

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR, DAVE MUCKEL



What a joy it has been to serve at LAC in 2024. My top two objectives for the year were launching our first Church Planting Residency and completing LAC's Strategic Blueprint. I thank God that we saw both dreams become a reality. Working closely with David Dixon at the District office, the **Church Planting Residency** was developed. After a thorough exploration and interview process, Andrew Brackmann was chosen and began his residency at LAC on August 20. Throughout the Fall, Pastor Andrew was immersed in training and participation in LAC ministries while simultaneously researching the area and developing strategic relationships. This has

set the stage for a core team development and replant of the Missio Dei church scheduled to take place in 2025. My second objective was to finish **LAC's Strategic Blueprint** for LAC, which is a document that expresses our mission, values and strategies for how our church will do God's work. The blueprint was completed by Elder and Staff leadership as we sought the Lord together and will be presented at our Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025.

Much of my work throughout the year continues to revolve around weekly and monthly meetings with Elders, Staff, and Ministry Leaders. Every one of these leaders serve LAC so well and it was an absolute joy to pray, plan, disciple, mentor, grow and laugh with these amazing people. Their faithful leadership led to a year of life-transforming ministry, detailed throughout this annual report. My role also leads me to care for the church body through individual discipling opportunities, pastoral counseling, hospital visitations and funeral services as well as meeting with potential future partners, such as *Clear Designs* web services, *Front Yard Missions* and *CCO* (Coalition for College Outreach) to name a few. I was also able to participate with LAC's Altar team training and with the Summit Grove Family Camp as the evening MC. Other initiatives for the year included starting a monthly Praise & Prayer night on the second Wednesday of each month and launching two hybrid LAC/Missio Dei small groups. I was privileged to host and lead one of those groups at our house in the spring season.

This year I had the privilege to attend conferences with various ministry leaders and staff such as *Converge Alliance Missions Conference* in Ohio, the *Alliance Worship Conference* in Princeton, NJ and *Exponential Conference* in Orlando, FL. Each of these events connected our leadership to many other ministries and churches around the country, leading to personal growth, leadership skill development and networking opportunities.

Sunday morning sermons continue to be a time of transformation for many. Our year started with the series, **Look, Listen & Follow** about hearing and following God's voice. Other series this year focused on church essentials, including **More than a Song** about worship music and **Gospel Shoes** motivating us to reach the lost right outside our door. We rounded out the year with our Christmas series entitled, **Stuck** which was connected to **Stuck in Bethlehem**. This original musical was a labor of love that began for me and a few others in the summer with the writing of an original script with two original songs. The cast and support crew of over fifty people worked throughout the Fall to prepare, perform and minister to hundreds of people at our Christmas Eve service. It was the culmination of a wonderful year of serving Jesus with all of you, and all the glory goes to God for his faithfulness to us!

Pastor Dave

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PASTOR, MIKE PHELPS



As I think back over 2024 what an exciting year it's been.

First, if you remember in April of 2021 the Congregation approved a new governance authority structure here at LAC. The Elders are our Governing Authority and the Admin Board was formed to oversee H.R., our facilities and day to day operations. Within my duties and the Admin Board's responsibilities lies working through annual goals and preparing the next year's budget with the staff and ministry leaders. We were able to overhaul this process as follows: Instead of the staff working through their goals for the next year and everyone working at the next year's budget as two separate tasks, they are now combined as a joint task. We were able to individually form our budget requests designed around our goals and then come together with the Elders, Admin Board and staff to process the goals and budget all at once. That way all the teams were there to formulate our path forward in unison. We have seen this transformation received well by all involved.

Next with the Small Group ministry this year we were able to have two hybrid groups that joined folks from both LAC and Missio Dei together. It was great to see these groups from the two churches bridge relationships as we move forward, planning to see Missio Dei relaunched in 2025. We see this as a partnership that will last past that moment with ministry happening together for years to come.

It has also been a real joy for me to start what came to be known as the Beta Team. This is the first of what I plan to be several more groups in the future. I had the privilege of meeting with four of our Ministry Leaders monthly as we talk through what's happening in their ministries. We have studied the books "Next Generation Leaders" and "B.L.E.S.S." together. During these monthly gatherings we've discussed personal transformation as leaders, developing our teams and having our ministries come to the place where we would see those we serve, both here at LAC and in our community, experience the kind of transformation in their lives we are all longing for:

"... so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13

I can't wait to see what 2025 brings!

Pastor Mike

FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR,

TIM HALTEMAN



2024: A Year of Growth, Service, and God's Glory

This year has been a powerful testament to the growth of students' faith, the strengthening of partnerships, and the ultimate glory of God.

Faith That Grows

Students' faith deepened through consistent biblical engagement—whether in Sunday night youth groups, small group huddles, retreats, or camps. In 2024, students journeyed through the books of Acts, Daniel, Isaiah and Revelation in large group settings, while huddle groups explored New Testament and the Old Testament, along with a variety of devotional materials. It's been awe-inspiring to witness the Word of God take root in their lives, transforming their hearts and minds.

Beyond Bible study, students also had opportunities to live out their faith through service. They served in Children's Ministry, VBS, AWANA, the Tech Team, the food bank, OCC, making meals and Envision Chicago mission trip. Not only are students contributing to the life of the church, but they are also stepping into leadership roles in ministries like FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) and Young Life. One of the most exciting moments this year was seeing students step up to lead the Sunday Night Worship Team on their own. Together, we learned, built relationships, and saw firsthand how God is at work in the world.

