



LIFEPOINT CHURCH

2021 Annual Report

*Pointing People to
Life with Jesus*

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCE TELLERS

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFIED VOTERS

PRESENTATION OF BALLOT

DISTRIBUTION OF BALLOT

- TELLERS HAND OUT BALLOT (KEEP COUNT OF HOW MANY)
- FINAL COUNT
- ANNOUNCE TOTAL BALLOTS DISTRIBUTED
- READ THE NAMES OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

RATIFICATION

COLLECT BALLOTS

RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO SERVED

WORD OF APPRECIATION

VISION CASTING

PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT

LIFEPOINT CHURCH INC
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING BALLOT
NOVEMBER 14, 2021

CHURCH COUNCIL

- ANDREW ASMA (DECEMBER 2024)
- RACHEAL YODER (DECEMBER 2024)
- DOUG KAUFFMAN (DECEMBER 2024)
- LARRY NAFZIGER (DECEMBER 2022)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- RITA HERSHBERGER (DECEMBER 2024)
- BOB CUNNINGHAM (DECEMBER 2024)
- PHIL COOK (DECEMBER 2024)

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- RON MILLER (DECEMBER 2024)
- HOPE MILLER (DECEMBER 2024)
- ROCKY MARTIN (DECEMBER 2024)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- PAM GREVENGOED (DECEMBER 2024)
- CRAIG KINSEY (DECEMBER 2024)

TREASURER

- BRETT DOBERENZ (DECEMBER 2022)

SR. PASTOR REPORT

To say that this is an “Annual Report” would be somewhat of a misnomer given the fact that I have only been here since August. However, even in the few months that I have been here, I have seen God’s faithfulness. First, I can testify to God’s faithfulness in the search process. The process began in February and through a series of divinely opened doors, LifePoint’s journey and my own collided. Some things you might not know: I finished my time at my previous church before fully knowing where we would be as a family. My previous church committed to continue paying me for 12 weeks after my end date. That 12 weeks ended right when I started here at LifePoint, meaning I never missed a paycheck. Similarly, we put our Warsaw home on the market before having any prospects in Goshen. God so closely aligned the sale of our Warsaw home and the purchase of our Goshen home that we closed on our Goshen home the day after closing on our Warsaw home! Regarding our time here, our family has been so welcomed by the staff and the congregation. I feel a great sense of chemistry and a good spirit of teamwork among the staff and Church Council which is made up of some of the most supportive and discerning leaders I have ever worked with. Each of you have been faithful in your giving through this transition time. You have faithfully served and supported the ministries of LifePoint—thank you. Whatever we will do that will have Kingdom value, we will do together because that’s how the Body of Christ works. On the ministry side, my energy has been focused on relocating to Goshen; learning about the church, congregation, and community; and stabilizing the things the pandemic and transition disrupted. Next year, we will devote a significant amount of energy to building upon and developing our Groups Ministry (Life Groups, D-Groups, Bible Study Groups, ect.). I am so excited to be following Jesus with the community here at LifePoint Church, and I look forward to our continued journey together!

Grace & Peace, Anthony

TREASURER'S REPORT

Looking back over this past year, 2021 can be summarized as “a year of transition” for LifePoint Church. As the year began, we were continuing to work our way through adapting to the impact of the COVID19 Pandemic on our personal lives and the life of our church. In January we said goodbye to Pastor Troy Scott and his wife Beth after 17 years of faithful service. We were then blessed to have Interim Pastor Mark Nielson and his wife Lynn join us as Pastor Mark led us while we continued the search for our next Senior Pastor. In August we had our prayers answered when Pastor Anthony Cottrell with his wife Emily agreed to become the Senior Pastor of Life Point Church. Most recently, we celebrated the “retirement” of Rita Hershberger after 24 years of serving as our Financial Administrator. We had been preparing for this for months and are fortunate to have long time LifePoint Church member Pam Grevengoed feeling lead to fill that position moving forward. In spite of the many changes we have experienced this year, it is clear that God has continued to bless us and has used these experiences to help our congregation grow spiritually together as we have witnessed His presence at work among us.

