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2024 Staff & Leadership & Delegates

Staff Members

The Rev. Lisa Mensinger, *Rector*

The Rev. Isabel Gonzales, *Vicar, El Buen Pastor*

The Rev. Patti Sanchez, *Deacon*

Dr. Mark LeTourneau, *Lay Preacher*

Mr. Dan Johnston, *Licensed Worship Leader*

DeeAnn Brinkerhoff, *Organist*

Jan Lyons, *Office Administrator*

Rosa Salgado, *Custodian*

Vestry Members

Jay Stretch, *Senior Warden*

Rhonda Gill, *Junior Warden**

Rich Bauter, *Treasurer*

Beth Clemenger

Jean Norman

Sergio Gonzales, EB

Fernando Salgado, EB

Belle Schwarzenbach

Mary Kate McGoon-Moore

Gena Trimble

**Rhonda resigned her role in December 2024*

Delegates

Josue Almanza

Yadira Infante

Mary Kate McGoon-Moore

Fernando Salgado

Alternates:

Sam McGoon

Cynthia Hudgens

Rector's Annual Report – 2024

Our Mission/Vision Statement

To spread the love and hope Jesus offers to all who yearn to be welcomed home to the family of God through worship and fellowship.

To help people **find** God's love, **grow** their faith, **discover** their purpose, and **improve the lives of those in our church and community.**

Early in 2024, I sadly told the beautiful people of St. Alban's Episcopal Church and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McCook, NE that I have been called back to Utah to be with my family, and somehow the Holy Spirit invited me to walk in love with the people of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd as their Rector and partner in ministry with the Vicar of El Buen Pastor.

PRAY: Please pray for all churches in transition who are searching for shepherds to lead their flock. Please be with those discerning God's call into ministry. Grant wisdom, peace and courage to all in transition, and may they listen with ears of the heart to how Christ is inviting them to follow. Amen.

We began this walk on March 1, 2024. I was welcomed and introduced to all the many ways that God is working in this place. I was (am) excited to see how the Spirit moves to gather two languages of worship in one beautiful historic building in downtown Ogden.

The mission/vision statement of GS/EB captured my attention and filled me with hope. During these past months I have witnessed how the Spirit has given a variety of gifts, services and energy to all who come to GS/EB. In my weekly reflections (examens), I pray for God's wisdom in guiding us on how we are living out this mission/vision as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Episcopal tradition. Through this spiritual practice the inspiration of the idea of the Narrative Budget came to be. This past Fall the vestry and clergy worked to create a Narrative Budget to tell God's mission for God's church through how we steward all that God gives to us. Today, we will share more about this approach.

This past year the people of GS/EB introduced me to many ways that we are walking in love in how we worship together (Tuttle Day, Children's Christmas Eve). And our Latino brothers/sisters invited us to share in their customs of celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe and Las Posadas which brings the Gospel alive in new ways for me. I invite you to see that we have included in this annual report a calendar of 2025 events listing the opportunities to participate in the worship life of GS/EB.

With all of you, I am stilling learning and listening to how the Holy Spirit is lifting up the many ministries of GS/EB. I encourage you to read about the many people who have stepped into leading these ministries in this report. I give thanks to them and pray for them as we continually be the Body of

Christ in this place. I pray that we will continue to listen to the ways that the Spirit is inviting us to explore new ministries so that we can continue to grow into our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This year we took another step in how we Walk in Love together as a Parish. After several conversations with people attending worship at Good Shepherd, in the Fall we changed Good Shepherd's worship time from 10:30 AM to 10:00 AM. This gave us more opportunities to have joint coffee hours and to have a joint Sunday School program. I thank the people who stepped forward to help lead the Children Sermons once a month at the beginning of the Sunday school hour. The children have enjoyed the messages, crafts and games, and then they join their worshipping communities for communion.

This time change has also given the opportunity for lay ministry to share in preaching. As well as reminding us that we share the Lord's Table. There is a limited amount of supply clergy in UT and so the time change enabled us to explore how Madre Isabel or myself *Bless in Abundance* the bread and wine for each other's flock while one of us is on vacation.

One last thing that may help you know is because I am an Ordained ELCA minister serving this Episcopal Church I report to two bishops and participate in both ELCA and Episcopal clergy monthly meetings. I am required to be at all clergy events at the synodical and diocesan level. Many of these events require me to travel during the year. I feel blessed to be able to enjoy the professional connections with both traditions, and it has been a joy to reconnect with my peers. I share this so that you are aware of the other aspects of my role as the rector and ask for your patience as I navigate the responsibilities of straddling and maintaining our ecumenical relationship.

Invitation for this community in 2025:

- Walk in Love in sharing our wealth, works and wisdom.
- Find ways to collaborate.
- Use God's Blueprint to handle conflict in healthy and peaceful ways.
- And to continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Events in 2024

3 Funerals/Gravesides/Inurnments : (**May:** MaryAnn Barber + **Aug:** Sally Canfield + Kathryn Dyer)
2 Baptisms - (**Adult:** Andi Cunningham 8/11/24 + **Child:** Archer Pell 11/3/24)

Worship Attendance in 2024

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| <u>Average Sunday Worship:</u> | Good Shepherd – 51 | El Buen Pastor – 78 |
| <u>Easter:</u> | Good Shepherd – 82 | El Buen Pastor – 104 |
| <u>Christmas:</u> | | |
| | 4:00 PM Combined Christmas Eve Pageant – 76 | |
| | 10:00 PM Carols & Worship – 59 | |

May God's face continue to shine upon you,
The Reverend Lisa Marie Mensinger

Vicar Report – El Buen Pastor

During the year 2024 we were blessed to have the honor to continually grow our existing relationships with our brothers and sisters of Good Shepherd (as members of El Buen Pastor).