Strengthening Partnerships

Our partnerships with para-church organizations like FCA, Young Life, and local summer camps have been a vital part of this year's growth. These relationships have opened doors for students to serve in leadership roles, connect with other young believers, and be part of a wider community of faith. It's incredible to see students not only engaging in these ministries but actively seeking out more opportunities to grow and lead.

As the Youth Pastor, I've made it a priority to engage with these partnerships, meeting students where they are. This year, I had the privilege serving at the Mid Atlantic- FCA Camp at EMU, and building bridges with sports and faith. I was able to continue to strengthen my relationship within FCA to be a part of the new combined 2025 FCA camp at Liberty University. Where I will serve our king as a coach and pastor. I am excited to continue looking for more ways to support students in their walk with Christ and point them toward Him in all areas of life.

God is Glorified

None of this would be possible without the grace of God, who is the true source of all growth and transformation. We also have an incredible youth team whose commitment and sacrifice have been instrumental in discipling our student's week in and week out. Their love, dedication, and prayers make this ministry thrive. Laurie Staib, Erin Finnegan, Bruce Kellner, Josiah Muckel, Ross Muir, and Cathy Smith! Additionally, the ongoing support—both in prayer and financial resources—of the church family is vital in advancing the Kingdom and pushing back the darkness.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on this year, we're filled with gratitude for all that God has done. Moving forward, we are prayerfully seeking God's guidance to continue advancing His Kingdom in the lives of our students. May we remain faithful in our mission, ever pointing others to Christ, and ever striving to glorify Him in all things.

In Christ,
Pastor Tim Halteman

FROM OUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR,

LAUREN HALTEMAN



The youngest participants of our church body might be little in size but they are mighty in their joy and their eagerness to learn about the LORD! The LAC Kids Ministry, which includes children ages newborn through 5th graders, and a group of amazing student and adult volunteers, had another wonderful year! It was wonderful not because everything went according to our plan (it didn't), it was wonderful not because there weren't any messes to clean up (there were tons), and it was wonderful not because it was a neat and tidy, perfectly behaved, always laughing and giggling ministry (it wasn't)...It was wonderful because God was at the center of the ministry, and God worked through the hearts of the volunteers and into the hearts of the children. It was wonderful because of God.

Throughout the year of 2024, we welcomed many new families and embraced many births of new babies! We experienced growth in every age group, in every classroom, and for that, we are excited! We continued to utilize the Gospel Project Curriculum while also integrating many of the Alliance Kids missionary moments. We also continue learning about and praying for our special missionary family, the McCurdys, as we were able to highlight their work during the Annual Missions Conference. Sunday mornings were vibrant, filled with noises and praising and praying and teaching and reading God's word! We continued offering Family Sundays the first Sunday of the month, with the intention of involving the kids with the service and/or topic of the day, while also giving them opportunities to serve (4th & 5th graders collecting Benevolent offering).

Wednesday evenings this past year were also lively, as we had another great year of Awana! At the close of our Awana year, Spring 2024, we sadly said goodbye to our faithful leader, Commander Matt Barr, as he decided to step out of his role to pursue other plans from the Lord. Matt served on the Awana Leadership team so faithfully and with such excellence and God-centered enthusiasm; he is missed and we are so grateful for all of the years of his service!

The LAC Kids ministry participated in many events, including Operation Christmas Child (packing over 400 boxes!), Riverwoods Luminaries, Love is Alive, First Responders outreach, backpack drive, Bingo at Riverwoods, Popcorn with the Pastors, Grandparents Day brunch, Paradise Mountain collection and hosted missionary partners, including a special visit from Paradise Mountain at the Awana Awards Night (just to name a few!). Our VBS theme for 2024 was Group's "Scuba" curriculum, which was an amazing week of learning about Jesus and worshipping Him together (over 120 kids, 100 volunteers, and over 300 participants at the fellowship meal).

Looking back over this year of 2024, it is evident that God's hand was in all of it. He was faithful to guide us, teach us, and fill us with Himself! I want to especially thank the amazing LAC Kids Team of volunteers that serve so tirelessly and with such love in their hearts! The ministry also utilizes and is grateful for the help from a team of student volunteers, they are amazing and essential to the ministry! I especially want to thank the team that took over my duties while I was on sabbatical in August...a big thank you to Brenda Alexander, Krista Snyder, Deb Rozyckie, Julia Swigart, Becky Chappell, Krislyn Grey, Sharon Ryder, Julie Rockey, Rachel Binney, Kevin Heimbach, Barry Cooper and Tim Halteman for stepping up and covering my duties!

Overall, 2024 was a God honoring year in the LAC Kids Ministry. We are so very thankful to our King, for never giving up on us, for continuing to teach us about Himself, and for providing for our every need, according to His will and His purpose!



