



LIFEPPOINT CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

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2026

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MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order

Announce Tellers

Establishment of Qualified Voters

Presentation of Ballot

Distribution of Ballot

- Tellers Hand Out Ballots
- Count Ballots
- Announce Total Ballots Distributed
- Read the Names of Absentee Ballots

Ratification

Collect Ballots

Recognition of Those Who Served

Recognition of Those Who Have Died

Word of Appreciation

Vision Casting

Prayer

Adjournment



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING BALLOT

Church Council

- Caryn Fish (December 2029)

Missions Committee

- Matt Harkenrider (December 2029)
- Kristen Tropsf (December 2029)

Nominating Committee

- Troy Scott (December 2029)

2027 Budget Approval



LEAD PASTOR'S REPORT

Transitions, Rhythms, and Looking Ahead

Transitions. Transitions are hard. Even good ones. Change always means letting go of something in order to take hold of something else. And even when the change is good and worthy of celebration, the letting go involves some kind of loss.

Early in 2026, Pam Grevengeod, our Financial Administrator at the time, sat down with me and explained that she was ready to retire. On one hand, I was a bit surprised. On the other hand, I knew her grandkids were multiplying and that she was entering a season of life where much of her “giving back” would involve investing her love in her family.

Meanwhile, Heather Doberenz, our quarter-time Worship Director, was starting to feel unsettled in her other full-time job. In our staff meetings, we plan and touch base on organizational details, but we also share life. Our team sat with her as she shared about feeling like God was preparing her for something else.

Then she began sharing about the Isaiah 117 ministry that was coming to Elkhart County. She spoke with passion about their mission and vision. When the Location Leader position for the Elkhart County house opened up, we cheered Heather on as she applied for the role—and we prayed. She was offered the position, and we celebrated with her as she stepped into this new calling.

But then came the follow-up conversation. Heather shared with me that she would need to resign from her role as Worship Director. Again, I was somewhat surprised, but at the same time, not really. Then Doug Conway, our Media Director, shared that he was also ready to start planning for retirement.

Before I tell you where we are with these transitions, I want to tell you how much of a joy it has been to work with each of them. When I stepped into my first Lead Pastor role, I interviewed Pam on my first day. Heather was already part of the staff, and because of the nature of Sunday mornings, we had to start collaborating early on. I hired Doug during my second year at LifePoint.

This team has been with me since I started. They welcomed me warmly, helped me assimilate to a new church, and have been so gracious with all the areas where I needed to grow. Together, we have shared tears and navigated our own life stuff. Being part of the chemistry we have shared has been a unique privilege.

So, I will miss working with each of them. Thankfully, none of them are leaving LifePoint. They are still part of our church family. But I will miss the conversations we have shared, both one-on-one and in our staff meetings.

I am just so grateful for each of them, and I cannot say enough about that. I would not have been able to take on the Lead Pastor role in the wake of the pandemic in 2021 and survive without this team.

Where We Are

We hired Wanda Barac to fill the Financial Administrator role, and she has been a gift to our team.

After Doug shared that he was planning to retire, we rewrote the Worship Director position and created a Worship Arts Director position. This allows us to expand the quarter-time role into a part-time position. We are sharing the opening with nearby Christian colleges, job posting sites, musicians in the area, and area churches that might have connections.

Please pray that God will bring someone who has the character, competence, and chemistry for the role.

All of that to say, I feel like much of my energy this year has gone toward navigating these transitions. This is a rebuilding year. While I am sad that our team is changing, I am hopeful.

Change usually brings new opportunities, and I am hopeful that the new team we build will be the team LifePoint needs for whatever lies ahead.

Cultivating Rhythms

In February, we rolled out our Cultivate Rhythms initiative. Dallas Willard is quoted as having said, “The aim of spiritual formation is not behavior modification but the transformation of all those aspects of you and me where behavior comes from...”

It is my conviction that healthy things need to be cultivated, nurtured, and tended to. It is also my conviction that we are shaped by the rhythms—the routines, habits, and regular practices—that we actually live.

