

Christ Church  
MINUTES

## LAM SHEPHERDS MEETING

January 24, 2024      ATHENS

In Attendance: Donna Ferguson (CCA), Ray Craig (CCA), Greg Smith (St. Luke's), Mary Haigh (LAM Treasurer), Deborah Brundage (    ), Helen Lewis (HTOL), Marion Seaward (HTOL), Bill MacLean (HT Lombardy), Rich Bradley (HT Lombardy), Doug Cowley (St. Paul's) , Rev. Trish Miller, Rev. Canon Nancy MacLeod

Absent : Parish of Kitley representatives

### Opening Devotional

- circulation of photo of Upper Michigan Chapel Rock white pine depicting roots bridging a 5 metre gap extending to life sustaining soil on the forest floor.
- discussion of our connection with God, Church and the communities we serve locally and in the wider world.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting/Action Arising

-accepted subject to recording of attendees and absentees

### Special Items

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the announced date for a regional service at Lombardy with Bishop Cliff in attendance

### Congregational Development

- KAIROS blanket exercise may happen at Oak Leaf in June around national indigenous day
- Movie “The Way” will air at Seeley’s Bay UC on Ash Wednesday, February 14 after the noon service.
- Lenten bags will be distributed for collection of giveaway items over the 40 days of Lent

### Stewardship and Financial

- Mary provided 2023 income and expense statement, final subject to review. A modest shortfall was covered by cash on hand.
- The 2024 budget has been circulated as approved at the December 12, 2023 Warden and Treasurer’s meeting.
- The new dedicated email address for Mary is : [treasurer.stlukesleeds@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stlukesleeds@gmail.com)
- Synod Council projects a 16% increase in the insurance premiums for 2024.

### Outreach and Communication Matters

- Trish noted growth in Coalition of Angels participation and contributions
- Trish will make available a list of items needed by the immigrant family soon to arrive in Brockville.

### Worship and Pastoral Care

- Vestry meetings at Lombardy and Kitley on March 3 and March 10 respectively will require 11am worship times which will be accommodated by Athens moving to a 9am service on March 3 and St. Luke's to a 9am abbreviated service or evensong on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- LAM regional service at Athens March 17 at 10am
- Maundy Thursday regional service at Oak Leaf at 6pm followed by a pot luck meal.
- Holy Saturday Great Vigil (regional) at Lombardy 8pm

### Property, Personnel and Safe Church Matters

- The OPP portal is available for clearances if the applicant submits a letter from one of the ministers

### Scheduling and Event Planning

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> service and pot luck with the Bishop (see above). Tentative time will be 10am at Lombardy.

### Special Items/ New Matters

- St. Paul's mailed out 45 solicitations nationwide for 100K funding for their building fund. Replies are pending.
- St. Luke's 5K Reach grant funded several indigenous initiatives in 2023. They are applying for a 20K Stretch grant when applications open February 1 to fund several new initiatives around Truth and Reconciliation.
- Planning is underway for an April 20 "old time Gospel" fundraiser for Maplevue Landing at the Free Methodist church. Details are pending.

#### Next Meeting of LAM Shepherds

- Thursday, May 23 at 7 pm at Oak Leaf.

The meeting was closed with the Grace at 3:58 pm.