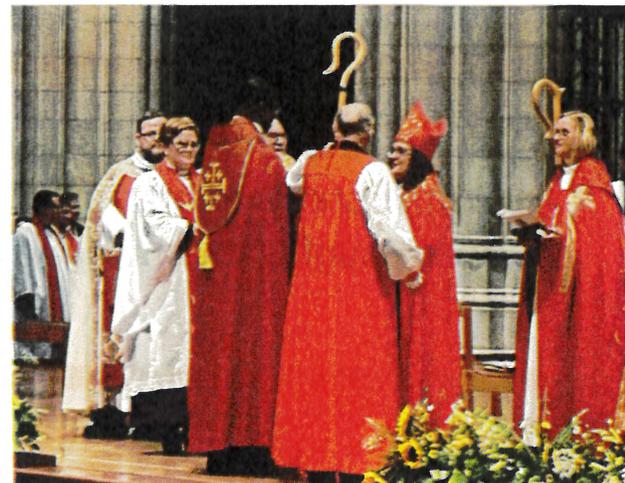


Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran Church

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY

Dear friends in Christ,

As Lutherans, we are set free to love our neighbors and seek justice. In Colossians 2, we read: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (6-7).

I am abounding in thankfulness for you, church. You are an integral part of this mission as we envision a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. The ministries of congregations including yours, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together today and every day so more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. From providing food to people experiencing hunger, to helping train the next generation of leaders that will lead this church, your support is at work here at home and around the world.

Your generosity to each of the three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has made it possible for us to do this work

together. Your financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices are so valued.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to continue to walk in Christ, remembering you are rooted and established in faith, and free to love and serve your neighbors. Thank you, church, for the ways you connect with and support our siblings across the ELCA and in our communities.

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yehiel Curry".

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

—Colossians 2:6-7

Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran Church

Nelsonville, Wisconsin

A Congregation of the Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2026; 11:00 am

Alana Woyak, President
Gretchen Anderson, Pastor
Dwight Anderson, Pastor

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Devotions
3. Secretary's report
4. Approval of the minutes
5. Pastor's report
6. Committee & Auxiliary reports:
 - a) Church Council Committee Reports
 - b) 2025 Church Council Report
 - c) Endowment Committee Report
7. Recess
8. Nelsonville Cemetery Association Annual Meeting
9. Resumption
10. Elections
11. Treasurer's report/Approval of Budget for 2026
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Adjournment
15. Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer
16. Reorganization meeting for new and outgoing Church Council members

2025 Pastors Report

*Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish,

I greet you on this Third Sunday after Epiphany in the strong name of Jesus! And I call you to an awareness of all that we have received, to gratitude in keeping with those gifts, and to a commitment to pass on those blessings to generations yet unborn.

It has been a year of tremendous grace. As the bigger churches around us falter and reduce staff, and as the little churches fail, we enter 2026 in a place of unparalleled strength. Both congregations own their property free and clear without external debt or encumbrance. Both buildings are prepared for – and capable of – a generation of use without substantial reinvestment. Beyond this – and most importantly – both congregations find themselves in a place of relative peace. We have our little disagreements, but our unity is strong. Thanks be to God!

It's also been a challenging year. Our society continues its devotion to incivility and violence and many of us are divided from family and friends. Many of our neighbors have forgotten how to be neighborly and some of us share those struggles – some of us have not been our best selves... Here in the parish, Pastor Gretchen has had several surgeries and her leadership has been missed during her recoveries.

As a family, after 34 years of continuous parenting, Pr. Gretchen and I have become “empty nesters”. We are trying to figure out our “new dance” for this phase of our lives. For decades we have had kids and their cuteness and their dumbness to discuss. Now what?!? As we transition, we continue to be so very grateful for your support and prayers and grace. This is a lovely place to serve!

For the lay staff, 2026 will be a year of transition. Our longtime preschool director and lead teacher are retiring, as is our church secretary. We are grateful indeed for all the gifts that Barb and Cory and Suzanne have shared with us! New faces and new gifts and some challenges of training and acclimation are facing all of us now, but I am certain that the congregations will welcome and respond to new staff members with grace and humor! Thank you all in advance for that!

Everything we have has been gifted to us by God. We have been blessed beyond measure by the fathers and mothers that founded these churches. We have been sustained and graced by the community around us now. God has been faithful and the community of the parish has kept the faith. Now, we are well set up to do the work of the kingdom in this time. There will be fears and there will be struggles. There will be crises within and without. But it is not a time for fear or for anxiety. It is not a time for retrenchment or undue caution. We have been gifted, and graced, and set free to do the work of God in this place. We have been gifted, and graced, and set free to deliver the faith to our neighbors and to our children's children. And God, who has so gifted, and graced and freed us, promises to be with us always, to the end of the age.

Be strong! Be of good cheer! The King of Love has claimed us and will sustain us.

Pastor Dwight for the pastoral team

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy the heav'nly kingdom comes.*

2025 OFFICIAL PASTORAL ACTS
Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran Church

Baptisms:

Rhett Mader	February 2, 2025
Luther William Hill	February 2, 2025
Holly Ann Lea	February 23, 2025
Jeremiah Joseph Smith	April 27, 2025
Alden Jay Graham	July 17, 2025
Aubree Becken	July 27, 2025
Noah Jay Heschke	December 7, 2025

Confirmed:

Wyatt Borgen	October 12, 2025
Oliver Snyder	October 26, 2025

Funerals:

Anita H. Peterson	March 6, 2025
Amy J. Pearson *	March 11, 2025 (Committal)
Les E. Peterson	March 25, 2025 (Committal)
LeRoy J. Rustad	July 18, 2025 (Committal)
Barbara A. Pearson	September 13, 2025

* Non-member

Members Received:

By Affirmation of Faith:
Will & Thresa Hill

Transferred:
Margaret Ann Hill

By Baptism:
Rhett Mader
Luther Hill
Holly Ann Lea
Jeremiah Joseph Smith
Alden Jay Graham
Aubree Becken
Noah Jay Heschke

Members Removed:

By Death:
Anita Peterson
Les Peterson
Barbara Pearson

To Friend of Congregation:
 Jacob Becken
 Beau Becken (baptized member)
 Trevor Knight
 Cassandra Garceau
 Brittney Garceau
 Duane Harris

Membership:

Baptized Membership on January 1, 2025 282
 Confirmed Membership on January 1, 2025 204

Accessions during 2025:	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
Children baptized (<=15 yr)	7	
Adult baptized (=>16 yr)		
Youth confirmed		2
Members Received	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Total:		

Losses during 2025:	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
By death		(3)
By letter of transfer/request	(1)	(5)
Statistical adjustment	<u>(3)</u>	<u>2</u>
Total:	(4)	(6)

Baptized Membership on December 31, 2025 286
 Confirmed Membership on December 31, 2025 202

Attendance

Average Sunday Attendance 53
 % of Baptized members present on Average Sunday 18
 % of Confirmed members present on Average Sunday . . . 26