FROM OUR CHURCH PLANTING

RESIDENT PASTOR, ANDREW BRACKMANN



Since August, when we moved into the parsonage at Missio Dei Alliance (MDA) in Selinsgrove, my family and I have been experiencing God's grace and the love of His people abundantly! Those first months I invested in "research and relationships": learning the culture and context of this region, and making friends with folks at LAC, MDA, and the community. I interviewed all but one of the previous pastors of Missio Dei (previously Shamokin Dam Alliance) in order to compile a history of the church. I visited the Selinsgrove Rotary a few times to meet local leaders and philanthropists. All told, I enjoyed over 130 meetings with people in one-on-one or small group settings over meals, on runs, on prayer walks, in churches and restaurants, in our home, and everywhere in between. I have developed relationships with over a dozen area pastors through joining two ministeriums, and I am working on building more relationships with local community leaders. We have assembled a leadership team to re-plant Missio Dei and God is leading my path to all sorts of amazing people who have a heart to support the re-plant in various ways. God is so obviously paving the way for this church to experience renewed life and vision, and it goes way beyond just my involvement. *Praise Him!*

At LAC, I have been warmly embraced and enjoyed observing, participating in, and leading in various ways. For the fall season, I got to lead the Men's Huddle through a story-telling and discussion approach around campfires that allowed us to go deeper into God's transformation in each man's life. With Cody Ross, I led a weekly "hybrid" LAC/MDA small group through Francis Chan's *Forgotten God* study. Pastor Dave and I also visited several other small groups in homes. I've enjoyed playing bass on the Worship Team and sharing a few original songs on Sundays with my daughter. In October we held the first-ever LAC/MDA Worship Night at Missio Dei with about 45 in attendance. (Two more are scheduled for Jan. 24 & Mar. 28. Join us!) I preached three times at LAC and four times at MDA. It has been the most enriching and satisfying journey so far and, as I've told many folks who have asked how it's going, I feel like I'm in my sweet spot! Thank you to the Elders and Administrative Boards who have encouraged and welcomed me into their circles for this season, and thank *you*, LAC, for getting to know me and my family so intentionally, with such generosity. *What a church!*

Now, with a development plan drafted, a team forming and dreaming, and word spreading, we are poised to re-launch Missio Dei (with a new name!) this May. Some from LAC will join us, but our prayer is that everyone in LAC will catch a vision for church planting and find ways to be involved, be that through prayer, encouragement, sharing their faith in their neighborhoods, cultivating the spiritual soil in other places through prayer and friendships, or whatever else the Spirit prompts! *Come, Lord Jesus, come- in Your kingdom, by Your ways, in Your people!*

Thanking God,

Pastor Andrew Brackmann



FROM OUR HEAD ELDER, MATT BURKE



God showed up in amazing ways in 2024 in both our church and Elder Board. I would define 2024 as a year of spiritual growth for LAC and also for the men on our board.

Much like last year, Pastor Dave continued to challenge our way of thinking and leading by reading two great books together. The Next Generation Leader really centered on how to lead people and develop the next generation of leaders both for our church and personal careers. The

The second book, (B.L.E.S.S.) was about ways to love our neighbors and change the world one relationship at a time. These books made for great discussions in our meetings and encouraged us to be bold leaders for Christ and love our neighbors even more.

In 2023, we discussed how to be obedient to God and “GO.” This year, praise God, we went! We are in the middle of a church plant with Missio Dei in Shamokin Dam. The board spent a lot of time working through the logistics of this bold decision. We welcomed Pastor Andrew and his family and through many meetings and fellowships embraced the Missio Dei family as part of our LAC family. We are thankful for a spiritually mature congregation to accept bold decisions like this. That is who we are at LAC and we love you for it.

During this transition, the board was challenged to use our spiritual gifts. As Elders we alternated preaching and teaching at Missio Dei to provide pulpit supply for several months. This grew us in many ways both as individuals and a team. I am so thankful for my brothers on this board and their many gifts.

All in all, 2024 was an incredible year at LAC. We saw many new faces come to be a part of our church family and many from our body step up and use their spiritual gifts for the first time to bless us all. Praise the Lord! I just want to personally thank you for trusting us as your leaders and showing your growth and spiritual maturity as a body. It has been a blessing to be on the board this year.

Finally, I want to tell you how special it has been for me to serve you and this board for the last 6 years. Though my term is finished and I will be stepping away from this leadership position, I will still be serving alongside each of you every day for the cause of the Gospel. You have blessed me and my family in so many ways and I love you all.

Proverbs 11:25

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

In Christ,
Matt

OUTREACH



Leader: Tasha Dershem

Outreach Ministry Report 2024

April 20, 2024-December 2024

Jesus is clear in HIS WORD and in HIS EXAMPLE that we are to serve others, not to attend church to be served or be a consumer of church things.

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

Likewise, the mission of LAC identifies key points in how we should be working as a church "to be equipped and empowered for faithful service both within the body and the world". In other words, being the hands and feet of JESUS in our local communities and globally. The outreach committee was created to provide opportunities for us to do this within the Susquehanna Valley. We want to motivate LAC to identify places in our own networks/neighborhoods, etc. where we can build relationships and serve the people of our valley. This committee came as an "offspring" of our 2nd annual event called LOVE IS ALIVE which I directed, and then was asked to form/lead this committee. This report will share the activities of this committee from April and beyond. I am excited to share what God is doing thru HIS people and their God given talents!

LOVE IS ALIVE-annual community outreach day -April 20, 2024

Projects included:

Women's Ministry-approx. 14 women-lead by Cindy Ross-reached approx. 100 people w/gift bags/baskets

- Local pregnancy care centers (Expectations Women's Center in Lewisburg and Corner of Hope in Shamokin)-gift bags
- Transitions shelter in Lewisburg: laundry baskets filled for residents-to help them transition to independent living.
- Milton Nursing and Rehab in Milton: gift bags for residents

Laundromat Ministry-approx. 15 volunteers, led by Ritzy Muckel reached approx. 60 people at Laundromats in LEWISBURG, MILTON AND SUNBURY-paid for laundry/activities for kids.