Our Cultivate Rhythms initiative invited us to cultivate healthy rhythms built around our core values: Gather, Grow, Give, and Go. We invited you to gather with other believers; to develop the practices of Scripture reading, prayer, and solitude; to give generously; and to pray, love, and share the life of Jesus with at least one other person in your sphere of influence.

Part of the goal of this initiative was to build a foundation around some common language. As we head into 2027, we will be inviting you to Engage—to take a step toward a greater level of ownership and engagement.

The questions before us will be:

- How can I take a step toward greater engagement in my own spiritual formation?
- How can I take a step toward greater engagement in building—not just participating in—community at LifePoint?

Some Highlights

In addition to navigating transitions and cultivating rhythms, we have had a really great year in the life of our church. Some of my favorite highlights were:

- The Nerf War
- Faith Promise
- The Sunday Table
- Easter Sunday
- The 16th Street Block Party
- The All-Church Picnic at the Doberenz Pond
- The Chili Cook-Off

Part of what I have loved about these events is seeing people connect with one another. These connections outside of our Sunday morning gatherings are part of how community is built.

I also love that we have done an amazing job of making lemonade out of lemons! Two of those events in particular—the Picnic and the Block Party—were threatened by rain. I was mentally and emotionally prepared for both to have very low attendance. To my surprise, not only were both events well attended, but the energy you all brought to them was such an encouragement to me. Thank you!

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your pastor. I am deeply grateful.

I also want to say thank you to our Church Council: Chandler Buchfeller, Alex Doberenz, Craig Kinsey (Treasurer), Paul Neely, Kristyn Sleseman, Teresa Vining, and Racheal Yoder.

There were a number of times when I went into a meeting feeling a little stressed about a leadership issue, only to leave with a sense of peace. I have felt deeply supported by our Church Council, and I am so grateful to serve alongside each of them.

Thank you for being such an amazing congregation to serve as pastor. You are a blessing to me, and I look forward to what 2027 has in store for the life of our congregation!

Grace + Peace,
Anthony Cottrell
Lead Pastor



P. S. Part of an annual report involves the sharing of various organizational metrics. Please review some of the numbers on the following page.

2026



YEAR IN NUMBERS



160

Average In Person
Attendance

31

Average
Online Views

9

People Through
Starting Point



7

Baptisms

2

New Life Groups



30

People In Grow Opportunities
(Financial Peace, The Bible Project,
& Monday Ladies Group)

122

People Connected to
a Life Group



155

Individuals served through the Food
Pantry Each Month (avg.)



2026



YEAR IN NUMBERS

\$292,482

YTD Income

290,984

YTD Expenses

\$311,936

YTD Budget

\$ 20,758

Faith Promise

\$7,026

Isaiah 117

\$1,850

Jail Ministry
Freedom Bags

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello LifePoint friends,

I can't believe that it is time for annual reports again. Already!? It seems as if time has flown by. When I wrote to you all last year, I had just completed the 1st 10 months of my term as Treasurer. Now I write having completed my 2nd year and have become more accustomed to the ins and outs of my role as Treasurer. I have enjoyed serving in this role, and feel I have an even better grasp on all the details of the financial happenings at our church. So let me fill you in on what 2026 has brought us.

The first thing that I have to mention is the changing of my primary partner in all of this work. I began serving and was shown the way by Pam Grevengoed. She served our church well and was so helpful to me as I began this role. This year, Pam finished her work as Financial Admin. I congratulate her on her retirement and hope that she thoroughly enjoys her new chapter of life. We welcomed Wanda Barac in as our newest staff member and she has taken on the role of Financial Administrator. My experience working with her has been great. I appreciate her professionalism, her attention to detail, and her commitment to understanding all aspects of the financial realm of our church. Her commitment to excellence is clearly showing through as we work through each week's tasks. There are so many details that are involved in organizing and accounting for our financials, and she has learned these things at an impressive rate. I am so thankful that the Lord brought such a gifted and qualified candidate to us.

