



2023

ANNUAL  
REPORT



CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*in the city for good!*

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As I reflect on nearly a year serving alongside this congregation, I'm grateful for the way you've welcomed me as part of this community, a community that has served St. Paul and beyond longer than Minnesota has been a state! It's been my privilege to be a steward of what has been so thoughtfully and lovingly cared for by so many.

This report is a brief summary of the ministry we've been able to do together during 2023. All I will add to the following committee reports is my gratitude. It's only as a community that we can discern God's call and do the work of proclaiming the Good News through what we say and do. Whether it's through serving meals to our neighborhood, teaching dozens of children and youth each week about God's love, advocating for just and affordable housing, or lifting our voices to God in song and prayer, you continue to do that work of listening and responding to the Spirit's call. Together we worship God, form one another as disciples, and bless the world with God's love and justice, and this report is a testament to that.

A few words of special thanks:

- To the officers of Central, including elders and deacons, thank you for committing to envision and enact what this congregation is and will be, with God's help.
- To all who volunteer to make ministry happen, from Sunday Connection to Central Choir to the Central Closet, thank you for putting in the time and work week in and week out.
- Finally, to my colleagues on staff - Jennifer, Eric, Megan, Abbie, Peter, Jess, Shanta, Lavar, Mary, Christie, Anna, Maria, Laura, Barb, Adam, and Alex - thank you! So much of your work is "behind the scenes" and makes all the things we experience every week possible.

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Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

# MINISTRIES

## Worship, Music & Arts

### COMMITTEE CHAIR: KIERA FAYE

The Worship, Music, and Arts committee provided support through multiple worship team changes in 2023, welcoming Pastor Chris on Palm Sunday, and working with him to develop an order of worship that affirms Central's values.

Our music program led by Jennifer Anderson continues to provide beauty, joy, and variety in worship. Many Sundays included music from Central Bell Ensemble, Chamber Ensemble, and Central Choir led with enthusiasm by section leaders Shanta Hejmadi, Abbie Betinis, Adam Van der Sluis, and Eric Bartlett. It has been a special delight to welcome artists-in-residence: Rod Kelly Hines, Ars Nova Brass Quintet, guitarist and worship leader Paul Damico-Carper, vocalist Tonia Hughes Kendrick, and vocalist Clara Osowski. We also welcomed the Sanctuary Choir from the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa to worship in July.

Celebration of the arts at Central included new paraments crafted by Louise French and Wendy Flinner, exhibitions by artists and community members Mel Leach and Juniper Beath, and two worship performances by Creo Arts and Dance Conservatory. October saw the return of the Central Talent Show, celebrating performers across multiple arts and ages.

This committee is committed to supporting growing connection in worship within and beyond our walls. We continue to live stream worship on YouTube every Sunday, thanks to the faithful volunteer service of Joanie Gordon, Annika Johnson, Josh Voelker, and

Kiera Faye.

Central's youth led in worship on multiple occasions, including Youth Sunday, Spark Sunday, and the ever-popular original Christmas pageant, written and directed by Jeff Jones.

The WMA Committee extends our gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time and talents in worship, in sharing their arts, and in the behind-the-scenes support that makes it possible for us to gather in community.

- Average in-person worship attendance increased to 120 (up from 2022 average of 90).
- Worship live stream averages 20 devices every Sunday, over 1,000 video views per month.
- Stewardship season featured worship themed services around each committee service area.

We said goodbye to our amazing pianist Steve Swanson in the spring as he moved to Seattle. We were thrilled to welcome pianist Alex Woods to lead us in music, along with organist Dr. Melanie Ohnstad.

## Children & Youth Ministry

### COMMITTEE CHAIR: DEB FONKERT

As C.S. Lewis once stated, "Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work."

At Central, we live into these words, putting our children as a key priority when considering the well-being of our congregation. Our programming for children and youth at Central continues to be a highlight of our ministry, and WE ARE GROWING!



