



**2024 ANNUAL REPORT  
2025 SCHEDULES AND LISTS**

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# DEDICATION

We dedicate this annual report to the congregation  
in remembrance of our members who passed away in  
2023 and 2024:

*Betty Ann Foster Burgess*

December 13, 1937 – October 4, 2023

*Billy S Swadley*

February 18, 1933 – December 8, 2024

*Mildred Peeler*

March 9, 1933 – December 31, 2024

*Richard Basener*

1945 – December 2024

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## WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Staff

Pastor..... Rev. Joseph Tallent (Intermin)  
Church Administrator..... Melanie Hatfield  
Sexton..... Linda Cutting

### Church Council

President..... Marsha Woodard  
Vice President..... Gordy Peeler  
Members..... Sandra Phillips  
Nancy Trexler  
Joy Fisher  
Brenda Marcum  
Pat Fisher

*Mission Statement: As the people of Wittenberg, our mission is to learn and grow spiritually with traditional Christian values while reaching out to the community.*

# Wittenberg Lutheran Church

## 2025 Council Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joy Fisher	704-202-2503	12/31/2026
Marsha Woodard	828-234-7897	12/31/2026
Nancy Trexler	704-213-2355	12/31/2026
Pat Fisher	704-279-4937	12/31/2025
Gordy Peeler	704-223-1531	12/31/2027
Brenda Marcum	704-603-4919	12/31/2025
Sandra Phillips	704-754-1318	12/31/2027

## 2025 Officers

President	Marsha Woodard	828-234-7897
Vice-President	Gordy Peeler	704-233-7758
Secretary	Joy Fisher	704-202-2503
Treasurer	John Fisher	704-202-2496 (text preferred)

## 2025 COMMITTEE MEMBERS (\*Council Representatives)

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND SOCIAL MINISTRY

Sandra Phillips\*, co-chair

Pat Fisher\*, co-chair

Kim Shuping

Jody Shuping

Sonya Taylor

Bobbie Earnhardt

Pastor John Woodard

### PROPERTY

Todd Marcum

Brenda Marcum

Gordy Peeler\*

Nancy Trexler

Eli Fisher (roof)

### PROPERTY/IT

Mike Crowell

Walser Technology

### FINANCE

John Fisher

Pat Fisher

Pam Crowell

Allen Gould

Nancy Trexler

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Pam Crowell\*

Brenda Marcum\* AG

Carolyn Peeler

Sandra Phillips AG

Pat Fisher AG

Sonja Taylor AG

Pastor John Woodard

### PERSONNEL

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## MEALS ON WHEELS 2025 SCHEDULE

(Rockwell Route)

Week of:

February 3

March 17

April 28

June 9

July 21

September 1 (no delivery on the 1<sup>st</sup>)

October 13

November 24 (no delivery on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>)

Nancy and Don Trexler

Joy Fisher/Pat Fisher

WA and Joyce Cline

Pam Crowell/Bobbie Earnhardt

Carolyn and Gordy Peeler

Kim and Jody Shuping

Brenda Marcum/Sandra Phillips

Susan and Ronnie Loflin

If there is a problem handling or completing your designated week, please let me know as soon as possible.

Joy Fisher, Wittenberg MOW Coordinator  
704 202-2503

## FINANCE 2024

- The finance committee was informed on January 11<sup>th</sup> that the *Preschool Ad-Hoc Committee* met on January 9<sup>th</sup> and voted unanimously to sell the preschool building, playground and adjoining lot. This information was forwarded to the Council before being presented to the congregation several months later.
- This committee investigated the number of offering envelopes being ordered each year after seeing so many assigned envelopes ending up into the trash can. The finance committee decided to reduce the number of offering envelopes ordered from 100 to 40 for the upcoming year 2025. For the past three years, over sixty envelopes on a yearly basis have been ordered, unused, and thrown away.
- The church accountant started writing payroll checks after April 11<sup>th</sup> and checks will be written twice a month. All receipts and requests for payment forms must be coded (*codes have been provided from the accountant.*) before going to the treasurer and accountant.
- The finance committee requested an audit of the books as well as the preschool documents. The search to find an auditor would begin immediately. An auditor was hired in September to audit the church books and the preschool books.
- Several donations have been given to accounts that are now closed and completed. The finance committee voted to move those donations to the current account for the Kirchin House loan.
- A new *Request for Payment* form was completed and put into place that states signatures for reimbursement must be signed with a person's full name. Each form must have two different signatures and can no longer be signed twice by the same person. The committee responsible for any request for payment must also be noted on this new form.
- Presently, our giving is down for 2024, and we need to be vigilant with our tithing during 2025.
- The *HVAC* and the *Columbarium* loan balances have been completed and no longer exist. The only outstanding loan balance is the Kirchin House (*amount that WLC owes back to investments*) at \$33,852.96.

