

# SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



**F**or in the one spirit  
we were all baptized  
into one body.

*1 Corinthians 12:13*

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Associate Pastor

Council President

Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Ministries

Christian Education

Coordinator of Volunteer Ministry

Evangelism and Outreach

Social Concerns

Stewardship

Youth and Family Life

Worship and Music

## Staff

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Office Administrator  
Coordinator, Vounteer Ministry  
Director, Christian Education  
Director, Chancel Choir  
Director, Sing and Rejoice  
Accompanists

Reverend Dr. Gregory Gaertner  
Reverend Wendy Deeben  
Anna Kitzmiller  
Barbara Harris  
Vicki Williams  
Jean Wolf  
Lisa Churchill  
Sandy Griese  
Valerie Schlickbernd

# Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church 2007

*Each one should use  
whatever gift he has received to  
serve others, faithfully  
administering God's grace in its  
various forms.  
1 Peter 4:10*

## Ministry Sponsors

Christian Education	Vicki Williams
Evangelism and Outreach	Cherise Ross
Social Concerns	Kathy Dangin
Stewardship	Charlie Bauerdorf
Worship and Music	Jean Wolf
Youth and Family Life	Mary Jo Gebhardt

## 2007 Council

President	Ann Wolfgang
Vice President	Eileen Roseto
Secretary	Jean Malo
Treasurer	Paul Butz
Members At Large	Kathy Clark Bob Finlayson Christy Lewis Bill Poole John Regner Walter Merz

## 2008 Council

President	Ann Wolfgang
Vice President	Ron Ross
Secretary	Kay Aronhalt
Treasurer	Paul Butz
Members At Large	Sherie Cooper Bob Finlayson David Hickin Christy Lewis Walter Merz John Regner

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Pastor Gaertner  
Pastor Deeben  
Tom Blatt, Financial Secretary



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Congregational Meeting**  
**January 27, 2008, 10:15 a.m.**

**Agenda**

Gathering:	Hymn WOV#754 <i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i> (Inside Report Cover)
	Devotions (Inside Report Cover)
	Call to Order
	Pastoral Prayer
	Establish Quorum
	Review Agenda
Corporate Business:	Introduce 2008 Council and Sponsor Leadership
	October '07 Minutes *
	Coterminous Call Recommendation *
	Constitutional Revisions *
	Revised MIF Resolution *
	2008 Synod Representatives *
	2008 Nominating Committee Members *
	Receive 2007 Annual Reports *
Adjournment	Lord's Prayer
	Blessing
	Closing Hymn WOV# 755 <i>We All Are One In Mission</i>
	Sending

(\*) voice vote

**Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting  
January 28, 2007**

***GATHERING***

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Ann Wolfgang, our Council's new president, welcomed all to our first Congregational meeting in 2007 and called the meeting to order at 10:14am, January 28, 2007.

**Devotions:** Pastor Wendy Deeben provided the opening devotions with Proverbs 3:5-10 and responsive prayers.

**Establish Quorum:** Quorum was established.

**Review of Agenda:** Ann asked the congregation to review the proposed agenda and offer any comments or changes at that time. No comments or changes were expressed. Walter Merz motioned to accept the agenda as presented, and Sidney Kolbe seconded. A voice vote from the Congregation responded all Yeas.

***CORPORATE BUSINESS***

**Recognition:** Thank you for congregational meeting efforts went to Melissa Stuart and her helpers. Thank you went to Kim Berche, Carolyn Lenz, and Ray Nieves as out-going Council members. Special thanks were extended to Kay Aronhalt and Donna Neri, outgoing ministry area leaders, and to Bonnie Stump and Dick West, out-going Council President and Treasurer respectively. The congregation responded with a standing ovation for all.

**2007 Leadership:** Ann, Council President, proceeded to introduce our continuing and new 2007 council members; Eileen Roseto, Vice President, Paul Butz, Treasurer, Jean Malo, Secretary, Kathy Clark, Bob Finlayson, Christy Lewis, Walter Merz, Bill Poole, and John Regner, At-Large.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** The November 12, 2006 Congregational Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Carolyn Lenz motioned to accept, with John Regner seconding. A voice vote from the Congregation responded all Yeas.

**2007 Synod Representatives:** Bonnie and Mike Stump were nominated to be our representatives at the 2007 Synod. Walter Merz moved to accept their nomination, with Michael Lenz seconding. A voice vote from the Congregation responded all Yeas.

**2007 Nominating Committee:** The following congregation members were nominated for our 2007 Nominating Committee; Bonnie Stump, Dick West, Ray Nieves, Carolyn Lenz, and Kim Berche. Nominations from the floor were requested with none presented. The motion to accept was carried to a voice vote by the Congregation, all responded Yea.

**2006 Annual Reports:** Annual reports were presented by Pastor Gregory Gaertner, Pastor Wendy Deeben, Bonnie Stump (out-going president), and Dick West (out-going treasurer). Annual Ministry reports were presented by Barbara Harris, Coordinator of Volunteer Ministry; Jim Jordan, Administration; Kay Aronhalt (out-going) Ministry of Christian Education; Cherise

Ross, Evangelism and Outreach; Eileen Roseto for Kathy Dangin, Social Concerns; Debbie Bang, Stewardship, Donna Neri (out-going), Youth & Family Life; and Jean Wolf, Ministry of Worship & Music.

**Formally Accept 2006 Annual Reports:** Kim Buzey moved to accept the 2007 Annual Reports, with Lisa Hanson seconding. A voice vote by the Congregation, all responded Yea.

### ***CONTINUING BUSINESS***

**North Wing Update:** John Hofmann presented a status on the progress toward the North Wing. Some of the bidders had some concerns and questions on the design which were referred back to the architect. Bids are expected sometime in February. Once a bidder has been specified, the loan process will begin. Pray that there will be no concern regarding our budget. Prior to construction of the North Wing, a new parking lot will be provided to alleviate any concerns with existing parking located in the construction path.

As we move forward with construction, please keep in mind there is much more to do. We will be needing volunteers to help with some things, specifically for the interior fixtures, technologies, etc.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

**Input for Leadership Retreat:** With the Leadership Retreat coming up February 2 & 3, 2007, the Congregation was asked to jot down thoughts as we look forward to the rest of the decade. If inspiration hits after the meeting, they could send their comments to Kathy Clark via e-mail. All ideas and thoughts would be considered during the retreat.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

**Motion to Adjourn:** Kim Berche motioned to adjourn, with Donna Neri seconding. A voice vote by the Congregation, all responded Yea.

The meeting was adjourned with:

- The Lord's Prayer
- A Blessing
- Closing Hymn: WOV 721

### **Dismissal:**

**L:** Go in peace to spread the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Respectively Submitted by  
Jean Malo  
Council Secretary

St. Nicholas Lutheran Church  
Special Congregational Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, June 17, 2007  
10:15 am

**GATHERING**

**Call to Order:** Following a gathering hymn, Ann Wolfgang, Council president, called the meeting to order at 10:25am

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Greg Gaertner led the congregation in prayer.

**Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established.

**CORPORATE BUSINESS**

**Parking Lot Expansion:** John Regner moved that the congregation authorize the award of the Parking Lot Expansion to JW Graner (*bid price of \$58,918.15*), with a \$5,000 contingency line item to cover necessary changes as the work progresses. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Stump.

The congregation discussed the motion, with John Hofmann and Ann Wolfgang fielding the questions. The motion passed with 108 yeses and 19 nos.

**North Wing Contractor Bids:** The recommendation of the council was shared with the congregation: that John Hofmann be authorized to negotiate with the two low bidders (*Pioneer Builders, Inc. - \$2,189,000 and W.M. Davis, Inc. - \$2,105,000*) to obtain additional cost reductions to their bids received on June 12, 2007. The recommendation also authorizes the Council to award the contract to the firm that provides the lowest cost proposal. A motion to accept the recommendation of the Council was made by Walter Merz and seconded by Ceal DeVere.

Discussion began with a series of questions from the congregation. One question was why the recommendation of the council only includes negotiations with the lowest two bidders. Kim Berche moved that the recommendation be amended to include, “and other bidders as necessary” so that John Hofmann could negotiate with as many of the five bidders as needed. The motion was seconded by Dennis Brown. A voice vote was taken to pass the amendment to the motion, with a majority of yeses and one no.

Discussion continued with Ann Wolfgang, John Hofmann, and Bob Finlayson addressing the questions asked by the congregation. The vote was taken on the amended recommendation, which now authorized John Hofmann to negotiate with the two low bidders (*Pioneer Builders, Inc. - \$2,189,000 and W.M. Davis, Inc. - \$2,105,000*) **and other bidders as necessary** to obtain additional cost reductions to their bids received on June 12, 2007 and the Council to award the contract to the firm that provides the lowest cost proposal. The motion passed with 104 yeses and 20 nos.

