



LAURELWOOD CHURCH

ANNUAL
REPORT

2025-2026

The State of the Church

by Pastor Erik Hallworth



Praise God for the good things He has done this year!

Our church priorities:
Rooting deeply in Christ
Growing with the body of Christ
Bearing fruit for Christ



Laurelwood -

In September I'll have finished my fourth year as your pastor at Laurelwood. Thank you again for your faithful presence and prayer. Many of you have come up to me and let me know that you regularly pray for myself and the ministry team here.

As we look at this past year, I want to highlight a few points of God's faithfulness:

Baptisms: we continued to see people being baptized this year.

Growth: we saw God's continued growth in terms of new people coming to Laurelwood.

Depth: we also saw regular Laurelwood'ers growing deeper through Discipleship Groups

Unity: we saw the church come together to help support the next generation and their families through providing camp assistance.

Stewardship: we ended financially in our best financial shape to date.

Leadership: we enjoyed Morgan's first year as our Worship Director, a major prayer point last year.

Thank you for your continued prayers. The next major goal this year is continued clarity on the ministries we offer and on how we do evangelism and missions. Every church has a story just as every city has one too. Ministry needs be to excellent, lean and culturally aware. While it's been awesome to experience the people of Laurelwood grow both deeper and more together, answering some of the critical questions of our ministry distinctives and how we're thinking about evangelism and missions are important in order for us to continue to minister in this city He's put us in.

-Pastor Erik

Caring Team

By Bill & Becky Doel

Caring Team Ministries Include:

- Body Life – Weddings, receptions, memorials
- Worship Service – Communion, baptisms
- Fellowship – Social events, special meals, visitation
- Mercy – Aid, coaching, gift baskets

We are blessed by a church that cares for its own through volunteering and generous giving!



Weddings & Receptions

The kitchen team faithfully supported numerous services, receptions and special events.

Memorial Services

We honored those who went to glory with a meaningful memorial thoughtfully planned by LBC staff and the Caring Team.

Visitation Team

Our Visitation Team met with shut-ins and others in need of encouragement.

Benevolent Fund

Our church generously supported members in need. Your faithful generosity helps us be a blessing!

Special Meals

The meals ministry was transitioned to Kayla Kempf. She coordinates meals for those who have had surgery or other medical issues.



Equipping Hour

By Tracy Halstead

Fall Equipping Hour classes included Discovery Class for newcomers, Old Testament Survey (John Weeks), VIP: Created in the Image of God (Josh Espasandin), and later a New Testament Survey (Don Ebel Sr.).

Special topic studies throughout the year covered the Nativity (Josh Espasandin), current events and end times in What's Going on in the World (Paul Lantz), Revival (Don Ebel Sr.), and multiple offerings of the Discovery Class.

Spring and post-Easter classes focused on Christian growth and biblical understanding through The Cross (13 weeks, multiple teachers using Lynn Ruark's notes), Free to Disagree (John Weeks), Parenting (Scott & Allison DeViney), Bible Study Methods (Tracy Halstead), and the Book of Joel (Paul Lantz).