As expected, the realities of the Pandemic has impacted the financial year for LifePoint Church again this year. Our projected budgeted income for 2021 is \$427,200. Our income is \$292,537 through the end of September which is behind the pace needed to meet our budgeted goal. We are thankful that we received an assist for a second year from funds provided through the CARES ACT Payroll Protection Plan (i.e. a forgiven loan supported by the SBA). We trust that God will continue to bless us financially and can provide us the means to expand our ministry outreach in the upcoming year. Thank you for your generosity that makes all we do to further God’s kingdom possible.

The good news is, based on year-to-date figures, we are likely to finish with income over expenses. Our church staff has been evaluating all budget accounts and are adjusting our budget to reflect our current giving levels and the financial needs to carry out our ministry plans. The Church Council appreciates all they continue to do to keep our expenses in line with our giving. Our giving towards the regular monthly Remodel Repayment loan with Interra has allowed us to continue to make progress in reducing our loan balance. However, the pace of giving towards the loan has slowed during the past year. As of August 31, 2021 our loan balance is \$486,294. We appreciate your commitment to the repayment of this loan and your generous financial investments in our church building.

TREASURER'S REPORT CONT.

You are a blessing to LifePoint Church and our community because of your committed financial investment in our congregation and your heart for sharing your resources with others. I thank you and look forward to the great things God has ahead for us during this upcoming year. If you have questions regarding the budget or financial statements, feel free to contact me.

Brett Doberenz,
LifePoint Church Treasurer

WORSHIP REPORT

The past year in worship ministry has been interesting to say the least. Despite many changes in the make up of the ministry team, I believe growth is happening! I have seen sacrificial service among our volunteers. I have been blown away by the grace we have been shown by the congregation when things sound or look different than what we were accustomed to. I have had volunteers show up time and again on late notice or in less than ideal circumstances. I'm seeing a gathering of people consistently come together with one focus, one heart and one mind....to worship the great big God they serve. I'm serving with youth that are committed and willing to help wherever they're needed. I'm hearing stories of healing happening through worship. God is on the move in our church and I'm so honored to partner with all of you as we partner with Him in his mission!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Last year was unlike anything we had ever experienced. In the late spring of 2020 we were forced to pivot how we were doing KidsPoint and StudentPoint. With so much uncertainty we made the difficult decision to not have any kids or student programs at the church for the 2020/2021 school year. While it wasn't what we wanted, the disruption was not all that bad. It gave us time to evaluate what we have been doing and try new things.

We began to put our collective energy towards equipping families to grow together at home and organize family events for the entire family to enjoy. God used this year to really challenge us and lead us to how we can better serve and equip families in our church.

At the beginning of 2021 we began to evaluate where we had been, where we were at, and where God was calling us to go next. It was a six month process of praying, discussing with leaders within our church and from other churches, and getting feedback from parents on what would serve them best. We are encouraged by the support and trust we have received that has confirmed where God is leading us.

God has impressed a burden on our hearts and a vision to see Jesus-centered families growing together in their home and at church. This vision has birthed a new ministry called LifePoint Families. What this means, is that KidsPoint and StudentPoint are no longer separate ministries but rather, specific ministries that serve Families in our church and community. It might seem subtle, but it greatly influences our strategy for serving and equipping families.

Below you will find what KidsPoint and StudentPoint are doing this year and how it is serving families.

FAMILY MINISTRY CONT.

KidsPoint (Birth - 4th Grade)

KidsPoint meets every Sunday morning. Families worship together, then kids are dismissed to KidsPoint. Sunday mornings have a large group/small group format. First, kids meet in their small groups to learn a weekly Bible verse, then they go to large group to hear the week's Bible story. After Bible story time they return to small groups to discuss the Bible story, do activities and apply the Bible story to their lives. The Sunday format serves the family as a launch pad. KidsPoint introduces a topic, Bible Story, Bible verse and application for the week and families are given a discipleship guide every Sunday to continue daily learning and growing together at home.