**MIF Loan Application:** Jean Malo moved that the congregation accept the recommendation of the Council, which stated that the congregation allows the Council President, or the Vice President in the absence of the President, to sign an MIF loan should it be approved. The recommendation permits the Council to approve either of two options: to roll our existing mortgage and new loan amount into one lien, or keep our existing loan and add a second. Both MIF Resolution Options are attached to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Karen Phelps.

Discussion took place, with Ann Wolfgang and John Hofmann responding to the questions. The motion passed with 102 yeses and 24 nos.

***SENDING***

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Greg Gaertner led the congregation in a closing prayer, followed by the singing of a hymn.

The meeting concluded at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christy Lewis  
At-Large Council Member

**St. Nicholas Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, October 14, 2007  
10:15 am**

***GATHERING***

**Call to Order:** Following the gathering hymn “We All Are One in Mission”, Ann Wolfgang, Council president, called the meeting to order at 10:25am

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Greg Gaertner led the congregation in prayer.

**Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established.

***CORPORATE BUSINESS***

**Review of Agenda:** Ann asked the congregation to review the proposed agenda and offer any comments or changes at that time. No comments or changes were expressed. Lisa Hansen motioned to accept the agenda as presented, and Sidney Kolbe seconded. A voice vote from the Congregation responded all Yea.

**Minutes From Previous Meetings**

The January 28, 2007 Congregational Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Dick West motioned to accept, with Hillary Berche seconding. A voice vote from the congregation responded all Yeas.

The June 17, 2007 Special Congregational Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Sidney Kolbe motioned to accept, with Kathy Dangin seconding. A voice vote from the congregation responded all Yeas.

**Election of 2008 Council Members**

Council member candidate biographies were provided to the congregation.

- Ron Ross, Vice President
- Kay Aronhalt, Secretary
- David Hickin, At-Large
- Sherie Cooper, At-Large
- Christy Lewis, At-Large
- Ceal DeVere, At-Large

Kathy Clark made a motion to begin voting on the council positions. Hillary Berche seconded the motion. Voting results were as follows:

- Ron Ross, Vice President
- Kay Aronhalt, Secretary
- David Hickin, At-Large
- Sherie Cooper, At-Large
- Christy Lewis, At-Large

Ann Wolfgang thanked the nominating committee for their efforts at obtaining new members to serve on the council.

### **Approval of 2008 Budget**

The 2008 proposed budget was presented by Paul Butz, Treasurer. Following discussion and questions Gus Wolf motioned to accept the 2008 proposed budget, with Sidney Kolby seconding.

The budget vote was 87 yes, 16 no, and 1 abstention.

### **Presentation of Constitutional Revisions**

Council provided the final revisions to the congregation for their review. Voting on the constitution revisions will be done during the January 2008 congregation meeting.

### **North Wing Issues**

During the June 17, 2007 Special Congregational Meeting the council recommended that John Hofmann be authorized to negotiate with bidders. Since John Hofmann is no longer able to continue the numerous tasks associated with building the North Wing, the council has established a building committee to continue the wonderful work John Hofmann was handling. Due to this change, the council is presenting a new North Wing Resolution:

“The Building Committee, appointed by the Council, is authorized to negotiate with all contractors regarding the North Wing and the parking lot expansion.”

Discussion followed with a recommendation that the resolution be changed to: “conduct discussions” rather than “negotiate” and that any negotiations should be done by the chair of the building committee. Pastor Greg motioned to accept the change, with Harris Cooper seconding. A voice vote was taken on the amended resolution, resulting in approving the change (some nay votes were noted).

Gus Wolf motioned to approved the resolution as amended, with Barbara Hooper seconding. A voice vote was taken with one no, all others yea. The North Wing Resolution now states:

“The Building Committee, appointed by the Council, is authorized to conduct discussions with all contractors regarding the North Wing and the parking lot extension.”

### ***DISMISSAL***

**Closing Prayer:** Associate Pastor Wendy Deeben led the congregation in a closing prayer, followed by the singing of “Bind Us Together”.

The meeting concluded at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Malo  
Council Secretary

## SAINT NICHOLAS STATISTICS 2007

	Start of 2007	2007 Additions/Subtractions	End of 2007
Baptized Members	603	+58 -138	523
Confirmed Members (Voting)	415	+36 -79	372

### **Confirmed in 2007** (May 27, 2007)

Ryan Baker	Zachary Blankenship	Harris Cooper III
Andrew Dangin	Nicholas Demme	Sarah DeVere
Trevor Flynn	Joshua Fowler	Joshua Geckle
Kayla Hanson	Michael Hyland	Meghan McCuiston
Emily Nowak	Edward Praley III	Candace Ross
Miranda Stuart	Andrew Wood	

### **Baptism (under 16)**

Joshua Trickle 01/07	Jared Niosi 01/07	Kirsten Nisoi 01/07
Ross Niosi 01/07	Georgia Smith 01/14	Cameron Smith 01/14
Clarissa Callis 02/04	Emily Boling 02/11	Brietta Dalzell 03/18
Kathryn Kreska 07/15	Corinne Page 10/7	Lydia Havanki 10/21
Dylan Neri 11/11		

### **Baptism (over 16)**

Chynna Schlickbernd 06/24

### **By Affirmation**

Kathleen Balderson	Ava Balderson	Faith Balderson
Christine Bauerdorf	Charlie Bauerdorf	Colleen Bowen
Chris Calautti	Donna Caluatti	Joshua Calautti
Alexander Calautti	Lucinda Dalzell	Matthew Hall
Amy Hall	Elsa Hall	Andrew Hall
Kathy Havanki	Samantha Havanki	Robin Niosi
Mark Niosi	Connie Short	

### **Transfer from ELCA**

Ellen Yates	Gail Bentz	Denise Hutchens
Sierra Hutchens	Danielle Willis	

### **Other Transfers**

Brenda White	Brett White	Gabrielle White
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### **Transfers Out** (to other ELCA)

Brenna Hogan	Tara Hogan	Mary Jo Lyle
Kathy Shjarbach	Tom Shjarback	Mark Geckle
Laura Geckle	Joshua Geckle	Sarah Geckle
Matthew Geckle	Esther Johnson-Kent	Thomas Kent

### **Transfers Out** (other)

Chris Dunker	Ann Dunker	Danny Naleppa
Peggy Naleppa		

## **OTHER FACTS ABOUT SAINT NICHOLAS**

### **Received First Communion** (October 28, 2007)

Drew Younkers

Olivia Fowler

### **Births**

Corinne Page 5/23

Lydia Havanki 10/21

Dylan Neri 11/11

Tanner Joseph Currie 1/20

Teagan Willis 9/25

Cara Rene Trickle 10/23

Nicholas Glenn Sacks 11/28

Bryce VanFleet 12/10

### **Marriages**

Kathy Carabine & David Couchoud 07/07

### **Funerals**

Earl Westphal , Sr 09/26



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
PASTOR**

At the turn of the year, we can thank God for *all* that the old year brought and *all* that the new year will bring. We do this because our view is not long enough to judge which parts are trials and which parts are blessings, and because, simply, “the Lord God made them all.”

I am grateful for my partnership in the Gospel with Pastor Wendy, who has added so much to all of our ministries. I am grateful, too, for our Council President Ann Wolfgang, who has been a wonderful lay leader for the congregation. We have spent a year with our revised confirmation curriculum and seen growth and development of our young people, thanks to efforts of our Director of Christian Education, Erika Demme. Our worship has continued a tradition of excellence, thanks to the able leadership of our Worship and Music Sponsor, Jean Wolf and to Sandy Griese and Val Schlickbernd and all the people who work so hard to make our worship lovely and reverent. Thanks go to Barbara Harris, our Coordinator of Volunteer Ministry who has done such a wonderful job matching our members to the work of the congregation. We have enjoyed a year with Lisa Churchill, our leader for our Sing and Rejoice band and that service has grown and flourished. Lisa’s portfolio has also included the children’s choir and the Christmas pageant and fixing the sound system, my goodness! We have enjoyed a year of Fabulous Fridays, thanks also to Mary Jo Gebhardt and to all the people who worked to make these events so rewarding and fun. We have also continued a tradition of social concern and community involvement thanks to our Social Concerns Ministry Sponsor, Kathy Dangin, and our Evangelism and Outreach Sponsor, Cherise Ross. I’m grateful to Debbie Bang who always reminded us that “stewardship is a way of life.” Many thanks, too, to Paul Butz and Tom Blatt for their management of our financial resources. The Ministry Sponsors are truly the drivers of ministry in and for the congregation.