On Shove Tuesday both congregations gathered together for sausages and pancake dinner. We had a lot of fun talking and laughing, this generally occurs before the start of lent. On another occasions, we celebrate a few Masses together, some of which are the celebration of las Posadas. These traditions help us to express our hospitality, while at the same time allowing members of our congregations to get to know each other.

Throughout the year our Sunday school has been able to adequately and successfully combine with the children of Good Shepherd, which in turn has allowed one of our (El Buen Pastor) members to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher. Thus, helping our congregations strengthen our relationship on a continual level, which has provided the children from both congregation's numerous opportunities to participate in events within the year.

In the summer we were able to have our annual retreat to Camp Tuttle on August 16 – 18 where 90 people participated, including children and young people. The members have mentioned that they enjoy being in the wilderness and away from the stresses of their daily lives, while at the same time having the ability to learn more about our savior and being with their loved ones.

Last year on January 7, we had the honor of having a visit from our Bishop The Rt. Rev. Phyllis A. Spiegel were we had four baptisms, five confirmations and ten first communions during the year a had others celebration two quinceñeras, two baptisms, and many other celebrations that have strengthened our relationship as members of el Buen Pastor, with our brother and sisters of Good Shepherd

I believe it is important for me to continue with the Bible Studies and have done so on Sunday at 9:00 am. This helps members express our spiritual connection with others, members and well as provides them with learning atmosphere in which they can ask questions and the tools they need to research on their own or learn from one another. Additionally, I visited individuals in the hospital and even in their homes, and provided communion for these individuals that were unable to attend for one reason or another.

Rev. Isabel González

El Buen Pastor Episcopal Church

Deacon Report

During the months of January to September, I provided pastoral care to Good Shepherd's congregation and was the Shepherd to Miriam's Chapter of the National Order of the Daughters of the King. Assisted the Priest at the Altar each Sunday.

Visited the homebound and provided home communion as needed. Visited hospitalized souls near death desiring prayers and chrism oil. Visited the home of parishioners along with The Canon Rev. Mary June Nestler who requested a House Blessing. Prepared the Eucharistic Visitors Training and Rosters each quarter. Maintained the homebound contact information and shared it with the Eucharistic Visitors. Welcome new Rector, Lisa Mensinger.

During the months between September 2024 and March 2025 I was graciously granted medical leave for back surgery, which required two fusions in my lower back. I was able to answer some emails and texts regarding Shepherd's Bowl and Fold, but I relied heavily on the two gracious souls of Bonnie Taylor and Karen Poggemeyer, for the coverage of both outreach ministries.

Thankfully by the grace of God and all your prayers, I am finally feeling better, and I look forward to serving again the first Sunday in March.

Submitted in Faith and Love,

The Reverend Deacon Patricia (Patti) A. Sanchez

Senior Warden Report

2024 was a year of transition for The Church of the Good Shepherd as we said farewell to the Reverend Mary June Nestler, Interim Rector for a year and a half, and welcomed Pastor Lisa Mensinger+ to our parish. Much of the past year was taken up by the Vestry and Lisa+ getting to know each other and how best to work together. However, that said, it is not like nothing much else got done.

One of the most active segments of our accomplishments during the year was work to update to the physical church itself. Junior Warden Rhonda Gill and her team accomplish a great deal during the year. The most prominent of which was the installation of lighting for the sanctuary windows from the outside to show their beauty when the sun cannot. There were also a number of repairs made and problems corrected, such as the leaks in the roof, both around Tuttle Hall and in the eastern addition. It is useful to remind ourselves that the sanctuary is the longest continually occupied building in Ogden, especially when we celebrate its 150th anniversary in early February.

There are still a number of things on the Vestry's To-Do list. In addition to maintaining the facility, we need to update some of the office equipment to keep up with our growth. We are also still working with appropriate organizations to facilitate acceptance of credit cards for giving. It is interesting that while many churches are facing declining membership, thus less income, we have grown! Our sister congregation, El Buen Pastor, started out with a handful of attendants meeting for service in the sanctuary at a different time than the English-speaking congregation. Now we meet at the same time-- sometimes together, sometimes each in our own chapels and El Buen Pastor's congregants often outnumber those meeting in the historic chapel. It is important to know, too, that both Good Shepherd's Average Sunday Attendance (and pledges for support) have risen by more than 20% in the past year. There could be a any number of reasons for that, but your out-going Senior Warden can easily identify the most prominent one: Thank you, Pastor Lisa+!

Submitted by

Jay Stretch

Worship and Music Ministries

Altar Guild

The ministry of the Altar Guild is deeply rooted in Scripture and Church history. Altar Guild serves the clergy and the congregation by preparing the altar table for worship services and sacraments. This includes:

- set the table with communion bread and wine
- prepare the vessels, linens, and vestments
- clean up after every service
- organize the sacristy spaces for storage of all the item used
- arrange for flowers and greens to adorn the altar
- check pew racks and information displays
- change the hangings according to the church calendar
- polish the brass, wash crystal, wash and iron linens

The Guild serves the clergy for funerals, weddings, and baptisms. This past year we helped with two baptisms and one funeral.