StudentPoint (5th Grade - 12th Grade)

StudentPoint meets every other Wednesday night alternating between large group gathering and small group night. So far this year we have had over twenty-five students attending these Wednesday night events. Every time we gather we begin with dinner, which is an important part of building community. This serves the family by helping students get connected to friends in the church and also building relationships with adults in the church. In the teen years, it is vital for students to have multiple adults pointing them to Jesus on their journey of faith.

The "off" weeks also serve the family by providing space for families to build relationships with other families or student small groups to meet in homes. Lastly, we are working on developing a mentoring program within the church to connect students to other adults in the church.

With the new vision God has given us, we are so excited to see how God works in the lives of students and families this year!

MISSIONS REPORT

This past year saw the successful completion of a mission trip to the Pass Creek Reservation, another Go Sunday, and a Faith Promise Sunday that included live speakers from our local mission organizations. The Pass Creek team traveled to South Dakota to assist in capitol improvement projects and VBS programming. The team connected so well with the community of residents, that our church team was gifted with a quilt. In the culture of the people of Pass Creek, this is one of the highest honors a guest can receive! Our Go Sunday activities enabled our congregation to act as the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and provided care and needed services to the mission groups we support through Faith Promise. All in all, another great year.

NOMINEE BIO'S



BRETT DOBERENZ - TREASURER

Kelly and I have attended LifePoint Church for 34 years with our three sons: Alex (Heather) of Goshen, IN, Austin of Austin, TX and Arick of Goshen, IN. I am currently employed by Forest River, Inc. as the Flagstaff travel trailer West Central territory manager. I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve our church in many capacities over the years. I have helped teach several different grades of children's Sunday school, have served as a Youth leader in our Connect Student Ministry and have lead various adult classes, including the Life with Jesus study. I have served as a member of the Missions Committee, have been on the Church Council for a total of 12 years and am currently completing my 3rd year as LifePoint Church Treasurer. I look forward to seeing how God will lead our congregation through the leadership of Anthony Cottrell and am excited to serve as part of a loving church that is willing to reach out to the community so others may find their way to a relationship with Jesus.



LARRY NAFZIGER - CHURCH COUNCIL

My wife Cathy and I have been attending LifePoint for 9 years. We have been married for 50 years, and have two children; Rod Nafziger and Colette Shrock. We also have two grandchildren; Samantha and Braden Shrock. I retired after 42 years in education, most recently as principal of Wakarusa Elementary School. I have previously served two terms on Church Council, and am also a co-teacher of the adult Sunday School Class; "Coupled With Christ." I would look forward to serving with other members on the Church Council who are passionate about LifePoint Church, and support the many ministries.

NOMINEE BIO'S



DOUG KAUFFMAN - CHURCH COUNCIL

We have been attending for about 6 years. I've served on the finance committee, ushering, greeting and lawn mowing. I'm married to Linda and I have 2 step-children and 4 grandchildren. I'm retired from Romo Tech and work part time for Alloy Fasteners. I've felt God calling me to serve in this capacity.



RACHEAL YODER - CHURCH COUNCIL

My name is Racheal Yoder. My husband, Rem, and I have attended Lifepoint Church for about 4.5 years along with our 7 year old daughter, Anna, and 5 year old son, TJ. In that time I have helped in the toddler nursery, participated in the Worship team, and been a StudentPoint youth coach. I am very excited about the opportunity to serve on Church Council. I really resonated with the description of the position; I saw myself in it and heard God's call to say yes. I feel that I will be able to use my life experiences and leadership experiences at other churches to help lead the church as we continue to move forward from the COVID shutdown. I am excited to be a more active part of helping Lifepoint Church lead people to life with Jesus.

