



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church Annual Parish Meeting 2023

**Agenda-December 3, 2023**

**Call to Order & Opening Prayer  
Cathy Self, Senior Warden**

**Appointment of the Secretary**

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

**Approval of Minutes  
December 4, 2022**

**Vestry & Delegate Elections**

**Committee Reports and Ministry Reports**

**Announcement of Voting Results**

**Adjournment & Closing Prayers**

**St. Jude's Episcopal Church Vestry Members**

2023 Cathy Shea  
2023 Gloria Witkos  
2023 Heidi Morgan

2024 Brenda Huntley  
2024 Patrick Flynt  
2024 Sally Yancey

2025 Justin Snyder  
2025 Jane McCarty  
2025 Terry Griffin

***Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting  
St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
Niceville, Florida 32578  
December 4, 2022***

At 10:50 am, Cathy Shea, Senior Warden, called the 2022 Annual Meeting to order. She then opened with a prayer. The first order of business was to elect a secretary for the meeting. Cathy nominated Heidi Morgan. There being no other nominees from the floor, a motion was made to close the nomination. It was seconded and unanimously passed. She was duly elected by a vote of those in attendance. Cathy Shea appointed Jerry Fowler to serve as Parliamentarian. After allowing time for attendees to review the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting, a motion was made by Jerry White and seconded by Debra Kosche to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously passed with no further discussion.

The next order of business was to elect three new vestry members who will each serve a three-year term. The following people were presented as nominees who had volunteered for the three open positions: Terry Griffin, Justin Snyder, and Jane McCarty. Additional nominations were opened up to the floor. There being no other nominations from the floor, those nominated were duly elected by acclamation.

In addition to electing vestry members, the parish also needed to elect three delegates to represent St. Jude's at the 2023 Diocesan Convention. The following people were nominated from the floor: Gloria Witkos, Peggy Griffin, and Lynn Smith. There being no additional nominations, nominations were duly elected by acclamation. Cathy asked if anyone would be willing to be an alternate delegate, in case something happened to one of the delegates, and Terry Griffin agreed to be 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, and Dottie Doherty agreed to be 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate.

Cathy then referred those in attendance to the Annual Report booklet in which reports were submitted by committee and ministry heads and opened the floor to any who would like to say a few words about 2022 or what's to come in 2023. Parish committee and ministry reports were presented in person or by title.

Cathy thanked those in attendance. She also welcomed and reaffirmed our new members, especially those in attendance.

Jerry Fowler asked if he could speak. He said we needed a motion to approve the nominations for vestry and the delegates to convention. He also thanked Cathy for the great job and leadership she has provided to St. Jude's during our two long years of searching for a new rector, even while dealing with her health issues.

A motion was made by Joe Morgan and seconded by Debra Kosche to approve the nominees to the vestry and the delegates to Convention as discussed. The motion was unanimously passed with no further discussion.

There being no further parish business, Cathy closed the meeting by asking everyone stand, hold hands, and say the Lord's prayer together. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Morgan, Secretary

Dear St. Jude's,

Last year, we were very excited and humbled to be called to be the Rector of St. Jude's. I've never known what God was going to do in our lives, but I've always tried to be open to it. When God's plan unfolds in our lives and we are following what we hear and believe God wants from us, we find God's blessings. God has been with us every step of the way to bring us here to Niceville. We are grateful and we give thanks.

We moved last December. My first Sunday with all of you was January 8th. Since the moment we've arrived our family has been welcomed and loved. On behalf of Wesley and Christina, we thank you.

Our first year together was full of many wonderful memories: A Vestry Retreat in March, First Lent and Easter services, Wednesday night Worship, Supper and Programs (Lent and October); a Ministry Fair (August), a Celebration of St. Francis Day and blessing of the Animals (October); we've hosted the Bishop twice - for a celebration of new ministry (Lent) and this past Sunday for his Annual Visitation (November). We've had Children's Sermons and Youth Preachers, VBS, a Canoe Trip, and Parish Workdays together. I am grateful for everyone's hard work and all that we've accomplished together.

