



*Malta Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
March 2024*

General Fund Income

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Regular Offering/Pledges	\$10,842.00
Easter Offering	\$35.00
<u>Lenten Offering</u>	<u>\$294.00</u>
Total Offerings	\$11,171.00

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

Bank Interest	\$45.22
Coins for the Hungry	\$27.14
Dedicated Income	\$713.59
Divinciple-A Investment	\$33.62
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp	\$50.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$184.00
MLC Monthly Expenses	\$1100.00
<u>Prison Ministry</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Dedicated Income	\$2253.57

Grand Total Income \$13,424.57

**General Fund
Income Less Expense
-\$1524.92**

**National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 2, 2024**

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

National Day of Prayer Task Force nationaldayofprayer.org

Expenses

PROFESSIONAL

Parish Staff	\$6,400.00
Financial Sec/Treasurer	\$166.00
<u>Custodian</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total Professional	\$6,916.00

ADMINISTRATION

Office Supplies	\$188.38
<u>Postage</u>	<u>\$131.71</u>
Total Administration	\$320.09

WORSHIP

<u>Christ In Our Home</u>	<u>\$128.00</u>
Total Worship	\$128.00

OUTREACH

Synod Support	\$356.25
<u>Endowment Distribution</u>	<u>\$5100.00</u>
Total Outreach	\$5456.25

GROWTH IN FAITH

<u>FLBC</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total Growth In Faith	\$25.00

PROPERTY

Electronic Utilities	\$333.47
Gas Utilities	\$315.74
Telephone & Internet	\$123.64
Property Tax (2 nd half)	\$395.86
<u>Water & Sewer</u>	<u>\$80.50</u>
Total Property	\$1249.21

DEDICATED EXPENSES

<u>Dedicated Expense</u>	<u>\$280.00</u>
Total Dedicated	\$280.00

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Upkeep	\$420.85
Outdoor Care Expense	\$60.00
Rug Cleaning	\$64.09
<u>Water Softener Rent</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Repair & Maintenance	\$574.94

Grand Total Expenses \$14,949.49

**Please join us on the Phillips
County Courthouse lawn at
7:00 pm Thursday, May 2nd
as we pray for our state,
nation & world. Bring a chair.**

Radio Fund

Income \$420.00
Expenses \$569.72
(Prayer chain \$369.72,
KMMR Mustang Radio \$200.00)

Radio Fund Income Less Expense -149.72

Account Balances as of March 31, 2024

General Fund Checking	\$72,691.61
Radio Fund	\$1074.63
General Savings	\$32,244.47
Memorial Fund	\$8472.80
Building Fund Savings	\$7174.20
CD 36082	\$10,207.69
CD 36083	\$10,178.96
CD 36084	\$37,470.05
Total Current Assets	\$179,514.41

God bless you: the good folks of our community!

Let's start at the beginning; On February 28th Raymond and I completed a series of long flights that concluded in Minneapolis. From the airport we taxied to the Amtrak station. Here is where the drama began. Ray went up the escalator at the Amtrak station and of course I followed, Unfortunate for me is that about one third of the way up I fell backwards. Through this accident I damaged my knee- chipped the knee cap- I later find out. Well I was thankful that this happened at the end of our holidays! When our train arrived I had a sleeper room and received a good evenings rest.

Now I had long ago booked three nights in Billings for the State B basketball tournament and had a visit with a doctor for a six month checkup. Thursday afternoon our M-ettes played and won their first game. Friday morning I arrived for my Doctor's appointment at The Billings Clinic, when he took a look at my knee he ended the appointment and sent me directly to the ER. They checked me over and released me a few short hours later. Commenting "if your knee bothers you come back Monday".

Well with a sore knee I returned to Metra Park to support our M-ettes, we lost. I immediately decided to retire for the evening at my hotel. The next morning when I arose I was delirious and in severe pain, I really didn't know what to do so I phoned my brother Terry in Washington state then Pastor Bob, they both said the same thing: "call 911". This I did and I soon found my way back at the Billings Clinic ER. I don't recall exactly the order of time but a surgery was scheduled and completed quickly. I was in Intensive care for several days (7~8) before they cleared me to return to the Malta Hospital for swing bed. Mister G. Kirkwood and R. Johnson volunteered to drive to Billings and bring both myself and my Jeep back to Malta.

My knee was severely infected and the infection was moving up towards my internal organs. I recall hearing "that in less than a day the infection would have overcome me". Thank You Jesus!
I can't express just how much the many visits from my church family meant to me. The day after I returned I received a prayer shawl that also came with a prayer, my last visit with my brother in Christ, Steve Schumacher as he offered my first communion in over a month. I was most moved when my sisters in Christ brought to me a very large poster that was signed by many of you while attending Lent. I had this placed on the wall so I could look and gain inspiration – I did this many many times! I still have it over my temporary bed. I received a card from our family at Whitewater Lutheran plus individual cards from many very special folks. I must give thanks to two active angels and their parents, Silo and Scarlett that made it possible for me to attend our Holy Humor Sunday worship. Last but not least was a bag of handmade cards that MaKenzie brought to my home the day I was released. Our senior youth offered cards of inspiration, Bible verses, and tastefully drawn art. I could not possibly name all those that came to wish me well while I was in the hospital, all calls and offers for anything that I could need. Mostly, I could feel all the **PRAYERS**, wow!

Your grateful and thankful brother in Christ;
Rick Mikkelson Thank You Jesus!