It has been exciting to welcome several new families with children of all age groups this past year.

Children of all ages are welcomed and celebrated in our church community. We are blessed to have our nursery fully staffed each Sunday from 9:30 - 11:30 for our youngest children, as well as staff and volunteers to lead our Elementary and Middle School youth in lessons connected to weekly scripture during our normal worship hour. In addition, our Middle School and High School youth meet twice a month to further their faith formation during Lifeboats (Middle School) and Compass (High School) meetings led by Jennifer and our dedicated volunteers.

Our youth also participate in worship regularly. Opportunities include our regular Children's Time during our weekly service, SPARK! Youth (Elementary) assisting in leading worship several times a year, and our special Youth Sunday led completely by our Middle School and High School youth. As they learn about God and their faith, they enjoy the chance to become the teachers and leaders within the congregation.

Highlights from 2023:

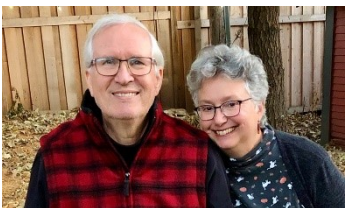
- Youth Sunday - Lifeboats and Compass led worship sharing reflections on the story of the Prodigal Son.
- Summer Fun! - Our youth and families stayed connected over the summer by participating in a variety of summer events hosted by Central (Saints Baseball, Friday Fun Night, Boating, etc.)
- Christmas Pageant - Our youth retold the story of Jesus' birth with a unique twist by casting the characters of the Moses story in the traditional Christmas roles.

## Adult Bible Study

**LEADER: MAUREEN SMITH**

The Adult Bible Study group has continued to meet each week before worship with a vibrant group of adults participating. The topic of discussion has centered on the scripture identified for that day's worship service and has welcomed 15 adults on average each week.





## Adult Faith Formation

LED BY PASTOR CHRIS

In Fall 2023, Central began hosting monthly adult faith formation classes centering on issues facing society today. Led by Pastor Chris, these in-depth discussions explored what the Bible does (and does not) say about them and how to read the Bible holistically to help us navigate these consequential issues. The monthly classes have been well received and average 30 adults in attendance each month.

## Board of Deacons

MODERATOR: LAURA WILLIAMS

The main focus of the Board of Deacons is care for the congregation, particularly those who are homebound or those in particular time of need. They extend care through personal connection, prayer, and, at times, emergency assistance. In 2023, the Deacons met every other month and are honored and privileged to carry the following messages of care and concern on behalf of the pastoral staff and the full congregation:

- Connection with members and outreach - supporting homebound members by calling them regularly and delivering flowers at Easter and Christmas.
- Connection Circles - offered on Zoom the first and third Thursdays of the month, this social gathering offers attendees the chance to connect with others from the church for casual conversation and camaraderie.
- Prayer Requests - responding to prayer requests submitted to worship offering plates and online, praying for them individually and as a group during Deacon meetings.
- Emergency Fund - provides emergency assistance to members of the congregation, staff, or frequent attenders who have a short-term need.

In an effort to stay connected to related concerns in

the congregation, Deacon liaisons have served various committees within Central.

## Welcome and Fellowship

CHAIR: WENDY FLINNER

Welcome and Fellowship had a busy year ensuring head ushers were in place for each worship service, coordinating inquirer classes, leading coffee and fellowship after worship (with special treats on occasion), and, hopefully, making visitors and members feel welcome and included in our Central community.

Highlights from the year included:

- Hosted two Inquirer's Classes for new members.
- Recognition of Sandy White and her years of service towards leading Martha's Closet.
- Welcoming Pastor Chris Chatelaine-Samson as our Called Pastor
- Publication of the new membership directory, with annual updates to come.
- Sending notes to members who have not been seen at Central in a while.
- Continued our Wednesday and Third Sunday Lunch ministry.