We made 150 of the small Palm Sunday crosses. The extra crosses were saved to be burned for ashes for this years' Ash Wednesday service.

We hold two fund raising events a year to fund all the supplies needed for this ministry. We offer lilies at Easter and Poinsettias at Christmas for \$25. These can be given a memorial for a loved one or a thanksgiving.

The Guild arranges for the flowers placed in the worship space. These flowers can be given as a memorial, a thanksgiving or a celebration. The cost is \$40 a bouquet or \$80 for both. The flowers are given to the person after the service if requested. The Guild makes no profit from the flowers, as this is the cost charged by the florist. We also offer the Sanctuary Lamp for \$10 which can be used as a way to remember a loved one.

We currently have 6 active members: Nancy Arnett, Marie Kawaguchi, Linda Hearn, Gena Ordway, Billie Wilson, and myself. We have a monthly meeting and luncheon. We are always looking for new members and all are welcome. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Pastor Lisa, Deacon Patti, myself, or

any Altar Guild member. We would love to welcome you, work with your schedule and provide job training.

We do this work out of love for God, our families, and our church community.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Ann Thomas, Altar Guild Directress

Choir

Many thanks to all who helped make the music ministry so wonderful in 2024. The choir with its continued support really helps enhance the worship service and I am so grateful for the choir's countless hours to help make the music ministry such a quality worship experience. I'm also happy and grateful for the new members who have joined the choir this past year. The choir sings anthems for high feast Sundays, sometimes twice a month during the Fall up to Pentecost. Then the choir takes a summer recess. The choir also helps assist the singing of hymns and the service music.

This past year the choir was especially busy with the Easter season starting with Palm Sunday through Holy Week. Many thanks to the choir and performers for the wonderful Easter choir Anthems and special music. The Advent and Christmas season also had many wonderful Anthems starting with the Candle lighting Choir Antiphons and the Lessons and Carols Service. The Children's Christmas Eve Service was well attended, and many Carols were sung. The Christmas Eve 10 pm Pre Service had vocal soloists, of which Jan Lyons our office secretary, sang a Soprano Solo, "O Holy Night", a men's quartet performed "Still, Still, Still", Kurt Furan guest tenor Soloist sang "I know that My Redeemer Liveth" and two instrumentalists; Anna Anderson & Samuel Bauter with "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Trombone solo all part of the Christmas Pre service. The Christmas Eve Service began with a Choir Introit "He is Born" with a Violin, Anna Anderson. Samuel Bauter played the trombone for the opening and Closing Hymns "Hark the Herald Angels Sing & Joy to the World". The choir sang two Christmas Anthems "Lo How a Rose and Psallite" and Robin Heagan Sang a Tenor Solo "Wexford Carol" during Communion. The traditional "Silent Night" was accompanied by Anna Anderson. This was a wonderful Christmas Eve Service.

This past year in February, the music ministry hosted a Night of Music Tribute for Interim Priest Rev. Cn. MaryJune Nestler. There were many participants from the Weber State Honors Flute Ensemble, violin and cello soloists, anthems from the choir and organ solos as well. How we miss MaryJune and are so grateful for the time she was with us at Good Shepherd.

In March Good Shepherd had the Institution of Reverend Lisa Mensinger with the Lutheran and Episcopal Bishops attending. This was a wonderful service as we got to become acquainted with Pastor Lisa, pledge our support to her, and provide Lutheran and Episcopal hymns in English and Spanish.

Good Shepherd was also able to host The Bel Canto Community Choir Concert in December. December was a busy month for me and for the music ministry at Good Shepherd.

The Pipe Organ is currently maintained by Anderson Organ in Logan Utah. The current budget allows for tuning twice a year and any small repairs needed.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the Music Director and Organist at Good Shepherd. If there are questions or concerns, you can text me at 801-644-1510.

DeeAnn Brinkerhoff, Good Shepherd Music Director

Ushers

Ushers welcome people coming into the church chapel This is where visitors or newcomers get their first glimpse of Good Shepherd, the memorial chapel, the congregation, the church staff, the choir, and the service in general. Ushering is a very important and rewarding assignment.

Two volunteer ushers have been “holding down the fort” and continue to do so today. We need a group of volunteer ushers to share the assignment.

Here are some usher guidelines:

- The ushers and the altar guild are responsible for the congregation during the Sunday service.
- 2 ushers are required for each service. Signing up as pairs; individuals, or couples, is preferred. Many in our congregation have been ushers over the years. Anyone can do it, and we encourage everyone to consider being an usher: old or young, adults or teens, new to the parish or here forever, women and men.
- When we have an usher group it is hoped that the usher duty would be about every 2-3 weeks.

A typical usher day begins 45 minutes before the service and ends shortly after the service is over.

We need ushers and, if you are interested, please contact Rich Bauter at 801-643-1217 or Deacon Patti Sanchez at 801-725-2907. A training session will be scheduled.

