

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

February 12, 2022 | Council Retreat | Parish Hall

Our Mission

We are called to
invite people to know Christ,
build a community of faith, and
serve all people in love to the glory of God.

Call to Order

Devotion – Andria Parker

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Old Business

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New Business

1. Elect Treasurer
2. Graduating Senior Recognition
3. Set Date for Council Installation

Other Business

1. Property Sale Update – Right of Way
2. COVID and Mask Review

Information

1. Andrew – Israel Trip
2. Korean Service
3. Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
 - a. Next Month's CIC: _____
4. Next Month's Council Member for Devotions – _____

Adjourn

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2021, 6:30 pm, Online

Present: Jennifer Jones Barbour, Paula Dietz, Tom Dove, Kathy Hansen, Chad Howell, Lynne Koch, Shobha Kurian, Leah Murphy, Tammy Oetken, Linda Reed, Sue Rickard, Mike Robinson, Sue Rue and Nancy Wojnarski
Excused: Andria Parker
Ex-Officio Member: Pastor Dave Koppel
Staff: Alan Dunn and Andrew Thompson

Council President, Tammy Oetken, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Pastor Dave Koppel offered a prayer. Kathy Hansen gave devotions.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: Mike Robinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

OTHER REPORTS

Executive Administrator/Financial Report – Alan Dunn presented the attendance records, attendance continues to grow, we are tracking with pre-pandemic attendance numbers. The financial reports were reviewed, we closed the year on target.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2022 Financial Plan for Ministries – Alan Dunn reviewed and discussed the revised 2022 financial plan, it currently has a \$67,994.12 negative net income; the Council discussed putting an income faith factor in the budget.
MOTION: Tom Dove moved to recommend putting a faith factor in income in the 2022 Financial Plan Ministries. Motion carried with one opposed.
2. Update on Sale of Joe DiMaggio Right of Way – Alan Dunn reported that an agreement with Brinegar Properties has been signed to negotiate a possible sale of the right of way; he discussed pricing with the realtor; Alan reported that the property adjacent to the church property is to be a 350 apartment complex.
3. Affirm Electronic Meeting – Alan Dunn discussed affirming the action taken during the called electronic council meeting requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Brinegar Properties to negotiate a sale price of the Joe DiMaggio Right of Way.
MOTION: Paula Dietz moved to affirm the action taken at the called electronic meeting. Motion carried.
4. Combined Worship – the council scheduled a combined worship service for Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 9:00 am; the Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the worship service; the council was reminded that their help will be needed before and after worship; we will attempt to make the meeting a hybrid meeting (in-person and on-line via ZOOM).

MOTION: Sue Rickard moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm and closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rue
Council Secretary

January 26, 2022, 6:30 pm, Online

Present: Jennifer Jones Barbour, Paula Dietz, Tom Dove, Kathy Hansen, Chad Howell, Lynne Koch, Shobha Kurian, Leah Murphy, Tammy Oetken, Linda Reed, Sue Rickard, Mike Robinson, Sue Rue and Nancy Wojnarski
Excused: Andria Parker
Ex-Officio Member: Pastor Dave Koppel
Staff: Alan Dunn

Council President, Tammy Oetken, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Pastor Dave Koppel offered a prayer.

BUSINESS

1. 2022 Financial Plan for Ministries – Alan Dunn reviewed the 2021 financial report. The revised 2022 financial plan was reviewed and discussed; we still need \$14,402 to balance the financial plan.
MOTION: Chad Howell moved to restore the most recent cuts to the Youth and Children's Ministry budgets and reduce the amount giving to the synod by the amount needed to balance the budget. Motion carried with 8 for and 5 against.
2. Mask Requirements – the mask requirements for the combined service and annual meeting was discussed.
MOTION: Chad Howell moved that for the joint service and annual meeting we designate a mask required section and a section for masks optional. Motion carried.
3. Approve Annual Meeting Agenda – Alan Dunn presented the agenda for the annual meeting.
MOTION: Sue Rue moved that we approve the agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION: Paula Dietz moved to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rue

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING

January 30, 2022

Attendance: 109 (83 in-person and 26 online)

Council President, Tammy Oetken, called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

Pastor Dave Koppel offered a prayer.