Online Views

Average Online Views for Livestream Worship Services. . . 39

ONLINE VIEWS - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICES

Title	Video published	Views
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service 1/5/25	Jan 6, 2025	44
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service 1-12-25	Jan 13, 2025	45
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service 1-19-25	Jan 20, 2025	46
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service 1/26/2025	Jan 27, 2025	52
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service February 2, 2025	Feb 3, 2025	53
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Worship February 9, 2025	Feb 10, 2025	69
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service February 23 2025	Feb 24, 2025	61
Nelsonville Sunday Service 10:15 am March 2	Mar 3, 2025	36
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 9, 2025	Mar 10, 2025	44
Ash Wednesday Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm	Mar 13, 2025	13
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 16, 2025	Mar 17, 2025	36
Wednesday Lenten Service 10:30 AM; March 19, 2025	Mar 20, 2025	20
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 23, 2025	Mar 24, 2025	50
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service April 6 2025	Apr 7, 2025	43
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service April 13, 2025	Apr 14, 2025	30
Nelsonville 10:15 Easter Sunday Service April 20, 2025	Apr 21, 2025	42
Maundy Thursday at Nelsonville April 17th, 2025	Apr 21, 2025	36
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service April 27, 2025	Apr 28, 2025	19
The Seventh Mark of the Church for Maundy Thursday	May 2, 2025	11
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 4, 2025	May 5, 2025	39
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 11, 2025	May 12, 2025	37
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 18, 2025	May 19, 2025	30
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service May 25, 2025	May 26, 2025	38
Nelsonville Sunday Service, June 1, 2025 10:15 am	Jun 2, 2025	43
Nelsonville Sunday Service 10:15 am June 8, 2025	Jun 9, 2025	29
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 15, 2025	Jun 16, 2025	45
Pastor Dwight's Sermon from Trinity Sunday	Jun 20, 2025	23
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 22, 2025	Jun 23, 2025	32
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 29, 2025	Jun 30, 2025	32
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 6, 2025	Jul 7, 2025	60
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 13, 2025	Jul 14, 2025	44
Nelsonville Sunday Service July 20, 2025 10:15 am	Jul 21, 2025	40
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 27, 2025	Jul 28, 2025	38
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 3, 2025	Aug 4, 2025	35
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service, August 10, 2025	Aug 11, 2025	27
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service, August 17, 2025	Aug 18, 2025	33
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 24, 2025	Aug 25, 2025	30
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 31, 2025	Sep 1, 2025	52
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 7, 2025	Sep 8, 2025	24
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 14, 2025	Sep 15, 2025	35
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 21, 2025	Sep 22, 2025	29
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 28, 2025	Sep 29, 2025	29
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service October 5, 2025	Oct 6, 2025	65
Nelsonville 10:15 AM Sunday Service October 12, 2025	Oct 13, 2025	39
Nelsonville 10:15 AM Sunday Service October 19, 2025	Oct 20, 2025	39
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service October 26, 2025	Oct 27, 2025	40
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service November 2, 2025	Nov 3, 2025	57
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service - November 9, 2025	Nov 10, 2025	27
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service - November 16, 2025	Nov 17, 2025	35
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service November 30, 2025	Dec 1, 2025	66
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service December 14, 2025	Dec 15, 2025	68
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service December 21, 2025	Dec 22, 2025	29
Nelsonville Christmas Eve 10:00PM December 24, 2025	Dec 25, 2025	34
Nelsonville Sunday Service December 28, 2025	Dec 29, 2025	31
TOTAL		2104
AVERAGE VIEW		39

ONLINE VIEWS - ALL YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Title	Video published	Views
Year 1 Lesson 11: Moses	Jan 3, 2025	73
Candlelight Service from December 5th, 2024	Jan 3, 2025	43
Strength in Weakness	Jan 3, 2025	11
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service 1/5/25	Jan 6, 2025	44
Heavenly Signs	Jan 11, 2025	13
Candlelight Service from January 2nd, 2025	Jan 11, 2025	26
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service 1-12-25	Jan 13, 2025	45
Candlelight Service from January 9th, 2025	Jan 16, 2025	36
Y1L13 The 12 Spies and the Wanderings of Israel	Jan 17, 2025	52
God's Love Made Perfect	Jan 17, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service 1-19-25	Jan 20, 2025	46
Y1L14 Joshua and the Conquest of Israel	Jan 24, 2025	49
Hark the Bells!	Jan 24, 2025	6
Candlelight Service from January 16th, 2025.	Jan 24, 2025	37
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service 1/26/2025	Jan 27, 2025	52
Year 1 Lesson 15: Gideon	Jan 31, 2025	54
Dark Corners and Shadows	Jan 31, 2025	16
Candlelight Service from January 23, 2025.	Jan 31, 2025	27
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service February 2, 2025	Feb 3, 2025	53
Year 1, Lesson 16. Samson	Feb 7, 2025	51
Waiting	Feb 7, 2025	8
Candlelight Service from January 30th, 2025	Feb 7, 2025	19
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Worship February 9, 2025	Feb 10, 2025	69
An Ocean of Love	Feb 14, 2025	20
Candlelight Service from February 6th, 2025	Feb 14, 2025	28
Wandering	Feb 21, 2025	11
Candlelight Service from February 13th, 2025	Feb 21, 2025	29
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service February 23 2025	Feb 24, 2025	61
Nelsonville Sunday Service 10:15 am March 2	Mar 3, 2025	36
Candlelight Service from February 27th, 2025	Mar 7, 2025	29
On the 3rd Commandment	Mar 7, 2025	11
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 9, 2025	Mar 10, 2025	44
Ash Wednesday Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm	Mar 13, 2025	13
Year 1, Lesson 20: Saul & David Part II	Mar 14, 2025	25
Year 1 Lesson 18 Samuel	Mar 14, 2025	54
Year 1, Lesson 19: Saul & David I	Mar 14, 2025	35
On the 4th Commandment	Mar 14, 2025	10
Candlelight Service from March 6, 2025	Mar 14, 2025	19
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 16, 2025	Mar 17, 2025	36
Wednesday Lenten Service 10:30 AM; March 19, 2025	Mar 20, 2025	20
Year 1, Lesson 21: David	Mar 21, 2025	47
Candlelight Service from March 13th, 2025	Mar 21, 2025	16
On the 5th Commandment	Mar 21, 2025	6
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service March 23, 2025	Mar 24, 2025	50
Year 1, Lesson 22: Solomon	Mar 28, 2025	49
You Are Not Alone	Mar 28, 2025	8
Candlelight Service from March 20th, 2025	Mar 28, 2025	36
Embodied Grace	Apr 4, 2025	23
Candlelight Service from March 27th, 2025	Apr 4, 2025	5
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service April 6 2025	Apr 7, 2025	43
Candlelight Service from April 3rd, 2025	Apr 11, 2025	37
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service April 13, 2025	Apr 14, 2025	30
Candlelight Service from April 10th, 2025.	Apr 18, 2025	12
Seeds of Promise	Apr 18, 2025	12
Nelsonville 10:15 Easter Sunday Service April 20, 2025	Apr 21, 2025	42
Maundy Thursday at Nelsonville April 17th, 2025	Apr 21, 2025	36
Year 1, Lesson 24: Elisha	Apr 25, 2025	48
Living Water	Apr 25, 2025	13
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service April 27, 2025	Apr 28, 2025	19
Year 1, Lesson 25: Jonah	May 2, 2025	42
Candlelight Service from April 24th, 2025	May 2, 2025	30
The Seventh Mark of the Church for Maundy Thursday	May 2, 2025	11
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 4, 2025	May 5, 2025	39
Year 1, Lesson 26: Daniel	May 9, 2025	35
Remember	May 9, 2025	36
Candlelight Service from May 1st, 2025	May 9, 2025	28
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 11, 2025	May 12, 2025	37
Year 1, Lesson 28: Job	May 16, 2025	57
Year 1, Lesson 27: Esther	May 16, 2025	46
Struggling Seedlings	May 19, 2025	19
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service May 18, 2025	May 19, 2025	30
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service May 25, 2025	May 26, 2025	38
Candlelight Service from May 22nd, 2025.	May 30, 2025	9
Nelsonville Sunday Service, June 1, 2025 10:15 am	Jun 2, 2025	43
Candlelight Service from May 29th, 2025	Jun 6, 2025	13
Safe Space of Indwelling	Jun 6, 2025	14
Nelsonville Sunday Service 10:15 am June 8, 2025	Jun 9, 2025	29