One of my favorite parts of ministry is pastoral care - making hospital visits and in-home visits. I've really enjoyed getting out and visiting with our members—getting to know you better, learning about your family and our parish. I've also enjoyed visiting newcomers and visitors to our parish—when time has allowed. I've always found this to be a great way of connecting with those who visit the Church.

This year, we celebrated several new ministries at St. Jude's. Our newly re-established chapter of the Daughters of the King. A thriving choir and our new Music Director, Lois Henry; our recent 65th Anniversary celebration (Nov. 5th) was a huge success! Our new Youth Director, Samantha Richard, and hopefully in the near future, a new Children's Ministry Coordinator.

Recently, God has brought our way a number of visitors and new members to St. Jude's. It's exciting to be in this season of growth. While numerical growth is always important, I want us to stay focused on spiritual growth, growing our ministries; keeping our focus on deepening our relationship with God and relationships with one another. Join me in praying for God to continue to bring new people through our doors.

I am very thankful for the faithful and capable leadership of the congregation: Cathy Self, Sr Warden, Terry Griffin, Jr. Warden, the members of the vestry, our various ministry leaders, as well as our dedicated staff members at St. Jude's: Anna Wells, Parish Administrator, Lois Henry, Music Director, Samantha Richards, Youth Director, David Williams, Bookkeeper.

It is a joy to work, to learn, and to serve with all of you!

In Christ,  
Fr. Blake Hutson, Rector

**Senior Warden**

**Cathy Shea**

Dear friends

I believe this has been a signature year for our parish. In every area of the church there has been a renewal of life and love. Every ministry has been touched and energized by God. Our ministries of music, children and youth, outreach, hospitality and welcome, education, fellowship, technology and prayer, to name a few, are experiencing increased participation and activity.

St. Jude’s has been fortunate to welcome many new members in 2023 who have chosen to make this place their new church home. Our blessings began in January of this year when we welcomed the Hutsons. While we embraced Father Blake and his wife, Christina, and son, Wesley, they in turn brought a shining light of love, family and service to our community. Thank you to our heavenly Father for guiding them to Niceville, and to St. Jude’s.

For the vestry, this has been one of the busiest and most productive years I can remember. We’ve worked hard to discern what is best for St. Jude’s while also looking toward the future. It has been refreshing to honor Father Blake’s vision of the vestry; collaboration, discussion, and consensus. Under his direction, the true ministry of vestry service has been rediscovered and revitalized to the benefit of all.

As my time on the vestry is coming to an end, I will always cherish the support and ongoing encouragement I have received from the members of St. Jude’s. You are an amazing group of people who have selflessly contributed, and creatively worked to uphold and sustain our parish, as well as our ministries, during our two years without a rector in place. We can truly accomplish great things together. It has been an honor to serve you.



**Junior Warden**

**Terry Griffin**

This year has been a good year! We have had some great work-days with young and old, new and established members participating – Thank-you!

The grounds and facilities are looking better thru your hard work! – Thank-you!

The torn chairs in the Parish Hall were recovered, and new sound systems installed.

**Upcoming Needs/Things to be aware of:**

We did have issues with the wells, pumps and sprinklers, and have made great strides in that area – but still have some things to do, (re-lay a portion of the sidewalk zone, adjust sprinklers, mark zones).

Our freezer is showing its age, and while repaired, still needs to be monitored.

One of our Sanctuary ‘new’ HVAC units is still awaiting parts to repair, but luckily, our old unit has been able to keep up.

Still need to re-caulk around chapel window framing, and install sun-shade.



**The 2024 Stewardship**

The 2024 Stewardship Committee consisted of Fr Blake, Justin Snyder, AJ Miller, Dale Gauvin and Steve Larson.

