14 from 2022) in the evening.

As a session, we also continue to be involved in the larger courts of our denomination. At the synod level, Adam is on the International Conference Advisory Committee; Bob is serving as Vice President of the E&P board and is serving on the board of RPTS including chairing the 100 years at Rutherford Hall campaign (with Marlene). At the presbytery level, Adam is serving as interim moderator of Selma, and chairman of the Candidates and Credentials Committee; Bob has served as the chairman of the Borg Communication Committee, and on the Heatherton Visitation Committee; Jon is serving on the Sparta Shepherding Committee; Chris is serving on the membership committee; Aaron is serving on the Ad Interim Commission; and Ken is serving on the Finance Committee, and, (along with Christy), as Covfamikoi conference directors.

We thank God for how He is guiding our congregation. We continue to seek God in all we do and are grateful for how He continues to fill our cup with his goodness and mercy.

**Membership:**

Communicant	112 (+3)
Baptized	39 (-6)
Total	151 (-3)

**Changes:**

New Converts (+)	7
Transfers-In (+)	14
Baptisms (+)	3
Transferred-Out (-)	22
Removed (-)	5
Deaths (-)	0

On behalf of the session,

Ken Nelson, Clerk

**Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette**  
**2023 Treasurer Report**  
**2024 Proposed Budget**

	YTD 2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Over/Under	2024 Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Interest	11,650	3,000	8,650	12,000
Rent	21,600	21,600	-	21,600
Tithe	380,269	321,000	59,269	392,057
Total Budgeted Income	413,519	345,600	67,919	425,657
Special Gift Income	24,691		24,691	
Total Income	438,210	345,600	92,610	425,657
<b>Expenses</b>				
<u>Church Building</u>				
Capital Improv exp		30,000	-30,000	40,000
Building fund				37,183
Furniture & Equipment	7,562	5,000	2,562	5,500
Insurance	5,227	5,000	227	5,800
Maintenance	10,446	15,000	-4,554	12,000
Rental Expense	2,403	4,000	-1,597	12,000
Supplies	7,309	5,200	2,109	7,500
Utilities	11,905	11,500	405	12,500
Technology			0	5,000
Total Church Building	44,852	75,700	-30,848	137,483
<u>Congregational Giving</u>				
Scholarships	4282	4,800	-518	4,800
Bravely	200	200	0	400
Miscellaneous Missionary	600	700	-100	800
Presbytery Assessment	4,433	4,433	0	4,517
RP M & M	7,200	7,200	0	7,800
RP Seminary	3,200	3,200	0	4,400
RTF	1,600	1,600	0	2,000
RP Global Mission	5,800	5,800	0	6,800
Synod Assessment	7,305	7,304	1	9,097
Trinity Mission	700	700	0	1,000
International Students Inc	3,000	3,000	0	1,000
Total Congregational Giving	38,320	38,937	-617	42,614
<u>Ministry Expense</u>				
Administrative	8,256	4,500	3,756	6,500
Christian Ed	3,724	2,900	824	3,600
College Ministry	262	2,500	-2,238	2,500
Hospitality Committee	1,997	3,000	-1,003	3,000
Social Committee	2,379	2,000	379	3,500

Jail Ministry	3,173	2,500	673	3,800
Mercy Ministry	2,235	3,500	-1,265	3,500
Nursery	293	200	93	300
Outreach	1,198	500	698	1,300
Session	94	2,000	-1,906	2,000
Session Conferences	2,968	1,600	1,368	3,200
Youth Group	797	1,000	-203	1,100
Church Safety	3,420	4,000	-580	4,000
Book Table	548	1,000	-452	800
Total Ministry Expense	31,344	31,200	144	39,100
<u>Allowances and Salaries</u>				
Guest Speakers	3,145	4,500	-1,355	3,000
Ministry Expense - Adam	3,838	4,100	-262	4,100
Ministry Expense - Jon	2,281	2,050	231	4,100
Associate Pastor Fund	29,792	32,500	-2,708	
Custodian Salary	6,273	6,240	33	6,240
FICA	1,404	1,505	-101	1,514
Housing - Adam	26,500	26,500	0	
Housing - Jon	16,196		16,196	
Pastor Salary - Adam	69,640	69,640	0	105,706
Pastor Salary - Jon	16,196	30,300	-14,104	68,250
Pension - Adam	5,500	5,500	0	
Pension - Assoc	2,817	2,200	617	
Office Manager Salary	11,640	11,640	0	12,800
Office Support	447	1,800	-1,353	750
Total Allowances and Salaries	195,669	198,475	-2,806	206,460
Total Budgeted Expense	310,185	344,312	-34,127	425,657
Fund Transfer Expense			0	
Special Gift Expense	15,146		15,146	
Total Expense	325,331	344,312	-18,981	425,657
Net Income	112,879	1,288	111,591	0

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## Statement of Financial Position Comparison

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2023	AS OF DEC 31, 2022 (PY)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
100 Pefcu Checking	161,767	41,097
110 Pefcu Money Market	1,380	107,539
120 Pefcu Savings	5	5
122 Pefcu CD	101,606	80,032
125 Financial Enhancement Group	105,896	0
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$370,654</b>	<b>\$228,673</b>
Other Current Assets		
150 Other Receivables	349	0
155 Prepaid Mercy Gift Cards	250	450
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$599</b>	<b>\$450</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
210 FICA Payable	0	-0
215 Deferred Revenue	1,800	1,800
216 FSA payable	9	1,568
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,809</b>	<b>\$3,367</b>
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Equity		
300 General Fund	244,310	141,943
310 Retained Earnings	0	0
320 College Ministry Fund	1,360	1,360
330 Family Conference Fund	2,276	0
355 Book Table Fund	854	854
358 Associate Pastor Fund	0	63,000
390 Youth Group Fund	2,748	1,815
392 Adoption Fund	4,000	4,000
Net Revenue	113,897	12,784
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$369,444</b>	<b>\$225,755</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$371,253</b>	<b>\$229,123</b>