Respectfully submitted by: Pamela Crowell

## BANKERS 2025

### JANUARY

6 Sandra Phillips  
13 Brenda Marcum  
21 Nancy Trexler  
27 Pam Crowell

### FEBRUARY

3 Sandra Phillips  
10 Nancy Trexler  
18 Pam Crowell  
24 Brenda Marcum

### MARCH

3 Sandra Phillips  
10 Pam Crowell  
17  
24 Nancy Trexler  
  
31 Brenda Marcum

### APRIL

7 Sandra Phillips  
14 Nancy Trexler  
21 Pam Crowell  
28 Brenda Marcum

### MAY

5 Sandra Phillips  
12 Brenda Marcum  
19 Pam Crowell  
27 Nancy Trexler

### JUNE

2 Sandra Phillips  
9  
16 Pam Crowell  
23 Nancy Trexler  
  
30 Brenda Marcum

### JULY

7 Pam Crowell  
14  
21 Nancy Trexler  
28 Brenda Marcum

### AUGUST

4 Sandra Phillips  
1 Nancy Trexler  
18 Pam Crowell  
25 Brenda Marcum

### SEPTEMBER

2  
8 Pam Crowell  
15 Nancy Trexler  
22  
  
29 Brenda Marcum

### OCTOBER

6 Sandra Phillips  
13 Nancy Trexler  
20 Pam Crowell  
27 Brenda Marcum

### NOVEMBER

3 Sandra Phillips  
10 Pam Crowell  
17 Nancy Trexler  
24 Brenda Marcum

### DECEMBER

1 Sandra Phillips  
8 Brenda Marcum  
15 Nancy Trexler  
22 Pam Crowell  
24 Pam Crowell  
29 Pam Crowell



## 2024 YEAR-END PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

### Comprehensive Review

As we reach the conclusion of this fiscal year, it is imperative to reflect on the accomplishments, challenges, and progress of our committee. This report encapsulates our activities, achievements, and financial performance, providing a comprehensive overview of our endeavors over the past twelve months. It serves as both a record of our efforts and a foundation for planning future initiatives.

### Major Accomplishments

Throughout this year, our committee has made significant strides in various areas. Key achievements include:

- Luther's Rose Window received new plexiglass and sealed. Work completed September 10, 2024, at a cost of \$1,029.91. A window repair in the basement pre-school area on October 9, 2024 was \$1029.92. Work was completed by BC Glass Repair, Rockwell, NC for a total of \$2,059.83.
- The fellowship hall and hallway floors were stripped and resealed by MTO Cleaning, Inc. Mike Yarbrough, owner, at a cost of \$2,565.00.
- The Preschool Building and vacant lot on Oak Street were sold for \$150,000.00. After commission, fees and tax stamps the net profit was \$145,450.00
- Church Properties Insurance was requested to reflect the transfer of ownership after the sale of the properties above for a savings of \$4,000.00. Erie Insurance is our carrier and a physical inspection was made.
- A representative from Erie met with John Fisher, Mike Rowell and to view all properties.
- Chamberlain Exterminators did quarterly pest control.
- Contract with Cohen Heating/Air Electrical for service was made.
- Web Hosting-Walser Technology, with assistance from Mike Crowell combined efforts in addressing for use and maintenance.
- Cemetery- Gravesite openings for Billy Swadley and Mildred Peeler entombment was completed with the help of Jody Shuping and Pastor John Woodard.
- Sound System/Techs-Many thanks to Debbie Peeler and Todd Marcum for their assistance whenever needed.
- Pre-School will be paused on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Christy Cook-Director\*, gave a three-week notice of departure for a full-time job. The Congregational Council made a very tough decision to suspend the operation of the pre-school for insufficient time to advertise, interview and background check a director replacement for the safety of the children that attend the program. A refund is to be given to the parents of those who may have pre-paid through May 2025.
- \*Christy resigned from her Part-time Secretary Position in November 2024 to focus on her Master's degree, 6 year commitment.