In 2023, St Judes had 59 pledging units (individuals or families). In its October meeting, the Vestry set a goal of 75 pledges for 2024. As of November 30, we have received 57 pledges. Over the last couple of weeks, the Committee has reached out by phone to those members that have not yet submitted a pledge, asking them to please consider pledging for 2024. We certainly hope that effort will lead us to further success in the Campaign in the coming



## **2023 Children and Youth Ministry Team Report**

**Team Members:** Samantha Richard (Youth Director), Cecilia Snyder, Lauren Franklin, Brenda Huntley, Michelle Crawford, Jennifer Wiley, and Heidi Senulis. Debra Kosche and Angela Diggs stepped down as team members this year. Cecilia Snyder will also be stepping down from the CYM team as the ministry leader with the hiring of new staff but will continue supporting as a 2<sup>nd</sup> person for youth events. We graciously thank Debra, Angela, and Cecilia for their wisdom, creative ideas, and selfless service to St. Jude's.

The St. Jude's Children and Youth Ministry team has been very busy this year. In 2023, we've welcomed a new Youth Director and several new families with children who participate in Sunday school and youth events. We come together as a team monthly to discuss past, current, and future events. The safety and spiritual well-being of St. Jude's youth is our top priority as we determine how to best support them in their continued growth.

**Nursery:** We are blessed to have Amy LeFrenier- our loving nursery caretaker. Parents and children alike look forward to seeing Amy on Sunday mornings. We thank those who volunteer as the 2<sup>nd</sup> person in the nursery - your time is very much appreciated.

**Sunday School:** Our Sunday school program is blessed to have welcomed several new children to the program this year. The spiritual needs of our children are at the forefront of our Christian Education program. We kindly thank Brenda Huntley, Angela Diggs, Christina Hutson, and all others who have volunteered for their time and dedication.

**Middle/High School Youth Program:** Our youth program has welcomed a new youth director, Samantha Richard, and several families with middle and/or high school-aged children. The youth program had many events this year- a chili cook-off, pancake supper, coastal life sculpture program with St. Simon's, Easter egg dying and egg hunt, family day at Urban Air Adventure and Trampoline Park, Mother's Day Sunday, VBS, blessing of the backpacks, adoption event with Pet Welfare, nature walk at Turkey Creek, and events held in the youth classroom that center around faith and fellowship. In the coming weeks, the youth program will be participating in the gingerbread competition and telling of the nativity story.

**Safety:** The Children and Youth team takes safety very seriously and we follow the guidelines of the Episcopal church; Safeguarding God's Children. We are grateful for all of those who have graciously shared their time to allow us to provide a safe church environment for the children and youth events by being the 2<sup>nd</sup> person in the nursery, classrooms, and events.

**Organization:** The children and youth team work together to finalize schedules and plan events. All members share resources and ideas. Samantha Richard has taken over administrative tasks, and she thanks all members for their invaluable support and guidance. Michelle Crawford provides great social media and website support. Brenda Huntley organizes the Sunday school program.

Thank you to all those who work to make this ministry successful. We welcome all who would like to help in the future.

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### **Tuesday Ladies Bible Study – Dottie Doherty**

Since moving our meetings to the church, we have expanded our group to 12 ladies who meet on Tuesday morning at 10:00 for food, fellowship and study. We are currently making our way through the book "The Way of Love, Episcopal Beliefs and Practices. We welcome any ladies who would like to join our group.

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### **Lay Eucharistic Visitors – Dottie Doherty**

We currently have a team of 8 people who have taken on the ministry of taking communion to those who cannot be present at services. We have made a total of 22 home or nursing home visits this year. We are grateful for the opportunity to share in this important ministry.