Where Do I Begin?	Jun 13, 2025	13
Candlelight Service from June 5th, 2025	Jun 13, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 15, 2025	Jun 16, 2025	45
Pastor Dwight's Sermon from Trinity Sunday	Jun 20, 2025	23
Connections of Life	Jun 20, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 22, 2025	Jun 23, 2025	32
Candlelight Service from June 19th, 2025	Jun 27, 2025	18
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service June 29, 2025	Jun 30, 2025	32
On the 6th Commandment	Jul 4, 2025	14
Candlelight Service from June 26th, 2025	Jul 4, 2025	12
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 6, 2025	Jul 7, 2025	60
On the 7th Commandment	Jul 11, 2025	7
Candlelight Service from July 3rd, 2025	Jul 11, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 13, 2025	Jul 14, 2025	44
Candlelight Service from July 10th, 2025	Jul 18, 2025	6
Yes and No	Jul 18, 2025	3
Nelsonville Sunday Service July 20, 2025 10:15 am	Jul 21, 2025	40
Now the Silence	Jul 25, 2025	8
Candlelight Service from July 17th, 2025	Jul 25, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service July 27, 2025	Jul 28, 2025	38
Darkness and Light - Part 1	Aug 1, 2025	3
Candlelight Service from July 24th, 2025	Aug 1, 2025	4
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 3, 2025	Aug 4, 2025	35
Darkness and Light - Part 2	Aug 8, 2025	3
Candlelight Service from July 31st, 2025	Aug 8, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service, August 10, 2025	Aug 11, 2025	27
Darkness and Light - Part 3	Aug 15, 2025	5
Candlelight Service from August 7th, 2025	Aug 16, 2025	15
Nelsonville 10:15 am Sunday Service, August 17, 2025	Aug 18, 2025	33
Candlelight Service from August 14th, 2025	Aug 22, 2025	7
Beginnings and Endings - Part 1	Aug 22, 2025	5
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 24, 2025	Aug 25, 2025	30
Candlelight Service from August 21st, 2025.	Aug 29, 2025	7
Why Should I Believe?	Aug 29, 2025	8
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service August 31, 2025	Sep 1, 2025	52
Candlelight Service from August 28th, 2025	Sep 5, 2025	15
Beginnings and Endings - Part 2	Sep 7, 2025	1
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 7, 2025	Sep 8, 2025	24
Space and Time - Part 1	Sep 12, 2025	13
Candlelight Service from September 4th, 2025	Sep 12, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 14, 2025	Sep 15, 2025	35
Confirmation 2025-26 Orientation	Sep 19, 2025	62
Candlelight Service from September 11th, 2025	Sep 19, 2025	6
Space and Time - Part 2	Sep 19, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 21, 2025	Sep 22, 2025	29
Candlelight Service from September 18th, 2025	Sep 26, 2025	15
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service September 28, 2025	Sep 29, 2025	29
To the Mountain Top	Oct 3, 2025	3
Candlelight Service from September 25th, 2025	Oct 3, 2025	4
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service October 5, 2025	Oct 6, 2025	65
Y2L1 25-26 The Basics: The Gospels	Oct 8, 2025	41
Y2 L2&3 2025-2026 Cast of Characters & Jesus, True God and True Man	Oct 10, 2025	35
Nelsonville 10:15 AM Sunday Service October 12, 2025	Oct 13, 2025	39
Year 2 Lesson 4. 25-26. The Basics: What Does It Mean To Be A Christian	Oct 17, 2025	30
Into the Valley	Oct 17, 2025	1
Candlelight Service from October 9th, 2025	Oct 17, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 AM Sunday Service October 19, 2025	Oct 20, 2025	39
Candlelight Service from October 16th, 2025	Oct 24, 2025	8
Into the Valley - Part 2	Oct 24, 2025	3
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service October 26, 2025	Oct 27, 2025	40
Y2L5 25-26. Jesus' Life: Birth, Infancy, & Childhood	Oct 29, 2025	28
Y2L6 25-26. Jesus' Life: Baptism, Temptation & Calling the Disciples	Oct 31, 2025	32
In the Valley	Oct 31, 2025	6
Candlelight Service from October 23rd, 2025	Oct 31, 2025	15
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service November 2, 2025	Nov 3, 2025	57
Met in the Valley	Nov 7, 2025	4
Candlelight Service from October 30th, 2025	Nov 7, 2025	10
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service - November 9, 2025	Nov 10, 2025	27
Y2L7 2025-2026 Jesus' Life: Holy Week	Nov 13, 2025	45
Y2L8 2025-2026 Jesus' Life: Easter Through Ascension	Nov 13, 2025	33
Candlelight Service from November 6th, 2025	Nov 14, 2025	3
Amazing Grace	Nov 14, 2025	6
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service - November 16, 2025	Nov-17, 2025	35
Candlelight Service from November 13th, 2025	Nov 21, 2025	7
Saints, and Saints Alive	Nov 21, 2025	11
Called to be Generous in Love	Nov 28, 2025	5
Candlelight Service from November 20th, 2025	Nov 28, 2025	26
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service November 30, 2025	Dec 1, 2025	66
Year 2 Lesson 9. 2025-2026. Parables: God is Like...	Dec 3, 2025	45
Y2L10. 2025-2026. Teachings: The Law, Especially Sabbath Law	Dec 5, 2025	24
On the 8th Commandment	Dec 5, 2025	7
Y2L11. 2025-2026. Miracles: Women and Outsiders	Dec 12, 2025	41
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service December 14, 2025	Dec 15, 2025	68
Nelsonville 10:15 Sunday Service December 21, 2025	Dec 22, 2025	29
Nelsonville Christmas Eve 10:00PM December 24, 2025	Dec 25, 2025	34
Nelsonville Sunday Service December 28, 2025	Dec 29, 2025	31
TOTAL		4315
AVERAGE VIEW		26

**Nelsonville Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2025 - DRAFT**

Meeting was called to order by Gary Gordon at 11:04 am.

Pastor Dwight Anderson gave opening Liturgy.

Gary Gordon asked everyone to look over last year's minutes.

Dean O. made a motion to accept last year's minutes and Peggy P. seconded, all voted aye.

Pastor Dwight Anderson gave the report on page 2.

He stated that if you look on page 4 you will see there were no baptisms for 2024.

On page 5 at the bottom shows the summary of attendance which is kind of sad, only 18% of baptized families go to church and it should be at least 30%.

Rural churches around us are having trouble finding pastors.

If you look at pages 6 and 7 you will see 4,357 total views online for 2024. Pastor Dwight also stated that they are working on getting a credit card scanner to use in church to give offerings; this way, people who do not carry cash can use their phone or credit card for offerings.

On page 5 Gloria O. asked what percentage of Nelsonville members there are compared to Amherst members at the outside services. Pastor Dwight Anderson said about 80% are Nelsonville members.

Gary Gordon asked everyone to look over all reports submitted on pages 9 to 16. Motion made by Ed F. to accept the slate of reports, seconded by Gail B. All voted aye.

Ed F. talked about the endowment fund and everything that they have done for the year.

Willie L. made a motion to accept 1 through 8 in the recommendations, Gary A. seconded. All voted aye.

Ed F. mentioned that #9 on the list did not submit an application and he reached out to them. The endowment fund is asking for one time only to accept the recommendation late. Gary A. made a motion to accept the application and Nolan K second. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Nic L. to go into recess and Gloria O. seconded. All voted aye.

Karla L. called annual meeting to order for the cemetery board. She asked everyone to look over pages 16 to 19. Motion made by Dean O. to accept the minutes, Jon L. seconded. All voted aye.

Karla asked everyone to look over page 18 and 19. Peggy P. made a motion to accept the financials and Willy L. seconded. All voted aye.

Gloria O. made a motion to close the meeting, Linda L. seconded. All voted aye.

Gail B. made a motion to go back into church meeting, and Dean O. seconded. All voted aye.

Election paper was filled in. Peggy P. asked to close the election ballot, Willie L. seconded. All voted aye.

Ed F. made a motion to vote on the slate and Gail B. seconded. All voted aye.

Treasurers Report was given by Judy K. on pages 22 to 25. Gary A. made a motion to receive the 2024 budget, Linda L. seconded. All voted aye.