Submitted by Rich Bauter and Rick Sanchez

Technical Support Team

Did you know that the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd has a dedicated Technical Support Team? This team plays a vital role in enhancing your church experience by managing the technological aspects of our activities and ensuring seamless connectivity.

The Technical Support Team provides essential services such as facilitating Zoom meetings for events like the Hybrid Adult Forum, live-streaming church services and special events, managing the sound system, and screening content on our big-screen TV. Since March 2021, we have been live-streaming church services, weddings, funerals, and other significant occasions on YouTube. This initiative has

allowed us to connect with individuals who cannot attend in person. You can find our content on the *Good Shepherd Ogden* YouTube channel.

The technical team comprises Jean Norman, Sam McGoon, Brian Mensinger, Alex Mensinger, and Steve Bauter. Their expertise and commitment ensure the smooth operation of our services. However, as the demand for live-streaming services continues to grow, we seek additional team members to help us meet these needs and maintain our high standards.

We want to thank Brian and Alex Mensinger for assisting while Jean, Steve, and Sam were out of town.

Our live-streaming schedule includes broadcasting the Church Service from 9:50 am until the conclusion of the service and facilitating the Adult Forum from 9:00 am to 9:45 am every Sunday. We invite enthusiastic individuals to join our team to sustain the high-quality technical support we strive for.

If you are passionate about technology and eager to contribute to our mission, we encourage you to contact any team member. By joining the Technical Support Team, you will play a key role in ensuring smooth operations, fostering community connections, and helping us extend our outreach.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. We look forward to welcoming new members to the Technical Support Team in 2025 and continuing to build an inclusive, connected community.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer group has been meeting regularly every Monday at 8:00 am for the last year on Zoom. We have shared reading of the holy scriptures and share in the Moving Forward and reading of thoughts of Forward Day by Day. We would love to have more people join us in this great way to start the work week.

Submitted by Dan Johnston

Evening Prayer (Compline)

We meet in the Memorial Chapel at 5:30 pm on Mondays. Before we start the service, we all have an opportunity to mention who or what we want to hold in prayer. We follow the Book of Common Prayer Compline service. The readings we do are either from the Common Lectionary for the day or the readings for the Saint of the day. We have a short time of mediation, additional prayers or thanksgiving.

We usually have 5-10 people attending. After the service those who want then go out to dinner.

We are open to anyone who would like to attend. We do keep the main doors locked. We enter via the courtyard door on the East of the courtyard.

Respectfully submitted by Billie Wilson

Outreach Ministries (Our Neighbors)

Shepherd's Bowl (Shepherd's Lunch Sacks)

In 2015, Shepherd's Bowl started with 2 ladies from Good Shepherd with crockpots serving soup on Wednesdays. They saw a calling to invite folks in for a warm sit-down lunch. By 2020, volunteers from a variety of faith traditions were coming together to serve over 200 meals on a Wednesday in the downstairs kitchen. Many churches in the community provided support financially and as volunteers. And then the pandemic of 2020 changed the way we served our neighbors.



The devoted people who see this as part of their calling began to see new ways in which we could continue to do this ministry. With their dedication and hearts to serve, a small crew began to make sack lunches to give out on Wednesdays for those in need of a meal. During the summer of 2020, they took the lunches to the park and handed them out, but then they had to figure out different ways to help. Youth Futures found out about the sack lunches and asked if we could help them with lunches, and we joyfully said, “Yes!”

Every Wednesday, we assemble the following lunch sacks to the following organizations:

65 - PAAG (Problems Anonymous Action Group)

15 – Youth Futures (shelter for homeless youth)

20 – Youth Impact (new as of Jan 2025)

25 –Church Lunch Bins outside on 24th street

25 – Weber Fridge

16 – Union Gardens

4/6 – Imber Helpers (community day program for adults with disabilities)

The Shepherd's Bowl has morphed into Shepherd's Lunch Sacks. Between 8-12 people gather Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM to assemble 170 sack lunches. The lunches include fruit, granola bar, pudding cup, chips and homemade cookie/brownie/bar. From May to November, they include Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches and from December to April they include Ham or Turkey and cheese sandwiches.

Folks with disabilities come to help assemble the lunches 1-2 times per month, and they find this ministry fulfilling. We use JustServe to help get people and companies involved through donating items for the lunches.

Unfortunately, the grant for the Bishop Storehouse was not renewed and we have relied on community donations and the generosity of the people from GS/EB.

To keep this vibrant ministry going, we need grant writers and folks to help get the word out about the donations needed to supply the lunches. If you have an interest in helping in this way, please share the good things about Shepherd’s Lunch Sacks and help us figure out creative ways to financially support this ministry.

Submitted by Pastor Lisa & Deacon Patti

Shepherd’s Fold

The Shepherd’s Fold is a program that began in 2017 and works on a voucher-based system to distribute new and gently used linens to individuals and families that are transitioning from homeless shelters to their own living quarters. The vouchers have been distributed to Weber County Human Services, YCC, The Lantern House, Ogden Rescue Mission and Youth Futures.

While Deacon Patti has been on medical leave, Karen Poggemeyer has been helping with this ministry. Thank you, Karen, for all your time and the ways that you have help organize the linens. With the voucher, people can select sheets, pillows, blankets and comforters from the donations that we have received.