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Again this year, I want to thank the people who make it possible for me to act as your treasurer by keeping up with the everyday tasks that make the financial aspect of the church run smoothly. We are blessed to have Anna Wells, our faithful Office Manager; and our bookkeeper, David Williams, to keep up with the weekly details. And I would be remiss if I didn’t thank our faithful counters, Cathy Self and Cathy White who make sure the weekly donations are accounted for properly – every week. THANK-YOU!!

As of the end of October our financial position shows that we have a **net loss for the year of \$1487**. Our income for the year through October was \$342,966 and expenses were \$344,453. Our monthly expenses (salaries, insurance, utilities and the building upkeep as shown below) are \$34,453. Here is a summary of our average expenses for 2023:

	Annual	Monthly
Building & Grounds	\$ 92,330	\$ 7694
Clergy	161,380	13,448
Lay Employees	84,792	7,066
Office & Administrative	12,052	1,004
Outside Parish	33,600	2,800
Other Expenses	<u>29,282</u>	<u>2,441</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>413,436</b>	<b>34,453</b>

This year, our expenses have been slightly less than what was budgeted. Many, many thanks go to everyone for their diligence in continuing to fulfill their pledges. I encourage everyone to check their statements to ensure that they are up-to-date with their giving as well as to ensure they are getting the proper credit for their giving.

The continuing job of your vestry, finance committee and treasurer, is to carefully consider the spending of gifts which the congregation generously provides for our mission here in Niceville. As your treasurer I pledge to faithfully oversee and account for St. Jude’s assets and liabilities, according to the decisions of the congregation and vestry, as a servant to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Morgan,



**Want to be part of something new? – Volunteer for the Hospitality Committee:**

We are forming a hospitality committee to coordinate receptions and funerals for the church. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact **Dottie Doherty 850-496-2715**.

This would involve set up, food donations, and clean up for these church functions, when needed. We will have a meeting in January to discuss more details.



**2023 St. Jude's "Highlights of the Past Year" (November 2023 working backward to December 2022)**

- November** 65th Anniversary  
Bishop Russell's Visitation
- October** Confirmation classes begin  
Planning for a Graceful Exit  
Hosted Diocese Discipleship Day  
Rector's Class Lectionary Study  
Blessing of the Animals
- September** Daughters of the King Discernment  
Wednesday Choir practices resume  
Samantha Richard, new Youth Ministry Leader
- August** Acolyte Training  
Virtual Coffee hour via Zoom on Monday evenings  
Blessings of the Backpack  
Ministry Fair
- July** The Armor of God Vacation Bible School  
Lois Henry, new Music Director
- May** Retirement Celebration for Pam Smith
- April** Holy Week and Easter celebration with a new Easter Sunrise Service
- March** Website redesign  
Wednesday evening Holy Land Program  
Rector's Class Tools of Faith
- February** Celebration of New Ministry by Bishop Russell Kendrick for Father Blake Hutson
- January** Welcomed Rev Blake Hutson and his family to St. Jude's
- December** Gingerbread Contest  
Breakfast in Bethlehem

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**ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT – 2023**

ALTAR CARE AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION

The Altar Guild prepares the Sanctuary and Chapel for worship. We assist the clergy by making ready those things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist and observance of other sacraments (weddings, baptisms, and funerals) and other offices of the church. During the Easter and Christmas seasons we ensure that the sanctuary and chapel are festively decorated. Among our duties are cleaning and polishing silver and brass, laundering linens, changing hangings to appropriate colors, setting up the hymn board and filling candles with liquid wax. We also ensure flowers and hymn numbers are properly displayed. We work in teams and our group can always use more volunteers so if anyone is interested in joining this ministry we would welcome you joining the rest of us in serving the Lord.