NOMINEE BIO'S



ANDREW ASMA - CHURCH COUNCIL

I am married to Sarah, and we have two children: Ellie and Kate. I graduated with a business degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, and earned my law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in Valparaiso, IN. Currently, I serve as a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones helping clients achieve their financial goals. I have been part of LifePoint Church for about five years. Serving my community is important to me. Currently, I serve on the boards of the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce, Cancer Resources of Elkhart County and Life Point Church in Goshen.



RITA HERSHBERGER- FINANCE COMMITTEE

I've been attending LifePoint since 1974. My husband Roger and I got married in this church in 1980. We have two daughters, Rachel and Shelly, and 8 grandchildren. I currently serve in the Welcome Center, Usher and help with funeral dinners. In the past I have taught Children's Sunday School, helped in nursery and in Children's Church. I have been on the Finance Committee for the past three years and have served this church for the past 25 years as Financial Secretary, having just retired this past year.

NOMINEE BIO'S



BOB CUNNINGHAM - FINANCE COMMITTEE

I have attended LifePoint for many years. I served on the council, worked with the sound system and been an usher. I am married to Deb and have four children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. I was asked, and have after prayer decided I should.



PHIL COOK - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sarah and I have attended LifePoint for about 7 years. In that time we have served in the children's ministries on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. I served with the security team and also enjoyed being a part of the mission's committee for a brief time. I am married to Sarah and we have an amazing little girl Mia. With Mia's health being a priority to us we had to step back for a season and focus on keeping her healthy. We are thankful for the support of our church family and I look forward to being able to be involved in the finance committee.

NOMINEE BIO'S



RON MILLER - MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Wanda and I have attended LifePoint for almost 25 years. We have 3 adult children living in Goshen, Middlebury, and Cincinnati, and 3 grandchildren. I have served as usher, member of Finance Committee, and various buildings/grounds positions. I have been a member on mission trips to Costa Rica and Pine Ridge, South Dakota. LifePoint Church has always valued missions, both locally and abroad, and has emphasized service to others. As a member of the Missions Committee I would look forward to helping the church advance these goals.



HOPE MILLER - MISSIONS COMMITTEE

I've been attending Lifepoint for around 5 or 6 years now. I have since helped as a small group leader in the youth group as well as helping in the toddler room and greeting. I come from a family of 6 and I'm the proud aunt of 2 nieces and 2 nephews. And my dog Makeena is definitely my kid. Ever since I was a little I have a love for traveling and learning about other cultures. I also have a love of serving others. Throughout the years I've had the opportunity to serve on short term mission internationally as well as domestically. I've gotten the chance to share the gospel and testimony, build homes and love on orphans. I would like the opportunity to join the missions team because sharing God's love and showing it as well as serving others around the world are important to me.

NOMINEE BIO'S



ROCKY MARTIN - MISSIONS COMMITTEE

My name is Rocky Martin. I have attended LifePoint church for almost a year and a half. I feel passionate about missions because my brother and I were raised by American missionaries. I have a huge heart for the lost and underprivileged children. I have served in missions in America for the past 15 years and recently went on the mission trip with Lifepoint to South Dakota.



PAM GREVENGOED - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

My husband, Bruce, and I have attended LifePoint Church for 28 years. We went to our first Sunday morning service with our oldest child, Joel, who was 7 months old at the time. Bruce and I have 3 children. Joel, Grace and Simon. Joel married Danalyn and they are parents to our granddaughter, Maggie and they are expecting Baby#2 in April! Grace married Zach Ashton last fall, and Simon is a senior at Purdue University. I have been involved in different ministries over the years. Currently, I am working with children and serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings. I recently left my job of 7 years at a local elementary school to work in our church office. I enjoy working with the nominating committee. It is encouraging to see how God works in the hearts of people to lead in our congregation.