Council President, Tammy Oetken, presented the agenda for the meeting.

MOTION: Linda Dufner moved to adopt the agenda for the meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Council President, Tammy Oetken, recognized and thanked the outgoing council members, Tom Dove, Kathy Hansen, Tammy Oetken, Sue Rue and Nancy Wojnarski.

Carlton Sands recognized and thanked the nominating team for their work.

Carlton Sands presented the 2022 Council Nominees, David Beck, Linda Dufner, Tammy Oetken, Keith Outlaw, Brenda Ramirez and Nancy Wojnarski.

Council President, Tammy Oetken, asked for nominations from the floor. Linda Dufner nominated Brett Dieterich. Nominations ceased. Council President, Tammy Oetken, instructed people how to vote. Tammy called for the vote.

Alan Dunn presented the 2021 financial reports.

MOTION: Sue Rue moved to accept the 2021 financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Alan Dunn presented the property update regarding the potential right-of-way sale of 1.2 acres; he reported that we should get \$15 - \$19 per square foot; the council will call a congregational meeting when we have an offer.

Council President, Tammy Oetken, reported that at this time we do not have Synod Assembly Delegates.

Sue Rue presented the Memorials.

Alan Dunn presented the 2022 Financial Plan for Ministries and entertained questions.

MOTION: David Beck moved to adopt the 2022 Financial Plan for Ministries as presented. Motion carried.

Council President, Tammy Oetken, presented the results of the first ballot; the following individuals were elected to the council, Brett Dieterich, Linda Dufner, Tammy Oetken, Keith Outlaw and Nancy Wojnarski.

MOTION: Dave Smith moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

Pastor Dave Koppel closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Rue, Council Secretary

PASTOR KOPPEL'S REPORT

How I invest my time:

Studying and reading the Bible, Devotions, Prayers for our members and community: staying grounded in the Word of God and in touch with the needs of our congregation and community.

Worship Preparation and leadership: writing sermons, prayers, bulletin outlines, and A/V sermon outlines for the *Rejoice!* service, and discussion questions; writing full scripts for the online worship services, choosing music for traditional services, working on special services, (such as Ash Wednesday, and Wednesdays in Lent, combined services, etc.), funerals –including family counseling, proofing bulletins, wedding planning, baptism planning, and planning out themes and hymns several weeks in advance.

Teaching: planning and teaching confirmation class, Adult Bible Study every Monday, Hispanic Leadership classes, First Communion classes.

Writing: weekly emails to the congregation, sermons, articles, letters of recommendation for our members. Monthly reports, research for a possible preaching and small group series

Administration and training: Meet with entire staff weekly, meet weekly with intern pastor daily and seminarian usually twice per week. Coaching with Director of Children's Ministries and Director of Youth Ministries.

Coaching/Counseling: Meet with several individuals and families around issues of death, marital and family issues, pre-marital, pre-surgery, cancer, unemployment issues, and more.

Youth and children: Stop in at the Wednesday night youth group, attend JAM. Organize and teach confirmation classes

Visitation: Home and Hospital visits as needed in conjunction with intern pastor and Stephen Ministers. We typically have several members hospitalized, others with health/family concerns, occasional visits to those who are incarcerated.

Major congregational events: congregational meetings, forums, celebrations (Confirmation Sunday, Rally Day, Wednesday Evening Lenten Series, Congregation Small Group Sermon Series.

Special service planning: funerals/memorial services, weddings, baptisms, etc.: This can take a significant amount of time. [We had 4 funerals this past month.]

Other meetings/learning/coaching: Ironmen, Worship and Music Committee, Finance Committee, Personnel committee, Executive Committee, Endowment Committee, Council, and other committees as available.

Contacts with potential new members: (letters, phone calls, personal notes) and with members who have been absent

Larger church and Community: Round Rock Ministerial Association meetings, quarterly Round Rock Pastors meeting, encouraging and coaching younger pastors (currently mentoring two), helping coordinate Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, National Day of Prayer at the Baptist Children's Home, working with Water for Africa, and Sacred Heart Community Clinic. Attend Undoing Racism Round Rock meetings. Volunteer as Round Rock Police Chaplain.

