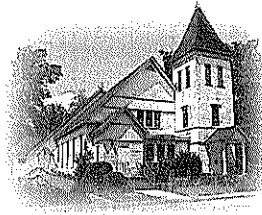


# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

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November 20, 2023

Dear St. Luke the Evangelist parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This parish annual report presents a summary of the sacramental and financial picture of our parish during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. We have 483 families registered. Many other students from UNG and families attend our parish who are not registered, and we welcome them. Thanks to the faith of our people and their generosity, our parish has really sanctified their lives and their temporal goods. I want to share that with you.

With “*the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith,*” the sacramental life remains at the center of our life in Christ at St. Luke. During this year, we celebrated 15 Baptisms. There were 6 teens confirmed by Archbishop Hartmayer and 9 other Confirmations during the year through RCIA. Interestingly, this fall we have the largest RCIA class in my four years here. On a typical Monday night, we usually have between 15- 20 adults in instruction, most of whom are UNG students! I’m really proud of our RCIA team. Over 415 Masses were offered. We had 7 children make their first Holy Communion. Additionally, over 2,000 hours were spent in Eucharistic Adoration. As a pastor, I am so grateful to God and you for this commitment. We are looking to hire a part-time Sacred Music Director.

There were 12 couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage. We have one man in formation to become a permanent deacon, and now Rev. Mr. Bill Donohue will begin serving our parish in a part-time assignment once a month. As for the Sacraments of Healing, on average, 189 times per month the faithful receive the Sacrament of Penance. Eighteen times the faithful received the Anointing of the Sick in addition to numerous visits to the sick. We had 8 funerals.

We have a very active parish *forming disciples in families*. Our parish school of religion (PSR) has 88 students registered. Our goal is to assist the parents; they are the ones who are the primary educators in the way of faith. A number of new catechists have stepped forward this fall, and I’m particularly happy to tell you of a few new initiatives. In early 2023 we hosted a marriage seminar. More recently, we have begun a middle school youth group. Also, a young adult ministry started which includes praise and worship nights, fellowship, and Theology on Tap events. There is also a newly-formed men’s weekly bible study. We have established a security team of parishioners who meet regularly and make recommendations. Our college ministry to both students and faculty and staff continues to grow. In addition to our annual fall retreat, we now provide separate women’s and men’s retreats in the spring. We sent a group to the Seek national college conference after Christmas. I am excited to see them give back to our parish through their service at Dinner and Doctrine and at other times.

We are running behind on our offertory giving, which serves our parish and programs. We have a consistent charitable outreach, and I want to highlight our very committed St. Vincent de Paul chapter dedicated to the poor. Additionally, we have been, and remain, a financially stable parish, thanks to cost controls put in place this year and wise planning. Our parish continues to be very generous with our second collections which reach local and national charitable causes. Thankfully, we have no debt at St. Luke the Evangelist.

Last June we began a Capital Campaign at the service of our parish vision with a goal to fund a new organ, which is working well, and upgrade our audio equipment in the church and the parish hall. The response to the campaign was very strong. At this point, we have raised \$157,279.12 and spent \$137,647.91. About 85% have fulfilled their pledge. The Archbishop has granted a two-year assessment-free status to this campaign. This past spring, work began in the church and the hall. We are still reviewing these systems and seeking to improve them. The over-the-ear devices do work and are available to you in the vestibule. I am still trying to get hearing aid technology for us. In the parish hall, I'm really pleased all around by the audio capabilities. I think a big improvement has been made. As we look to the future, we will continue to help enhance our church. I'm grateful for the generous response to the campaign.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless each person in the greater Dahlenega area. Please take a moment to review the attached Balance Sheet Summary and contact us if you have any questions. I'm grateful for the council's prescient advice. You are, of course, welcome to come to our finance council meetings, which are open to the public, usually on the last Monday of the month in room 103/105 at 5:45pm in the Parish Center. As the year draws to a close, please consider St. Luke the Evangelist in your annual giving. A charitable distribution to the parish will result in a tax deduction.

In the Lord,



Rev. Matthew Dalrymple  
Pastor



## St. Luke the Evangelist

### Income and Expense Summary

FY 2022-2023

#### Income

Offertory	321,283
Building Fund/ Maintenance	32,970
Religious Ed/Campus Income	57,502
Archbishop Annual Appeal Refund	35,356
Capital Campaign	148,082
Other Income	103,400
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>698,593</b>

#### Expenses

Liturgy	108,349
Religious Education	105,357
Admin & General	93,834
Facilities	142,861
Rectory	12,829
Archdiocese Support	52,523
Capital Campaign	78,493
Music	62,602
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>656,848</b>

Balance Sheet Summary

as of 6/30/2023

ASSETS

Cash	180,461
Savings	362,426
Endowment	95,750
Land, Building & Equipment	1,860,137

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**Total Assets** 2,498,774

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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities	23,597
Exchange Accounts	20,995

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**Total Liabilities** 44,592

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**Total Net Assets** \$ 2,454,182

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS** \$ 2,498,774