Thank you to the following who have been a part of this special ministry, Marge Ballon, Carolyn McAllister, Elizabeth Ray, Lyn Smith, Jenny Stuckey, Cathy White, Jennifer Willey, Gary Witkos and Sally Yancey.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gloria Witkos, Altar Guild Coordinator  
November 2023

## Sewing Guild Annual Report 2023

Mike Baugh

With an average attendance of six ladies on Wednesdays, we continue to craft items for charity. Since December 2022, we have created and donated:

- 12 scrap quilts to the Linus Project and another 10 donated to other organizations.
- 10 summer dresses for girls at Edge Elementary School.
- 4 prayer shawls to parishioners at the time of need.
- 2 large quilts donated to Beckwith Camp and Conference Center for Baylight's auction.
- 6 walker totes to Twin Cities Pavilion.

In addition, we send out birthday and anniversary greeting cards, make name tags for parishioners, give twin size quilts to our graduating seniors.

We generate income from the sale of quilts (7 sold this year). We welcome any lady who would like to join us any Wednesday morning. Sewing is not a requirement; however, if you want to learn how to make a scrap quilt, this is the place to be.

Michael Baugh, President

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## St. Jude's Daughters of the King Annual Meeting Report

The Daughters of the King is an international prayer order of the Episcopal, Catholic and Lutheran churches. We pray, serve and evangelize. The St. Jude's Chapter of the Daughters of the King was successfully reestablished on Monday, November 27th. The officers for our chapter are President - Sally Yancey, Vice President - Samantha Bishop, Secretary - Gloria (Glo) Witkos and Treasurer - Renee Larson.

The St. Jude's Chapter of the DOK is greatly blessed to welcome new Daughters, Kyra Speegle, Catherine Watson and Renee Larson. Samantha Bishop, Glo Witkos, Jennifer Treadwell and me are transitioning from the Mary Chapter of Daughters of the King, St. Simon's on the Sound, Episcopal Church.

Deacon Clelia Garrity, from St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church in Ft. Walton Beach, was our clergy study guide leader. She did an outstanding job of leading us on our spiritual journey of six weeks of discernment classes beginning September 10th, ending October 21st. I attended two of the classes and in my absence, Samantha Bishop did an outstanding job working with Deacon Clelia to complete the classes.

Mark you calendars for Sunday, January 14th, 2024 when Father Blake will lead us in our Service of Admission for new Daughters, Service of Rededication for Daughters renewing their vows and Installation of Officers for our chapter at the 10:30 service.

There is a prayer box in the narthex of our church with slips of paper for you to make a prayer request of us. We will put your prayers on our monthly prayer list. It is important to note; these prayers DO NOT appear in the service bulletin in the prayers of the people we receive when we come to church. Parishioners in the prayers of the people are on our monthly prayer list. Please feel free to fill out a prayer request slip, or a prayer of thanksgiving request in the DOK prayer box and we will pray for you. It is important to note ALL OF NAMES ON OUR PRAYER LIST ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the St. Jude's Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

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**2023 Parish Report Men’s Group Submission**

The Men’s Bible and religious-studies group meets every Wednesday morning, 07:20 - 08:30.

Join us in some “spirited discussion”! Additionally, each month we host a Fellowship Breakfast to assist in not only bringing ourselves together in Christ, but to welcome others in our community to know us and our Church (First Time Breakfast visitors are FREE!). So please, invite someone from your neighborhood, someone you know at work, or somebody that you might just meet to join us for “Breakfast and a Sermon”. Proceeds (donations) from these breakfasts provide support not only to our church, our youth and programs, but in our outreach to our community and beyond.

This year, thru the generous donations of our parish, we were able to provide the following:

- \$1,373** in **Youth** Education and Activities,
- \$1,270** In **Outreach** (CALM, CIC, Hawaii Episcopal Relief, Sharing and Caring),
- \$410** Diocesan Programs (**Wilmer Hall**)
- \$585** in **Church Maintenance** activities.
- Total \$3,638**

**Respectfully Submitted by  
Joe Morgan**

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**PARISH NURSE ANNUAL REPORT - 2023**

**Jenny Stuckey**

This year a Parrish Nurse Team with 5 volunteers was formed. The team’s purpose is to provide quarterly health education programs. The programs will begin in 2024. Presenters will include volunteers from our St. Jude’s family and the community. Target date for the first program is February.