Grocery Store/Weis Markets-approx 10 volunteers, led by Matt Burke had approx. 200 interactions of sharing/praying and assisting customers.

Lewisburg Children's Museum-23 volunteers lead by Julia and Drew Swigart. Deep cleaning museum and courtyard clean up.

Haven Ministry/homeless shelter-approx. 20 volunteers lead by Tim Halteman did outdoor cleanup and team shared lunch w/workers and residents living at the shelter.

Ridgecrest/Riverview Manor-25 volunteers served about 20 residents. They played games and served refreshments to residents.

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OUTREACH (CONT'D)

The APRIL Love is Alive event helped identify some key people with talents and some already established networks in the following capacities. These people agreed to become leaders in their respective ministries with the goal of propelling LAC to build further relationships and discover opportunities to serve and share the GOSPEL----

Haven Ministry-Scott Hixson

Pregnancy Care Centers-Gayle Tobin

Riverwoods/elderly support ministry- Betsy and Larry Lewczyk and Julie Rockey

Lewisburg Children's Museum-ongoing coordination w/Mary Beth Harris and her staff

Food insecurity-local food banks and groups providing free meals/Food Hub at the Miller Center-Tasha Dershem



Sharon Ryder is also participating in our committee doing oversight/offering feedback/guidance.

Our first OUTREACH TEAM MEETING was held in August. We met and shared our desires to reach out of the church building and build relationships with people in the groups/organizations previously mentioned.

The following is an update of the projects that the team has completed since April 2024:

- 1) Tasha was asked to help with summer meal schedule as Bucknell students leave and volunteers are fewer than when school is in session. We took 5 teens and 2 adults (Pastor Tim and Tasha) to St Andrew's Church in Milton-180 HOT meals prepared and served on TWO separate occasions (June and July).
- 2) Julia Swigart and team did a repeat sanitization of the Lewisburg Children's museum 9/28/24.
- 3) Julie Rockey and kids assisted w/BINGO calling at Riverwoods 9/21/24 and 10/19/24. We have been asked to continue to support this activity.
- 4) Thanksgiving meal delivery thru the FOOD HUB-Tasha was asked to provide some helpers. The Dershems, the Bittners, Sharon Ryder and Rachel Binney assisted with Thanksgiving meal delivery on 11/21/24 to 23 locations in the valley.
- 5) Betsy and Larry Lewczyk have created a ministry called "THE TIME SHARERS"-they had an informational meeting for people that were interested in participating. Betsy and Larry have regular weekly visitation with the people at Riverwoods and now do music and fellowship once a month there with the residents. There have been some changes with Riverwoods administration, but they plan to continue building relationships and serving at Riverwoods. The Haltemans and Rockey families are also instrumental in discovering opportunities to serve at Riverwoods as they have family staying there.
- 6) Scott Hixson is in touch w/Haven Ministry regularly. We often provide food that is leftover from our church meals at LAC. He will be working to assist with the move into their new building and will need help with furniture, etc. in the future.
- 7) Gayle Tobin has ongoing connections with the local pregnancy care centers in Lewisburg and Shamokin. Gayle has organized for EXPECTATIONS to come and speak to LAC on January 19th (Sanctity of Life Sunday)- and provide a ministry update!

We have established our date for Love Is Alive 2025 -----May 4, 2025

I am looking forward to more people finding their passion to serve and joining in on our FUN and also look forward to seeing what God will do thru LAC in the upcoming year in reaching out to the valley!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tasha Dershem

CHURCH MINISTRY



LAC
Deaconesses

Leader: Karen Stamm

The deaconesses who served during 2024 were Dawn Anspach, Lori Heimbach, Bev Shoemaker, Julie Swigart, Karen Stamm, and Renae Unruh.

This year the deaconesses organized, prepared, and served a funeral meal, the annual meeting luncheon, a Connect luncheon, two elders and administrative board dinners, a lunch for a meeting with Eastern PA District officials, side dishes for Missio Dei picnic, refreshments for a meeting with missionary Luke Camara, and the Christmas party meal. We greatly appreciate Kevin Fazler for being head chef, along with Scott and Janice Hixson, Renae Unruh, and others who consistently assist with meals. A special thank you goes out to those who are willing to join in clean up after events.

The deaconesses organize meals to assist families who are not in a small group or if the small group needs help. Our church family shared their blessings by providing approximately 42 meals to others this past year. Bev Shoemaker coordinated cards and flowers for those who were ill, had a hospital stay, experienced a death in the family, etc.

Dawn Anspach led the preparation of communion each month and for extra events. The deaconesses also assisted during baptism services. Lori Heimbach and Julia Swigart continue to launder the fabric tablecloths as needed.

The deaconesses are also tasked with making sure the kitchens are stocked and the family life center kitchen is kept in good order.

As we have grown to expect and greatly appreciate, this group of ladies continues to serve humbly and effectively. It is a pleasure to minister to the congregation with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Stamm

CHURCH MINISTRY



Head Deacon: Larry Shoemaker

Our congregation has so generously given \$25,992.58 to the Benevolent fund this year. There were many different needs in 2024 in the amount of \$38,410.06. These needs were from families in the community as well as families in our congregation. The Lord has blessed our congregation with many generous givers who give towards the needs of others. Attendance has grown this year for which we are very grateful. Our prayer is that it continues to grow and we continue our outreach in our church and to the community. The following is a breakdown of the Benevolent Fund finances as well as the needs met.

