



## Grants Highlighted

The Foundation Committee would like to highlight three grants that were awarded in 2021.

### Media Ministry - Doug Cassel, Media Director

Like most other places, St Luke's has gone through some changes in the past 2 years. We've evolved and adapted our worship and ministries, using technology to reach people here in Dane County and beyond. Change requires time and resources. We were met with sudden need in the church, but no room in the budget to pay for it.

When I joined staff nearly two years ago, Jeff and I were making functional worship services with our phones and a camcorder. We are so incredibly fortunate today to have the tools needed to make worship impactful and meaningful for all who join the St. Luke's community for online worship. I'm told by colleagues, pastors, and others that our worship services are some of the best they have seen.

As we continue to evolve in a post pandemic world, we are finding that people continue to rely on, and deeply value the ability to worship and interact with the St. Luke's community from the safety of their homes. Even with services returning in person, we're finding that 35%-50% of our community continues to connect and worship with us online. That means we are continuously exploring ways to improve these meaningful connections with our community.

As I write this, it is the week of our new podcast launch "The Well", which is sponsored by the St. Luke's Foundation. We still haven't been able to find room in the church budget for media ministry resources outside of staff expenses. To date, our media ministry resources have

## Family Room Suite

**St. Luke's Property Committee made a grant application** for Foundation funds in April 2021 to construct a needed Family Room Suite. It was estimated that about \$25,000 would be needed for this project.

After a staff review of the initial drawings, several walls and a door were added. The Property Committee then added some ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements as well as several contingency allowances. The final cost for the Family Room was \$25,520.71. The Foundation funds that were used for the Family Room included Brumm Funds (an endowment which designates that earnings be available for church building construction, remodeling or renovation purposes) of \$20,804.41 and Ollie Groth – Building Repair Needs of \$858.40. The remaining funds needed for the project came from Senior Ministry funds.

The Family Room suite is being used and can be viewed adjacent to the entrance to the Sanctuary. The remodeled restroom is accessible for those using a walker, wheelchair, or individuals needing a caregiver, families, and is gender neutral. A room next to the restroom contains rocking chairs and a diaper changing station. The Family Room suite was needed and will be greatly appreciated by many St. Luke's members and guests.

been entirely funded by The Foundation. The worship services, the podcast, photography, storytelling video, all of it thanks to your giving to the Foundation.

So, from myself and on behalf of all those able to worship and connect with St. Luke's online... THANK YOU. The St. Luke's Foundation is such a wonderful blessing to this congregation and has allowed St. Luke's to serve our community in meaningful ways throughout these last two years.

## KidMin Program

Members of St. Luke's, who have children in Sunday school, have been experiencing the benefits of the KidMin program, which seems to be working well.

**Children Youth and Family Ministries** requested assistance in paying for the cost of a secure and safe check-in system (KidMin) and the equipment needed for the smooth operation of this service by filling out a grant request to the Foundation Committee, which was approved. The KidMin program assists Nursery, Sunday school, and other Children's Ministry programming with the checking in and out of participants securely and safely. There are two different check-in locations on the main level. KidMin has been in operation since start of Sunday school.



Photo taken by Doug Cassel



## Scholarship Committee Comments

As a committee, we are so thankful to be able to offer post high school scholarships to our youth through the generosity of those members who have designated that their gifts to St. Luke's Foundation be used for scholarships. These scholarships help support our youth and their future.

The application process provides each Committee member the opportunity to meet with and learn from each student applying for a scholarship. It is truly an honor to know that these youth are bringing so much good into the world.

Gifts given to the St. Luke's Foundation for scholarships are truly a gift that keeps on giving as you are a part of inspiring youth into a future of love and service.

## Foundation Committee Comments

The Foundation in 2021 provided eleven scholarships, which the Scholarship Committee awarded totaling almost \$23,000. Eight of those scholarships were for \$1,000 and two scholarships were awarded for \$2,000 while the Willard C. Hefty Memorial Scholarship was for the value of one year's tuition at UW Madison (\$10,700).

## Foundation Gifts

Both current and future gifts to the Foundation are welcome and greatly appreciated as we prepare for our future. While gifts over \$10,000 may be designated for any purpose you feel is important to our church, any gifts are welcome and may be directed to:

Scholarships  
Music  
Ministry Areas and Missions  
Building and Property Needs  
General Foundation

Gifts should be specifically identified as going to the Foundation. For more information, contact St. Luke's office staff or Committee members.

## St. Luke's Foundation A Review of 2021

Thanks to 27 years of generous long-term stewardship support from numerous St. Luke's members, who help us sustain our long-term mission, the Foundation moved past the \$1,000,000 in total assets in 2021! Over \$44,000 was donated to Foundation Funds including four extremely generous donations each between \$5,000 and \$12,000.

As the pandemic continued in 2021, the Foundation's earnings provided over \$56,000 covering many needed items not normally covered in that year's annual budget. Foundation grant projects funded for 2021 included: (1) Purchase of additional video equipment to significantly enhance the quality of virtual online worship services (a total of \$15,015 was committed to this project); (2) Financial support from the Brumm Fund (\$20,804) and the Groth Building Fund (\$858) for an accessible, gender neutral restroom and family room; (3) KidMin and Security project (\$1,225); and (4) Spring 2021 Scholarships to eleven St. Luke's students (\$22,759).

We thank you for your support in 2021 and look forward to new opportunities to serve St. Luke's in 2022 and future years!

## Reflections Bob Wortinger

It has been a privilege to serve on the Foundation Committee for the past six years. It has been enlightening for me to work with so many people on the Committee and on the Church staff who do so many great things behind the scenes for the benefit of the entire St. Luke's community.

At the beginning of 2016, the Foundation had a balance of \$481,300. Today it has more than doubled to a balance of well over \$1,000,000 thanks to the generosity and support of numerous St. Luke's members through donations as well as bequests from wills and estate plans. Over that same six-year period, over \$250,000 has been paid out by the Foundation to cover unexpected needs of St. Luke's!

The St. Luke's Foundation has become an increasingly important part of our church community and I strongly encourage you to consider remembering the Foundation when you plan your annual and long-term giving. God is at work through our ministry. Great faithful things are happening!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve on the Foundation Committee!

## Foundation Balance

12/31/2020	\$ 994,013
12/31/2021	\$1,107,316

## Thank You's!

The Foundation Committee extends a very special thank you to Bob Wortinger (Chair for 4 years) and Larry Pincombe for their valuable contributions and dedication to the Foundation as members.

A special thank you goes to Julie Murray for her continued support and a special welcome to Jeanette Kihs, Business Manager, who assists the Foundation throughout the year.

## Committee Members:

Officers elected at 3/10/22 meeting.

Tom Scott  
Andy Roquet  
Mary Schwoch  
Linda Janousek  
Ron Lee  
Paul Raisleger  
Sylvia Donaldson, Council Liaison

## Newsletter Editors:

Mary Schwoch  
Linda Janousek  
Tom Scott

## St. Luke's Foundation Mission Statement

*We proclaim and serve Christ... Here, there, and everywhere*

*~ Now and into the Future ~*