There is always more to do to welcome people, there are many roles, and many ways to become involved. Please consider becoming part of this valuable ministry at Central.

# MISSIONS

## Mission & Justice

**CHAIR: VIRGIE BUNDY**

The Coordinated Mission Committee was renamed to the Mission and Justice Committee in recognition of increasing focus towards social justice efforts. Principle areas of mission for the past year included housing, hunger, and anti-racism.

### BEACON HOUSING LEADERSHIP

Advocacy for affordable housing was the primary thrust of BLT activities in 2023. A significant piece of legislation called *Bring It Home, Minnesota* sought to ensure every Minnesotan gets the rent support they deserve. Central participated in crucial advocacy efforts by:

- Sending emails to area legislators in support of *Bring It Home, Minnesota*.
- Organizing a postcard mailing activity after worship with Central Members.
- Attending the Housing Rally at the Capitol.
- Volunteering with Homeless Day on the Hill
- Collected 688 keys as a symbol to 'Unlock the Metro' and encourage the Met Council to release housing vouchers after a march to their offices.

This past year, BLT members also attended a Maplewood City Council meeting which approved a land sale to Beacon for Gladstone Crossing, a 40-unit development of low-income family housing.

### ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE

The Anti-Racism Task Force started the year by

presenting to Session a Land Acknowledgement Statement, based on the church's occupation on the sacred land of the Dakota people. After Session's approval, the statement was shared to Central's website with an abbreviated version printed in the worship bulletin each week.

Other activities included:

- Participation in a Ramadan Iftar event in April, bringing Muslims and Non Muslims together for food and conversation.
- Reflection on the work of ARTF at a summer retreat, with a subsequent shift to focus on educational activities and events that will prepare adults in our congregation and community to address issues of injustice within and beyond themselves.
- Programming to supplement monthly Adult Faith Formation classes, highlighting the intersection between the monthly topic and anti-racism work, providing an anti-racism lens on the issue.

### HUNGER INITIATIVE

The Hunger Initiative Task Force focused on four key areas that included:

- Serving over 1,500 meals at Catholic Charities St Paul Opportunity Center by Central volunteers.
- Hosting two food drives that included a March drive in support of the Department of Indian Works (raising \$1,225 and 106 pounds of food) and November drive in support of the Rice Street Keystone Food Shelf.





- Coordinating the writing by Central members 110 letters of support for the Farm Bill sent to US senators and representatives in conjunction with Bread for the World.
- Providing 450 free lunches at the Wednesday lunch program, as well as food provided for snack packs assembled by youth for those in need.

### CENTRAL'S CLOSET

An evolution of Martha's Closet which closed in 2022, the new clothing closet opened in December 2022 with a new focus to provide seasonal clothing for both men and women.

- The new model is connected to the lunch program and serves those attending for meals who are in need of clothing.
- Clothing is provided through donations from Central members, remaining supplies from Martha's Closet, and a few special purchase items.

- Currently serves 5-12 people each week with 12 volunteers on a rotating schedule.

### GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

In response to the General Assembly's "Call for Action So Children May Live Free from Gun Violence" a gun violence prevention event called "Lament and Action" was held on October 14 at Central.

- Attendees included members from 17 different churches, eight speakers, and 15 organizations at the Information Fair collectively sharing ideas, roles, and visions for stopping gun violence.
- Attendees registered interest in a gun surrender.
- Blacksmiths demonstrated means of transforming guns into garden tools.





- 24 Central members served as hosts and volunteers for the event.

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Central participated in the following General Assembly Special Offerings:

- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Peace and Global Witness - 25% of the total offering remained with Central for use in the local community. It was allocated to American House, one of Beacon's downtown housing units.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance received significant funds early in the year.

### Facilities Management & Risk Assessment

**CHAIR: FLURYANNE LEACH**

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who handled many routine maintenance and repair issues. Multiple

cracks in the arch over the chancel were repaired by a contractor. An emergency plan was completed and approved by Session guiding fire, medical, and tornado emergency response.