Continuing Education: Police Chaplain training. Attended National Pastor's Conference, SWT-ELCA Synod Assembly, SWT Bishop's convocation. Will be attending ELCA Larger Church Conference in May 2022.

Other ways of representing Palm Valley throughout the year:

Attending swearing in of City Council members, Police Officers,
Meeting with potential counselors before making referrals for our members
Attending our youth's school plays and sporting events when available
Long term planning work

Specifics from the last month include

- Funerals: Larry Fisher, Terry Craddock, Pauline Peterson, Douglas Kelley (Counseling, sermons, writing and leading services)
- Preparation and counseling for baptisms.
- Hospital visits and following up with several people who have been ill or who have lost loved ones recently.
- Attended five congregation forums (three in person, two online) and Annual meeting, executive committee and council meetings.
- Stephen Ministry
- Worked on Lenten series, video recorded Ash Wednesday and Lenten services; made video recordings. Worked on Holy Week services, sermons, and recordings.
- Met with several members regarding various concerns
- In the process of recruiting synod assembly delegates;
- Meeting/coaching with Andrew and Lax every week, going over their sermons, completing evaluations
- Weekly staff meetings
- Wrote letters of recommendation for several of our members and city officials.
- Worked with new hires, especially Michael Chapman, new interim Director of Contemporary Music
- Worked with Esmeralda Mendoza as coordinator for Hispanic service
- Premarital work: Tonkin/Ta, Craddock/Hermes, Yarbrough/Jacob, Romo/Claxton, Rucker/Getz
- met with Pastor Min Woo Lee regarding possible Korean services at PVLC

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Dr. Dave Koppel
Senior Pastor

Important dates:

- **February 11-12 Council Retreat**
- **March 2 Ash Wednesday, and beginning of Wednesday Evening Worship Services**
- **April 10 Passion/Palm Sunday -**
- **April 14 Maundy Thursday**
- **April 15 Good Friday**
- **April 17 Easter Day**
- **April 24 Confirmation**
- **June 5 Pentecost**
- **June 10-12 Synod Assembly**
- **June 16, Downhome Ranch Dinner & Dance – need PVLC volunteers**



INTERN PASTOR

Happy February everyone! I hope you all are staying safe and healthy. This past month has been a busy one! *Accompanying members of our community who are remaining at home amidst this recent Omicron surge has been a challenge at times, with occasional COVID-19 exposures for members and myself alike.* Yet, thanks be to God, we have all been safe and healthy along the way, and I am grateful for how masking and phone-calls allow us to remain connected even as COVID-19 seems to confront us at every turn. I am thankful for how the council and the broader church community have all been so understanding as I prayerfully discern how best to accompany all the members of this church in a way that best contributes to everyone's safety and wellness as children of God. With the surge subsiding, I look forward to being back in person for all services very soon.

I am glad to share that amidst all this strange times, I continue to see the Spirit moving as always. *Pastor Dave, Lax, and I have all been preparing and recording content with Jessica for Lent and Holy Week.* I am so excited for everyone to begin experiencing these worship offerings in the weeks ahead. Additionally, I have had the joy and honor to accompany the Hispanic service community here. *I am amazed and inspired by the collaboration and dedication these members have to this important service.* My Spanish language development continues to grow, and I look forward to greater involvement with this service in the future.



This past Sunday, February 6th, was a Sunday of new opportunities for me! *I shared my first drama/ collaborative sermon with Pastor Dave, which seemed to resonate with the community. Plus, we got to wear costumes and have fun at church, which is always a plus! Additionally, I had the opportunity to lead my first Confirmation 201 class alongside Denise.* We dove into the first few petitions of the Lord's Prayer, had time for small groups, and watched a variety of videos which all

highlighted how *God is a loving parent, is One we get to respect and honor, and is the Reigning God who is inviting us to see more and more how God's Kingdom is here and is still arriving.*

This past month saw myself, my Intern Support Team, and supervisor all sharing *their 6-month evaluations of my time so far with Palm Valley Lutheran Church.* This time for feedback and reflection allowed me to look again at how I am growing, how I have already been present with the community, and how I hope to continue developing as a leader in Christ's Church at work in the world. I am so appreciative of everyone's support and honest feedback as I continue on this journey.

