*\*Financial numbers do not reflect volunteer hours in all areas of our ministry.*

**Consolidated Balance Sheet**: Current assets up $11,059 at year-end.

Total Liabilities down $136,222. Total Fund Balance up $147,281.

**Accounting Fund Balances**: Shows Income Statement for all funds.

Gifts given for designated purposes are accounted for in specific funds.

Received a $50,000 bequest and $100,000 Nov. building fund gift in 2023.

When expenses exceed income in Funds 3 & up, it is due to timing differences.

Net transfers are shown. Total transfers were $9,200.

**Gifts of Love (Fund 3): T**otal gifts $35,700, up $2,500 from 2022

**General Fund Balance Sheet**

GF assets down $36,800 and Fund Balance down $34,057

**Building Fund Balance Sheet**

BF current assets up $45,306 and MIF mortgage loan down $151,730

MIF mortgage loan balance is $1,463,632

BF Fund Balance is up $194,936

**General Fund Income Statement**

**C**ontributions $22,153 over budget and $7,201 less than 2022

Total Income $33,302 over budget and $1,776 greater than 2022 when adjusted

 for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) of $172,138

Compensation $2,562 under budget, $34,295 greater than 2022

 Note: Staff expenses are not allocated to ministry areas.

Total expenses $22,408 over budget, $36,300 greater than 2022

 IT, utilities, snowplowing primary over budget account

Transfers In - Mkg position, utility shed, organ repair, Seniors; Out - $5,000 music

Net Income $10,094 better than budget

 **ERC Summary**

$172,138 2022 Grant

 -29,852 Beginning GF Deficit

 -1,388 2022 GF Deficit, excluding ERC funds

$140,988 Balance at 12/31/2022

 -34,057 2023 GF Deficit

$106,841 Balance at 12/31/2023

**Building Fund Income Statement**

Contributions up $32,000 from 2022 but due to November $100,000

In May, the rate changed from 4% to 5.5%

Monthly mortgage payment now $19,077 and estimated 95 remaining payments

**General Fund 2024 Budget**

Contributions and total income conservatively budgeted as roughly the same as this year.

General Benelovence to the Minneapolis Area Synod at 6% of contributions.

Our Staff were given 3% raises for 2024. A full year was budgeted for both pastor positions’ salary and benefits.

All other expense accounts were analyzed for unusual 2023 expenditures, recurring patterns, and anticipated changes in 2024. A few explicit budget requests were also incorporated.

**The total General Fund expense is budgeted to be $557,000.**

**A Transformational Gift**

The Pryor’s $1.2 million gift in addition to the $100,000 November gift will reduce our mortgage from $1.464 million to $163,632. It reduces the remaining payments from 95 to 12, the last one due in December of this year. It saves the congregation $332,000 in interest. Wow. This month, after making a $1.25 million principal payment and our monthly payment, our mortgage balance stands at $198,148.

How should the congregation of St. Barnabas Lutheran Church respond to the Pryor’s transformational gift, in addition to the overwhelming gratitude we feel?

The Church Council asks:

1. Please give the last 15 months of your Celebrate the Journey capital appeal as early as you are able. This will accelerate the final mortgage payment and the requisite celebration.
2. Give more to the Building Fund if you are so inspired. Any extra 2024 gifts will be used to strengthen the Building Reserve Fund.
3. For 2025 and onward, please “rollover” your expected building fund contributions into the General Fund. This is the transforming part of the Pryor’s gift. It transforms 7 years of mortgage payments into active, living, breathing, spiritual and social ministry. Imagine what that will look like!