Highlights of work in addition to routine maintenance and repair include:

- Completed an 18-month project to replace/add locks on interior doors to improve security and reduce the number of keys needed from 67 to 8.
- Completion of the third phase of exterior restoration that included replacement of 2,500 bricks and complete re-pointing on the east side of the church.
- Roof repair to replace aging EPDM (rubber membrane) areas with shingles matching the rest of the roof.

Security issues, including plans for increased exterior lighting and extra security cameras, will be addressed when funding is available.

## Women of Central

LEADER: SUE HOFFMAN

The Women of Central provides opportunities for women of all backgrounds, ages, and interests to find new and authentic friendships and means to serve others in their community. Key events and mission activities from the past year include;

- Women's Networking Group - This group continues to meet monthly to connect women to one another in an informal setting.
- Visioning Potluck - A gathering of women was held in November to discuss the future of the Women of Central. Many ideas were generated for new activities to help us grow in our spiritual lives and provide service in our congregation and community, as well as ideas as for how to engage more women in our community.
- Special Offering - The annual Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering raised over \$900 for 2025 mission projects.
- Deck the Halls - This annual tradition continued to ready the church for Christmas events and worship. The day included brunch with the Women of Central and decorating by many volunteers throughout the church.
- Knitting Group - This ministry continues to meet regularly, creating prayer shawls plus hats and mittens for the annual Mitten Tree.

## Annual Drives

Central members gave generously again to both food drives and annual drives that included:

- Diaper Drive benefitting the Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul's Project Home families.
- Giving Tree benefitting Ramsey County families.
- Mitten Tree collected items for the Hobbs Center for Families as well as the Central Closet.





## CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP

#### January - March

The year began under the leadership of Transitional Pastor Rev. Carol Reed who completed her time at Central on January 15. In her stead came Bridge Pastors Rev. Anne Fisher and Rev. Gregg Dana until we welcomed our called pastor Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen, his wife Katie, and their daughter Junia to Central on April 1. (Pastor Chris was later installed on September 24.) Katie is ordained as an ELCA pastor and is currently serving as a chaplain for Walker Methodist Health Care. Their daughter Junia is four years old and is delighted to be here on Sunday mornings!

### VOCALPOINT CONCERTS

#### February 4 & 5

Central hosted the final concert of VocalPoint under the direction of Jennifer Anderson. This year's beneficiary was Urban Roots, an organization on the East Side of Saint Paul whose mission is to cultivate and empower youth through nature, healthy food, and community. The featured guest was MaMuse and together with VocalPoint's singers raised \$34,466.06 for Urban Roots.

### HOMELESS DAY ON HILL

#### Wednesday, March 8

Back together in-person for the first time since 2020, Central welcomed over 800 housing advocates, speaking in support of key legislation like the Pathway Home Act and the Housing Support bill.

- Advocates started their day in the Friendship Room, picking up their information folders and shirts before heading downstairs for breakfast.

- The Ain Duh Yung Drum Group kicked off the day's program in the sanctuary.
- Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan returned again to our church to speak on the opportunity for transformational change.
- Minnesota Council on Homelessness presented alongside consultants with lived expertise, describing ongoing work to target outcomes that will drive agency homelessness strategies.
- Representatives Keeler, Noor, and Port spoke on the desire to not survive, but rather for all Minnesotans to thrive.
- After a review of the educational content in attendees folders, advocates made their way to the Minnesota State Capital for in-person meetings with state legislators.

### COMMUNITY SING

#### March 25

Rod Kelly-Hines of Cantus and Jennifer Anderson led a community sing with choral musicians from throughout the metro, offering an opportunity to learn music together that they could take back to their church or community choirs.