Judy asked everyone to look at the 2025 budget on page 26. She stated the council has looked over the budget and incoming money and would like to change the benevolences from 27% to 15%. Motion made by Gloria O. to accept the 2025 budget and seconded by Ruth G. All voted aye.

Old Business – none.

New Business

Ed F. made a motion for council to look over membership and make sure they are in the correct category (friends of the church, snowbirds, full-time members).

Gary A. seconded. All voted aye.

Jenna L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dean O. seconded. All voted aye.

Pastor Dwight Anderson closed with a prayer at 12:14 pm.

Reorganization meeting for new members was at 12:10 pm.

Council members are Alanya Woyak, Gary Gordon, Rhonda Garceau, Judy Konkol, Nic Lea, John Loberg, Terry Benzine, and Travis Ambrose.

Motion made by Terry to accept the slate of officers, second by Nic, and all voted aye.

Nic made a motion to adjourn meeting at 12:25 pm and seconded by John. All voted aye.

Minutes submitted by
Rhonda Garceau

Nelsonville Lutheran Church 2025 Presidents Report

Another wonderful year at Nelsonville Church. How lucky we are to have such a beautiful little church in our community with such wonderful pastors who give unconditionally, and are constantly devoted and dedicated.

Some of the things that were accomplished include: new gutters on the church, trees that were concerning were removed and the cleanup was done by volunteers in confirmation and the congregation, a tree will be planted near the front of the church in the spring in memory of Anita Peterson – a longtime member of the church, church council and the quilting group.

Social Sunday and greeters were reinstated.

Chile and Flannel Sunday was organized and well received. The congregation was encouraged to wear a flannel shirt to church and chili was served after service. A three-piece musical group played during church and during lunch.

Council decided to cancel outdoor services at this time, however Sunday services continue to be streamed live on the website. Our Thursday Candlelight services have been discontinued as of mid-December.

Central Sands School was given a tour of the church by Pastor Gretchen. They learned about the history of the founding of the church, people who helped get it going, and the continuing of the Scandinavian heritage.

Parking lines were repainted along the road in front of the church.

Well water was tested and there was not a single problem with the water in the new well.

Alana Woyak
Council President

Nelsonville Lutheran Church 2025 Stewardship Report

Stewardship – Our Response to What God Has Done

Nelsonville Lutheran Church had a banner year in service to its ministry. We saw new people stepping into leadership in a committed way, coming alongside those who have served through the years. This must be celebrated. It is not only encouraging but tells us the future is in good hands. Nelsonville has worked peaceably in ways that lift up their witness to newcomers, to its sister congregation in the parish, and to the community. I always say, “What we do matters. How we do it matters more. And for whom we do it matters the most!” Christ is our guide!

The support for the Liturgy Video Project on November 1st showed a commitment to give beyond what the congregation receives from itself to the broader church. I, in particular, thank you for that. Visitors were very impressed with the generosity of Nelsonville. The pastors of the synod expressed the same when they participated in the event at the Theological Conference.

In other news, Fellowship, Sunday School/Education, Altar Guild, and the quilting ministry had good support from the congregation as a whole. None of these ministries would thrive without their commitment. Regular, committed givers who give in response to all God has done make this church thrive!

In Gratitude,
Pastor Gretchen for the pastoral team and elected leaders

Nelsonville Lutheran Church 2025 Fellowship Committee Report

We continued to have Social Sundays once a month. It is a great time to stop and have a cookie or sweet treat or a ham sandwich and spend a few minutes chatting with fellow worshipers. Thank you to all who brought treats and hosted a Social Sunday.

We also had cake after our young teenagers were confirmed.

Congrats to our new members of the congressional.

In October we had Flannel Sunday and enjoyed chili after worship service. We had about a dozen different chilis. Lots of members pitched in and brought bread, desserts, drinks, and chili. Thank you to all who helped make it a success

2025 was a great year! We are planning a few more fellowship events, maybe a sledding day at Nelsonville Hill. Or a pancake breakfast!

God Bless and God Speed,
Nic Lea

NELSONVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025 WELCA Annual Report

Nelsonville WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) consists of all women members of the congregation, divided alphabetically into service groups. These groups are responsible for serving our church community for soup suppers and funerals. These groups are chaired by:

Peggy Henke	Group 1	A-D
Judy Konkol	Group 2	E-K
Linda Packer	Group 3	L-P
Carol Romundson	Group 4	Q-Z

WELCA Activities include:

Lenten Soup Suppers: we served soup prior to three Lenten Services.

Lutheran World Relief: collect items and complete kits and quilts and prepare for shipping.

Funerals: served for one funeral.

Thanks to donations of money and supplies from church members, the Endowment Fund, and the Thrivent Action Team members, we shipped the following to Lutheran World Relief in October:

308	Quilts
213	Personal Care Kits
151	Baby Care Kits
97	Additional Baby Care Kits were delivered to Lutheran World Relief in South Saint Paul on December 17
304	School Kits
2	Blankets

Thank you to the men and women who helped with the soup suppers and the funeral by setting up tables and chairs, providing soup and desserts, and donating your time.

As Lutheran World Relief changes their regulations, regarding quilts and kits, we are working hard to change to meet those new regulations. We appreciate everyone's help.

To each of you... Thank you for your time, talents, and dedication to help people in need around the world. Thank you to everyone who donated money and supplies for the quilts and kits.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Onan, WELCA President

NELSONVILLE WOMEN OF THE ELCA
 Judy Konkol - Treasurer
 2025

Balance Forward January 1, 2025 **\$14,863.87**

Receipts:

From Endowment for Quilters	\$2,000.00	
In Memory of Anita donations for Quilters	\$100.00	
From Endowment for LWR Kits	\$1,500.00	
Donations for LWR Kits	\$2,925.00	
Memory of Judy Arneson (for Baby Care Kits)	\$50.00	
Memory of Barb Pearson	\$55.00	
Social Sundays	\$14.00	
Lenten Soup Suppers	\$122.00	
Voie Funeral Care/Anita Peterson's funeral	\$200.00	
Memorial Tree for Anita Peterson	\$260.00	
Shipping for Quilts	\$2,670.00	
Thankoffering	\$110.00	
Sub-Total Receipts		\$10,006.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$24,869.87**

Expenses:

Oklee Quilting	\$532.76	
Lutheran World Relief Quilting Supplies	\$2,147.58	
Lutheran World Relief Kit Supplies	\$9,002.71	
Catholic Purchasing/new dining room table	\$645.84	
Amherst Family Foods - Soup Suppers	\$44.35	
Check to Gloria for Cash	\$2.83	
Emily Gray-Check for camp for Brynley	\$260.30	
Kitchen Supplies	\$89.81	
Antiquity Acres-Memorial Tree-Anita Peterson	\$198.33	
Wire to Hang Pictures	\$2.10	
Lutheran World Relief (Shipping of quilts)	\$2,792.00	
Soup Supper + Shipping for Quilts)		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$15,718.61

Balance on Hand - December 31, 2025 **\$9,151.26**

Included in this balance:

\$1,482.93 General (\$1,827.19)	
\$4,133.20 designated for LWR Quilting (\$4,713.54)	
\$771.35 designated for LWR Kits (\$5,299.06)	
\$1,726.95 designated for Bible Camp ((\$1,987.25)	
\$100.83 designated for CARE (\$100.83)	
\$936.00 designated "Use As Needed" (\$936.00)	
\$9,151.26	

C.A.R.E. (Caring Arms Reaching Everywhere) Ministry 2025 Annual Report

Committee Members: Brandi Marquard, Ramona Romundson (Christmas gift bags), Sandra Lynne Schmutzler, Debi Hoffman (Peace church contact), and Gail Benzine (Nelsonville church contact).

Monthly Volunteers: Abby Blanke, Crystal Harris, Kendall Johnson, Nola Knight, Sally Prideaux, Brandi Marquard, Debi Hoffman, Marlene Sannes, Sandra Lynne & Mark Schmutzler, Terry and Gail Benzine.