Beginning Balance:	\$16,586.98		
Bank Interest:	\$7.24		
Deposits:	\$25,992.58		
Expenses:	\$38,410.06		
Ending Balance:	\$4,176.74		
Weis Cards	\$2,500.00	Phila Housing Auth	\$1,581.00
Sheetz Cards	\$2,400.00	Lawn Mower	\$300.00
Rent/Court Costs	\$2,884.49	PPL	\$835.08
Tires	\$450.60	Financial Help	\$8,000.00
Heat/gas/oil	\$960.00	Car Purchase	\$4,517.00
Car Repair	\$3,344.33	West Branch Rental	\$217.30
Water bills	\$265.00	Funeral Expenses	\$1,000.00
Car Payment	\$1,438.89	Apt Rent	\$7,535.50
Stamps	\$41.80	Car Insurance	\$339.07

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Shoemaker, Head Deacon
Dennis Keefer, Glenn Smith, Jerry Inch



The Helping Hands Ministry of LAC works under and in conjunction with the Deacons and Benevolent Fund. The ministry provides support for our church family and community in numerous ways. Throughout 2024 we provided lawn care and cleanup, minor repairs and maintenance, transportation to church and appointments, sewing and mending, and packing and moving. We were involved in several major projects in which we had as many as 18 to 20 volunteers. We had 20+ opportunities to serve in 2024 and have several slated for 2025. Thank you to all our volunteers in 2024. We are looking forward to serving in 2025.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Inch

CHURCH MINISTRY



Leader: Cindy Ross

January 2024 began with Women's Ministry participating in the 40 Day Sugar Fast ("where physical detox meets spiritual transformation") by Wendy Speake. The ladies did this devotional on their own and the group met weekly to discuss, pray and support each other. We also communicated throughout the week via the GroupMe app.

We also participated in **Secret Sisters** again this year which helps us get to know the ladies in the church as well as support each other with prayer, cards and usually a small gift on those special occasions.

In February we went bowling again at the Lewisburg Lanes. We bowled 2 games and did a lot of laughing, praying and sharing. Approximately 20 women attended.

Feb. 26 through March 22 Women's Ministry participated in our first session of Pathways. This was started and lead by Holly Garmon. We were a bit nervous since this was brand new and we had to learn how to use a new app on our phones to participate but it turned out be a wonderful experience full of blessings! Twenty-two women participated and everyone was thrilled about getting to know new women in each of their small groups which consisted of about 5 women.

April 12-14 was our first women's retreat. This was held at Sharp Retreat in Middleburg which is a beautiful lakeside lodge surrounded by trees and mountains! Twenty-six women participated, some stayed the entire weekend, some came and went as their schedule allowed. Our leader/speaker was Esther Lovejoy who has authored many wonderful devotional books. Her focus was God and how faithful he is. We had games and quiet times and way too much food! On Sunday before leaving the lodge, the Women's Ministry decided to book a weekend for 2025!

April 20 was LAC's annual "Love is Alive" ministry. Women's Ministry participated by providing 25 laundry baskets filled with cleaning supplies, personal items and handwritten cards with personal notes for the clients at Transitions. We also provided 25 gift bags with personal items and Dunkin gift cards for new moms and new dads and these were given to Expectations and Corner of Hope. Twenty-five residents at Milton Health and Rehab center also received gift bags with personal items and candy puzzle books.

May 28 was our Secret Sister reveal party. This was a night of fellowship, laughter, surprises and good eats. Twenty-two women attended!

Over the summer we chose to do scripture writing again which was taken from Sweetblessings.com. Each month had a theme. June's theme was Trust, July's was Contentment, and August's was Abundance. We used the GroupMe app again to pray for, support and rejoice with each other as we worked our way through each day's scripture.

June 29 was to be our Ice Cream Social held at the Ross' in Milton. Unfortunately this was cancelled due to severe weather the night of the party.

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CHURCH MINISTRY



Leader: Cindy Ross

In July we had another Purple Cow “walk”. For those who wanted to walk we met at the trail head in Vicksburg and 5 of us walked the 1.5 miles to the Purple Cow. Other ladies met us there. We had ice cream, talking and prayer before the weather again forced us to end the evening.

August 14 was our second annual “Food Cruise” with 22 women participating. We had 3 host homes; appetizers were at the Garmon’s; main course was at the Muir’s and dessert was at Hope Pfautz’s (Robin’s daughter). Prayers and conversations were based around the August theme of abundance.

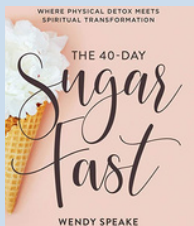
On September 24 we had another BUNCO night with 28 participants. As usual it was a wild night of laughter, friendly competition and lots of snacks and prizes for various scores of the game.

On October 21 we did another Pathways bible study, Acts 3-4, which coincided with Pastor Dave’s sermon series. Twenty-seven women participated.

In November Women’s Ministry held a “Cooking with Helga” night. Helga Savidge graciously shared her cooking talents, teaching us how to make different holiday appetizers and a delicious Christmas punch. Eighteen women were there.

Our service project was to provide some Christmas gifts for needy families in our area whose children participated in LAC’s Awana program or Huddle. We were given the names of 2 families, one with 2 children and one with 3 children. We filled stockings with gift cards and some other needed items plus a brand new Bible for each child. Then realizing we forgot the Moms, we filled 2 stockings with some personal items and a gift card.

Finally December held our annual Christmas Brunch on the 7th. Forty women attended. Tara Evans spoke about “The Light” in her devotion. We had crafts, games and of course lots of good food and many blessings!