Shepherd’s Fold is open on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – Noon.

| Year | People Served | # Items Given |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 2024 | 61 | 100 |
| 2023 | 52 | 175 |
| 2022 | 46 | 177 |
| 2021 | 59 | 225 |

The following remarks are from our Temporary Shepherd, Karen Poggemeyer *Donations have come from outside Good Shepherd as well as from within our congregation. The North Ogden 17th and 21st Wards and the South Ogden Relief Society have been great supporters. The crocheted animals we have for children come from yarn donated to the Linen Fold and turned into fantastic creatures by prisoners in Eastern Utah.*

As we move into White Sale season, please keep our Linen Fold outreach ministry in mind. Our greatest current need is for full and/or queen blankets, twin sheet sets and blankets, and towels. Blankets or comforters marked F/Q would be very helpful. We try to give everyone at least one bath towel, one hand towel, and two washcloths. We can, and do, mix and match towels and have a few extra washcloths right now. We also anticipate the need for more gloves, hats, and socks and winter progresses. We do have a large number of neck warmers. Since many people we serve don’t have transportation, large garbage bags to carry the bedding would be helpful.

There are some things we don’t need now: queen sheet sets, pillowcases, 50”x 60” fleece throws, and neck warmers. We were given many beautiful hand-made pillowcases and quite a few throws. Unfortunately, the typical 50”x 60” throw is not big enough to substitute for a twin sized (65”/70” x

90”) blanket. Even the larger throws (72” long) are not a true substitute for a blanket, especially for an adult.

There is a final gift we can use – a little bit of your time. The Linen Fold is only open two hours a week, 10:00 AM to noon on Wednesdays. While Deacon Patti has been on medical leave, Karen Poggemeyer has been staffing the linen pantry with the valuable regular assistance of Susan Gilbert and occasional community service volunteers. We prefer to have two people available each week and hope more people will feel called to this ministry so duties can be rotated and there are back-up volunteers to cover trips and illnesses. If this speaks to you, please call the church office.

Submitted by Deacon Patti & Karen Poggemeyer

Pride Festival

In 2024, we joyfully participated in our third PRIDE event, celebrating our Episcopal belief that all people are created in God's image. Thanks to generous donations, we were able to set up inside the Amphitheater, making us a hub of activity. This was our biggest PRIDE event yet, with more than 15 volunteers over two days. Dressed in matching tie-dye church t-shirts, we handed out 500 fans with the message *Jesus is our biggest fan* and shared educational materials about our church. This year, we forged meaningful connections both personally and within the wider community. Most importantly, PRIDE 2024 was an opportunity to love and affirm our LGBTQ+ parishioners, reminding them not only of God's unconditional love but also of the love and support of their church family.

Submitted by Mary Kate McGoan-Moore

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Good Shepherd Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry has worked in service since 2005. It was the vision of Rev. Nancy Groshart and Sandra Corp to gather those that shared their passion for handwork and turn their talents into gifts of love and support. These women had the vision and desire to support those in need as well as those celebrating joyous occasions. Their vision was embraced and supported by a group of talented and giving women of Good Shepherd. The Shawl Knitting Ministry has become a gathering of friendship, generosity, and outreach.

The group gathers together in friendship, worship, and service to support those in our community that are in need of comfort or support as well as times of celebration. Each item presented is hand knit or crocheted with love and prayers for the intended recipient. Each gift is blessed by the gathered group and is accompanied by a card or tag signed by the knitter. The cards and tags were designed by Sandra Corp with her beautiful artwork. Sandra's dedication to the ministry continues from St. George with contributions of baby hats as well as the providing the tags that are attached to each Teenie Beenie.

The Good Shepherd Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrated 19 years of ministry in 2024 and continues the vision of service to friends, family, parishioners and those unknown in both times of struggle and times of joy. We welcome willing hands that would like to join us in community and service.

During 2024, the group distributed the following:

- ❖ 3 shawls to parishioners, friends, and family that needed comfort and support as well as gifts of thanks.
- ❖ 314 stocking caps were presented to the nurseries of McKay- Dee, Layton IHC, and Ogden Regional hospitals.
- ❖ 46 octopi donated to Primary Children's Hospital. The octopi give the babies something to look at as well as tentacles to grasp. Holding a tentacle helps prevent the babies from disturbing the tubes and leads that are used to treat and monitor them while hospitalized. And—they are a fun toy to take home when they leave the hospital.

If you are interested in this outreach, we welcome willing hands and needles. We also welcome gifts of yarn that may not be needed.

Please contact Linda Garner for further information.

Fellowship Ministries (Parish Life)

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Report

The following ECW Board members agreed to remain in their positions

President-Billie Wilson

Vice President – open

Treasurer- Belle Schwarzenbach

Secretary- open

Members-at-large: SueAnn Thomas, Karen Poggemeyer, Marie Kawaguchi, Rhonda Gill

The ECW held their annual meeting on May 18th, 2024. We enjoyed a luncheon and then voted on the disbursement of the Bazaar funds. We raised \$4,457.30 with the 2023 Bazaar. We voted to give the 25% earmarked for Vestry \$1139.00 to be used for repair of the wooden Good Shepherd Sign. We donated \$1609.00 plus an additional \$1950.00 for a total of \$3560.00 for in reach project and designated it toward Narthex repairs. Our Outreach donations were to Youth Impact, Youth Futures, YCC, Zambia Scholarship Fund, and Lantern House each received \$322.00 and Washington Terrace Elementary School Drama program received \$100.00 for a total outreach \$1710.00

We held a Fall meeting at September 14, 2024. This was a Snack and movie night. We watched the movie Cabrini.