2025 Activities:

- Handmade cards and gifts were delivered monthly to our limited mobility parish members
- Christmas Gift Bag Project
- 16 recipients were touched by C.A.R.E. monthly

Balance brought forward 1/1/2025:

Balance in WELCA account	\$100.83
Balance in Nelsonville church account.	\$100.00

Remaining balance on 12/31/2025:

Balance in WELCA account	\$100.83
Balance in Nelsonville church account.	\$100.00

A big thank you to our amazing youth, who have brought so much joy to our limited mobility church members through their contributions to C.A.R.E.

The steadfast dedication of our volunteers, Pastor Gretchen, and Pastor Dwight, in addition to the prayerful support of our parish family, continue to make this ministry possible.

Respectfully submitted by
Gail Benzine

Youth Ministry 2025 Annual Report

This year has been a busy year with outreach projects in the community.

Our group may be small but gets a lot done, and we have a great time laughing and chatting with each other.

We usually have a meeting every month during the school year except during Lent

Here are some highlights from 2025:

- January – Took orders for pizza fries.
- February – Made our famous pizza fries.
- May – Made cards to hand out in church for Mother's Day and Father's Day.
– Graduation Sunday for all our seniors
- July – The youth had their annual social pie sale. It was a great turn out and we sold lots of yummy pies.
- September – Youth helped serve food at Celebrate Nelsonville.
- September – High school youth game night with families.
- October – Made gifts for CARE.
– 14 Confirmation students were confirmed.
- November – Made chew toys for the Humane Society.
- December – Youth night was canceled because of weather, but we sold homemade cookie jar dough during worship services.

Respectfully submitted by
Rhonda Garceau

Nelsonville Lutheran Church

Property and Live Stream Report

1. 4/14/25; Contacted Budsberg Septic in regard to the postcard the church received for the septic system inspection and/pumping as required by law. We schedule him for 4/25/25 to do an inspection of the system.
2. 4/24/25; I had to go to the church to unlock the septic tank covers. I observed that on one tank cover the chain was no longer connected to the fastener on the tank sleeve. Could not locate the keys for two of the tanks. Found one key for the third tank. I installed two new locks and fastened some new connectors to the tank sleeve allowing the tank covers to be secured properly.
3. 8/7/25; Received an email from Christine Klessig stating that she was having a problem hearing via the hearing loop at church. I gave her John Loberg's phone number and email and suggested she contact him on this matter. She had not heard back from John.
4. 8/11/25; Regarding Christine Klessig's complaint regarding the hearing loop issue, I went to the church to re-boot the system. I sent her an email stating that she should come to church this Sunday and let me know if it now works.
5. 8/11/25; I received a text stating that there was water throughout the floor in the furnace room in the basement. I was asked to contact Wesley Heating to see if the unit was low on refrigerant. Instead of contacting a contractor, I asked when the filter was last changed, and I was informed that it was in September of 2024.
6. 8/12/25; I went to church early in the morning and looked at the situation. I recall having the same thing happening about a year ago due to dirty furnace filters. I set up a fan to dry out the interior of the furnace and the floor adjacent to it. I went back after lunch and installed a new filter. Everything worked properly.
7. 8/13/25; I went to the church in the afternoon. The floor was dry and so was the interior of the furnace. I replaced the filter in all the furnaces and reset the "change filter" reminder on all of them.
8. 8/20/25; I received a call from Christine Klessig regarding the hearing loop issue she had brought up earlier in the month. She said it still wasn't working. I sent an email to Greg Lampert at Arrow AV group requesting assistance on this issue. He responded with some solutions that I could try before calling in for a service call.
9. 9/3/25; I, along with Chris Klessig, met with Greg Lampert from Arrow AV at 9:00 AM. He had done a series of tests on the hearing loop and the amplifier. He made a couple of minor adjustments, but his biggest issue was the excessive "noise" that he was picking up through our electrical system. There is some piece of equipment or appliance within the church that is causing the "noise". He recommended that we hire an electrician to locate the source of this noise. Greg used an inductive probe to make this determination. He suspects that an electrician would probably use the same device. It was recommended that anyone using hearing aids sit closer to the center of the pew. The center aisle has zero reception.
10. 9/12/2025; Met with Cintas for annual inspection of fire extinguishers.
11. 11/23/25; We had issues with live-streaming this morning as it would not connect. I went over to the church in the afternoon. Once logged into the laptop, I noticed that the default browser icons were all changed to Google Chrome. The normal default browser is Microsoft Edge. I switched the default browser back to Edge and everything worked properly.
12. 12/7/25; I was not able to live-stream this morning for the Sunday Service. When attempting to do this, an error message came up stating that there was an issue with the encoder. Attempts at correcting the problem were unsuccessful. I scheduled a meeting with Stu McDonald, the tech guy from the Thursday night service to help resolve the problem.

13. 12/10/25; Met with Stu at 5:00 PM. After two hours, all our attempts to get the live-stream to work were unsuccessful. We came up with a plan for the next night to see if we would have better results. I contacted Roger Idhe at Northern Sound and Video in regard to the issue we were having. He stated that we were the third church he had been contacted for the same problem. He said that it was an issue with our server connecting to YouTube.
14. 12/11/25; I texted this information to Stu. I went to church and unsuccessfully tried to get the system to work. I contacted Roger at NSV. He suggested that I call one of his technicians (Sage). I called Sage and left a voice mail.
15. 12/12/2025; I received a call from Sage at NSC around 9:15 AM. He was willing to assist me in getting our live-stream up and running again. It was determined that the reason for our lack of logging into the live-stream was due to two things. First, YouTube did an update to their platform. Second, the input switch was in the wrong position. Someone must have accidently touched it and switched it from HDMI to SDI. After being on the phone with Sage for about three hours, we had everything back to working again.
16. 12/26/2025; I contacted Stu McDonald, tech person from the Thursday night candlelight service. I wanted to meet with him to go over all the equipment that sits on the floor behind the lectern. My concern being that all this equipment is owned by the Nelsonville Church and that no one from the church knows how to use it to our advantage. My goal is to put together some diagrams and notes so that if we should decide to use it for an event, we will have instructions on how to do so. He said that he would contact me and set up a date and time.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Konkol

**Nelsonville Cemetery Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
26 January 2025**

Gary Gordon, Vice President of the Nelsonville Congregation, recessed the Congregation Annual Meeting to allow for the start of the Nelsonville Cemetery Association Annual Meeting.

Karla Leppen, Secretary/Treasurer of the Nelsonville Cemetery Association, called the Nelsonville Cemetery Association Annual Meeting to order. Ms. Leppen asked if there were any questions on the President's Letter, 2024 Annual Meeting minutes, or 2024 Treasurer's Report which are printed in the Congregation Annual Report, pages 16-19. Hearing no questions, Ms. Leppen asked for a motion to approve all reports as written. Dean Onan made the motion, second by John Loberg. The motion was carried by unanimous vote of Congregation. Ms. Leppen asked for any questions regarding the Cemetery as there was no Old or New Business to discuss.

As no other business was brought forward, Ms. Leppen asked for a motion to adjourn the Cemetery Annual Meeting. Gloria Onan made a motion to adjourn, Linda Lingelbach second. The motion carried on unanimous vote and the floor was returned to the Vice President of the Congregation for resumption of the Congregation Annual Meeting.

Karla A. Leppen
Secretary/Treasurer

During voting of the Congregation, it was noted that the two Trustees with expired terms, Don Wolding and Jim Henke, agreed to an additional term. During voting they were re-elected.

At the Trustees Meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting attended by Karla Leppen, John Loberg, and William Loberg and Dean Onan, current officers, Jim Henke-President and Karla Leppen-Secretary/Treasurer, were re-elected for the 2025 term. Absent from the meeting were Trustees, Don Wolding and Jim Henke.