If you had told me that by the end of the year we would still not have broken ground on the North Wing, I wouldn’t have been very surprised, but I am surprised to be pleased with our progress nonetheless. Because of John Hofmann’s illness, we have had to reorganize our efforts, in the process learning all of the things that John does for the congregation. This reorganization took time, but has had the advantage of involving many additional people in the design and planning of the construction. I’m grateful to John Regner and Tim Schwartz and all of the able members of the Building Committee who have worked with the architect to make the design more financially feasible without losing any of the functionality. By the time of the congregational meeting we hope to have new bids for the construction that will be more in line with our finances.

Personally, for me this year has had its share of trials. I’m grateful to all of the people who pitched in this summer as I had my back surgery and slowly recovered from its effects. Many thanks to my wife and soul partner, Linda, for all of her kindness and care. Thanks, too, to Pastor Wendy and Anna Kitzmiller, our administrator, who kept things running smoothly during my recovery. Anna quickly mastered the many responsibilities of the administrator with humor and grace. Thank you all for your cards and prayers and good wishes. It is so wonderful to be

part of such a caring Christian community. I especially want to thank the Council, Sponsors and the officers of the congregation for their hard work, dedication and good humor throughout the year.

At the beginning of 2007, we resolved to give thought and prayer to where the Spirit was leading us in the next three to five years. This led to the development of growth and focus areas, one of which was to develop as a discipling congregation – that is, a congregation that has at its center a process to intentionally grow as disciples of Christ. In the coming year, I pray that our leaders and members will continue to en flesh this insight that is so close to our mission of “Growing and empowering disciples of Jesus Christ for the ministries of God’s work in the world.” Come grow with us!

Yours in Christ,  
**Pastor Greg**



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

As I think about this past year of ministry, it's hard to pick a place to begin. Saint Nicholas has continued many excellent ministries. We have also started new ministries to share God's love.

In our leadership retreats throughout the year, we decided that we wanted to become a discipleship church in the next ten years. Discussions for this will be ongoing in the years to come. One of topics that kept coming up at the retreats was the need for affinity groups and a time for the congregation to gather other than Sunday mornings. To my delight, we have started activities and events to accomplish this goal.

In the past year, we have had the Young Families gather on several occasions for fellowship and discussion. Lunch Bunch gathers the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month for great food and good conversation. Fabulous Fridays have been a wonderful opportunity of fellowship since May. The Young at Heart met for the first time in December for lunch and a movie.

Our youth have done amazing things in the past year. At both Shekinah and Chrysalis (synod youth retreats) we were among the largest groups present. Our youth have a commitment to the church and are exploring different discussion topics.

This past year, the In Crowd continued to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month during the school year. Our time together was largely focused on homelessness and economic issues. We had two guest speakers come and talk with us about homelessness. We also sponsored a rock-a-thon to raise money for Project Echo. The In Crowd also participated in the Help the Homeless Walkathon in Washington, DC, in November. We also talked about body image and have begun to talk about other faith traditions. I am proud of these youth for taking a difficult topic and learning ways to help.

The In Crowd also participated in a week long work camp in Marion, Virginia. Working with Project Crossroads, our group was sent to a home in Chilhowie, VA. At this home we met two special people: Jerry and his three year old son Hughie who taught us so much that week. We learned their story and were glad to help. The youth learned skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. Besides talking with Jerry and Hughie, we built a deck, a new set of stairs, put rafters up for an awning, and began refinishing an attic, which including putting a sub floor down, insulation, and dry wall.

Middle school youth learned a variety about the Bible, the catechism, and what it means to be a disciple in the past year in confirmation. They have gathered at lock-ins for fellowship (and not a lot of sleep!).

Our youth have also had a variety of opportunities for fun and fellowship. We have had several lock-ins, a ski trip, two amusement park trips, and a trip to the Maryland Renaissance Faire, a beach party, and other opportunities.

I am grateful to the congregation for the opportunity to attend Stephen Leader training in July. This was a great experience where 1.) I became a Stephen leader and 2.) I learned ways to support the Stephen ministry program here at Saint Nicholas.

I am amazed to see where the Holy Spirit has led us in the past year and can't wait to see what happens at Saint Nicholas in 2008!

In Christ's love,  
*Pastor Wendy*



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Council President. It is my privilege to recap 2007 Council/Church Leadership activities.

Council and Sponsors met for extended planning sessions three times during the year - February, March, and June. Growth and Focus Areas were established and a draft of a ten year plan was begun. Please refer to 2007 Newsletters for additional details. Newsletters are posted on our website under the header "Library".

The first annual "Incoming and Outgoing Council Orientation" was held on November 3, 2007. Our purpose was to bring new members on board before the beginning of the year and to give outgoing members the opportunity to share words of wisdom.

Several Ad Hoc committees were given tasks. Some have been completed, others will continue into 2008. A Personnel Committee reviewed the Outdoor Center Program with the recommendation to discontinue the position of Director of Outdoor Center for now. Council will reevaluate program needs after the North Wing is completed. A Constitutional Revision Committee was called to ensure that our Constitution is consistent with the Model Constitution of the ELCA and that it refers to both Pastors where appropriate. Additional changes include length of consecutive years of service on the Council and a high school youth member of Council. These measures will be voted on at the January '08 Congregational Meeting.

Two Ad Hoc committees will continue into 2008: Church Policies Committee (formed after the Bishop's Conference was held) and North Wing Building Committee. Three additional committees will be ongoing: Finance Committee and two Mutual Ministries Committees.

Thank you to all congregational members who have or currently are serving in leadership roles and on these committees. Thank you also to all the families of these members for supporting the efforts of your family member in the continuing work of the church.

Progress is happening with the North Wing. A special Congregational Meeting occurred in June. A ceremonial ground breaking with retiring Bishop Schneider, here on his last official Sunday as our synod bishop, was an event the end of August. Blueprints have since been reviewed and sent out for rebidding. The Site Plan is moving through the Calvert County and State Highway Administration processes. Communication with the congregation and financing are large issues and are current priorities of the building committee.

Through it all we worship. We thank God for all that we are given. We strive to fulfill the mission of Saint Nicholas: Growing and empowering disciples of Jesus Christ for the ministries of God's work in the world.

Respectfully,

Ann Wolfgang  
Council President



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
TREASURER**

Financially, 2007 was a very interesting year for our congregation. Although non-designated income fell \$57,474.19 short of the budgeted amount, our Ministry Sponsors continued to examine very carefully all expenditures and as a result we wound up at year's end with a deficit of only \$2,514.83 after allocating the full congregationally approved 9% of member giving to benevolent efforts through the Ministry of Social Concerns. This is the second year in a row that we have had a deficit rather than an overage. Now that we are sponsoring many wonderful programs, it is important that we all do what we can financially to insure our present and future growth.

We honored our intent to send 100% of our Synod benevolence suggested amount for 2007, with a total donation of \$12,500.00. Our building fund saw a substantial increase, with a year-end balance of \$665,161.30.

Additionally, substantial funds were given to numerous other designated causes. Pages 3 and 4 of the year-end financial statement give a detailed breakdown of those donations and the expenditures made.

I have to sincerely thank Dick, Tom, and Ann for helping me to not only get my feet wet, but for teaching the process and being available to answer questions. I have appreciated all of the help that each and every one of them have provided.

With the start of the New Year we will have Anna start the bookkeeping responsibilities for the church. She will be taking care of inputting the income and writing checks for the church. I will still check each check and sign them. With Ed Aronhalt's help we have transferred all of the banking data to a new software program that will be used at the church. This program will help with the church payroll and with producing reports for the church. I know that the transition to the new way of doing things will occur very smoothly and quickly.