CHURCH MINISTRY



Leaders: Drew Swigart/Andrew Brackmann

1 Timothy 6:11-12 (NIV) - *But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

Men's Ministry seeks to unite men together and prepare them to be the spiritual leaders and servants God created them to be in the church, at home, and in their workplaces. This ministry holds weekly Men's Huddles, and in 2024 the men experienced renewal through a variety of Bible studies, service projects, seminars, and other fellowship events.

Bible Studies:

- *Divine Design* by Chip Ingram
- *Worship Workshop* led by Josiah Muckel



Speaking Events/Seminars:

- *Solving the Crisis of Our Boys and Men* by Richard Reeves at Bucknell
- *LAC Wild Game Dinner* - Caz Russell speaker and Barry Cooper organizer



Last year the Lord gave our men several opportunities to bless others through service and generous giving. Similar to previous years, the men were again called upon to provide assistance and physical labor to move the possessions of multiple families into new residences, and they also coordinated a donation of 20 books to the Religious Services department of USP Lewisburg prison. These books about overcoming the bondage of sin, addiction, and anger are currently being utilized by the chaplains of USP Lewisburg in their ministry to the inmate population.

Balancing out the work, the men also made time to gather for fun and fellowship with multiple Social Events:



Chili Cookoff (2/24/24)



Men's Breakfast (6/1/24 & 7/13/24)



Crosscutters Baseball (6/11/24)

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CHURCH MINISTRY



Leaders: Drew Swigart/Andrew Brackmann

- Pool Party at John Kremer's Home (8/1/24)
- Dogs on the Deck at Scott Billings' Home (8/29/24)



In September, Pastor Andrew led the weekly Men's Huddles after the kick-off Golf Outing that brought about 20 men from Missio Dei and LAC together. Each Huddle gathered around the outdoor firepit and featured a different man sharing stories from his life of how God made him a better man. Then the men discussed the stories, brought in Scriptures surrounding the themes discussed, and prayed for one another. Each week about 6 men came out to build each other up and talk about God's work in their lives. We are seeking the Lord for what the Men's Ministry will look like in 2025, and we invite you to pray and dream as well.



Leader: Rachel Binney

New in 2024:

A second Altar Team training was held in January, and the Altar team officially began its service on February 25. Altar calls are held on the 4th Sundays of each month. The team prayed with 83 people in 2024.

Monthly Praise and Prayer nights--a joint effort between the worship team and prayer ministry in conjunction with Pastor Dave--were begun in March on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. These nights were attended by between 20 and 45 people; each month focused on a different aspect of ministry or needs at LAC and beyond.

Bless Our Schools Sunday (BOSS), a program of Moms in Prayer International, was held in August in order to pray for the upcoming school year.

Continuing in 2024:

The weekly prayer huddle continues on Wednesdays at 6:30 in Pastor Dave's study. This group focuses on prayer for the ministries and activities at LAC, with an attendance of between 4 and 10 people each week.

The Prayer Shields for each pastor and Lauren continue to function well.

Our LAC family can share prayer requests via Church Center. Carla Watson manages and disseminates the requests as they are received.

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Leader: Dave Robinson

The year 2024 proved to be a full and blessed time for the Missions Ministry of LAC. It started immediately in the new year with three attendees being able to attend Converge 2024 in Dublin, Ohio. This was a gathering time of over 300 Alliance mission-minded folks. Most importantly, the year saw us grow closer to our EPAD International Workers and our other supported ministries. This was accomplished by way of the small groups increasing their efforts to engage the IW's. Also, we were blessed with being with, in person, nine of our supported missionaries in 2024.

Paradise Mountain once again was a major emphasis of the year. We hosted Susanna Gailer in May, we had a construction team go down to Georgia in June, we held our annual food drive in October, and we sent multiple Christmas cards containing gift cards to the residents in December.

The year 2024 saw us continue with our June **Great Commission Fund** offering, our **Missions Conference** in October and finally our annual **Alliance GCF Christmas Offering** in December. We look forward to 2025 as plans have also been finalized for a short term mission trip to Taiwan.



Great Commission Fund Offering, 6/9/24



Alliance Christmas Offering, 12/22/24

CHURCH MINISTRY



Leader: Joy Buckels

The Senior Ministry (Young at Heart)

Senior Mission Statement:

A Ministry to meet the challenges and emotional needs of aging through discipleship, fellowship and service to each other and our community.

In 2024 Lewisburg Alliance re-launched a former Ministry called Young at Heart. The ministry serves anyone 60+ by fellowship & events, Senior specific bible study and service.

In January we launched the ministry by having an old fashioned potluck with 50 people in attendance. We continued the fellowship component through monthly events - many were just getting together at local restaurants for lunch or breakfast.

But we also had some stand out events such as a picnic at Knoebels (amid a major thunderstorm), a hotdog/s'more event with special offering for Holiday needs at Paradise Mountain in October. In November we had the privilege of hosting The Hoppers Southern Gospel Singers at LAC and finished off the year by Christmas caroling at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Assisted Living in December.

In March we started a monthly senior specific bible study, called 7 Essentials of Finishing Well. This was a time when participants discussed and learned how to still be effective for God's work and purposes as we age. We prayed together and talked about how we could care for each other and our needs. We had an average of 15 monthly attendees and were able to complete the first two essentials. We will continue with the 3rd-7th Essential in the coming year.

We are reminded in Psalm 73:26

"God is my strength.