### GOOD-BYE STEVE SWANSON

#### Sunday, May 21

This year said good-bye to pianist Steve Swanson, an integral part to our worship experiences for over 12 years. Before he and his husband headed off to Seattle, the Central Choir had a special send-off in store for him - a fun and energetic performance of music from the musical *Hair!*

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINI-CAMP

June–August

Central offered a new and fun summer camp experience this year for those entering grades 1-8 (only without all the bugs)! Offering a fun, engaging time on select Sundays in the newly created Galilee Room, youngsters from Central and the community engaged in a variety of hands-on learning activities.

## TIE-DYE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 30

It was a fun day at Central as those of all ages gathered for ice cream, conversation, and creative colorful dying projects, hosted by the Welcome & Fellowship and Children & Youth committees.

## FESTIVAL SUNDAY

Sunday, September 10

Central kicked off the new program year with a journey to the town of Galilee, fishing in the Sea of Galilee, and enjoying delicious figs and honey near the Mount of Beatitudes. It was fun activities and games for all ages, upstairs with the children and youth hosting another unique festival experience.

## LAMENT & ACTION:

## RALLY AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Saturday, October 14

Central hosted a rally for reflection and action against gun violence in our communities. Attendees included members from area churches and organizations collectively sharing ideas, roles, and visions for stopping gun violence. Attendees registered interest in a gun surrender and two blacksmiths demonstrated means of transforming guns into garden tools.

## DECK THE HALLS

Saturday, December 9

It's tradition! Volunteers of all ages gathered for brunch, connections, and holiday decorating.

## TUBA CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 3

Central again welcomed 100+ tuba players to our sanctuary for a fun and unique Christmas music experience. This annual concert event helps to support our Wednesday Community Lunch program through donations received from concert attendees.



# FINANCIALS

## Finance & Stewardship

**CHAIR: DR. ERNEST LLOYD**

The chair's intent is to provide a brief overview of the accomplishments of CPC's Finance and Stewardship Committee for 2023. As such, it must be noted that you will also see below that these accomplishments did not come by without trials and tribulations and also some successes. But through commitment by our dedicated committee members we ended the year on a strong note, in the red, but with a robust position and mindset entering 2024.

### ANNUAL BUDGET

We started the year off with an overly aggressive annual budget. When this budget was approved by Session for 2023 - which was a good projection at the time - but like any other we could not foresee the loss of members and along with them the loss of giving. Coupled with the high inflation that was smothering the country throughout the year and also impacted our congregation families abilities as well to keep up with their tithes commitments.

To assist us in keeping with various market fluctuations, we as usually meet with our financial trust firm advisor RBC who provide us with options such as moving funds from an account that is doing well to offset various expenses such as the continued rising in utilities and the abilities to pay other expenses such as the Line of Credit (LOC) of \$30,000 held by Drake Bank. This LOC became very useful as we struggled financially through 2023 to keep up with expenses. Without the LOC - which also added to our debt - we would have been in even dire financial straits.

### A CHANGE IN BUDGET CYCLE

With a shift in positions, Treasurer Matt Ehling took the lead along with Barbara Swanson to shepherd CPC's very important Capital Campaign Initiatives. And without a beat, Laura Nichlos-Endres had a calling to step in for the second half of 2023 to become Treasurer. Laura's extensive background in fundraising and working with budgets professionally was a great asset for our Church Administrator Anna and for the Finance and Stewardship Committee overall.

The chair asked Laura to look into the possibility of something touched on in 2022 - the pros and cons of switching from a January to December budget cycle to a July to June budget system. Without hesitation, Laura connected with Anna and the two of them researched it and provided good reasons why the July to June fiscal year made sense. Other than the fact that other churches and nonprofits use a July to June cycle, we traditionally received an influx in giving in November and especially in December. Laura and Anna's recommendation was approved both by Finance and Stewardship and by Session.

