

Elkhart, IN RPC Session Report
For Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Meeting, March 5-7, 2026

*“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.” Isaiah 26:3-4 (ESV)*

Praise God for His abundant love and faithfulness in guiding, guarding, and upholding His church at ERPC in 2026. It has been an unusual and eventful year in which we have seen Jesus’ gracious care and provision for His body here.

The Elders are thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ that he has gathered us on every Lord’s Day to worship our Father in Heaven and to receive blessing from the teaching and ministry of His Word – except for the one-time interruption because of heavy snow. His provision of a preacher for every Lord’s Day and the administration of The Lord’s Supper twice is glory to Him and a great blessing to our congregation.

Regular meetings of Sabbath School classes, fellowship lunches, prayer meetings, and men’s and women’s Bible studies have continued throughout the year. We are thankful for all who serve in leading these ministries.

Please note the 2026 list of Session appointed leaders of Committees and Ministry Teams along with the Elders’ Shepherding Groups.

At our meeting on February 25, 2025, Session sadly received the resignation letter of Rev. Wade Mann dated February 8, 2025. He had also submitted a written statement to that effect to the Ad Interim Commission (AIC). The letter described the reason for resignation as ministerial burnout.

The AIC appointed Rev. Ian Wise as Provisional Moderator of the Session of Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church (ERPC). Also, The Commission appointed a Visitation Committee: Rev. Rich Holdeman, Chair, Rev. Jonathan Sturm and Elder John Kim. The committee communicated with Rev. Wade and Mrs. Barb Mann and the members of Session – Elders Bob Daniels, Fikre Menbere. They offered counsel and assisted the Manns and ERPC during the transition.

Rev. Ian had served as the Provisional Moderator of our Session when Pastor Wade Mann was on sabbatical. As of February 25, 2025, we are thankful and appreciate his ministry in leading our Session. The Elders met in constituted court thirteen meetings this past year – which includes the 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting and one un-constituted meeting.

Elders had quarterly joint meetings with our Deacons: Eric Dean and Christopher Dean.

By God’s grace the Elders have endeavored to shepherd and nurture the members and adherents of Elkhart RP Church. The Deacons have faithfully served in stewardship and mercy ministry.

Elder Bob has been leading the Pastoral Search Committee: Elder Bob Daniels (Chair), Eric Dean, Kathryn Dean, Bill Landow, Chris Taylor. He has, also, served as the point man to contact preachers and maintain the preaching schedule of visiting ministers. We are thankful for his perseverance in this ministry during this season as we look to The Lord to supply a pastor to shepherd our congregation. Elder Fikre follows up to plan for the worship service with the preachers and prepare the bulletins.

Mr. Joey Liu internship: June 2024, Joey with his wife, Sandy, and son, Michael, came to Mishawaka to work in the after-school program that Mr. Yuhui Lu was organizing. However, the program did not

develop as planned. He completed his internship ministry with ERPC at the end of May 2025. He is pursuing further graduate education.

It was a joy to receive Mr. Amos Kratzer into communicant membership at ERPC at the meeting of Session on May 14, 2025. Also, at that meeting, Mrs. Susan Daniels' request to us the Fellowship Hall to teach Spanish was approved. A long-term vision to offer the building for this kind of ministry finally is being realized.

At the June 2025 Session meeting, it was such an encouragement to receive the note that the committee of the Trustees of Synod approved the full grant of \$25,000.00 to help with the maintenance of our church building. At that meeting, we also were informed that the Bloomington RP Church was sending four volunteers to help with VBS – June 16-20, 2025.

Michiana Covenant Presbyterian Church PCA: Rev. Peter Wallace on August 1, 2025, emailed an invitation to join them for an old-fashioned Presbyterian camp meeting where several congregations gathered for a time of fellowship and worship, culminating in a communion service. We gathered for an evening service at 5:30 P.M. on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at Potato Creek State Park.

Please note that your elders are available to meet with you to address questions you might have and encourage you in the Lord Jesus. Whenever it is convenient, we would like to make annual shepherding visits of each household to stay in touch with each one of you to prayerfully support you.

As we look forward to what The Lord Jesus will do among us in 2025, let us prayerfully persevere to serve in his kingdom.