Our Annual ECW Bazaar was held on November 9 and 10, 2024. We raised \$3,328.56. We had expenses of \$309.00 for advertising. We will vote on the disbursement at our Annual ECW meeting on February 1, 2025.

Our Secret Sister program is active 13 participants this year.

ECW is for All Women of the Parish with no dues for membership. It is a way for women to offer and receive friendship, to participate in programs for spiritual growth, to learn from each other's life experiences and to share our "Christ in us" with each other.

Respectfully submitted Billie Wilson

Attic Gift Shop

The Attic Gift Shop has adjusted to their new space from across the hall. We have a slightly smaller location with plenty of shelves. However, we could use some volunteers to work in the gift shop occasionally. Lila would like a little more time off and more time to enjoy the rest of the church family and she has earned it.

Our best customers are the darling children from Good Shepherd and El Buen Pastor. We love having them come into The Attic. If their parents have any suggestions on new items for our children's toy basket, we would love to hear them.

The Attic's net proceeds for 2024 are \$1,233.36. We will donate \$500.00 of that to the General Fund for the church, \$300.00 to Youth Impact and will purchase \$300.00 worth of linens for the Shepherd's Fold. The small remaining balance will be used for any new inventory we need.

Over the years, The Attic has changed. We used to sell books for the adult forum and other religious books as requested. It is easier for many of our customers to order those on their own or download to phones or kindles. We still carry religious jewelry and artifacts. We also try to keep children's books on hand and seasonal gift merchandise.

Please come and browse before or after church and we are open to any suggestions of merchandise that anyone would like to see available. Thank you to our customers, visitors and especially the children.

Submitted by Lee Hardy and Lila

Faith Formation Ministries

Adult Forum

Spring semester series

- a study of the Gospel of Mark by Amy-Jill Levine
- The Way of Love for Lent and Easter
- Theological Conversations: Iona congregational curriculum

Fall semester series

- “Weird Christians” led by Pastor Lisa
- “Passages in Paul”: passages in 1 Corinthians linked to Lisa’s series
- Advent series: Adam Hamilton, *Incarnation*

Attendance: 7-13, with the highest attendance for Pastor Lisa’s series

Special thanks

- Rev. Lisa for leading “Weird Christians” and sharing her continuing education trip
- facilitators: Bonnie Taylor, Alan Gabourie
- Steve Bauter for instructional support: Zoom link, printing handouts

Submitted by Dr. Mark LeTourneau

EfM (Education for Ministry)

The **Education for Ministry (EfM)** program began its 2024–2025 academic year in September, welcoming **eight students** and **two mentors**. This year has been marked by enriching experiences and meaningful discussions that have fostered spiritual growth and community. Our group includes **four first-year students** and **three graduating students** who will soon celebrate the completion of their four-year journey.

Highlights of the Year

Throughout the year, participants have engaged deeply with the prescribed readings, leading to thought-provoking conversations that have enriched our collective understanding. A pivotal aspect of our journey has been the sharing of personal **spiritual autobiographies**, which has strengthened the bonds within our group. This year, a unique focus emerged as participants explored themes of **turning from and turning to** within their spiritual narratives.

The curriculum also includes **Theological Reflections (TRs)**, where participants take turns leading sessions. This winter, these reflections often culminated in the creation of heartfelt prayers, known as **Collects**, which have added a profound spiritual dimension to our learning experience.

Looking Ahead

We are thrilled to welcome new students to the EfM program for the **Fall 2025** academic year. Prospective participants are encouraged to attend a class to experience the program firsthand. For more information, please reach out to our mentors, **Cynthia Hudgens** or **Steve Bauter**, or connect with current or past students.

Program Details:

Class Schedule: September through May (36 weeks)

- **Meeting Time:** Monday evenings, 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
- **Location:** Good Shepherd

Current Participants **Our 2024–2025 cohort includes:**

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| Sam Magoon | Mary Kate McGoon-More | Anna Flandro | Jeff Woolston |
| Allen Gabourie | April Anderson | Sveva Young | Austin Buckuis |

About EfM

EfM is a **theological education program at a distance**, developed by the **University of the South's School of Theology**.

Podcast Feature

For further insights into EfM, listen to the podcast featuring Bonnie Taylor and Steve Bauter, presented by Craig Worth:

<https://utahepodcopalians.podbean.com/e/utah-epodcopalians-efm/>

Submitted by Steve Bauter, Mentor

Daughters of the King

During the year 2024 the DOK Miriam Chapter met Jan-May and Sept-Dec taking a break in the summer. Meeting and fellowship were enjoyed in both members' homes and local restaurants.

Ongoing service projects include making hygiene kits that can be available to give out from the church. Name tags were made for each member.

The members have an active text prayer chain that all can contribute to.

Chaplain Deacon Patti took a medical break during the Fall.

A new member interest tea was held in October with 3 attending, all of those interested would like to begin a new member study in 2025.

Book Discussions for this year included: *The Time is Now* and *God Winks*. Each member took turns presenting a spiritual message for study.