Much of the job she does in the office goes on quietly, unnoticed behind the scenes, and I really want to bring some attention to it here. She is doing great! If you happen to cross paths with her, make sure to thank her for hard work and for helping make this transition so easy for everyone around her.

2026 has been a good (but not great) year for us. We are doing OK, but I would like to see us do a little better. We have avoided any large unexpected expenses. Our spending has been consistently under budget and is tracking to keep our expenses under our income to finish the year.

Our giving is slightly behind last year, (approximately \$200 per week) but is close enough to make a reality of ending the year in the plus column something to aim for. To do this, we will need to continue to work towards staying under budget. Our proposed 2027 budget will have adjustments to help close that gap between our income and spending. The real solution to this problem is to hope for an increase in giving. Our giving has been slightly down each of the last 3 years. I sure hope that 2027 is the year that reverses this trend!

I feel like our church is in a time of transition. I don't know if change is the right word, but transition seems to be the right way to describe it. As we go through the process of a changing of some staff members, there will be changes and adjustments to the financial situation that will have an effect. I look forward to seeing how we can work these things out and see positive results from all of this. I'm confident that we will continue to maintain our healthy financial status as these transitions play out.

Let's look at some of the highlights of 2026.

We are a generous church. This is true, both statistically and in reality. Thank you to all of you who have given financially. Your generosity makes it possible for LifePoint to be generous to our community and neighborhood. Our food pantry and ministry partners are evidence of this. It is great to see God provide for needs, and we are seeing Him do that for our church, and also for people around us.

Our Free To Give campaign has provided the funds to pay down our remodel loan nearly \$30,000 since January. As I write this, our loan balance is approximately \$188,000. It is good to see that debt decreasing and I look forward to seeing it paid off.

I thank you for selecting me to serve our church in this role. I thank each of you who have supported our church. I thank God for providing for each of us and how truly good He has been this past year. I pray that He will continue to meet the needs of each and every person who calls LifePoint their home, and I know that He will take care of us.

Sincerely,

Craig Kinsey
Treasurer



WORSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Writing this annual report carries a special weight, as it will be my last as your Worship Director. As this chapter comes to a close, my heart is filled with deep gratitude—for a church family that truly loves Jesus, and for the incredible honor of leading a team of humble, authentic worshippers who consistently seek to honor an audience of One.

I am also immensely grateful for our staff team. More than coworkers, they have fostered a culture of honesty and authenticity that allowed us to serve out of true teamwork and collaboration.

Leading worship is woven into the core of who I am, and I am grieved to step down from this role in an official capacity. Yet, even in this season of transition, I see the Lord's handiwork everywhere. He continues to raise up leaders within our volunteer team. Many have eagerly stepped up to carry extra weight during this time, and their servant hearts serve as a constant reminder of what a privilege it has been to lead them over the last nine and a half years.

I trust wholeheartedly that the Lord is already preparing LifePoint's next worship director, and I eagerly anticipate how He will move our church forward under new, fresh leadership.

2026 Worship Highlights

- 117 total songs led in worship
- 11 brand-new songs introduced to our congregation
- Most Sung: Goodness of God and Gratitude
- 29 faithful volunteers serving across the band, vocal team, and tech booth
- 4 new team members welcomed this past year

Thank you, LifePoint Church, for allowing me to serve you for nearly ten years. I am deeply grateful for every way God has moved among us, and I look forward to this next chapter as we step forward in faith together, trusting in His sovereignty.

With gratitude,

Heather Doberenz
Worship Director



NEXTGEN DIRECTOR'S REPORT

KidsPoint

Our mission is to partner with parents and point kids to Jesus!

Our first year with the Gospel Project curriculum has proven to be a year of success and growth! The curriculum is a Christ-centered, chronological study designed to give our kids a deeper understanding of the Bible as one unified story that points to Jesus! Our curriculum will take us from Genesis through Revelation in a three-year cycle.