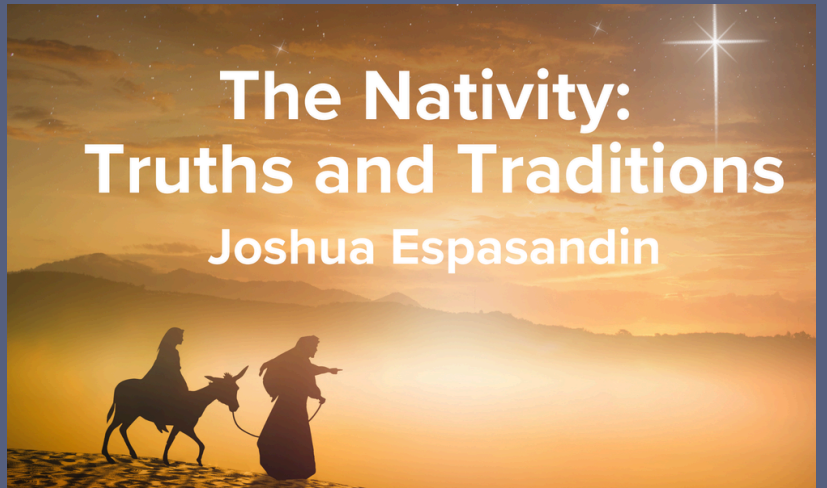
God's Plan for the Ages in our Time

Paul Lantz



The Nativity: Truths and Traditions

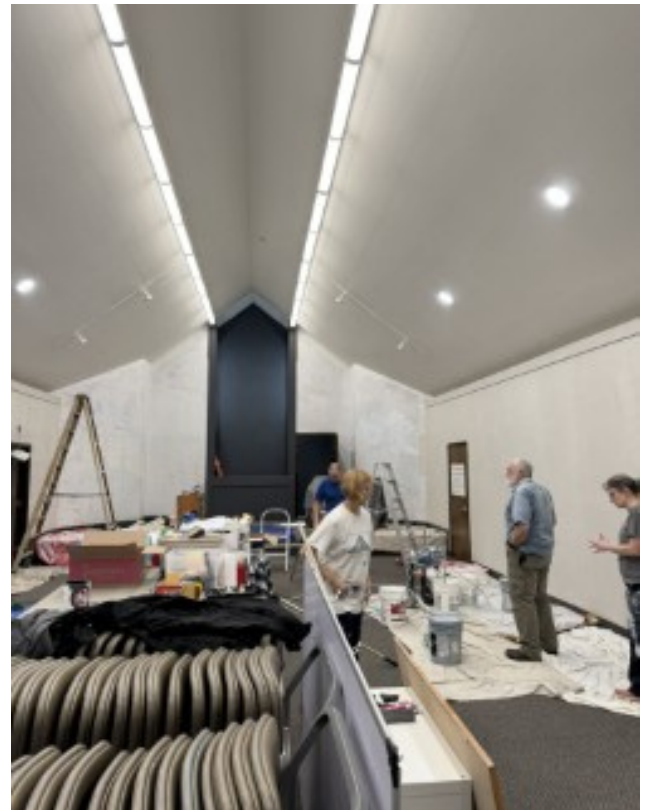
Joshua Espasandin



Facilities Team

By Mike Lewis

- Faithful volunteers continued to make this ministry possible. Their service saved the church an estimated \$50,000 this year, and we are grateful for each one who gave their time and skills.
- Major facility improvements were completed, including new roofs on all three buildings and installation of 6" gutters around the Fellowship Hall, bringing several years of planning and fundraising to completion.
- Campus and building upgrades included removing diseased trees and overgrown landscaping, adding a brick pathway to the park, and renovating the Ministry Center Chapel with fresh paint, drywall repair, and new LED lighting (thanks to a \$16,000 Clark PUD rebate that helped offset renovation costs).
- Ongoing stewardship and care remain priorities as we continue facility maintenance and support widows with home repair needs.



Kids' Ministry

By Katie Doel

Summer Ministry Highlights

*9 students and 8 staff served at the Experience of the Ocean Summer Camp. One student received her first Bible.

*Day camp had over 70 kids and 30 staff in attendance in July

Family Discipleship Events

*Our annual Harvest Carnival doubled in numbers as we saw more than 300 people and shared the gospel throughout the evening through various presentations.

Sunday Morning Ministry

*About 65 adults and youth rotating each week to serve about 45-50 kids.

*5th Sunday gatherings include prek-5th grade. We focused on Advent, Good Friday, and prayer. The big kids partnered with the little kids for the activities.

*Restructured classrooms to accommodate student engagement and learning. Littles, preschool (3-4 years old), PreK-Kindergarten, Elementary 1-3rd grade, Level Up 4th and 5th graders.



Club 66 Program

*Transitioned leadership from Leng Halstead to Katie Doel for the coming school year.

*Served 40 kids and had 20 volunteers.

Missions Team

By Scott DeViney

Serving locally and around the world!