**Nelsonville Cemetery Association
Income & Expense Statement
December 31, 2025**

	Balance Brought Forward 1-1-2025	\$8,334.85
Receipts:		
	Donations:	
	Memorial Gifts	\$75.00
	General Fund	5,100.00
	Wreaths Across America	704.00
	Veterans' Day Observance	0.00
		\$5,879.00
	Surrenders and Transfers:	
	Close Associated CD + Interest	55,000.00
	Interest Income:	
	Saving Account - Interest Paid	25.72
	Associated CD - Interest Paid	3,069.09
	Other Receipts:	
	Burial Fees	75.00
	Burial Lot Grant	800.00
	Columbarium Niche Grant	3,450.00
	Nelsonville Lutheran Church Annual Contribution	1,000.00
		5,325.00
	Total Receipts	\$69,298.81
Disbursements:		
	Cemetery Mowing/Plowing and Lawn Care Services:	
	Fertilization - Green Boyz	500.00
	General Landscaping and Reseeding	0.00
		500.00
	Building/Equipment Maintenance:	
	Lawn Mover Annual Maintenance-Reisterer & Schnell	301.33
	Monument/Columbarium Maintenance	
	Monument Repair	0.00
	Columbarium Niche Engraving	840.00
		840.00
	Investment Activity:	
	New Columbarium Recovery Money Market Account	2,700.00
	New International Bank of Amherst CD at 2.93%	63,069.09
	General Fund IBA MM Addition	1,000.00
		66,769.09
	Wreaths Across America:	
	Cost of Wreaths	697.00
	Donation to VFW for Flag Service	0.00
		697.00
	Other Disbursements:	
	Grounds Supplies - Plow Stakes	0.00
	Secretarial Office Supplies	0.00
	Postage	0.00
		0.00
	Total Disbursements	-\$69,107.42
	Ending Balance December 31, 2025	\$8,526.24

Nelsonville Cemetery Association
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2025

Assets		Liabilities	
General Fund	\$4,640.75	Accounts Payable-Perpetual Care	\$1,150.00
Wreaths Across America Fund	746.00	Accounts Payable - Columbarium Pre-Pay	125.00
Veterans' Day Observance Fund	345.00		
Building/Equipment Fund	1,794.49		
Grounds/Lawn Care Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>		
Total General Fund Assets	8,526.24	Total Liabilities	<u>1,275.00</u>
Accounts Receivable	0.00		
Other Assets:		Equity	
Cemetery Annuity (3/22/2028, 5%)		Cemetery Equity	<u>201,023.31</u>
Perpetual Care Fund	25,000.00		
Bequest Fund	32,000.00		
Maintenance Trust	25,000.00		
General Fund Donations	18,000.00		
Money Market Funds			
General Fund Donations	28,000.09		
Columbarium Reserve Fund	2,702.89		
Cemetery CD (06/27/2026, 2.95%, IBA)			
Herbert Wolding Trust	50,000.00		
Anonymous Donations	10,000.00		
Interest Applied as of 12/27/2025	<u>3,069.09</u>		
Total Other Assets	<u>193,772.07</u>		
Total Assets	<u>\$202,298.31</u>	Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$202,298.31</u>

Trustees:

Jim Henke, President (2028)	Willie Loberg, Trustee (2026)
Karla Leppen, Secretary/Treasurer (2027)	Dean Onan, Trustee (2026)
Don Wolding, Trustee (2028)	John Loberg (2027)

Nelsonville Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee Report 2025

The Endowment Fund Committee's mission continues to be a responsible steward of funds that support and enhance the work of the church addressing human needs at home and abroad.

Total amount available and recommended for distributions this year is \$33,315

We received eleven grant applications this year requesting in excess of \$55,000. Considering all the Nelsonville Lutheran Endowment Committee recommendations are as follows:

CAP Services - serving five central WI counties	\$5,000
Village of Nelsonville Parks Committee	\$4,000
Tomorrow River School District Food Service	\$1,000
WI/Nicaragua Partners of America	\$5,015
Foundations of Living - Waupaca	\$6,000
Tomorrow River Church High School Youth	\$1,000
Celebrate Nelsonville	\$1,000
Portage Co. Home & Community Education	\$3,500
Nelsonville WELCA	
	<u>\$6,800</u>
TOTAL	\$33,315

As guided by church membership survey's potential contacts for future funding includes:

Lutheran Hour Ministries, Jensen Center, Wycliffe, Lutheran Indian Ministries, and Destiny Point

The Endowment Committee also recommends increasing our committee size to five (5) members with the Pastor being one (1) member WITH a vote and increasing the appointment duration from 3 to 4 years under the "Continuing Resolution" status of our committee.

Nelsonville Lutheran Church Endowment Committee
Statement of Financial Position 12/31/2025
This statement reflects activity from 1/1/25 to 12/31/2025

Assets:

Cash/Checking - International Bank of Amherst \$11,154.78

Investments:

North Star Asset Management Inc. \$921,106.45

TOTAL Assets: \$932,261.23

Contributions: \$20,100.00

Transfers:

From North Star to Bank of Amherst (2024 grants) \$29,600

Portage Co. H.C.E.	\$2,250
Marshfield Ronald McDonald House	\$1,800
Nelsonville WELCA	\$3,500
Salvation Army	\$4,325
Lutheran Indian Ministries	\$4,325
TR High School Youth	\$1,500
Celebrate Nelsonville	\$1,500
WI/Nicaragua Partners	\$5,400
Foundations of Living	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$29,600

Expenditures: \$ 0.00

SUMMARY:

Beginning Balance	\$842,524.12
Contributions	\$20,100
Earnings	\$103,482.15
Fees	\$4,245.04
Gifts Out	<u>\$29,600</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/25	\$932,261.23

Respectfully submitted: Treasurer Kim Becken

NELSONVILLE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2025
 GENERAL FUND
 12/31/2025

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1-1-2025 \$440,350.49

RECEIPTS:

GENERAL RECEIPTS:

Envelope Offerings-General	\$192,298.57
Loose Offerings-General	\$2,818.00
Candlelight Service on Thursdays	\$3,633.00
For Thursday Night Services Expenses	\$1,000.00
Where Needed Most	\$20.00
Pastor Discretionary Fund Donations	\$122,002.30
Thrivent Choice	\$1,484.00
Easter Lillies	\$167.00
Youth Fund	\$4,280.00
Will Designate Later	\$20,093.65
For Pastor Salaries & Maintenance of Church	\$10,000.00
From Diaz Family	\$4,590.00

SUB TOTAL \$362,386.52

PASS THROUGH RECEIPTS:

Improvement Fund	\$1,355.00
In Memory of Anita Peterson	\$1,990.00
In Memory of Allen & Claryce Henke	\$100.00
Donations to Peace Lutheran	\$3,350.00
Lutheran Disaster-Texas Donation	\$200.00
New TRACK Sign	\$40.00
Celebrate Nelsonville	\$2,200.00
WELCA Shipping for Quilts	\$70.00
WELCA Care Kits	\$2,300.00
WELCA Thank Offering	\$110.00
Peace's Part of "Christ In Our Home"	\$284.00
Peace's Part of Supply Pastor	\$574.54
Wreaths Across America	\$103.00
Donations for Band "Dale & Friends"	\$329.00
From Thrivent-Onan Schlorship Fund	\$500.00

SUB TOTAL \$13,505.54

TOTAL 2025 RECEIPTS \$375,892.06

TOTAL \$816,242.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

GENERAL DISBURSEMENTS:

Budget Expenses (see line 47 on budget report)	\$144,312.56
Benevolences Paid Out (see Line 62 on budget report)	\$29,267.59
Thursday Night Candlelight Service	\$52,028.57
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$112,214.13
Village of Nelsonville-Celebrate Nelsonville 2021	\$4,543.83
Youth Fund	\$19.99
Estate of Leonard Kjer	\$10,574.67
Will Designate Later	\$9,975.00
Easter Lillies	\$157.95
Diaz Family Expenses	\$6,684.23