**Paul M. Butz**  
Treasurer

**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Income and Expense Statement for Month Ending: December 31, 2007

	Actual	Total	2007	Budget	\$ & %	Cumulative \$
	Curr. Mo.	Yr. to Date	Total Budget	Category	Used	Allocated
				Sub-Totals	To Date	To Date
<b>INCOME:</b>						
Regular Offering	\$38,593.41	\$350,385.81	\$407,860.00			
Misc. Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,140.00			
Building Facility Use	\$0.00	\$1,730.00	\$2,500.00			
Interest (Mission Investment Fund)	\$100.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00			
Reimbursed Expenses						
<b>Subtotal Operating Income:</b>	<b>\$38,693.41</b>	<b>\$353,315.81</b>	<b>\$418,700.00</b>			
Current Year Transfer from Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$823.88				
Prior Year Adjustments from Designated Funds	\$0.00	\$4,057.90				
<b>Total Income / Transfers:</b>	<b>\$38,693.41</b>	<b>\$358,197.59</b>	<b>\$418,700.00</b>			
<b>EXPENSES:</b>						
<b>MINISTRY OF SOCIAL CONCERNS</b>				<b>\$36,707.00</b>	\$31,354.66	\$36,707.04
01.1 ELCA Benevolence	1,040.00	12,500.00	\$12,500.00		85.42%	
01.4 CCCFP (food pantry)	225.00	2,700.00	2,700.00			
01.8 Pastor's Discretionary Fund	0.00	2,311.50	2,000.00			
01.9 Outreach:	0.00		18,757.00			
01.9a Local Outreach	0.00	1,903.13	Included above			
01.9b Regional Outreach	0.00	2,900.00	Included above			
01.9c World Outreach	0.00	2,300.00	Included above			
01.10 Work Camps/Other	0.00	750.00	750.00			
01.11 Year End Transfer to Designated Funds	5,990.03	5,990.03	0.00			
<b>MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC</b>				<b>\$19,645.00</b>	\$18,672.43	\$19,644.96
02.1 Chancel Choir Director-Trad. Serv.-Jean	569.57	6,135.00	6,135.00		95.05%	
02.2 Organist - Traditional Service - Sandy	250.87	3,010.00	3,010.00			
02.3 Organist - Traditional Service - Val	250.87	3,010.00	3,010.00			
02.3a Accompanist - Trad. Service Rehearsals	36.00	396.00	600.00			
02.4 Accompanist - Early Service	0.00	180.00	1,040.00			
02.6 Chancel Choir	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00			
02.7 Bulletins/Supplies	39.73	1,529.64	1,200.00			
02.8 Altar Supply	89.90	862.83	750.00			
02.9 Sing & Rejoice Worship	0.00	500.00	500.00			
02.10 Copyrights	0.00	223.00	500.00			
02.11 Other Worship	0.00	500.00	500.00			
02.12 Music Conferences	0.00	150.00	150.00			
02.13 Piano Tuning/Organ Maintenance	125.00	253.00	500.00			
02.15 Children's Choir	172.96	422.96	250.00			
<b>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</b>				<b>\$19,100.00</b>	\$15,835.33	\$18,500.04
03.1 Dir. of Christian Education	699.08	7,800.00	10,000.00		82.91%	
03.2 Adult Ministry	0.00	864.33	1,000.00			
03.3 Sunday Church School Curriculum	95.70	1,858.11	2,500.00			
03.4 Vacation Bible School	0.00	2,669.75	1,500.00			
03.5 Staff Continuing Education	0.00	110.00	300.00			
03.6 Sunday Church School General Fund	188.51	399.34	500.00			
03.6a Rally Weekend	0.00	168.00	500.00			
03.7 Confirmation	0.00	356.75	600.00			
03.7a Confirmation Food/Supplies	60.00	983.92	1,000.00			
03.8 Education Material	11.10	600.13	600.00			
03.9a Crossroads Event	0.00	25.00	600.00			
<b>MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE</b>				<b>\$8,880.00</b>	\$6,299.40	\$8,880.00

	Actual	Total	2007	Budget	\$ & %	Cumulative \$
	Curr. Mo.	Yr. to Date	Total Budget	Category	Used	Allocated
				Sub-Totals	To Date	To Date
04.1 National Youth Convention	0.00	0.00	1,000.00		70.94%	
04.2 Confirmation Retreats (Shekinah)	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00			
04.3 Chrysalis Retreat	55.00	1,000.00	1,000.00			
04.4 TEY (Theological Education for Youth)	0.00	0.00				
04.4a Crossroads Event	0.00	0.00	250.00			
04.4b Affirmation of Baptism	0.00	0.00	100.00			
04.5 CVLI (Christian Video Licensing)	0.00	186.00	180.00			
04.6 Fellowship						
04.6 Children's Fellowship	0.00	161.80	300.00			
04.6a Youth Fellowship	97.54	1,195.30	1,450.00			
04.6c Family Fellowship	68.13	916.26	1,500.00			
04.7 The Lutheran/Christ in our Home	39.54	1,340.04	1,300.00			
04.9 Summer Camp Subsidy (Mar-Lu-Ridge)	0.00	0.00	300.00			
<b>MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH</b>				<b>\$8,595.00</b>	<b>\$842.50</b>	<b>\$8,595.00</b>
05.1 Evangelism - Campaign	0.00	0.00	150.00		9.80%	
05.4 Outreach - Supplies/Materials Outdoor C.	0.00	0.00	250.00			
05.6 Outreach - Outdoor Center, Promotion	0.00	0.00	1,000.00			
05.7 Outreach - Out. Cen. - SNORK sup., mat.	0.00	0.00	1,000.00			
05.8 Outreach - Out. Cen. - SNORK Curr/dona.	0.00	0.00	1,995.00			
05.9 Promotion - Newspapers	197.50	842.50	4,000.00			
05.11 Education/Training	0.00	0.00	200.00			
<b>MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP</b>				<b>\$2,250.00</b>	<b>\$1,319.44</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
06.2 Regular/Special Envelopes	0.00	1,145.26	1,100.00		58.64%	
06.3 New Member Classes & Receptions	0.00	58.73	400.00			
06.5 Stewardship Materials	0.00	115.45	250.00			
06.6 Stewardship Event	0.00	0.00	500.00			
<b>MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION</b>						
<b>Payroll Not Otherwise Classified:</b>				<b>\$34,955.00</b>	<b>\$24,274.34</b>	<b>\$34,955.04</b>
07.1 Office Administrator - Melissa/Anna	1,597.24	16,753.38	17,230.00		69.44%	
07.2 Coordinator of Volunteer Ministry - Barbara	354.99	4,116.56	5,200.00			
07.3 Director of the Outdoor Center - Kim	0.00	0.00	8,350.00			
07.4 Payroll Taxes	302.93	3,404.40	4,175.00			
<b>Pastor Greg's Compensation:</b>				<b>\$71,119.00</b>	<b>\$70,600.68</b>	<b>\$71,118.96</b>
07.8 Paid Directly (Sal, House, Soc. Security)	4,319.74	51,836.00	51,836.00		99.27%	
07.9 Board of Pensions (Pension, Medical for self & wife, Disability & Admin. costs)	1,606.92	18,764.68	19,283.00			
<b>Pastor Greg's Reimbursements:</b>				<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$961.44</b>	<b>\$3,999.96</b>
07.10 Travel Reimbursement	0.00	188.50	2,000.00		24.04%	
07.10a Professional Allowance Reimbursement	0.00	772.94	2,000.00			
<b>Sabbatical Fund:</b>				<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.04</b>
07.11 Paid to Designated Funds	0.00	500.00	500.00		100.00%	
<b>Seminarian Fund:</b>				<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$249.96</b>
07.12 Paid to Designated Funds	0.00	250.00	250.00		100.00%	
<b>Pastor Wendy's Compensation:</b>				<b>\$52,547.00</b>	<b>\$52,087.38</b>	<b>\$52,547.04</b>
07.13 Paid Directly (Salary, Housing, Soc. Sec.)	3,817.74	45,812.00	45,812.00		99.13%	
07.14 Board of Pensions (Pension, Disability, and Administrative Costs)	561.12	6,275.38	6,735.00			
<b>Pastor Wendy's Reimbursements:</b>				<b>\$7,940.00</b>	<b>\$6,677.58</b>	<b>\$7,940.04</b>
07.15 Travel Reimbursement	99.08	1,500.00	1,500.00		84.10%	
07.16 Medical Insurance Reimbursement	270.00	3,240.00	4,440.00			
07.17 Professional Allowance Reimbursement	228.78	1,937.58	2,000.00			
<b>Synod Assembly &amp; Conferences:</b>				<b>\$2,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,407.17</b>	<b>\$2,300.04</b>
07.18 Synod Assembly	0.00	1,407.17	1,800.00		61.18%	
07.25 Council Retreats	0.00	0.00	500.00			