- As a church, we continued to provide significant support to 11 missionaries and organizations engaged in fruitful service locally and around the world.
- This year marked the final year of formal support for Freedom House, which the church has been supporting through congregational giving for the last 13 years – as well as through individual giving and service. After many years of effective ministry, Freedom House has been winding down its operations and is in process of transitioning its campus. We are continuing to pray for a smooth closeout and for the campus to go to another God-honoring organization.
- After over 20 years of founding and leading MarriageTeam, Al & Autumn Ray turned over leadership to a new executive director in April 2025, which is a long-time answer to prayer! We are excited for this next phase of leadership for MarriageTeam. This is also our last year of formal support, although Laurelwood members continue to be involved in this excellent and growing ministry.
- After getting married in May 2025 to Max Rothe, Claire handed off her ministry at JosiahVenture and they both began a new ministry together in Germany with Greater Europe Missions (GEM). We are praying for them as they've started this new ministry and are happy to share they are 100% supported!
- Brian and Melanie Stark were asked by WorldVenture to step up from leading first term support for the Asia-Pacific region to leading the global team for this effort. We are praying for God's wisdom, energy and love for them in this expanded role.
- Bill and Bobbie Trenckmann have had an open door in Rwanda to disciple pastors and teachers for home churches. They are working with several in-country leaders and have now trained 44 pastors and 326 facilitators that are reaching thousands of participants in weekly home Bible studies. We are praying for God to continue to bless His Word and grow His body in Rwanda!
- In November, our church packed 1,500 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to send God's love and message of salvation around the world - which was the most we have ever done! (and the fifth year in a row that I've said that!)



Men's Ministry

By Brian Fraught



In December, we hosted a Men's Seminar focused on helping men catch a vision for Laurelwood's mission of "Bearing Fruit." Our own Tracy Halstead was one of three speakers. There were approximately 45 men in attendance.

Throughout the year, we provided opportunities for fellowship and encouragement through three Men's Breakfasts, a Men's BBQ, three hikes, and a campout for those who enjoy outdoor activities and adventure.

Ten men attended the Fall Men's Roundup at Camp Tadmor, and we also offered a Wednesday morning Bible study covering various Old Testament books, along with a Thursday evening Zoom prayer gathering.



Seniors' Ministry

By Dianne Skoubo

The Seniors' Ministry's focus in 2025-2026 was to provide a variety of gatherings for seniors to be encouraged and encourage others in the faith while also bringing joy through worship.

October Gathering

In October, Gideon Camp President Gary Kinzie, a former attendee of Laurelwood, presented information about the Gideons and its influence locally. It was encouraging to hear how the Gideons had impacted lives in our area. Mary Dombrow assisted by explaining the Gideon's card program.



Christmas Gathering

After enjoying a catered Christmas lunch, those who attended listened to a special message by guest speaker Bob DeViney. Douglas Lee then provided piano music and led the seniors in singing Christmas hymns as we remembered Christ's birth.



February Gathering

In February, the Ministry showed the faith-based movie The Forge which was produced by the Kendrick brothers. While enjoying popcorn and candy, we were encouraged by the spiritual growth and life changes of a young man who was discipled by several men. We saw how a person who had been headed in the wrong direction could find a new path of faith.

April Gathering

An April lunch was followed by a special time of piano music by Luis Sosa and Don and Judy Ebel. Luis played a variety of songs which were greatly enjoyed. Seniors then chose favorite hymns to sing which were led by Don and accompanied by Judy. A select reading and hymn verses were chosen by Don to conclude the program.

Women's Ministry

By Allison DeViney



Women's Gatherings

Women's Ministry had four special Gatherings this year:

- September: Obedience through Grace, speaker: Austie Eckley
- January: Secret Suppers, fun pot-luck style dinners at various host homes
- March: The Grace of Jesus that Leads to Humble Love, speaker: Taylor Turkington & a special Widow's Luncheon
- We also had a few of our men serve over 150 Italian Sodas for Mother's Day! A fun annual tradition to celebrate all of our women.

All of our events had the purpose of reinforcing the three priorities at Laurelwood: Rooting in Christ, Growing as the Body of Christ and Bearing Fruit for Christ.

Women's Bible Studies

We had four groups meeting weekly to study God's Word together! On average, 30 women (and 8 kids at our Moms study) met weekly for Bible study and encouragement!



Worship Ministry

By Morgan Hagan



Fun Facts from the Worship Team!

- 400+ songs sung across all ministries
- 4 new worship & tech volunteers joined the team!
- About 250 hours of rehearsals and services shared across the Sunday Morning teams
- 2 Worship & Production Volunteer Fellowship Events!