The first Sunday in November we celebrated the international presence of the Daughters of the King and the contributions of our Miriam Chapter.

The Miriam Chapter organized and delivered the items that were collected for families of Youth Impact at the Giving Tree event held in December.

Submitted by Beth Clemenger

20's30's Ministry

"Our growing young adult group is a vibrant community of individuals in their 20s and 30s who meet every other Wednesday to pray, fellowship, and grow together as young(ish) Episcopalians. What began as just three people has blossomed into a group of 5-9 attendees on any given night. We gather to share meals, laugh, and support one another, living out God's call to bear each other's burdens. Through acts of service to one another and our broader community, we strive to reflect God's love in practical ways such as making blankets for the Linen Pantry. As we look to the coming year, we are excited to grow, develop a more organized and sharable community group model, and continue strengthening one another in the love of Christ."

Submitted by Mary Kate McGoon-Moore

Children/Families Ministries

Sunday School

Thanks to Maricela Morena, Beth Clemenger and Jean Norman for leading the Sunday School classes during the Spring of 2024. In the Fall when Good Shepherd changed their worship time to 10:00 AM Pastor Lisa and Clay Dyer were able to join the team. The worship time change also created a smoother Sunday School time for the teachers. The kids gather in the classroom until 10 AM and then they go downstairs to the children's chapel to hear the message for the day. They return to the classroom for an activity and then are dismissed to go receive communion.

Most of the children come from the El Buen worshipping community and they are full of energy and are eager to learn. With the addition of more teachers each teacher leads ONE Sunday a month so that they can worship the other Sundays.

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School, see Pastor Lisa or Madre Isabel.

Property Ministries

Property Report

This has been a busy year for buildings and grounds. There have been many necessary repairs and improvements. We were able to accomplish many of these repairs and improvements through generous donations, hard work of our Junior Warden, Rhonda Gill, and the property and grounds committee as they researched warranties, insurance coverage, grants, etc. so most of the work could be completed with minimal reduction of the year's financial resources. Research has also been done to map out repairs and improvements over the next five years.

The Rectors office and the Attic store switched places at the first of the year. The new rector's office was painted, and new carpet was installed in anticipation of the arrival of our new pastor, Rev. Lisa Mensinger.

The Emergency Operations Procedures for the church were updated. We thank Cynthia Hudgens for her hard work and dedication to detail. We have received a grant to update security in the church and a surveillance system thanks to Jean Norman.

There were some roof leaks that caused some water damage. It was a major effort regarding warranties and insurance to get the roof repaired. The first leak was related to the flat section of roofing. The choir room and Shepherds linen room had to be cleaned and painted due to water damage. The second leak was under the solar panels. It appears the panels were not properly sealed at the time of installation. Luckily, both were covered by warranties.

Though a very generous donation outdoor lights were installed to showcase the beautiful stain-glass windows in the evening. This is a wonderful addition to our historic sanctuary.

Many of our smaller repairs, spring and fall cleanups were donated by parishioners. Their skills and dedication have helped to keep this building and grounds so beautiful, safe and in good condition.

2024 major projects are listed below:

- Replace the lock bar on SE front door – for security issues
- Carpet repair in Tuttle Hall and cleaning all carpets
- Painting of areas/offices
- Purchase of new washer
- Repair of Rod Iron Fence/gate on Kiesel Ave side of property
- Installation of lights on stained glass windows
- Installation of power lines and lights for Grant Ave Sign
- Replacement of furnace blower and dampers for Tuttle Hall furnace

Foundation Report

The Good Shepherd Foundation was established as a trust in 1983 for the exclusive benefit of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in the protection and maintenance of the properties of the church. Property is defined as real property with buildings, landscaping and church furnishings and fixtures used by the church in accomplishing its religious purposes. Five trustees of the fund are appointed by the Rector with approval of the vestry.

The Foundation funds are managed by Cetera Advisor Network. As approved by the Foundation trustees our investment portfolio would be described as moderate risk and has earned 5.7% over the past 14 years with a return of 10.3 % in 2024. The value of the Foundation has increased over the years with excellent market conditions, memorial contributions, columbarium sales and bequests from members of the congregation.

80% of the annual income from the trust fund may be spent or disbursed at the discretion of the vestry to accomplish the purposes outlined above. The remaining 20% of annual income is retained in the trust fund to assure an ever-increasing principal fund. Income from the fund may accumulate within the trust at the discretion of the vestry for use with major projects. Trust funds are perpetual.

At year end 2024 the value of the fund was \$561,160, an increase of \$51,990 from year end 2023. This increase is primarily the result of a strong financial market in 2024.

Total income from the fund in 2024 was \$28,160, with \$22,528 available to the vestry as outlined above.

The foundation covered \$1,350 in needed expenses during the year. Those expenses were primarily for exterior door repairs, electrical and other maintenance issues. These types of expenses underscore the importance of maintaining an adequate reserve within the foundation.

As you establish or review your estate plans, please remember that a bequest to the Foundation as part of your estate planning will help to maintain this beautiful church property in perpetuity.