**My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart;
He is mine forever!"**



2024 ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Average Church Attendance Report - Yearly Totals by Quarter 2024

Weeks Beginning:	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Avg
Worship Service Attendance 10:15am	278	245	221	239	246
LAC Kids	47	41	42	44	44
LAC Kids Volunteers	9	7	5	5	7
Total Sunday Morning Attendance	335	294	268	288	296 ★
Youth Group	17	8	13	13	13
Mid Week Events	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Avg
Awana - Kids	58	54	62	56	58
Awana - Volunteers	9	8	9	10	9
Total Attendance	67	62	71	66	67
Notes:					
Total professions of faith	7				

★ Total Sunday Morning Attendance increased by 4% over 2023.



Easter Services Attendance
 Good Friday Service 230
 Easter Sunday Service 402
 Total Easter Services 632



Christmas Events
 OCC Boxes Packed 400
 Christmas Eve Drama 480

Other Attendance Records and Other Numbers



VBS Averages:
 105 kids
 67 volunteers
 per night



LAC Students Spring Retreat
 48 students
 5 Chaperones
 7 Work Crew



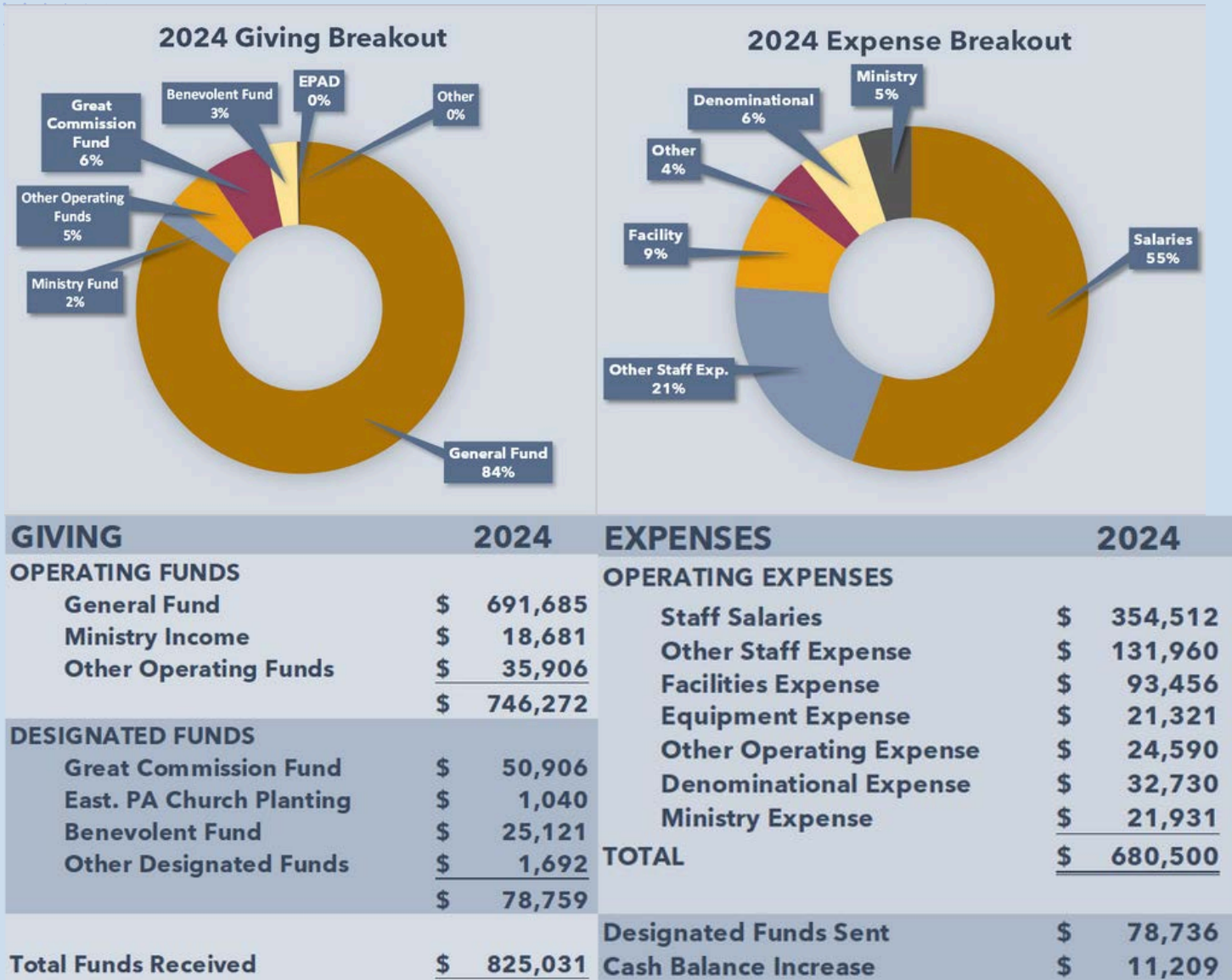
LAC Students - HS Mission Trip
 Envision Chicago
 4 students and 2 adults

Worship Services - Online Attendance

Live Stream viewing - 693 views all year averaging 13 views per service.
 Views from our sermon library for the entire year totaled 2,558 with an average of 50 views per sermon episode.

Note: These views could be to watch the whole service or just a few parts of the service.

2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



2024 Review of Financial Records

I have reviewed the financial reports and records of Lewisburg Alliance Church (including the Benevolent Fund checking account) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024. The records were in good order. Any discrepancies have been appropriately addressed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Forbes

2024 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

LAC added 14 new members in 2024 while losing 1 member
resulting in a net increase of 13 members.