	Actual	Total	2007	Budget	\$ & %	Cumulative \$
	Curr. Mo.	Yr. to Date	Total Budget	Category	Used	Allocated
				Sub-Totals	To Date	To Date
<b>Office and Administration:</b>				<b>\$17,350.00</b>	\$13,735.45	\$17,349.96
07.30 Office Equipment/Supplies	829.12	4,106.75	5,000.00		79.17%	
07.31 Copier Expense	0.00	1,950.20	4,000.00			
07.32 Postage/Bulk Mail	150.00	1,861.02	2,500.00			
07.33 Computer Training	0.00	250.00	250.00			
07.34 Telephone	133.90	2,140.92	2,400.00			
07.34a Comcast (High Speed Internet)	95.00	1,140.00	1,200.00			
07.35 Pastor's Pager Service	0.00	0.00	200.00			
07.36 Pastor's Cellular Phone Service	0.00	0.00	500.00			
07.37 Other/Miscellaneous	357.05	634.19	300.00			
07.38 Technology Equipment	652.37	1,652.37	1,000.00			
<b>Buildings and Property:</b>				<b>\$131,920.00</b>	\$114,556.87	\$131,919.96
07.40 Utilities (gas and electric)	2,494.22	19,087.04	20,000.00		86.84%	
07.41 Building Maintenance	1,008.17	12,068.01	20,000.00			
07.42 Mortgage Payments (P+I)	5,235.00	62,820.00	63,000.00			
07.43 Insurance	0.00	5,531.00	8,000.00			
07.44 Site Maintenance	0.00	788.82	2,500.00			
07.45 Trailer Rental and Removal	1,242.00	14,262.00	18,420.00			
<b>Stephen Ministry:</b>				<b>1,000.00</b>	1,032.65	999.96
07.53 Stephen Ministry	0.00	1,032.65	1,000.00		103.27%	
<b>Background Checks:</b>				<b>242.00</b>	305.10	242.04
07.54 Background Checks	0.00	305.10	242.00			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$35,657.40</b>	<b>\$360,712.42</b>	<b>\$419,300.00</b>	<b>\$419,300.00</b>		<b>\$418,700.04</b>

**December Income Over/(Short): \$3,036.01      Year to Date Income Over/(Short): (\$2,514.83)**

Account	Prior Year Bal. Forward	Curr. Month Income	Curr. Month Expense	Year To Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance
<b>1. SOCIAL CONCERNS:</b>						
1.a Social Concerns Needs	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
1.b United Lutheran Appeal (ULA)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
1.c VBS Mission Project ECHO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124.00	\$124.00	\$0.00
1.d Work Camps	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
1.e Gifts of Hope	\$0.00	\$1,073.00	\$1,073.00	\$1,073.00	\$1,073.00	\$0.00
1.f Tree of Angels	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.g Campus Crusade for Christ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
1.h Souper Bowl of Caring	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$189.25	\$189.25	\$0.00
1.k Homeless Walkathon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$0.00
1.m CA Wildfires	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
1.n Project Echo Thanksgiving Eve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137.31	\$137.31	\$0.00
1.p CCCFP Food Baskets	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$1,360.00	\$1,360.00	\$0.00
1.q Habitat for Humanity	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
1.r School Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.s Hurricane Katrina Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
1.s(1) VBS Mission Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.s(2) Calvert County Cares	\$2,279.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,279.72
1.t Christus Victor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.z 2006 Unallocated Funds Transfer	\$4,088.05	\$5,990.03	\$0.00	\$5,990.03	\$4,088.05	\$5,990.03
<b>2. WORSHIP AND MUSIC:</b>						
2.a Altar Flowers	\$0.00	\$238.00	\$80.00	\$938.00	\$938.00	\$0.00
2.b Special Service Flowers	\$0.00	\$284.50	\$440.00	\$1,065.00	\$1,065.00	\$0.00
2.c Contemporary Music	\$91.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.00	\$0.00
2.d Paschal Candlestand	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
2.e Sing and Rejoice Group Director	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00	\$1,700.00
2.g Nave Furnishings	\$215.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$215.99
2.h Organist for Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
2.i Bells and Chimes	\$28.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.25
2.j Drum Set	\$1,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,020.00
2.k Organ Fund	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00
2.m Chancel Choir Music	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$92.37	\$100.00	\$92.37	\$7.63
2.n Other Worship Related Items	\$802.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$802.80	\$0.00
<b>3. EDUCATION:</b>						
3.a Sunday School Fund	\$412.44	\$81.44	\$274.50	\$221.89	\$274.50	\$359.83
3.b Vacation Bible School (VBS)	\$824.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$782.88	\$1,606.88	\$0.00
3.c eScrip	\$900.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67.04	\$967.90	\$0.00
3.d Pastor's Bible Study	-\$43.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67.67	\$24.15	\$0.00
3.e Saint Nicholas Books	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
3.f Books for Church Library	\$333.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$533.32
3.g Confirmation Resource	-\$24.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.98	\$0.00	\$0.00
3.h Hymnal Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62.22	\$62.22	\$0.00
3.i Workbooks Reimbursement	\$65.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$235.20	\$0.00
3.j Christian Education Lunches	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
3.k Book Fair Sale	\$0.00	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$336.50	\$210.40	\$126.10
<b>4. YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE:</b>						
4.a Lutheran Magazine	\$280.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$710.55	\$0.00
4.b Fair Trade Coffee Project	\$943.55	\$362.00	\$0.00	\$1,054.00	\$887.00	\$1,110.55
4.c Fellowship Donations	\$79.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79.34	\$0.00
4.d Cupid's Cafe	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,201.00	\$3,201.00	\$0.00
4.e Senior High Youth (In Crowd) Account	\$734.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$734.91	\$0.00
4.f National Youth Convention	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

4.g Summer Camp Assistance	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
4.h SHEMA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$0.00
4.i Shekinah	\$435.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$990.00	\$1,425.00	\$0.00
4.j Project ECHO Rock-a-thon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$217.00	\$217.00	\$0.00
4.k Chrysalis	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,615.00	\$1,710.00	\$0.00
4.l Confirmation Gowns	\$38.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38.50	\$0.00
4.m W I S C	\$320.09	\$0.00	\$91.91	\$875.00	\$926.91	\$268.18
4.n CCC Men's Softball	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$0.00
4.o Coffee Hour	\$0.00	\$11.40	\$0.00	\$354.68	\$188.49	\$166.19
4.p Ski Trip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,570.00	\$1,570.00	\$0.00
4.q Stephen Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64.95	\$64.95	\$0.00
4.r Polo Shirts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,072.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,072.00	\$388.00
4.s T-Shirts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
4.t Hershey Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$815.00	\$0.00
<b>5. EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH:</b>						
5.a Outdoor Center Maintenance	\$1,173.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,173.40
5.b Evangelism/Outreach	\$675.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$489.26	\$186.42
5.f Paid Child Care Fund	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$220.00
<b>6. STEWARDSHIP:</b>						
6.a Initial Envelopes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$392.00	\$392.00	\$0.00
6.b Stewardship Program	\$24.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.71	\$0.00
6.c Bishop's Fund for Stewardship Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67.00	\$67.00	\$0.00
<b>7. ADMINISTRATION / OTHER:</b>						
7.a Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$780.99	\$35.00	\$200.00	\$195.00	\$300.00	\$675.99
7.b Sabbatical Fund	\$4,774.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$5,274.00
7.c Seminarian Fund	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$300.00
7.d DOC Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$0.00
7.e Staff Gifts	\$0.00	\$1,385.00	\$1,385.00	\$1,435.00	\$1,435.00	\$0.00
7.f Memorials: Undesignated:						
7.g Memorials: Designated:						
(1) Jessica Gelatka Memorial (Bldg.)	\$4,406.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,406.00
(2) Earl Westphal Memorial	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$2,295.00	\$0.00	\$2,295.00
7.h Lawn Mower	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,845.00	\$1,845.00	\$0.00
7.i Landscaping - Memorial Tree Area	\$1,119.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.50	\$1,098.61
7.k Office Admin. Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$0.00
7.l Van for Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
7.m Contingency Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
7.n Trailer Expense	\$895.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$895.05	\$0.00
7.o Leadership Retreat	\$385.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$385.68	\$0.00
7.r Books for Church Library	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
7.s Returned Check Service Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$0.00
7.t Parking Lot Expansion	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
7.u Homeless Walk Registration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.00	\$305.00	\$0.00
7.w Floor Sealing	\$1,025.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,025.00
7.x Quickbooks Payroll Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$199.00	\$199.00	\$199.00	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal Designated Funds:</b>	<b>\$45,804.69</b>	<b>\$10,153.37</b>	<b>\$5,972.78</b>	<b>\$36,585.40</b>	<b>\$40,866.88</b>	<b>\$41,523.21</b>
7.p Building Fund	\$531,199.21	\$20,109.08	\$0.00	\$146,400.95	\$12,438.86	\$665,161.30
<b>Subtotal Designated / Building</b>	<b>\$577,003.90</b>	<b>\$30,262.45</b>	<b>\$5,972.78</b>	<b>\$182,986.35</b>	<b>\$53,305.74</b>	<b>\$706,684.51</b>
Surplus from Operations	\$4,972.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,972.67	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL Mission Investment Fund</b>	<b>\$581,976.57</b>	<b>\$30,262.45</b>	<b>\$5,972.78</b>	<b>\$182,986.35</b>	<b>\$58,278.41</b>	<b>\$706,684.51</b>