In closing, the Property Committee spent an abundance of time deciding the fate of the Pre-School building that needed MANY, MANY updates and repairs that simply made it cost prohibitive to mandate.

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## **APPROVED MOTION FOR ITEMS BELOW- BUT NOT COMPLETED**

In August 2024, Council approved for the sanctuary stained-glass windows -wood scraped on exterior and re-painted. This was to be a volunteer effort by Jerry Trier, assisted by Todd Marcum.

Install a sink and counter in basement preschool area between the two bathrooms for \$1,500.00 with donated labor by Jerry Trier.

\$2,860.00 from Improvement Fund to install lights in basement and outside area of basement entrance.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, this year has been a period of significant achievement and growth for our committee. We have navigated challenges, forged new paths, and laid the groundwork for future success. As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission and are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all members for their unwavering support and dedication. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence and make a meaningful difference.

Sincerely,

Joy Fisher

Acting as Secretary for the Property Committee for the purpose of this Annual Report

## **Lutheran Men Annual report for 2024**

The Lutheran Men in Mission of Wittenberg had another busy year on 2024. We held monthly meetings throughout the year usually on the Thursday of each month prior to the monthly community breakfast. After setting up tables and preparing for the breakfast on Saturday, the men went to a local restaurant for a meal together.

The community breakfasts each month were well attended. Thanks to those in the church and the community for their monthly support. We continue to look for ways to publish this event each month.

Starting in June of 2024 the men decided to make financial contributions to local non- profit organizations in the area with proceeds from the community breakfast. This has proven to be popular and beneficial to those organizations which have received contributions. So far, proceeds have gone to: Granite Quarry Elementary school, The Veterans Administration hospital, Meals on Wheels of Rowan and Lutheran Disaster Relief (following hurricane Helene). Thanks to everyone (members and visitors) who have supported the Lutheran men with their attendance and contributions.

All men of Wittenberg are invited to be a part of the Lutheran Men's organization.

Report submitted by:  
John Woodard and Robert "Gordy" Peeler

## SOCIAL MINISTRY 2024 YEAR END REPORT

The Social Ministry Committee continued projects from the previous year and took on new projects to expand existing projects. We made a difference in our church's outreach to the community. Listed are the projects completed in 2024.

- Rowan Helping Ministries homeless shelter meals, and a compiled list of suggested meals for quick and easy assembly
- Red Cross Blood Drive (5 Scheduled)
- Created the Angel Loft for storing donations gathered for all annual drives
- Back to School Bash (continued collaboration with Shiloh Methodist)
- Red Cardinal Romp Community Family Event
- Granite Fest – set up a booth to distribute handouts
- Decorated a Tree for the Festival of Trees
- CPR Class for members and community
- Provided Granite Quarry Elementary school items for student/school/staff needs
- Participated in Angel Tree for ECS students at Shive Elementary

### 2025 Social Ministry Projects

January:	Red Cross Blood Mobile	July:	School Supply Collection
February:	Canned Food Collection	August:	Red Cross Blood Mobile
March:	Canned Food Collection	September:	God's Work, Our Hands
April:	Red Cross Blood Mobile	October:	Trunk or Treat
May:	Canned Food Collection	November:	Red Cross Blood Mobile
June:	Red Cross Blood Mobile	December:	Angel Tree Project

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE YEAR END REPORT 2024

We had a very busy year planning fun activities as well as providing meals for members who had surgery or lots a family member. A summary of our year's activities and ministries is listed below.

- New member Reception
- Valentine Bags for our Servants Rooted in Faith and Grace
- Weekly yoga classes
- Breakfast Fellowship
- Easter Breakfast
- Pentecost Birthday Party
- Cookout with games and homemade ice cream
- Christmas bags for our Servants Rooted in Faith and Grace

WLC Social Ministry Team