NOMINEE BIO'S



CRAIG KINSEY - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I first attended LifePoint in 2012. You might see me playing a guitar during Sunday worship, or teaching some kids or youth on a Wednesday night. In the past, I served on church council, and I currently help out with sound and live stream, youth small groups, and assist my wife in her service in children's church and all things food. I have served in many ministries at LifePoint in the past few years and I am always willing to jump in and help when an opportunity presents itself. I have been married to Jama for 18 years. We have 4 children, Lauren, Daniel, Carson, and Grace. I like race cars, Colts football, and playing sports, and hanging out with my family. Nominating Committee is an important way to help keep great people involved in the life and leadership of our church.

2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

2022 Proposed Budget Compared with 3 Previous Years Actual and This Year's Projected and Budget											
LifePoint Church											
	Actual	% of	Actual	% of	Actual	% of	Projected	% of	Budget	% of 2022	
	2018	Income	2019	Income	2020	Income	20.21	Income	2021	Budget	
										2022	
										Budget Income	
INCOME											
Offerings	418,219.34	1.00	408,467.47	1.00	425,657.94	1.00		-	427,000.00	386,997.50	1.00
Other Contributions	135.00	0.00	1,165.00	0.00	50.00	0.00		-	200.00	200.00	0.00
Revenues (Interest)	168.22	0.00	172.38	0.00	263.11	0.00	410.00	1.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Total Support and Revenue	418,522.56	1.00	409,804.85	1.00	425,971.05	1.00	410.00	1.00	427,450.00	387,447.50	1.00
EXPENSES											
Fixed Expenses											
GIVE - Church Tithe	43,356.45	10.4%	38,666.07	9.4%	19,598.40	4.6%	19,542.00	4766.3%	29,066.60	30,000.00	7.7%
Salaries / Benefits	257,799.27	61.6%	258,209.78	63.0%	260,779.18	61.2%	47,881.15	11678.3	271,410.00	239,683.50	61.9%
Buildings and Grounds	59,088.81	14.1%	60,687.84	14.8%	43,768.87	10.3%	47,712.66	11637.2	62,414.00	62,664.00	16.2%
Office Expense	19,024.98	4.5%	23,139.55	5.6%	21,464.78	5.0%	23,898.06	5828.8%	23,750.00	23,150.00	6.0%
Total Fixed Expenses	379,269.51	90.6%	380,703.24	92.9%	345,611.23	81.1%	139,033.87	33910.7	386,640.60	355,497.50	91.8%
Ministry Expenses											
Senior Pastor Discretionary	8,661.13	2.1%	5,578.15	1.4%	4,292.15	1.0%	-	0.0%	5,950.00	5,000.00	1.3%
Youth Ministry	8,013.77	1.9%	7,155.38	1.7%	1,503.73	0.4%	5,000.00	1219.5%	8,300.00	6,300.00	1.6%
Children's Ministry	5,588.09	1.3%	3,690.31	0.9%	2,743.39	0.6%	840.00	204.9%	5,355.00	2,200.00	0.6%
GO - Evangelism/Outreach	7,269.01	1.7%	4,920.08	1.2%	2,179.74	0.5%	1,100.00	268.3%	5,950.00	5,450.00	1.4%
Worship	7,013.56	1.7%	4,057.85	1.0%	4,082.55	1.0%	3,600.00	878.0%	6,300.00	5,800.00	1.5%
GROW - Discipleship	345.81	0.1%	401.39	0.1%	113.98	0.0%	-	0.0%	1,400.00	1,000.00	0.3%
GATHER - Fellowship	4,049.01	1.0%	3,852.29	0.9%	490.60	0.1%	-	0.0%	4,450.00	3,650.00	0.9%
GIVE - Ministry/Caring	2,110.11	0.5%	1,705.82	0.4%	950.00	0.2%	-	0.0%	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.5%
Total Ministry Expenses	43,050.49	10.3%	31,361.27	7.7%	16,356.14	3.8%	10540.00	2570.7%	39,805.00	31,500.00	8.1%
Total Expenses	422,320.00	100.9%	412,064.51	100.6%	361,967.37	85.0%	149,573.87	36481.4	426,445.60	386,997.50	99.9%