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”
Isaiah 43:19*

Respectfully presented,

Rev. Ian Wise, Provisional Moderator
Elders Bob Daniels, Fikre Menbere

2025 ERPC Membership Report

Beginning membership	46
Decrease due to death	0
Decrease due to RP transfer	2
Decrease due to other denomination transfer	0
Decrease due to final removal	0
Addition due to profession of faith	0
Addition due to transfer from another church	1
Addition due to baptism from another church	0
Addition of baptized member	0
Ending membership	45

Treasurer's Report

In 2025, the Lord continued to bless ERPC with sufficient financial support. With a total income of \$166,085.47 and total expense of \$166,072.80, we had a surplus of \$12.67 for the fiscal year of 2025. During 2025, we saw higher expenses of church property improvements of \$67,841.35, which were offset by a grant support from RPCNA, special contributions from church members, and a reduced pastoral support due to the resignation of our former pastor Wade Mann. By the end of 2025, we had a total cash reserve in the amount of \$95,267.50.

Here are a few notes on specific items:

Designated Gift (Item 105) includes the following:

04/03/2025	\$400.00	RPCNA synod gift to support the pastor's pension
04/16/2025	\$15,000.00	Special contribution to building improvement
06/06/2025	\$25000.00	RPCNA building improvement grant
10/20/2025	\$5,000.00	Special contribution to building improvement
Total:	\$45400.00	

Pastoral Support (Items 300):

Budget amount	Actual amount
\$88,470.00	\$47,988.24

The discrepancy of \$40481.76 was due to the resignation of Pastor Wade Mann before the end of the year.

Property Improvements (Items 605):

Budget amount	Actual amount
\$0.00	\$67,841.35

Initially we didn't plan to improve our church building during 2025, but after a building improvement grant up to \$25,000 became available from RPCNA, the congregation decided to apply for this support

for our building improvements. RPCNA required each local congregation to match the same amount of funding to be eligible.

Respectfully submitted,

Yuhui Lu
 Claudia Landow
 Ritva Menbere

ERPC						
2025 Report & 2026 Budget	2023	2024	2025	2025	2025	2026
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Difference	Budget
INCOME						
101 Contributions	\$134,726.23	\$115,068.77	\$115,000.00	\$120,678.45	\$5,678.45	\$123,000.00
102 Interest	\$8.73	\$8.83	\$0.00	\$7.02	\$7.02	\$0.00
105 Designated Gifts	\$275.00	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$45,400.00	\$45,400.00	\$0.00
107 Other	\$1,957.75	\$1,243.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME =	\$136,967.71	\$116,911.58	\$115,000.00	\$166,085.47	\$51,085.47	\$123,000.00
EXPENSES						
CONGREGATION						
201 Christian Education	\$2,340.75	\$909.06	\$1,400.00	\$395.93	\$1,004.07	\$1,400.00
202 Fellowship Activities	\$1,384.09	\$1,094.41	\$1,500.00	\$1,115.19	\$384.81	\$1,500.00
203 Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
204 Guest Ministry	\$2,842.96	\$2,346.97	\$2,500.00	\$13,074.38	(\$10,574.38)	\$18,000.00
205 Administration	\$263.54	\$1,349.01	\$1,500.00	\$1,630.15	(\$130.15)	\$1,500.00
206 Pastor's Ministry Expenses	\$3,271.77	\$2,030.94	\$2,500.00	\$273.83	\$2,226.17	\$0.00
207 Workman's Comp Insurance	\$327.65	\$324.63	\$350.00	\$319.59	\$30.41	\$350.00
208 Group Study Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
209 Session Expenses	\$392.49	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
210 Other	\$903.50	\$650.79	\$0.00	\$390.00	(\$390.00)	\$0.00
Congregation Sub-total =	\$11,726.75	\$8,705.81	\$10,500.00	\$17,199.07	(\$6,699.07)	\$23,500.00
PASTORAL SUPPORT						
301 Salary	\$32,960.00	\$35,360.00	\$35,360.00	\$20,626.62	\$14,733.38	\$0.00
302 Parsonage Allowance	\$33,740.00	\$33,740.00	\$33,740.00	\$19,681.62	\$14,058.38	\$0.00
303 Salary Supplement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
304 Pension	\$9,870.00	\$9,870.00	\$9,620.00	\$2,805.00	\$6,815.00	\$0.00
305 Medical Insurance	\$6,400.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$4,375.00	\$3,125.00	\$0.00
Pastor Sub-total =	\$82,970.00	\$86,470.00	\$86,220.00	\$47,488.24	\$38,731.76	\$0.00
306 Associate Pastor (Sabbatical)	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1,250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
307 New Pastor Relocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
308 Professional Development	\$753.63	\$395.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Pastoral Support Sub-total =	\$83,723.63	\$87,065.00	\$88,470.00	\$47,988.24	\$40,481.76	\$0.00
MISSIONS						
401 Local Outreach (Wednesday Dinner)	\$655.33	\$75.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
402 Vacation Bible School	\$255.54	\$122.95	\$500.00	\$111.22	\$388.78	\$500.00
403 Short Term Missions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
404 Other Missions (Family Conference)	\$710.00	\$503.31	\$2,957.75	\$0.00	\$2,957.75	\$2,957.75
405 Mercy Ministry	\$0.00	\$1,938.86	\$500.00	\$350.30	\$149.70	\$500.00
406 Protection and Preservation of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
407 Seminary Student Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Missions Sub-total =	\$1,620.87	\$2,640.12	\$4,257.75	\$461.52	\$3,796.23	\$4,257.75
DENOMINATION						
501 Presbytery Assessments	\$1,929.19	\$1,904.40	\$1,410.00	\$1,410.00	\$0.00	\$1,410.00
502 Synod Assessments	\$3,609.00	\$3,007.00	\$2,530.00	\$2,559.00	(\$29.00)	\$2,530.00