Looking ahead, I will be back at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University for my second intensive course, *Hermeneutics for Preaching, from the evening of February 13th through Monday, February 21st.* I am excited to hone my preaching skills with my cohort in the coming days and to bring such learning back with me to the Palm Valley Lutheran Church community. Beyond that, I will be considering some small group/book club ideas in the coming weeks, so stay tuned! I look forward to seeing you all for our Council Retreat this coming weekend, and seeing where the Spirit leads us next! I will be praying with and for you all.

YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Wednesday Night Youth

Wednesday Night Youth in January started out slow this month. Unfortunately, because I got sick, the first two Wednesday Night Youth meetings of the month had to be canceled. We finished the month with a new Bible study series on the Bible itself. We had some great discussions on “How do we know the Bible is true?” and “How do we know the Bible comes from God?” This new study encourages the youth to ask questions and dig into scripture itself to find the answers.

Youth Activities

The youth and I started the year with a day of service at Down Home Ranch. We were able to help make preparations for spring planting. Playing in the dirt is one of the kids favorite things to do.



Confirmation classes continue throughout the month of January. Confirmation 201 is studying the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. Confirmation 101 has completed their study of the Old Testament.

This month I was able to make it to a girls basketball game for one of our youth.



CRHS girls basketball – Mikah J.

Denise's Activities

The Southwestern Texas Faith Formation leaders group did not meet this month due to the upswing in COVID cases. Round Rock Youth Leaders group met at Bethany United Methodist Church. We discussed the upcoming activities in spring and how to reinvest in our relationship with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). I continue to serve as a Stephen Minister helping the youth and their families when necessary; however, I was unable to meet with the group this month. I also serve as a MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) mentor mom; however, our meeting was canceled this month due to several illnesses of leadership.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

We are offering a one-room Sunday School for children in the Parish Hall. The first one is at 10:30, after the Rejoice Service, and the second one is at 11:15, during the Hispanic Service.

Worship

In January, the children were able to take part in the combined service for the annual meeting via a video performance. The children of JAM recorded "Jesus Loves Me" on handbells.

JAM

We meet every Wednesday at 6:00. This is for kids in K-5th grades.

MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers meets the first Sunday of every month. At the last meeting the moms played a version of the newlywed game, answering questions about their partners.

Preschool

Preschool chapel day is Tuesday each week. I lead a story from the Frolic Preschool Bible Curriculum.

Online

Every Sunday I post a link to videos and curriculum for parents to lead a Sunday school class at home with their kids.

Camp

We already have seven kids registered to go to Camp Chrysalis this summer. We will also be offering a week of day camp in June.

Vacation Bible School

We are looking at options for Bible School this summer.

Education Connection

Double File Trail Elementary has finally opened their campus for readers. I am coordinating with teachers to place volunteers with students.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