I received calls and text messages monthly. This assures me that our members are comfortable asking for help and trust me to provide correct information. I have been contacted with questions on personal health, diagnosis, lab tests and medications. There were times that I had to do some research to provide the most current information. As a result, I became better informed also. Some of the articles that I have provided in the church newsletter are a result of information that was needed by a member of our St. Jude’s family. Any contact made with me is always confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

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**HELPING HANDS ANNUAL REPORT– 2023**

**Jenny Stuckey**

Helping Hands provides emergency food for members of our church family that are discharged from the hospital or have experienced a death in the family. This year we prepared and delivered 21 meals. Thanks to our ministry Fair we have recruited new members for our Helping Hands Team. We always welcome new volunteers if you would like to help. There are 11 of us that work together to provide this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Stuckey

## WELCOME COMMITTEE 2023

Cathy White

This is an exciting time for St Jude's as it is growing in attendance. The committee has presented 12 "mug bags" to new families/individuals attending St Jude's since the committee was reinstated this fall. A "mug bag" is a welcoming gift consisting of a St Jude's coffee mug, an invitation to be our guest at a monthly Fellowship Breakfast, a monthly Newsletter, a flyer about kids activities, various information about St Jude's, as well as pens and book marks. We welcome any suggestions for other initiatives to attract our newcomers. We ask everyone to continue to welcome visitors/newcomers and to notify a committee member of the need to present a "mug bag".....particularly if they have attended more than once.

Thank you to our committee members: Dottie Doherty, Renee Larson, Susan Roy, Cecilia Snyder, Jenny Stuckey, Elaine White, Charlie Yancey and Sally Yancey

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### Communication Committee Annual Report 2023

Communication, in no particular order, is Sunday morning worship bulletins, streamed services, bulletin boards, hallway flyers, phone calls, Reminder text messages, website, Facebook page, Facebook group, digital sign, banners, feathers, emails, newsletter, photographs, and each of us sharing with one another God's love by making sure we know what is going on.

I know that's a long list and a long sentence; and yet I wanted you to know all the ways St. Jude's Communication Team is involved in getting the word out (pun intended) to St. Jude's and our community.

And with a long list there are many people to thank.

Sunday morning worship bulletins: Anna Wells, Father Blake, Lois Henry

Streamed services: Michelle Crawford, Patrick Flynt, Ken Copeland

Bulletin boards: Jennifer Wiley, Anna Wells

Hallway flyers: Ken Copeland

Phone calls: Joe Morgan

Reminder text messages: Michelle Crawford, Debra Kosche

Website: Michelle Crawford, Debra Kosche

Facebook page: Michelle Crawford, Debra Kosche

Facebook group: Michelle Crawford, and all members of the group

Digital outdoor sign: Ken Copeland

Banners: Michelle Crawford, Amanda Kosche

Feathers: Heidi and Joe Morgan

Emails: Anna Wells, the human behind [info@stjudes.us](mailto:info@stjudes.us)

Newsletter: Cathy Self, Anna Wells, and everyone who contributes to it monthly

Photographs: Steve Larson, Elizabeth Ray, Grant Williams, Michelle Crawford, and others who share their Photographs.

The Communication Team is recruiting. We especially need two to four more people for streaming Sunday morning services. If you know your way around a computer, are familiar with the order of service, and are dependable and reliable, you could be a member of this very important ministry. If you would like to view an introduction to what is involved in this ministry go to <https://tinyurl.com/2f9f9yfd>. Thank you Michelle Crawford for creating this very informative video. As a matter of fact, even if you don't think this is a ministry for you, please watch the video to see why this is an important St. Jude's ministry and what is involved in providing our streamed services.

This is my last Communication Team Annual Report. I will still be on the Team, but no longer in a lead position.