503 Synod & Presby Delegate	\$510.00	\$322.00	\$600.00	\$215.33	\$384.67	\$600.00
505 RP Home Missions	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$870.00	\$1,000.00	(\$130.00)	\$1,000.00
506 RP Global Missions	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$870.00	\$1,000.00	(\$130.00)	\$1,000.00
510 RP Missions/Ministry	\$5,574.00	\$4,138.00	\$5,220.00	\$5,820.00	(\$600.00)	\$5,760.00
Denomination Sub-total =	\$13,622.19	\$11,371.40	\$11,500.00	\$12,004.33	(\$504.33)	\$12,300.00
PROPERTY						
601 Mortgage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
602 Utilities	\$9,546.47	\$8,210.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,043.52	(\$43.52)	\$9,500.00
603 Maintenance & Supplies	\$9,046.88	\$6,255.47	\$8,500.00	\$5,801.93	\$2,698.07	\$8,500.00
604 Property Insurance	\$6,366.00	\$6,661.00	\$7,200.00	\$5,486.75	\$1,713.25	\$7,200.00
605 Property Improvements	\$15,295.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,841.35	(\$67,841.35)	\$5,000.00
606 Office Equipment	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$500.00
607 Other Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$246.09	\$53.91	\$300.00
Property Sub-total =	\$40,254.60	\$21,486.47	\$25,500.00	\$88,419.64	(\$62,919.64)	\$31,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES =	\$150,948.04	\$131,268.80	\$140,227.75	\$166,072.80	(\$25,845.05)	\$71,057.75
YTD NET =	(\$13,980.33)	(\$14,357.22)	(\$25,227.75)	\$12.67	\$25,240.42	

Total Cash Balance

Beginning Balance January 1:	\$123,592.38	\$109,612.05	\$95,254.83	\$95,267.50
Net from This Year:	(\$13,980.33)	(\$14,357.22)	\$12.67	
Balance =	\$109,612.05	\$95,254.83	\$95,267.50	

910 Fresh Lunch

(+) Beginning Balance January 1:	\$0.00	\$0.00
(+) Special Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00
(+) Thursday Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00
(-) Expenses	\$655.33	\$0.00
End of Year Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Cost (Recorded under 401)	\$655.33	\$0.00

920 Youth Ministry

(+) Beginning Balance January 1:		
(+) Special Contribution:		
(+) Income:		
(-) Expense		
End of Year Balance		
Net Cost (Recorded under 203)		

950 Resale Fund

(+) Beginning Balance January 1:	\$258.50	\$0.00
(+) Income:	\$35.00	\$15.00
(-) Expense	\$300.12	\$0.00
End of Year Balance	\$0.00	\$15.00
Net Cost (Recorded under 201)	\$6.62	\$0.00