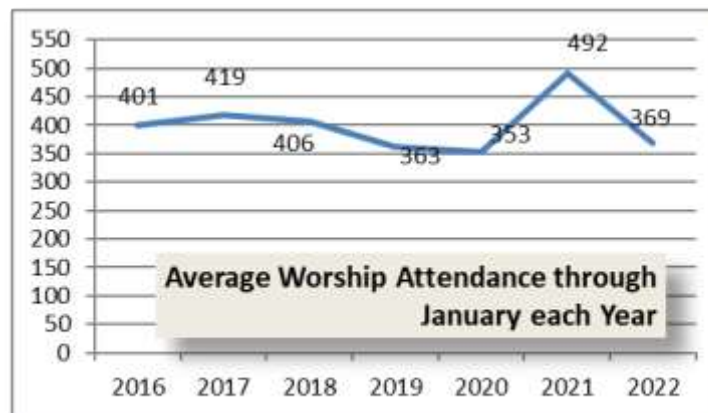
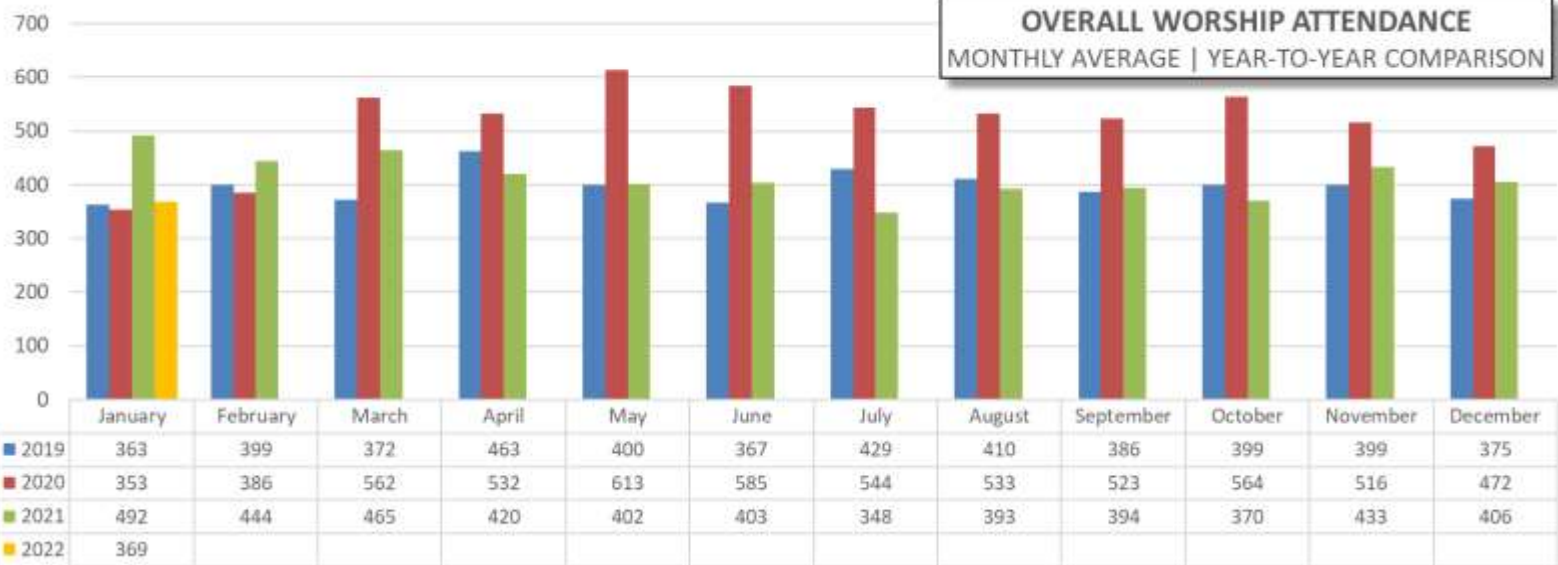
Financial reports for January 2022 are not available. You will receive the reports as we upload the budget and create targets for the year.