1 Brenda Alexander	52 Kevin Fazler	103 Beth Lehman	154 Sarah Sholley
2 Dawn Anspach	53 Erin Finnegan	104 Brock Lehman	155 Gary Shrawder
3 Kip Anspach	54 Blake Garmon	105 Jeannie Leininger	156 Nancy Shuck
4 Kristin Barr	55 Holly Garmon	106 Terry Leininger	157 Roger Shuck
5 Matt Barr	56 Karen Geist	107 John Marshall	158 Andrew Sloboda
6 Scott Bayly	57 Bill Gibson ★	108 Mary Marshall	159 Darcee Sloboda
7 Mark Berryman	58 Brian Gibson	109 Kay Martin	160 Cathy Smith
8 Sarah Berryman	59 Leighann Gibson	110 Michael Martin	161 Glenn Smith
9 Scott Billings	60 Rosemarie Gibson ★	111 Dan McDavitt	162 Jamie Snyder
10 Shelley Billings	61 James Gorham	112 Gloria McDavitt	163 Krista Snyder
11 Michael Binney	62 Mary Gorham	113 Amy Minnier	164 Mark Snyder
12 Rachel Binney	63 Dawn Grandin	114 Avery Mowen	165 Nathan Snyder
13 Jane Bittner	64 Andre Grey ★	115 Jared Mowen	166 Brock Solomon ★
14 Mark Bittner	65 Krislyn Grey ★	116 Dave Muckel	167 Laura Solomon ★
15 Lisa Black	66 Dani Grozier	117 Ritzy Muckel	168 Kevin Sommons
16 Rob Black	67 Josh Grozier	118 Kiersten Muir	169 Pam Sommons
17 Andrew Brackmann ★	68 Lauren Halteman	119 Ross Muir	170 Jim Staib
18 Emily Brackmann ★	69 Tim Halteman	120 Julie Osgood	171 Laurie Staib
19 Cindy Brininger	70 Kirk Harris	121 Michael Osgood	172 Brett Stamm
20 Lisa Brouse	71 Mary Beth Harris	122 Hannah Payne	173 Karen Stamm
21 Ray Brouse	72 Cory Heath	123 Kyle Payne	174 Judy Styers
22 Joy Buckels	73 Suzanne Heath	124 Jack Peifer	175 Joe Swanson
23 Marcia Burke	74 Kevin Heimbach	125 Mildred Peifer	176 Kay Swanson
24 Matt Burke	75 Lori Heimbach	126 Debra Phelps	177 Drew Swigart
25 Brad Catherman	76 Stephen Heiser	127 Luke Phelps	178 Julia Swigart
26 Megan Catherman	77 Tricia Heiser	128 Mike Phelps	179 Susan Tamanini
27 Brandon Chappell	78 Amy Herbster	129 James Phillips	180 Brenda Terrell
28 Kevin Chappell ★	79 Chris Herbster	130 Niki Phillips	181 Peter Terrell
29 Rebecca Chappell	80 Jessica Herman	131 Katherine Poole ★	182 Karen Terry
30 Tina Chappell ★	81 Seth Herman	132 Eric Portzline	183 Marc Terry
31 Barry Cooper	82 Janice Hixson	133 Melissa Portzline	184 Gayle Tobin
32 Ruthann Cooper	83 Scott Hixson	134 Constance Reidell	185 Michael Tobin
33 Brad Davis	84 Brett Hoffmaster	135 David Robinson	186 Jeff Treon
34 Janel Davis	85 Jennifer Hoffmaster	136 Libby Robinson	187 Robin Treon
35 Michael Davis	86 Louisa Honeycutt ★	137 Daryl Rodgers	188 Kaity Tyrie
36 Michelle Davis	87 Paul Huffman ★	138 Rebecca Rodgers	189 Sean Tyrie
37 Kathleen Delosier	88 Mark Ilgenfritz	139 Melanie Rogers	190 Renae Unruh
38 Kevin Delosier	89 Miriam Ilgenfritz	140 Cindy Ross	191 Carol Walizer ★
39 Tasha Dershem	90 Cindy Inch	141 Ken Ross	192 Marilyn Wert
40 Tim Dershem	91 Jerry Inch	142 Tammy Ross	193 Brandon White
41 Melissa Dewalt	92 John Jackson	143 Tom Ross	194 Lauren White
42 Ronnie Dewalt	93 Lydia Jackson	144 Debra Rozyckie	195 Lawrence Wilson
43 Daniel Edwards	94 Jenny Johnson	145 Stephanie Rushton	196 Michele Yarnell
44 Hope Edwards	95 Nate Johnson	146 Caz Russell	197 Nathaniel Yarnell
45 Juanita Evans	96 Karen Kashner	147 Diane Russell	198 Erin Zook
46 Ravi Evans	97 Rick Kashner	148 Sam Ryder	199 Ezra Zook
47 Tara Evans	98 Carole Keefer	149 Sharon Ryder	200 Kenneth Zook
48 Victor Evans	99 Dennis Keefer	150 Debbie Seagrist	201 Micah Zook
49 Kevin Faughnan	100 Bruce Kellner	151 Beverly Shoemaker	
50 Suzann Faughnan	101 Connie Land	152 Larry Shoemaker	
51 Amy Fazler	102 Marlin Land	153 Jared Sholley	

★ New Members in 2024