Growing in God's Word

Throughout this past year, our kids have been immersed in God's Word through:

- **Weekly Bible Stories:** That help them understand Scripture and how it applies to their lives.
- **Bible Verse Memorization:** Using songs and hand motions to help kids learn and remember God's Word.
- **Weekly Stories of Missionaries:** Every week, there is a missionally minded video story from somewhere in the world. We get to see the work God is doing through His people every week.

Our goal goes beyond simply teaching kids individual Bible stories. We want them to understand the big story of the Bible, grow in their knowledge of God's Word, develop a personal relationship with Jesus, and learn what it means to live out their faith.

This year, our kids have had the opportunity to hear 52 Bible stories and memorize 52 Bible verses! More importantly, each week has been an opportunity for deeper spiritual formation, helping our kids not only learn what the Bible says but also understand who God is, how His Word applies to their lives, and how every part of Scripture points them to Jesus!

Thank you to our 38 KidsPoint volunteers who show up week after week to teach, love, inspire, and care for our KidsPoint kids! We could not do ministry without each and every one of you!

StudentPoint Youth Ministry

StudentPoint exists to partner with parents and point students to life with Jesus.

This past year has been filled with opportunities for connection, growth, and fun in StudentPoint! Along with our weekly gatherings, our students have enjoyed a variety of special events and experiences that have helped build relationships, strengthen friendships, and create lasting memories.

Throughout the year, we attended SpringHill Winter Camp, the ISYC Conference, and the IYC national conference in Ohio, giving our students opportunities to grow in their faith, worship alongside other students, and deepen their relationship with Jesus. We also made time for plenty of fun and fellowship with trips to Deep River Waterpark, pool parties, and our end-of-year Amazing Race!

Each of these experiences has provided meaningful opportunities for students to connect with one another, build community, and discover what it means to live out their faith together. As we look back on the past year, we are grateful for the opportunity to invest in the next generation and continue our mission of pointing kids and students to life with Jesus.

We look forward to another year of growing in faith, building relationships, and creating opportunities for students to know and follow Jesus!

A Glimpse Into Our Weekly Gatherings

Every week at StudentPoint, our Sunday night gatherings are designed to help students build relationships, grow in their faith, and discover what it means to follow Jesus.

We kick things off with a fun get-to-know-you game to break the ice and build connections. From there, students jump into a small-group challenge or large-group activity that encourages teamwork, laughter, and community. We then move into worship, followed by a large-group Bible study where students explore God's Word and learn how it applies to their everyday lives.

We wrap up each evening with small-group discussion time, giving students a chance to ask questions, share their thoughts, encourage one another, and take what they've learned a step further.

At StudentPoint, our goal is to create a welcoming place where every student can belong, build meaningful relationships, and take their next step toward a life with Jesus.

StudentPoint volunteers, THANK YOU for showing up for late-night ice cream runs on ISYC trips, for cold, icy trips to the bathroom on SpringHill Winter Retreat trips, for triple-meat pizza-eating contests at the Amazing Race, and for doing life with our students every week! As the students would put it, you are the GOATS! Greatest of all time!

With joy,
Danyell Myers
NextGen Director



MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2026, as it was in 2025, we are continuing to work toward promoting and encouraging the people of LifePoint Church to support and be involved in God's work, locally and internationally.

In September of 2025, we added two students from LifePoint StudentPoint, Katherine Sleeseman and Larry Coburn, to the Mission Committee (2025 to spring 2027) as non-voting members. Their insight and participation have been invaluable.

We celebrated Faith Promise Sunday (March 22) by transforming the lobby into an art gallery. This year, we had a two-fold theme: "The Art of Giving" and "The Art of a Mission." The committee members started planning in January by contacting our mission partners about literature, pictures, and whether they would be attending. KidsPoint spent many Sundays creating drawings for our art display. We showcased the gifts that LifePoint Church had received from the many members over the past years. We had several of our mission partners attending in person, and they participated in our Q&A, hosted by Brett Doberenz. Katherine Sleeseman hosted a table with heart lollipops and tattoos for the children. Together we pledged to give \$20,758! We are so thankful for the donations that have been pledged to LifePoint's missions, and our committee strives to be good stewards of your generosity.