SUBTOTAL \$369,778.52

PASS THROUGH DISBURSEMENTS:

Improvement Fund	\$1,355.00
In Memory of Anita Peterson	\$1,990.00
In Memory of Allen & Claryce Henke	\$100.00
Donations to Peace Lutheran	\$3,350.00
Lutheran Disaster-Texas Donation	\$200.00
New TRACK Sign	\$40.00
Celebrate Nelsonville	\$2,200.00
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From Thrivent-Onan Schlorship Fund	\$500.00

SUBTOTAL \$13,505.54
 TOTAL 2025 DISBURSEMENTS

BALANCE 12/31/25 \$383,284.06
\$432,958.49

RE-CAP OF DESIGNATED FUNDS:

GENERAL FUND	\$216,109.29
Candlelight Serives Offering	\$12,038.00
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$821.83
Thrivent Choice	\$17,343.00
Youth Fund	\$11,130.91
Estate of Leonard Kjer	\$81,113.43
Will Designate Later	\$60,421.16
Where Needed Most	\$1,237.61
Benevolences Not Paid Out - Ministry Fund	\$12,101.85
Benevolences Not Paid Out - Seminary Support	\$12,014.33
Kids Basket/Sunday School Offerings	\$877.27
Hardanger Artist	\$650.00
AODA Certification	\$3,000.00
Sunday School Donation	\$1,595.00
Community Ministry	\$1,761.61
Stephens Ministry Training	\$643.20
C.A.R.E. Program	\$100.00
	\$432,958.49

Interest Income \$14,164.89

THRIVENT MUTUAL - IMPROVEMENT FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1-1-2025	\$30,274.48	
RECEIPTS:		
Offerings (Line 26)	\$1,355.00	
"New Furnaces" from budget worksheet Line 9	\$2,500.00	
Dividends Reinvested	\$1,299.73	
TOTAL 2025 RECEIPTS	\$5,154.73	
TOTAL		\$35,429.21
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TOTAL 2025 DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	
Balance 12-31-25		\$35,429.21
This funds includes:		
Landscaping & Parking Lot Design	\$3,300.00	
New Furnances	\$23,586.00	

THRIVENT MUTUAL - MEMORIAL FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1-1-2025		\$60,254.15
RECEIPTS:		
In Memory of Anita Peterson	\$1,940.00	
In Memory of Allen & Claryce Henke	\$100.00	
Dividends Reinvested	\$2,473.67	
TOTAL 2025 RECEIPTS	\$4,513.67	
		\$64,767.82
DISBURSEMENTS:		
UW Madison-Siri Anderson-Todd Cook Scholarship	\$600.00	
TOTAL 2025 DISBURSEMENTS		\$600.00
Balance 12-31-25		\$64,167.82
Totals in Designated Funds:		
\$4,510.00 Picture Restoration		
\$6,370.62 Organ Fund		
\$3,750.00 Todd Cook Scholarship		
\$1,505.00 Sunday School		

Balance in **Onan Scholarship Fund** \$12,952.00 (as of 12/31/25)
 2/5/25 Ethan Stroud-UWSP \$500.00

GENERAL OFFERINGS MONTHLY COMPARISON											
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
January	\$6,681.40	\$5,466.00	\$5,880.00	\$8,909.00	\$5,787.00	\$6,646.50	\$9,243.00	\$8,347.00	\$12,663.75	\$15,362.50	\$17,053.00
February	\$6,667.00	\$7,356.00	\$7,865.50	\$11,292.00	\$7,379.00	\$8,788.00	\$9,269.00	\$35,214.96	\$13,117.00	\$11,616.00	\$12,364.00
March	\$46,410.67	\$9,474.00	\$27,763.50	\$11,081.00	\$6,739.00	\$11,534.00	\$17,672.00	\$7,387.00	\$14,806.00	\$15,466.05	\$12,628.39
April	\$12,378.50	\$8,961.00	\$9,882.00	\$46,255.00	\$17,616.00	\$6,280.00	\$13,689.00	\$8,929.00	\$16,008.25	\$7,813.00	\$12,598.00
May	\$11,102.50	\$6,469.00	\$8,581.00	\$10,117.00	\$12,038.00	\$22,560.00	\$9,517.00	\$7,489.00	\$15,590.20	\$15,280.00	\$18,620.59
June	\$18,810.50	\$40,851.00	\$8,316.00	\$7,702.00	\$8,732.00	\$11,530.00	\$13,777.50	\$11,130.00	\$10,124.00	\$9,169.00	\$10,681.46
July	\$17,473.50	\$7,888.00	\$8,945.00	\$15,934.00	\$16,856.00	\$5,747.69	\$7,684.00	\$8,608.00	\$12,279.00	\$13,461.05	\$8,056.25
August	\$17,146.00	\$6,838.53	\$6,803.00	\$11,591.00	\$11,841.00	\$9,723.50	\$14,162.27	\$7,755.00	\$9,214.00	\$11,712.00	\$13,969.00
September	\$7,283.00	\$37,465.00	\$6,347.00	\$9,455.00	\$6,550.00	\$15,242.50	\$14,938.40	\$12,156.00	\$7,978.00	\$10,892.00	\$13,473.00
October	\$8,838.00	\$10,727.69	\$8,217.00	\$8,875.00	\$19,265.00	\$6,286.00	\$11,331.00	\$8,827.00	\$32,856.87	\$12,494.25	\$13,517.25
November	\$17,278.50	\$7,479.00	\$7,052.00	\$31,769.00	\$12,390.00	\$7,090.95	\$9,884.00	\$12,649.00	\$10,241.00	\$11,199.00	\$13,760.50
December	\$25,047.00	\$24,045.00	\$36,720.00	\$12,248.00	\$36,103.00	\$41,055.00	\$64,510.97	\$15,208.00	\$15,193.00	\$16,034.00	\$16,916.50
TOTALS	\$195,116.57	\$173,020.22	\$142,372.00	\$185,228.00	\$161,296.00	\$152,484.14	\$195,678.14	\$143,699.96	\$170,091.07	\$150,498.85	\$163,637.94

General Offerings are up \$ 22,096.35 over last year

Nelsonville Lutheran Church
Contribution Range Report
 For Period: 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

Contribution Range	# of Contributors	Total Given
0 -	123	0.00
1 -	0	0.00
2 -	15	687.00
101 -	4	538.00
201 -	4	995.00
301 -	4	1,437.00
401 -	3	1,378.50
501 -	7	4,340.00
751 -	9	8,325.00
1,001 -	6	7,800.00
1,501 -	8	15,275.00
2,501 -	8	28,388.00
5,001 -	8	125,953.07
5,001 - 99,999,999		
Total	199	\$195,116.57

NELSONVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2025
BUDGET WORKSHEET

