

Elkhart, IN RPC Session Report For Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Meeting, March 6-8, 2025

*“Yet The LORD’S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning: Great is Your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23 NASB)*

1) Total Membership: Communicant and Baptized (12/31/24), 47. (2) Average AM Worship Attendance, 50. (3) Average PM Worship Attendance, 16. (4) Baptized Members Professing, 2. (5) New Members by Profession, 1. (6) Net Change in Total Membership, -1.

We are grateful to our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, for His abundant grace in keeping His church here at ERPC. He is faithful and His promises are unfailing. He will never leave us nor forsake us. He has shown His everlasting covenant love in many ways over the past year.

Session has met in constituted court nineteen times in 2024. This includes the quarterly joint meetings with our Deacons. By God’s grace the Elders have endeavored to shepherd and nurture the members and adherents of Elkhart RP Church. The Deacons have served in stewardship and mercy ministry.

Throughout 2024, the Lord has gathered His people to approach His Throne of Grace every Lord’s Day morning. We have been nurtured under the faithful preaching of our pastor, Rev. Wade Mann, and guest preachers: Bill Roberts, Nathan Shaver, Mike Wold, Rich Holdeman, and Joey Liu.

This year Pastor Mann finished the Gospel of Luke in the morning worship services. We continued in the evening services with sermon discussions on the first and third Lord’s Days, and our monthly congregational prayer meeting on the second Lord’s Day evenings. We had two congregational Psalm Sings at the church on the fifth Lord’s Day evenings, in addition to the Resurrection Psalm Sing on March 31. Also, we celebrated the Lord’s Supper six times on the first Lord’s Day of every other month, alternating observances between morning and evening services. It has been a blessing to have Joey Liu as a part-time pastoral intern beginning in November, and we are thankful to have his wife Sandy and son Michael with us.

Last spring our two small groups concluded studies on 2 Corinthians at the church and a parenting study hosted by the Schmidts on *Purposeful and Persistent Parenting*, by John and Cindy Raquet. In the fall, two Bible study groups began reviewing *Five Lies of our Anti-Christian Age*, by Rosaria Butterfield. The women’s group has continued a monthly study of *Disciplines of a Godly Woman*, by Barbara Hughes. The men’s group concluded our study of *Sanctification*, by David Campbell, and began a new monthly study of *Living the Psalms*, by David Murray.

S.S. classes for children have been provided along with adult classes in which we used video studies on Romans, by Robert Godfrey, *Face to Face with Jesus*, by R. C. Sproul, and Galatians, by Derek Thomas. We also hosted VBS in July and are grateful to all who made this a success.

The Lord continues to draw people into His family at Elkhart RP Church as He also guides others to different congregations. Ten baptized and communicant members departed through dismissal to other churches. We rejoice in the reception of five communicant members (representing 3 households) and the baptisms of four covenant children of one of our deacons.

On February 9 we were saddened to hear Pastor Mann’s announcement of his resignation due to ministerial fatigue and burnout. We are grateful for the care of the presbytery and are resting in the assurance of God’s promises to His people. “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19 NASB)

Respectfully submitted,

The Session of ERPC

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

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2024 Report & 2025 Budget

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2024 Difference	2025 Budget
INCOME				
101 Contributions	\$140,000.00	\$115,068.77	(\$24,931.23)	\$115,000.00
102 Interest	\$0.00	\$8.83	\$8.83	\$0.00
105 Designated Gifts	\$0.00	\$590.00	\$590.00	\$0.00
107 Other	\$0.00	\$1,243.98	\$1,243.98	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME =	\$140,000.00	\$116,911.58	(\$23,088.42)	\$115,000.00
EXPENSES				
CONGREGATION				
201 Christian Education	\$2,500.00	\$909.06	\$1,590.94	\$1,400.00
202 Fellowship Activities	\$1,750.00	\$1,094.41	\$655.59	\$1,500.00
203 Youth Ministry	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
204 Guest Ministry	\$2,500.00	\$2,346.97	\$153.03	\$2,500.00
205 Administration	\$1,500.00	\$1,349.01	\$150.99	\$1,500.00
206 Pastor's Ministry Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$2,030.94	\$969.06	\$2,500.00
207 Workman's Comp Insurance	\$350.00	\$324.63	\$25.37	\$350.00
208 Group Study Resources	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
209 Session Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
210 Other	\$0.00	\$650.79	(\$650.79)	\$0.00
Congregation Sub-total =	\$12,600.00	\$8,705.81	\$3,894.19	\$10,500.00
PASTORAL SUPPORT				
301 Salary	\$35,360.00	\$35,360.00	\$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	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Pastor Sub-total =	\$86,220.00	\$86,470.00	(\$250.00)	\$86,220.00
306 Associate Pastor (Internship)	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	\$1,250.00
307 New Pastor Relocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
308 Professional Development	\$1,000.00	\$395.00	\$605.00	\$1,000.00
Pastoral Support Sub-total =	\$87,220.00	\$87,065.00	\$155.00	\$88,470.00
MISSIONS				
401 Local Outreach (Wednesday Dinner)	\$1,000.00	\$75.00	\$925.00	\$300.00
402 Vacation Bible School	\$500.00	\$122.95	\$377.05	\$500.00
403 Short Term Missions	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
404 Other Missions (Family Conference)	\$2,957.75	\$503.31	\$2,454.44	\$2,957.75
405 Mercy Ministry	\$1,000.00	\$1,938.86	(\$938.86)	\$500.00
406 Protection and Preservation of Life	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
407 Seminary Student Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Missions Sub-total =	\$6,507.75	\$2,640.12	\$3,867.63	\$4,257.75
DENOMINATION				
501 Presbytery Assessments	\$2,000.00	\$1,904.40	\$95.60	\$1,410.00
502 Synod Assessments	\$3,700.00	\$3,007.00	\$693.00	\$2,530.00
503 Synod & Presby Delegate	\$600.00	\$322.00	\$278.00	\$600.00
505 RP Home Missions	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$870.00
506 RP Global Missions	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$870.00
510 RP Missions/Ministry	\$5,700.00	\$4,138.00	\$1,562.00	\$5,220.00
Denomination Sub-total =	\$14,000.00	\$11,371.40	\$2,628.60	\$11,500.00
PROPERTY				
601 Mortgage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
602 Utilities	\$9,500.00	\$8,210.00	\$1,290.00	\$9,000.00
603 Maintenance & Supplies	\$8,500.00	\$6,255.47	\$2,244.53	\$8,500.00
604 Property Insurance	\$6,500.00	\$6,661.00	(\$161.00)	\$7,200.00
605 Property Improvements	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
606 Office Equipment	\$500.00	\$360.00	\$140.00	\$500.00
607 Other Equipment	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Property Sub-total =	\$40,300.00	\$21,486.47	\$18,813.53	\$25,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES =	\$160,627.75	\$131,268.80	\$29,358.95	\$140,227.75

YTD NET =	(\$20,627.75)	(\$14,357.22)	\$6,270.53	(\$25,227.75)	

Total Cash Balance

Beginning Balance January 1:	\$109,612.05	\$95,254.83
Net from This Year:	(\$14,357.22)	
Balance =	\$95,254.83	