Youth's Ministry

By Sam Halstead

Here are some of the major events that happened this past year for Deep Roots Youth Ministry.

- Summer camps provided meaningful opportunities for growth and fellowship. Middle school students learned about Christ's call to follow Him, while high school students studied Ephesians, focusing on their identity in Christ, the unity of the Church, and standing firm against spiritual opposition.
- Students also enjoyed a summer all-day event that encouraged fellowship and outreach by inviting friends.
- We hosted two Cross County Youth Nights, drawing over 100 students from multiple churches. Both events were our best attended to date and gave students the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.
- A winter worldview series sparked excellent discussion and engagement, while the Spring Retreat at Black Lake Bible Camp was another highlight. During Sam's paternity leave, the volunteer team faithfully stepped up to ensure ministry continued smoothly.
- Throughout the year, the Holy Spirit faithfully worked in students' lives, helping them deepen their gospel identity and grow as resilient disciples of Jesus.



Treasurer's Report

By Brian Wolf

This Treasurer's Report reflects our shared financial stewardship of utilizing the tithes and offerings to support our ministries and advance God's work. The congregation's generosity was evident, with over \$760,000 in giving. Planned ministries were successfully carried out within budget, indicating effective financial management. General fund spending increased from the prior year primarily due to replacement of the campus roof and gutters for \$276,000. The church continues to be debt free and maintain adequate cash reserves to provide ongoing financial stability and readiness to pursue ministry opportunities. The congregation at Laurelwood remained faithful in its giving and commitment to the mission, vision, and values of the church. Let us continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom on how to make more disciples in our community and around the world.

Church Clerk's Report: June 2025 - May 2026

By Rebecca Lundahl

General Fund Spending and Transfers to Other Funds

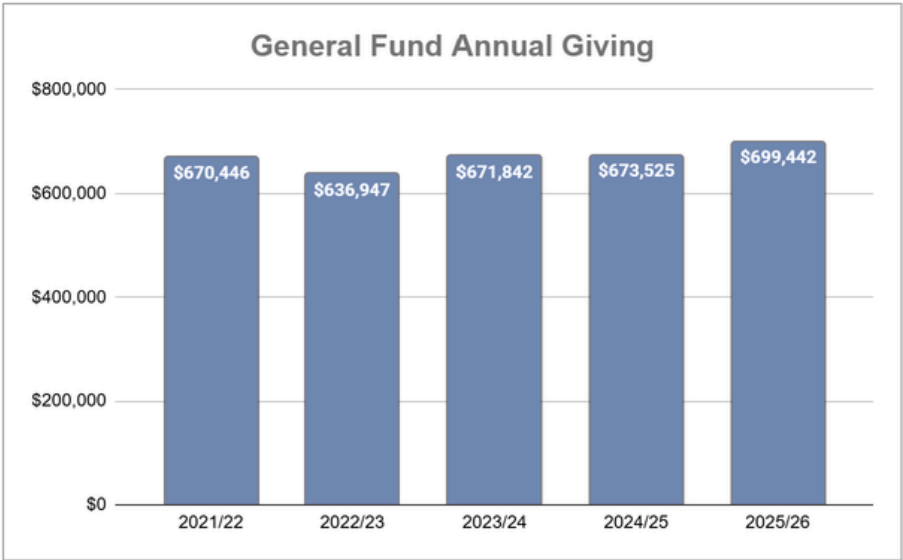
	2025/26	2024/25
Budget	\$911,800	\$673,950
Actual	870,132	599,358
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$41,668)	(\$74,592)

Annual Giving Summary

	2025/26	2024/25
General Fund	\$699,442	\$673,525
Capital Funds	12,094	9,059
Other Designated Giving	52,129	32,439
Total Annual Giving	\$763,665	\$715,023

Cash Summary - All Funds

	5/31/26	5/31/25
General Fund	\$157,810	\$250,696
Capital Funds	31,676	19,582
Other Designated Funds	62,194	60,660
Total Ending Cash	\$251,680	\$330,938



Total active membership as of June 1, 2025:
194

Total active membership as of May 31, 2026:
202

Gains:

By statement of faith 13
Reinstatement 4

Losses:

By moving/attending elsewhere 8
By death 1

Baptisms: 13
Child dedications: 5