## Building Fund/Capital Campaign Income and Expense Recap as of December 31, 2007

	<u>Curr. Month</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>		
Total Income transferred from previous year	\$0.00	\$561,557.28
Current Year Building Fund/Capital Campaign Donations	16,889.00	123,797.50
Interest (Mission Investment Fund)	1,920.08	20,703.45
Thrivent Matching Funds	1,300.00	1,300.00
Paid by bidders for plans and specs	0.00	600.00
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<b>Total Income:</b>	\$20,109.08	\$707,958.23
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>		
<b>Prior Year(s):</b>		
Copies, Surveys, Postage	\$0.00	\$332.30
Bonnie Stump Reimbursement ( Building diagram laminations)	\$0.00	\$21.02
Test Boarings	\$0.00	\$2,950.00
Stake Day Shared Expense	\$0.00	\$150.00
Plat Copies	\$0.00	\$130.90
PAS - Architect	\$0.00	\$26,773.85
<b>Current Year:</b>		
Printing of plans and specs for bidders	\$0.00	\$740.82
PAS - Architect	\$0.00	\$11,283.04
Collinson, Oliff & Associates, Inc. - Topography and Location Survey	\$0.00	\$415.00
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<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$0.00	\$42,796.93
<b>Balance:</b>	\$20,109.08	\$665,161.30

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Balance Sheet Statement

Month Ending: December 31, 2007

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	Prior Year Bal. Forward	Curr. Month Income	Curr. Month Expense	Year To Date Income	Year To Date Expense	Balance
<b>ASSETS:</b>						
Cash Assets:						
Operating Funds	\$13,222.47	\$38,693.41	\$35,657.40	\$358,197.59	\$360,712.42	\$10,707.64
Designated Funds	\$581,976.57	\$30,262.45	\$5,972.78	\$182,986.35	\$58,278.41	\$706,684.51
<b>Total Cash</b>	\$595,199.04	\$68,955.86	\$41,630.18	\$541,183.94	\$418,990.83	\$717,392.15
Other Assets:						
Furnishings (Insurance Value)						\$125,000.00
Lawn Tractor (Original cost = \$6,300.00)						3,500.00
LA130Lawn Tractor (Original cost = \$1849.00)						1,849.00
Storage Shed (Cost Value)						2,000.00
Church Property (Cost Value)						125,000.00
Church Building (Insurance Value)						1,149,500.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>						<u>\$1,406,849.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>						<u>\$2,124,241.15</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>						
						MIF Property and Construction Loan
						\$535,696.64
<b>EQUITY:</b>						
						Total Assets Less Total Liabilities
						\$1,588,544.51

**TOTAL BANK ACCOUNT(S) RECONCILIATION:**

Checking			
1 PNC Bank:			
Statement Balance		\$41,646.21	
Plus Deposits Not Credited		\$2,941.28	
Less Outstanding Checks		<u>-\$33,879.85</u>	
Net Balance		\$10,707.64	
Checkbook Balance			\$10,707.64
Savings			
2 Mission Investment Fund:			
Statement Balance		\$684,414.92	
Plus Deposits Not Credited		<u>\$22,269.59</u>	
Net Balance		\$706,684.51	
Checkbook Balance			<u>\$706,684.51</u>
	Total Cash in Banks:		\$717,392.15

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paul M. Butz*

Treasurer  
Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Contributions for the 2007 General Fund increased by \$ 10,800 over 2006 General Fund contributions reversing last year's slide in General Fund income. On the Building Fund side, I expected Building Fund income to decrease this year because the initial Building on Faith capital campaign ended this year. The 2007 Building Fund income was down about \$ 38,650 from 2006. However, contributions to the Reaching for the Top Together campaign as well as continued support from many in the congregation continue to increase the Building Fund. Total contributions to Saint Nicholas were lower in 2007 than in 2006 primarily because of the decrease in Building Fund contributions.

General Fund receipts compared to the amount required to meet the 2007 budget did not do so well, falling more than \$ 65,000 under the 2007 budgeted amount. Fortunately, expenses were kept to a minimum greatly reducing the impact the budget shortage had on church programs and operations. The good news is that the 2008 budget is a little less than the 2007 budget. The bad news is we still have an income gap to close to meet the 2008 budget. Between the current members and anticipated membership growth, we hope we will reach our 2008 budgeted amount.

Finally, a great big thank you to everybody who helps make my job easier. First, thank you to all who volunteer to count the offering each Sunday. You did a very fine job every week this year and I look forward to the same in 2008. Second, thank you to Jim Liefer for regularly picking up the deposit bags from the bank and bringing them back to the church. Lastly, thank you to our treasurer, Paul Butz. We worked well together through some fairly major changes to the financial systems this year and more on are on the horizon for 2008. I am looking forward to working with both Paul and Anna Kitzmiller as we learn how best to use the new computer software to track our income and expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Blatt  
Financial Secretary  
Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church

# SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 2007 FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANNUAL REPORT

### Receipts by Month and Type of Receipt

<u>Month</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Designated Receipts</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	\$ 24,460.16	\$ 9,806.20	\$ 1,679.10	\$ 35,945.46
February	\$ 26,446.16	\$ 9,577.42	\$ 5,718.67	\$ 41,742.25
March	\$ 31,453.81	\$ 19,359.73	\$ 944.56	\$ 51,758.10
April	\$ 37,821.08	\$ 10,974.69	\$ 1,583.69	\$ 50,379.46
May	\$ 29,598.41	\$ 10,652.75	\$ 1,384.93	\$ 41,636.09
June	\$ 23,629.47	\$ 15,460.36	\$ 917.95	\$ 40,007.78
July	\$ 32,290.55	\$ 10,074.00	\$ 1,468.85	\$ 43,833.40
August	\$ 25,611.60	\$ 8,307.71	\$ 2,003.88	\$ 35,923.19
September	\$ 29,843.97	\$ 13,915.39	\$ 1,184.46	\$ 44,943.82
October	\$ 26,274.33	\$ 9,318.61	\$ 3,751.98	\$ 39,344.92
November	\$ 27,192.86	\$ 8,845.01	\$ 4,684.98	\$ 40,722.85
December	<u>\$ 38,693.41</u>	<u>\$ 20,109.08</u>	<u>\$ 3,806.34</u>	<u>\$ 62,608.83</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 353,315.81</b>	<b>\$ 146,400.95</b>	<b>\$ 29,129.39</b>	<b>\$ 528,846.15</b>

# SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 2007 FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANNUAL REPORT

### Designated Receipts

	<b>2007 Income</b>
<b>Ministry of Social Concerns</b>	
California Wildfire Donations	\$ 30.00
Campus Crusade for Christ	\$ 50.00
CCCFP Food Baskets	\$ 1,360.00
Gifts of Hope	\$ 1,073.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 180.00
Help the Homeless Walkathon	\$ 140.00
Project ECHO	\$ 137.31
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 189.25
United Lutheran Appeal	\$ 60.00
VBS Mission Project	<u>\$ 124.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,343.56</b>
<b>Ministry of Worship &amp; Music</b>	
Altar Flowers	\$ 760.00
Chancel Choir Music	\$ 100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 384.50
Easter Flowers	\$ 210.50
Organist for Memorial Service	\$ 100.00
Pentecost Flowers	\$ 291.00
Reimbursement - Hymnal	<u>\$ 62.22</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,908.22</b>
<b>Ministry of Education</b>	
Book Fair	\$ 336.50
Christian Education Lunches <sup>1</sup>	\$ 60.00
eScrip Deposits <sup>1</sup>	\$ 67.04
Pastor's Bible Study	\$ 67.67
Saint Nicholas Books	\$ 10.00
Sunday School	\$ 221.89
Vacation Bible School	\$ 782.88
Workbooks <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$ 170.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,715.98</b>
<b>Ministry of Stewardship</b>	
Bishop's Fund for Stewardship Education	\$ 67.00
Initial Envelopes <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$ 392.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 459.00</b>
<b>Ministry of Evangelism &amp; Outreach</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>

**2007**  
**Income**

**Ministry of Youth & Family Life**

Chrysalis	\$ 1,615.00
Coffee Hour Donations	\$ 354.68
Coffee Project	\$ 1,054.00
Cupid's Café	\$ 3,201.00
HersheyPark Trip	\$ 815.00
Lutheran Magazine <sup>1</sup>	\$ 430.00
Men's Softball	\$ 410.00
Polo Shirts	\$ 1,460.00
Project Echo Rockathon	\$ 217.00
Shekinah	\$ 990.00
Shema	\$ 70.00
Ski Trip	\$ 1,570.00
Women in Service to Christ (WISC)	\$ 875.00
Work Camp	\$ 550.00
Youth T-Shirts	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,811.68</b>