Switching to the July to June fiscal year would also give our committee more time to focus on November to December offerings and alleviate the rush and pressure on staff and the committee during that time of the year. Just as important, it also will provide time for a focus on year-round stewardship drive instead of the last three to four months of the year drive. Since most of our financial activities commences the last six months of the year, note that to launch this July to June's budget initiative, we will implement it this July 1, 2024.

## Annual Budget

Following is a summary of our 2023 annual budget and spending. Further details are available upon request.

	Year to Date BUDGET		Year to Date ACTUAL	
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Total Contributions	\$ 398,515	67%	\$ 349,976	57%
Other Income	\$ 44,770	7%	\$ 39,845	6%
Investment Income	\$ 155,096	26%	\$ 225,474	37%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 598,381</b>		<b>\$ 615,295</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Personnel	\$ 349,334	59%	\$ 332,526	56%
Building Expenses	\$ 120,921	21%	\$ 135,694	23%
Worship & Music	\$ 49,740	8%	\$ 41,010	7%
Fellowship	\$ 19,850	3%	\$ 17,487	3%
Christian Education	\$ 5,500	1%	\$ 4,782	1%
Finance	\$ 21,678	4%	\$ 25,157	4%
Mission	\$ 12,362	2%	\$ 11,511	2%
Administrative	\$ 19,269	3%	\$ 20,567	3%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 598,654</b>		<b>\$ 588,734</b>	
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$ 273)</b>		<b>\$ 26,561</b>	

### HEALTH BENEFITS FOR STAFF

Lastly, a commitment to our full-time staff members that came up at Finance and Stewardship in 2022 and again in 2023 was health insurance. To this end, along with a discussion to the congregation at a congregational meeting led by Pastor Chris, as directed by Finance and Stewardship, identified why it was a necessity. The presentation went very well and the committee proceeded to include this item in our 2024 budget. It must be added however, that this infusion of additional funds added to CPC's overall deficit for 2024. We believe by switching to a July to June fiscal budget and a year-round stewardship drive for 2024, we will be in a more stable position as we end 2024.

### Treasurer's Report

BY LAURA NICHOLS-ENDRES

I began my term as Treasurer in August 2023. Sincere thanks to Matt Ehling who so ably held the role for the past several years, well as Dr. Lloyd, Pastor Chris & Anna Sanchez who have helped bring me up to speed.

Priorities in 2023 were focused on cash flow & investment management, as we worked through a difficult period in the budget. Overall, we needed to utilize \$30,000 from our Drake Bank Line of Credit and an additional \$23,000 from our investments to fund the year's deficit. We also used \$28,000 from our investments to fund needed arch repairs in the sanctuary.

We are fortunate to have invested funds to see us through challenging times and support our ongoing operations. At the end of December 2023, our invested funds and other savings totaled \$1.84M. We ended the year with \$230,000 in debt, including the \$200,000 balance on a loan from RBC for building improvements during the pandemic and the most recent \$30,000 from the Line of Credit. This leaves approximately \$1.6M in net assets that we can draw upon in upcoming years. We are invested in a balanced, moderate risk portfolio through RBC. The Finance & Stewardship committee actively discusses the right balance between using these invested funds to propel current programming and ensure funds for the long term. It is an ongoing balancing act.

Despite the challenges in the 2023 budget, I am looking to 2024 with optimism. Many churches are experiencing similar challenges, and our investments have helped see us through. We have momentum in our church participation and many positive signs for the future. I am grateful for the stewards of the past who have given generously so that we can be in this encouraging position today.

### CENTRAL'S ACCOUNTS

For an organization of its size, Central has fairly complex finances. Central maintains several bank and investment accounts through which it transacts business and holds its long-term assets. These are all organized and separated by purpose, to better ensure the tracking of funds. Year-end investment fund balances are:

#### PCUSA (Presbyterian Church USA) Fund

Unrestricted; income used for Central operations.

2021: \$ 53,438

2022: \$ 54,851

#### Mission

Restricted funds for various mission related purposes.