Jesus tells us "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, (Mark 16:15) As we go forth from St. Jude's sharing the Good News of God's love, we are all members of the Communication Team.

Thank you all,  
Debra Kosche

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## Adult Education Report for 2023

Our weekly classes for the spring semester studied the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading and for the fall semester started a study of How to Read the Hebrew Bible from bibleproject.com.

Father Blake during Lent took us on a deep dive into the Book of Common Prayer, and in the Fall increased our understanding the Sunday lectionary readings, ending with Confirmation classes.

We conducted two Wednesday evening studies. During Lent, Carolyn and Bran McAllister shared their story of their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For Fall, Debra Kosche and Father Blake organized a five week study on death and dying titled Planning for a Graceful Exit. If you missed this, you can find the resources that were shared at <https://www.stjudes.us/education>. Thank you to the many, many people who setup, provided dinners, and cleaned up for these two programs. Thank you to all the people who attended these studies.

This will be my last annual report submission. I have been facilitating Adult Education for more than years than I can even remember, and it's time to provide space for others to share their gifts. I am planning to continue my Wednesday classes.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,  
Debra Kosche

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## Music Director's report 2023

Music is integral to our worship at St. Jude's, and it is an honor and pleasure to be working as music director at this wonderful church as we seek to glorify God together.

Since August 1, my official start date, work has been done to:

- ◆ grow the choir and incorporate anthems into the 10:30 service
- ◆ continue to incorporate children and youth into musical worship participation
- ◆ incorporate skilled congregation members as instrumentalists
- ◆ bring in occasional professional singers to enhance worship
- ◆ reconfigure the music area in the sanctuary
- ◆ work closely with the rector in worship planning
- ◆ increase the use of the organ in worship.

Goals for the future include

- ◆ continuing to grow the choir and its participation in worship
- ◆ encouraging and welcoming congregation members of all ages into musical activities in worship
- ◆ exhibiting good stewardship of the church's instruments, including considering and planning for eventual replacement of the aging keyboard and piano
- ◆ working to establish more singing opportunities for children and youth
- ◆ seeking to serve God and the church with our hearts and minds.

I am grateful for all who are now involved and am looking forward to continuing to grow the music program. Especially I thank Fr. Blake Hutson for his support and collegiality.

Respectfully submitted by

Lois Henry  
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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

### Reception

Thomas Palumbo	11/26
Will Stout	11/26
Dusty Rowland	11/26
Sarah Rowland	11/26

### Confirmed

Andrew Hughes	11/26
Logan Snyder	11/26
Logan Michel	11/26
Troy Speegle	11/26
Kyra Speegle	11/26
Betty DeVane	11/26

### DEATHS

Carolyn Riedel	2/08/2023
Mary Raines	4/07/2023
Charles Raines	6/26/2023
Anne Petrey	10/10/2023

### Re-Affirmed

Christopher Hughes	11/26
Geralyn Hughes	11/26

### New Members

Heidi, Matthew Senulis & Family	03/2023
Dusty, Sarah Rowland & Family	03/2023
Ellen Osborn	04/2023
Sheila & Will Stout	05/2023
Miriam Graham	05/2023
Tanya & Mathew Aimanovich	06/2023
Kathleen Dillon	06/2023
Dan, Julia Michel & Family	08/2023
Charles & Jennifer Abell	08/2023
Catherine Watson	08/2023
Betty DeVane	10/2023

### Rector's Pastoral Care

January - November 30, 2023

#### Worship

Sunday Services	84
Mid-Week Eucharist's	37
Sermons	116
Funerals	4
Special Services	17

#### Teaching

Rector's Classes & Confirmation	20
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#### Pastoral Care

Home Communion's	10
Hospital Visits /Rehab	40
In Home Visits	55

#### Ministry Meetings

Vestry	10
Senior Warden	42
Staff Members	69
Groups	31
Miscellaneous	54

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