**Ministry of Administration / Miscellaneous**

Gift for Director of Outdoor Center	\$ 155.00
Gift for Office Administrator	\$ 425.00
Help the Homeless Walkathon Registration	\$ 305.00
Lawn Mower Fund	\$ 1,845.00
Memorial - Earl Westphal	\$ 2,295.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 195.00
Quickbooks Payroll Software	\$ 199.00
Returned Check Service Fees	\$ 6.00
Seminarian Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Staff Christmas Gifts	\$ 1,401.00
Stephen Ministry <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$ 64.95</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,890.95</b>

**Total Designated Receipts** \$ 29,129.39

**Building Fund**

Capital Campaign	\$ 123,797.50
Checks from Bidders	\$ 600.00
MIF Interest	\$ 20,703.45
Thrivent Matching Funds	<u>\$ 1,300.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 146,400.95</b>

**Total Designated Receipts and Building Fund** \$ 175,530.34

<sup>1</sup> Went into the General Fund starting April, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas L. Blatt  
Financial Secretary  
Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY**

**Sunday School** – The beginning of our Sunday School year started off with a full house of teachers and students. The attendance has averaged 90 per Sunday, in a combination of students, adults and teachers. In order to keep expenses down the decision was made to re-use previous years' curriculum to the extent possible. A special thanks to Anna Kitzmiller, our Sunday School Coordinator, who has yet again done an outstanding job with all aspects of ensuring Sunday School continues to run smoothly. We have a dedicated and caring group of Sunday School teachers who fully engage our youth in the teaching of God's ways. A special thanks to this year's Sunday School teachers and helpers: Karen Phelps, Sherry Owens, Melissa Stuart, Sherrie Thompson, Jeanette Ciccone, Susan Groff, Rachael Yonkers, Nancy Campbell, Sarah Kolbe, Carol Blatt, Andre Dangin, Ann Scopel, Kathy Dangin, David Hickin, Vicki Williams, Anna Kitzmiller, Tim Schwartz, Barbara Harris, Glenn Wolfgang, Jean Wolf, Amare Merz, Mary Jo Gebhardt, Sheila Poole, Julie Fowler.

The Sunday School offering recipient for the 2006/2007 school year was Camp Victor for their support of individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina. A check for \$274.50 was mailed. The first half of the 2007 Sunday School year Lutheran Campus Ministries benefited from our Sunday School offerings. A check for \$99.31 will be mailed to LCM.

**Confirmation** – Last summer, the decision was made to change the confirmation classes from a 3 year to a 2 year program. The focus of confirmation has been refined but continues to be on the essentials of the Lutheran faith. Pastor Wendy and Pastor Greg continue their leadership of the confirmands, with each class having several guides to help assist. Family Day continues on the first Sunday of the month where parents have been enjoying worship services and skits performed by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands. Parents have also gathered with other parents to benefit from the teachings of Dr. Kevin Leman as we preview and discuss the video series "Running the Rapids, Guiding Teenagers through the Turbulent Waters of Adolescence." Thanks to our confirmation guides and supporters for their constant care and support: Ann Scopel, Suzie Brown, Vicki Williams, Julie Fowler, Kristee Camilletti, Sandy Griese and all parents.

**Adult Education** – Adult offerings this year have been The Beloved Disciple, Following John to the Heart of Jesus, Reclaiming the L Word, Honoring our Neighbor's Faith. Thank you to our adult education ministers: Barbara Harris, Glenn Wolfgang, Jean Wolf, Amare Merz.

**Special Highlights** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bible Bowl, Cupid's Café, Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, 17 eighth-grade confirmands affirmed their Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, 2007, VBS, Christian Educators Workshop with 13 participants, Rally Day for students, Operation Christmas Child—42 gift boxes prepared by our youth for children in need; care package for Rob Frick, Christmas program.

I would like to welcome Vicki Williams as the new Director of Christian Education for Saint Nicholas and thank her for responding to this call. As I reflect on the year 2007, I am truly grateful for all the wonderful people of Saint Nicholas whose commitment to God's children is evident in so many ways. Through their gifts of love and dedication they have made our education program strong. Furthermore, I am thankful for the opportunity that was granted to me and I look forward to serving the congregation in new ways.

Erika Demme



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER MINISTRY**

During 2007, I continued to help ministry sponsors and congregation members identify ways to serve God in the ministries of Saint Nicholas. Sometimes my assistance is for a one-time event, like the Fix it Up/Paint it Extravaganza which involved both the Administration and Youth & Family Life Ministries, and others are for ongoing events, like child care during the monthly Family Day Confirmation days for the Education Ministry, and of course scheduling assistance for the 3 worship services every Sunday and for special services, for the Worship & Music Ministry and for the Evangelism & Outreach Ministry.

Occasionally, new needs are identified. Because no specific team is charged with cleaning and maintaining the kitchen, the kitchen was getting dirty. I convened a group to discuss the problem of kitchen maintenance. Representatives from all the groups that use the kitchen met and came up with Kitchen Use Rules, which I wrote down and published in the newsletter and the weekly, and posted in the kitchen.

I met other new needs this summer and fall by creating the Coffee Set Up Team, Sunday Morning Hospitality Team, Coffee Clean Up Team, and the Kitchen Supplies Shopping Team in the Ministry of Youth & Family Life, and a Trash Disposal Team.

In the course of the year I spotlighted the activities of each of the ministries in the newsletter, highlighting involvement opportunities and ministry sponsors and team leaders to contact.

I worked with the church council in developing a leadership program, teaming with the Social Concerns ministry to develop job descriptions for sponsors and team leaders. These job descriptions are intended to help congregation members find the areas of ministry to which they are called. This program is still under development.

In April, in celebration of National Volunteer Week, I celebrated ministry by Saint Nicholas Church members by posting the names of our members and the ministries they are involved in. About 250 members were on the church database at that time, in about 130 areas of ministry.

Coming up in 2008 are links on the Church website calendar for volunteers to monitor worship services they have signed up for, and to email me to volunteer for openings, all created by David Kitzmiller, our webmaster.

Respectfully Submitted

*Barbara Harris*

Coordinator of Volunteer Ministry



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Mission: To commit ourselves to sharing the Good News, to nurturing others to do the same, to showing that God's house at Saint Nicholas is a warm, safe, and secure place where all may grow in their faith life with Christ.

With one full and exciting year past as the sponsor for Evangelism and Outreach, I feel just as excited as the previous year about the growth and expansion of Saint Nicholas. We explored ideas to share the "Word" and the name of Saint Nicholas to the community.

Here are some of the activities that Evangelism and Outreach has been involved with this past year:

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The egg hunt was open to our community. With advertising and sharing the word, more than 30 children attended. And with special thanks to Erika Demme and Anna Kitzmiller for their great ideas and hard work at the egg hunt.

**NEW HOMEOWNER LETTERS**

A welcome letter was generated and mailed to new homeowners in Calvert County. This letter extends a welcome to our community and an invitation to worship with us here at Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church.

**COOKIE DOUGH**

During Lent, jars of yummy cookie dough were given to visitors to our church.

**HALLOWEEN IN THE GARDEN**

"BIG SUCCESS!!!!!" Annemarie Gardens hosts an annual Halloween event that over 4000 visitors attend. After setting up a table with lots of stares from the crowd, we were able to distribute over 250 "Please join us for Worship" cards with the church's name, address and worship times printed on them.

**GIFT BAGS**

With big help from Karen Phelps, Sherrie Thompson, Michelle Hellickson and Candace Ross for dedicating time, all visitors can now be given a gift bag with a few nifty items to catch their attention.

Also, much thanks to Barbara Harris who implemented a job description and conducted a training session for the Welcome Team and Greeters.

Every member of Saint Nicholas is a disciple for God through the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cherise Ross



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION  
SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**

Saint Nicholas was committed to helping others in 2007. Through our offering and through our service projects, Saint Nicholas reached out to help those in need locally, regionally, and globally.

Below are the service projects conducted by Saint Nicholas.

Monthly meals for Project ECHO  
Collection of food for the Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry  
Children's Book Drive  
Souper Bowl of Caring  
Christmas in April  
The Bee for Literacy  
School Supplies Collection  
Personal Hygiene Products Collection for Project Echo  
Coats for Kids  
Holiday Baskets through CCCFP  
Gifts of Hope  
Tree of Angels

Our youth were involved in many outreach projects. Cupid's Café raised funds for Camp Victor Distribution Center in Mississippi and Safe Harbor. The high school youth spent a week at workcamp in Marion, West Virginia. The VBS Mission project raised funds for Camp Victor Distribution Center. And the Sunday School collected goods for care packages donated to Operation Christmas Child.

For the fourth year in a row, Saint Nicholas was able to help sponsor missionary Kim Erno at the Lutheran Center in Mexico City. We were delighted to personally hear of his work there as he visited us in September.

Our congregation supported the agencies listed below through our outreach.