Financial Summary

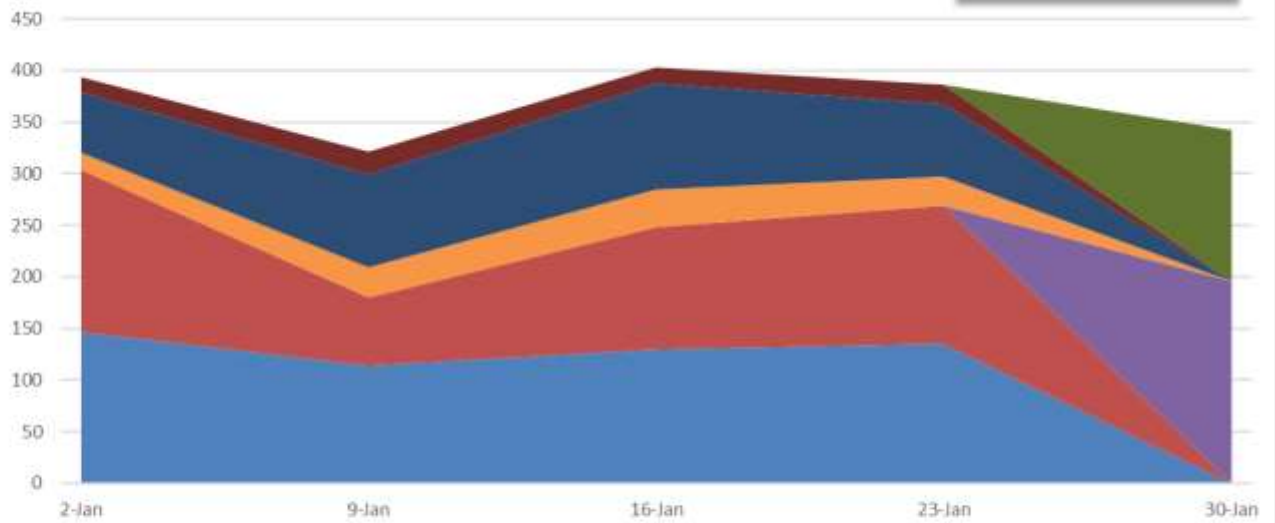
Income - \$106,247.94

Expense - \$72,393.84

Net Total - \$33,854.10

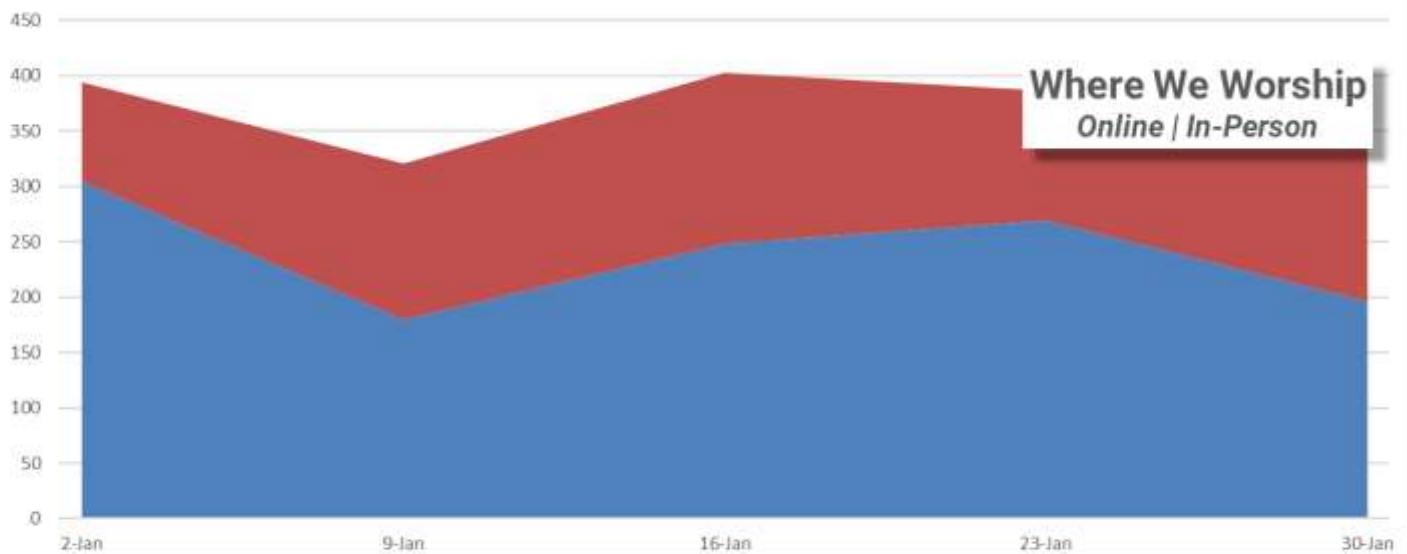


Where We Worship By Service



	2-Jan	9-Jan	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan
In-House Combined Worship					146
In-House Hispanic	15	22	16	19	
In-House Rejoice!	59	90	102	70	
In-House Traditional	16	29	37	28	
Online Combined					196
Online Rejoice!	158	66	118	134	
Online Traditional	146	114	130	135	

Where We Worship Online | In-Person



	2-Jan	9-Jan	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan
IN-PERSON WORSHIP	90	141	155	117	146
ONLINE WORSHIP	304	180	248	269	196