Submitted by Rich Bauter

Financial Report

2024 SUMMARY: Thank you to Lee, Linda and Jan for helping with the financial aspects of stewarding what God has provided to this bi-lingual worshipping community. Rich Bauter stepped into the role of the Treasurer for 2024 and will be stepping down from this role but will remain on the vestry. With the collaboration of the new Rector, Rich, Lee and the Vestry, we were able to review the financial statements to understand what we have done in the past and compared this to what we are currently giving the most energy towards. Many of the funds were combined because of their common ministry purpose, and this made the Balance Sheet easier to understand.

Overall, the giving exceeded the proposed budget by \$21,000, while the expenses were \$20,000 less than the proposed budget. Many people gave towards special property repairs or improvements. Refer to the Property Committee report. Last year we approved a proposed budget with a \$50,000 deficit and due to the generous giving of many our expenses exceeded our giving by \$6,716. But this doesn't truly reflect how we are living into our mission/vision statement.

And so this past year the Vestry with Pastor Lisa and Madre Isabel developed a Narrative budget to help tell the story of how the Body of Christ is living into the mission that God has planted in our hearts. We look forward to sharing this at the Annual Meeting.

Submitted by Rich Bauter and Pastor Lisa Mensinger

(REPORTS included separately)

Stewardship – Liturgical Year

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Generosity is a journey, it's a practice that we learn and nurture within our hearts. It just isn't in our nature to give away what we have worked hard to acquire or to donate our precious time without compensation. It takes something as radical as Love to inspire us to share our time, talent, and treasure with others. This is a journey we make together, a Walk in Love.



As we have lived in the Gospel of St. Mark in 2024 we have been brought into a world turned radically upside down. The laws and customs that had been in place for centuries were challenged, power and dominion have been questioned, and a culture hemmed in from all sides by oppression and subjection desperately seeks a way forward.

As it turns out, it is not clever politics or force that cause the change in society, but the simplest concept of Love. Jesus causes a revolution of thought and heart by daring to reach out to the outcast and teach

others to do the same. He walks in love with the marginalized, with the poor, with the sick, and brings us along with him on his journey.

The most miraculous gift of Love is that it was there within us all along, all we had to do was find it, tap into it, and begin growing it. And look what happened? We learned to share, to give, to volunteer, to accompany others, to feed, to pray, to visit, to strive for change. This liturgical year as our Stewardship Campaign kicks off, **we will be intentionally raising up stories of how we *Walk in Love* with each other in our congregation.** We invite you to share your stories of inspiration and connection with our shared ministry in this place and with each other. We invite you to *Walk in Love*.

In the month of November, we encouraged you to bring pledge cards and place it in the offering plate by Christ the King Sunday (Nov 24th). Each card was an invitation to share parts of your story as you *Walk in Love* with Christ and this community. We thank you for your generosity of time, talents and treasures.

Peace & Love, Pastor Lisa & Madre Isabel

2025 Calendar of Events

| Good Shepherd | JOINT EVENTS | El Buen Pastor |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | JANUARY/ENERO | |
| Sun, Jan 5 Taking down the greens + potluck | Sun, Jan 26 Annual Parish Meeting with Potluck - after worship | Sun, Jan 5 Tres Rois celebration |
| | FEBRUARY/ FEBRERO | |
| | Sat, Feb 8 - Vestry Retreat 11 AM to 3 PM at Ogden CC | |
| | MARCH / MARZO | |
| Wed, Mar 5 Ash Wed at Noon & 6 PM | Tue, Mar 4 Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes & Sausage – 5 – 7 PM | Wed, Mar 6 Ash Wed at 6 PM |
| | APRIL/ ABRIL | |
| Thu, Apr 17 Maundy Thu at 7 PM | Sun, Apr 13 – Palm Sunday Procession Joint Coffee Hour | Thu, Apr 17 Maundy Thu at 6 PM |
| Fri, Apr 18 Good Friday at 6 PM | | |
| Sat, Apr 19 Easter Vigil at 7 PM | Sun, Apr 20 – Easter Egg Hunt & Joint Coffee Hour | |
| | MAY / MAYO | |
| | Sat, May 3 – Spring Clean up | Sun, May 4 – Bishop Phyllis Visit |
| | Fri, May 30: Blood Drive | |
| | JUNE / JUNIO | |
| Sun, June 15 – Bishop Phyllis Visit | Sun, June 8 – Pentecost – Joint Worship | |
| | JULY / JULIO | |
| | Sun, July 20 Tuttle Day | |
| | AUGUST / AGOSTO | |
| | VBS ?? | |
| | SEPTEMBER / SEPTIEMBRE | |
| | OCTOBER / OCTUBURE | |
| Sun, Oct 5 Blessing of the Animals at Noon | Sat, Oct 11 Fall Clean up | |
| | NOVEMBER / NOVIEMBRE | |
| Sat, Nov 8 ECW Fall Fair ?? | Sun, Nov 2 All Saints Day Joint Coffee Hour | |
| | Wed, Nov 27 Thanksgiving Meal – Noon – 2 PM | |
| | DECEMBER / DICIEMBRE | |
| Thu, Dec 18 Putting up the Greens & Potluck | Sun, Dec 14 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Joint Coffee Hour | Sat, Dec 20 Las Posadas at 4 PM |
| Dec 19, 21-22 – Historic Chapel Tours & Hot Cocoa 6–8 PM | | |
| Wed, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Carols & Worship at 10:00 PM | Wed, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Bilingual Worship at 4 PM | |