2021: \$ 89,785

2022: \$ 91,490

#### Endowment

Some trust restrictions; produces income for Central operations.

2021: \$ 666,715

2022: \$ 683,413

#### Operating

Produces income for Central operations.

2021: \$ 651,466

2022: \$ 666,369

#### Capital

Holding account for income generated by the Operating Account.

2021: \$ 36,785

2022: \$ 6,537

#### Program

Restricted funds for six-year spend on building improvements and staffing.

2021: \$ 359,079

2022: \$ 256,677

#### Reserve

Funds held in money market account for restricted purposes/short-term spending.

2021: \$ 179,170

2022: \$ 56,198

#### Other Assets

Remaining, undesignated assets from 2017 Monero crypto currency gift.

2021: \$ 50

2022: \$ 4,228



# STATISTICAL REPORT

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## NEW MEMBERS

Certificate Gains	4
Confirmation	4
Profession of Faith	4
Reaffirmation of Faith	3

## MEMBERSHIP LOSSES

Transfer Certificate	1
Deaths	3

228

## CURRENT MEMBERS

December 31, 2022	217
2023 Net Loss	<u>11</u>
December 31, 2023	228

117

## AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

In-Person	117
Sunday Online Streaming	

## AGE DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

17 & Under	7	3%
18 - 25	9	4%
26 - 40	36	16%
41 - 55	36	16%
56 - 70	59	26%
Over 70	80	35%

2

## BAPTISMS

Infant/Children	2
Youth or Adult	0

2

## MARRIAGES

Members - 1 / Non-member - 1

# LEADERSHIP

Thank you to the following elected leaders and deacons who have served the congregation and community of Central in 2023.

To see a list of current elders and deacons, go to [www.centralforgood.org/leadership](http://www.centralforgood.org/leadership)

## 2023 Session Elders

**CLERK OF SESSION: SALLY MORTENSON**

### CLASS OF 2023

- Phyllis Brashler
- Craig Foss
- Ernest Lloyd
- Marcia Robert

### CLASS OF 2024

- Sally Mortenson
- Lynne Severson
- John Lee
- Jackie Klaehn
- Wendy Flinner

### CLASS OF 2025

- Kiera Faye
- John Patton
- Deb Fonkert
- Virgie Bundy

## 2023 Board of Deacons

**MODERATOR: LAURA WILLIAMS**

### CLASS OF 2023

- Allyne Burg
- Laura Williams
- Stephanie Geisler

### CLASS OF 2024

- Maureen Smith
- Peter Knapp
- Mia Wintheiser

### CLASS OF 2025

- Carolyn Hess
- Erika Kelly-Kennedy
- DeAnne La'Rue

## Current Staff

Rev. Christopher Chatelaine-Samsen, Pastor

### ADMINISTRATION

- Anna Sanchez, Church Administrator
- Christie Rachelle, Director of Communications
- Laura Nichols-Endres, Treasurer
- William Zopfi, Treasurer Emeritus
- Mary Lange, Receptionist
- Custodians: Lavar Jones, Peter Evarts

### MINISTRIES

- Jennifer Anderson, Director of Music & Youth Ministry
- Laura Walls, Sunday Connection Coordinator
- Child Care Staff:  
Megan Beese, Jess Garner, Maria Stokes
- Music Leadership:  
Eric Bartlett, Abbie Betinis, Paul Damico-Carper, Shanta Hejmadi, Tonia Hughes Kendrick, Melanie Ohnstad, Clara Osowski, Adam Van der Sluis, Alexander Woods
- Maureen Smith, Bible Study Leader
- Barb Westman, Lunch Chef & Kitchen Manager

## THE VISION & VALUES OF CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### We put our faith into action

by nurturing spiritual growth and reflecting  
the call of God to serve our neighbor.

### We transform our communities

by promoting social justice and engaging  
others in ministries that drive change.

### We invite everyone to the table

by sharing fellowship, worship, meals,  
music, and works as one body.





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