	2025 Budget	Actual 2025	PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET	
1				
2	Church Building:			
3	Telephone	\$1,080.00	\$ 1,055.11	\$1,080.00 \$90.00 a month x 12
4	Electric	\$1,600.00	\$ 1,432.89	\$1,600.00
5	Natural Gas	\$3,200.00	\$ 2,663.48	\$3,200.00
6	Maintenance & Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$ 4,964.04	\$5,500.00 In 2028 5 year load test for Elevator (\$1,500)
7	Snow Plowing	\$1,000.00	\$ 850.00	\$1,100.00 \$55.00 each time (20 times)
8	Insurance	\$9,000.00	\$ 7,692.00	\$9,000.00
9	New Furnaces (Put in Improvement Fund)	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00 2 more new furnances(1992)\$23,586.00 carryover
10	Subtotals	\$23,380.00	\$ 21,157.52	\$23,980.00
11	Pastors:			
12	Salary	\$34,852.09	\$ 34,852.09	\$36,158.62 Peace 67% (550): Nelsonville 33% (272)
13	Housing	\$16,624.30	\$ 16,624.30	\$17,247.51
14	Pastors' Social Security	\$3,937.94	\$ 3,937.94	\$4,085.57
15	Pension & Major Medical	\$19,814.63	\$ 19,429.11	\$20,983.44 ??? Will be adjusted by Portico
16	Auto Allowance	\$4,900.00	\$ 4,093.22	\$5,075.00 \$ 72.5 cents per mile (14,000 miles/2)
17	Pastors' Continuing Education	\$2,025.00	\$ 622.70	\$2,025.00 \$875.00 a year x 3 years
18	Technology Allow./Professional Expenses	\$750.00	\$ 480.00	\$750.00
19	Subtotals	\$82,903.96	\$ 80,039.36	\$86,325.14
20	Other Employess:			
21	Custodian	\$9,120.00	\$ 5,025.50	\$9,360.00 \$19.50 per hour x 40 hours a month X 12 months
22	Custodian Phone Allowance	\$200.00	\$ 200.00	\$200.00
23	Organist (\$95.00 per play)	\$5,978.00	\$ 5,196.00	\$6,222.00 \$102.00 x 61 plays
24	Sunday School Coordinator	\$2,132.00	\$ -	\$2,100.00 \$175.00 per month
25	Treasurer	\$7,035.00	\$ 7,035.00	\$7,250.00
26	Office Secretary	\$11,561.55	\$ 8,750.75	\$12,012.00 35 hrs/wk x \$20.00x 52 wks x 33%
27	Office Secretary Cont. Edu.	\$200.00	\$ -	\$200.00
28	Office Secretary Phone Allowance	\$350.00	\$ 175.00	\$175.00
29	Social Security(6.2%)/MC(1.45%)	\$2,748.23	\$ 2,049.97	\$2,826.22 \$36,944.00 x 7.65%
30	Supply Pastor	\$675.00	\$ 500.00	\$675.00
31	Subtotals	\$39,999.78	\$ 28,932.22	\$41,020.22
32	Worship & Education:			
33	Live Streaming	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,415.18	\$2,000.00 \$120.00 a month x 12 + 560
34	Music	\$300.00	\$ -	\$200.00
35	Education Materials/Sunday School&VBS	\$500.00	\$ 26.86	\$300.00
36	Confirmation	\$300.00	\$ 236.98	\$300.00
37	Communion Supplies	\$700.00	\$ 44.29	\$300.00
38	Subtotals	\$3,800.00	\$ 1,723.31	\$3,100.00
39	Administration&Other:			
40	Office Supplies & Materials	\$9,000.00	\$ 10,239.08	\$11,000.00
41	Convention&Retreat	\$900.00	\$ 463.77	\$800.00
42	Committee Expense	\$500.00	\$ 130.67	\$400.00
43	Altar Flowers for Church	\$400.00	\$ 198.41	\$300.00
44	Youth & Family Ministries Supplies	\$500.00	\$ 428.22	\$500.00
45	Nelsonville Cemetery	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00
46	Subtotals	\$12,300.00	\$ 12,460.15	\$14,000.00
47	TOTALS	\$162,383.74	\$ 144,312.56	\$168,425.36
48				
49	Benevolences:			
50	PAID-OUT			
50	ELCA:			
51	2% ELCA-Synod Mission Support	\$3,902.33	\$ 3,902.33	\$ 3,962.95 2%
52	1% Bishop's Resource Fund	\$1,951.17	\$ 1,951.17	\$ 1,981.47 1%
53	1% ELCA World Hunger	\$1,951.17	\$ 1,951.17	\$ 1,981.47 1%
54	3% Lutheran Disaster Response	\$5,853.54	\$ 5,853.54	\$ 5,944.43 3%
55	3% Lutheran World Relief	\$5,853.54	\$ 5,853.54	\$ 5,944.43 3%
56	1% Crossways Camping Ministries	\$1,951.17	\$ 1,951.17	\$ 1,981.47 1%
57	2% Portage County Family Crisis Center	\$3,902.33	\$ 3,902.33	\$ 3,962.95 2%
58	1% Lutheran Social Services	\$1,951.17	\$ 1,951.17	\$ 1,981.47 1%
59	1% Operation Bootstrap	\$1,951.17	\$ 1,951.17	\$ 1,981.47 1%
60	15% TOTALS	\$29,267.59	\$ 29,267.59	\$ 29,722.11 15%
61	GRAND TOTAL	\$191,651.33	\$ 173,580.15	\$198,147.47 GENERAL OFFERINGS WOULD NEED TO BE

TOMORROW RIVER LUTHERAN PARISH LEADERSHIP 2025

Peace Lutheran

President: Sarah Borchardt
Vice President: Abby Blanke
Treasurer: Harry Strunk
Secretary: Kaylene Tischauser

COUNCIL LIAISON & (COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON):

Worship: Kaylene Tischauser, Bobi Boyles
Education: Abby Blanke, Anne Jensen
Evangelism:
Fellowship: All council members
Lay Ministry:
Constitution Committee: Greg Reichenbach, Pr. Carl
Richard Evenson
Property: Victor Voss, Bobi Boyles
Stewardship: Sarah Borchardt, Madel Bohman
Youth: Rhonda Garceau

PEACE SERVICE LEADERS

Sunday School: Missy Bricco
WELCA: Ila Sanders
Cemetery: Wayne Borgen, Tom Maves
Altar Guild: Bobi Boyles
Endowment: Lori Carlson
Lay Distribution for Shut-ins: Debi Hoffman
CARE (parish group): Gail Benzine
TRACK: Betty Olson
Financial Secretary: Missy Bricco
Counting Team Coordinator: Jake Barnes
Landscape and Lawn: Jerry Carlson, Sally Prideaux

Nelsonville Evangelical Lutheran

President: Alana Woyak
Vice President: Gary Gordon
Treasurer: Judy Konkol
Secretary: Rhonda Garceau

COUNCIL LIAISON & (COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON):

Education: Jamie Trzebiatowski
Evangelism: Peggy Henke
Fellowship: Peggy Parker, Nic Lea
Social Concerns: Kim Becken
Lay Ministry/Worship: Gail Benzine
Long Range Planning:
Property: John Loberg, George Konkol
Youth: Jamie Trzebiatowski, Rhonda Garceau
Constitution Committee: Gary Gordon

NELSONVILLE SERVICE LEADERS

Sunday School: Jamie Trzebiatowski
WELCA President: Gloria Onań
Cemetery: Karla Leppen
Altar Guild: Peggy Henke
Endowment: Ed Fischer, Andrea Crane, Kim Becken
Lay Communion: Gail Benzine
CARE (parish group): Gail Benzine

E-mail address: trchurch@gmail.com
Parish Phone: 715-824-5615 Website: www.trchurch.org
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Pastor Gretchen Anderson & Pastor Dwight Anderson
Home Phone: 715-824-2710

STAFF:

Young Blessings Preschool Director: Barb Ramlow
Organist: Ruth Gordon
Maintenance/Custodian: Victor Voss, Katelyn Yenter (AM), Tyler Mader, John Loberg (NV)
Treasurers: Harry Strunk (AM), Judy Konkol (NV)
Office Manager: Suzanne Braunschweig

2025 WORSHIP:

8:30 am Sunday Worship at Peace, Sunday School at 9:15 am
10:15 am Sunday Worship at Nelsonville, Sunday School at 9:30 am
7:00 pm Thursday Evening Candlelight Service at Nelsonville

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OPENING LITURGY

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

And also with you.

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

Receive our prayer, O God.

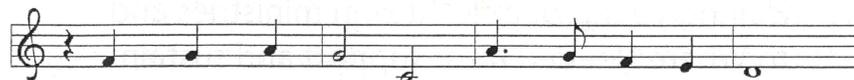
As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

Amen.

Founded on Faith



1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

All Creation Sings, 1048

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