ELCA Benevolence	Community of St. Dysmas
American Cancer Society	Coyle Scholarship
Calvert County Literacy Council	ELCA Domestic Disaster Response
CCCFP (Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry)	ELCA World Hunger Appeal
Christmas in April	Fellowship Square Foundation
Camp Victor Distribution Center	Friends of Gettysburg Seminary
ELCA Global Mission	ELCA Funds for Leaders in Mission
Christus Victor Lutheran Church –Metro DC Synod	Lutheran Social Services
Thorne Memorial Golf Tournament	Project ECHO
Interfaith Action Council	ELCA Foundation – Special Needs
Alternatives for Youth	Retirement Fund
SMECO Fuel Fund	Safe Harbor

United Lutheran Appeal  
Project Crossroads (Workcamp)  
Barstow Acres Summer Camp  
The Lutheran Center in Mexico City

Southeast Ministry  
Meals on Wheels  
LSS Camp Safe Haven

There are many to whom thanks is owed. To Carol Blatt and Gus Wolf, thank you for your continual support of the Social Concerns Ministry Team. To Sherie Cooper and Jean and Jennifer Smetana, thank you for your work coordinating meals at Project ECHO. To Keith Williams, thank you for leading our Christmas in April effort. Thank you to all who helped transport food to the pantry, or distribute school supplies, or contribute to Project ECHO meals, or . . . Mostly, thank you members of Saint Nicholas for continually reaching out to others through the various projects in which you participate.

As we look forward to 2008, we thank God for the opportunity to serve. The Social Concerns Ministry Team is always open to ideas and suggestions on how Saint Nicholas can help do God's work in this world. Let us recognize the blessings given to us so that we may be a blessing to others!

In His Service,

Kathy Dangin



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION - 2007  
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

*Stewardship is a way of life, a way of viewing all that we are and all that we have as gifts from God to be used for God's glory and the service of others.*

The congregation of Saint Nicholas is a warm and giving community, and it has been my honor to be able to serve this congregation as sponsor for the ministry of Stewardship. Our percentage of giving to local and global communities continues to grow through our contributions to the ELCA and other programs sponsored by the Social Concerns ministry led by **Kathy Dangin**.

We thank the many members of Saint Nicholas who have responded to the ever-increasing need for more space by diligently giving their financial support to the building of the North Wing. This continues to be an important initiative for our growing church. The North Wing will become a reality through the generous giving of every member of Saint Nicholas. If you have not made your contributions to the Building Fund, please take this opportunity to talk to Tom Blatt to begin your support now.

This year a modified stewardship program, "Walk with Jesus", was used during the four weeks leading up to Commitment Sunday. The campaign provided the congregation with messages intended to remind each of us how our use of the financial resources, that God has entrusted to us, is an important part of this walk. We strive to grow closer to Jesus as we walk together. This program culminated on Commitment Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, with each person making their personal pledge and ceremonially depositing it in the commitment box.

I would ask that each member consider using *Simply Giving*, which is the electronic transfer of funds, to make your financial contributions to regular offering as well as the building campaign. *Simply Giving* is a reliable, safe way to put part of your personal stewardship plan into action. It allows you to share your gifts through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship. Because your gift is given consistently, you won't need to play "catch-up" at year end, worry about forgotten checkbooks, or missed Sunday offerings. Our congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, more efficient bookkeeping, and greater confidence in meeting its financial commitments.

This congregation is blessed to have **Tom Blatt** as our Financial Secretary. He has served as the Financial Secretary to this congregation for almost as long as most of us can remember. Tom, we thank you for your unwavering dedication to this call. It is impossible for us to know how many hours you give each week to attend to the details of recording our contributions, and making sure that we all receive envelopes and statements in a timely fashion. We thank you.

We also thank **Jeanne Olinger** for organizing, coordinating, administering the Saint Nicholas Blood Drives. These blood drives are open to the community and provide the opportunity for all to donate to this important life-saving ministry. Please participate in the next Saint Nicholas blood drive.

The Adopt-a-Highway program is a community service in which Saint Nicholas has been honored to participate. **Glenn Wolfgang** has been dedicated to ensuring that we do our part to fulfill our commitment to the program. Thank you, Glenn, for all that you do with this community ministry.

I have been serving as the ministry sponsor of Stewardship since 2002. It was a call that I heard loud and clear for many years. I now feel that I am being called to serve the Lord and Saint Nicholas in other ways. I would like to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as sponsor to the ministry of Stewardship.

With God's Love,  
Debbie Bang

*"The measure you give will be the measure you get back". (Luke 6:38)*



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY**

The Ministry of Youth and Family Life has expanded greatly during the course of the last year. New groups have formed providing many more avenues for fellowship while nurturing the needs of families within our congregation. The following is a list of our teams.

**Adults' Night Out** – Lead by John and Pat Hofmann, this group provides evenings out for couples and singles to enjoy adult fellowship in social surroundings, usually local restaurants.

**Care Meal Group** – Headed by Ann Wolfgang, this team provides support to families who are in need of assistance during challenging times.

**The In Crowd** – Our High School Youth Group has maintained a high level of activities all year, ranging from Wednesday evening bible study, retreats, work camp, trips, etc.

**Kitchen Management Group** – A new group has met this year and developed rules and guidelines for kitchen use.

**Sunday Morning Hospitality Group** - Originally headed by John and Pat Hofmann, it has taken numerous teams of people to replace them. We now have Coffee Set Up, Hospitality, Clean Up and Garbage Teams to help meet the Sunday morning fellowships needs.

**Special Events Group** – Amare Merz handles arrangements for our special occasions, such as Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Easter Morning Social, Confirmation Reception, and Welcome and Goodbye Receptions.

**Men's Softball Team** – Tom Blatt organizes and coaches the team. You can play or come be a fan, both provide great enjoyment.

**Women in Service to Christ (WISC)** – Headed by Linda Dorr. This women's group has plenty of activities going on including dinners, socials, prayer time, gift making and service projects.

**Lutheran Marriage Encounter Team** – Kim and David Berche handled arrangements for these weekend events.

**Young Families Group** – Nancy Campbell organizes these gatherings for families with preschoolers.

**The Second Thursday Lunch Bunch** – Headed by Kay Aronhalt, this group meets monthly at local restaurants for lunch and fellowship.

**The Yada Yada Book Group** – Meets monthly to discuss the current selection.

**The Young at Heart** – This very new group meets occasionally for lunch and a movie.

**Fabulous Fridays** – This monthly event was formed to provide families with a relaxing fun evening of fellowship. We have expanded it to include National Night Out, the Fall Festival, the Hanging of the Greens and upcoming will be the Bible Bowl and Cupid's Café.

**Stephen Ministry** – This ministry has grown this year by adding 2 additional ministers this fall, bringing our total of caregivers to 8. A total of 9 received care in 2007. They are available to provide care and support where needed.

Mary Jo Gebhardt



**SAINT NICHOLAS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION – 2007  
WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY**

In 2007, we have seen growth in our music program at Saint Nicholas, in personnel as well as equipment. We were able to make some improvements to our sound system. We also now have a team leader for Sing and Rejoice. Lisa Churchill has continued her enthusiastic involvement in worship by taking on this role, as well as doing the research and arranging for the new sound system equipment. Some modifications were made to the Sing and Rejoice service as well, and the singers are getting even better. I hear many positive comments from those who regularly attend that service.

The children's choir is also still going strong. They sang at several services during the year. We enjoyed a joint anthem with them and the chancel choir on Palm Sunday, and Lisa and I are looking into other possibilities for joint ventures. With added singers from the Sunday School, the children's pageant was exceptionally excellent in 2007.

We had many special services this year, from groundbreaking marking the final service for former bishop Theodore Schneider, to a memorial service for founding member Earl Westphal, as well as the annual blessing of the animals and healing services. As I talk to musicians from other churches, I am always impressed at the variety of worship opportunities we offer here at Saint Nicholas.

The chancel choir has maintained at about the same count as last year, gaining a few and losing a few. There is always room for more singers at the 9 am and the 11:15 services, so please don't think that we don't want you to join us!

For the 9 am service, we began using Setting 2 from the new hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, in Advent. It is going very well. We will use it until the beginning of Lent. We purchased the CD ROM that allows us to use the settings and service music and have just acquired the rights to download hymns as well. You can expect to see some of them showing up in the future!

There are too many people whom I should thank, and I fear that I will overlook someone, so, to all of you who sang, played, read, "ush-ed," baked, poured, cleaned, counted, lighted, folded, copied, printed, selected, rehearsed, laundered, or anything else that helped make Worship and Music such a pleasure in 2007 – thank you!

Jean Wolf  
Sponsor  
Worship and Music