This year, in lieu of Go Sunday, we have committed to packing forty Freedom Backpacks for the Jail Ministry through monetary donations. We are pleased to announce that LifePoint Church met and exceeded this goal with the help of our generous congregation, Senior Sunday School Class, and a \$1,000.00 grant from Everence, with the help of Amy Harkenrider. The backpacks will have handmade cards and bookmarks from KidsPoint and an inspirational message from LifePoint's Senior Sunday School Class. On October 18, LifePoint teens will pack the Freedom Backpacks for the Jail Ministry for Pastor Anthony to deliver. We are thankful to report that we have exceeded our goal of \$1,500.00. GOD IS GOOD!

Connie Osterlund will head up her final project and our final project for this year with a RETA Christmas tree, as Connie has faithfully supported this program. Thank you, Connie.

Thank you for your prayers, giving, and involvement in supporting our mission partners and ministries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Biscan
Missions Committee Chair



GET TO KNOW OUR NOMINEES



Caryn Fish | Church Council

I have attended LifePoint Church for 20 years and have served on church council several times. I am married to Brenton and have 3 children: Cooper, Boedy and Eliza. I work as a physical therapist for Goshen Health and enjoy travel, reading, camping and spending time with family. I am excited to serve my church family in this role.



Matt Harkenrider | Missions Committee

My wife Amy and I have been attending LifePoint for almost 4 years now. We were married here in January and have 5 children between us. We volunteer with the food pantry and various other activities at the church. It's very fulfilling helping others in the church and community, and helps us get to know other people and make meaningful relationships.

In my free time I like to read books, play basketball (and watch basketball, GO IU!). I enjoy watching our kids in all their school activities. I really want to use the blessings God has given me to help others and be an example of Jesus' love.

GET TO KNOW OUR NOMINEES



Kristen Tropf | Missions Committee

I have been attending LifePoint since 2019 and I love my LifePoint family! I am a part of a small group, sing on the worship team, have been involved with the missions team, and am part of the greeting team. I served as a missionary for 5 years in Spain, and I am now a teacher and librarian.

I have a passion for missions and want to continue helping people get excited about the ways God is working all around the world and see how we can partner with Him.



Troy Scott | Nominating Committee

I have been part of the LifePoint community for over 20 years. From 2003-2021, I served as Lead Pastor of the church. Beth, my wife, and I began worshiping in person once again in June 2022. We have three kids - Caleb, our son, Hannah, our daughter, and Stephen, our son-in-law plus our grandson, Rory. We love this community of Jesus followers and are so grateful for their impact on our lives.

I'm excited to serve on the Nominating Committee. I view it as a great way to support Pastor Anthony by helping identify key leaders for important roles in the church.

2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

LifePoint Church										
2027 Proposed Budget Compared with 3 Previous Years Actual and This Year's Projected and Budget										
		8/11/26 WB	9/3/26	9/23/26	10/11/26	10/16/26		Budget 2026	Budget 2027	% of 2027 Budget Income
		% of Income	% of Income	Actual 2025	% of Income	Projected 2026	% of Income	Budget 2026	Budget 2027	% of 2027 Budget Income
INCOME										
Offerings	361,801.19	0.97	0.96	357,802.58	0.96	385,450.51	0.98	373,467.00	375,288.70	0.97
Other Contributions/Memorials	5,245.00	0.01	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Revenues (Interest)	6,115.08	0.02	0.03	8,288.76	0.02	7,500.00	0.02	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.02
Facility Use Income				4,800.00		1,760.00		5,240.00	0.00	0.01
Total Support and Revenue	373,161.27	1.00	1.00	370,871.34	1.00	374,710.51	1.00	386,207.00	382,788.70	1.00
EXPENSES										
Fixed Expenses										
GIVE - Church Giving	24,414.14	0.07								
Salaries / Benefits	200,281.20	0.54	0.57	220,360.37	0.59	230,531.00	0.62	19,000.00	15,500.00	0.05
Buildings and Grounds	69,511.95	0.19	0.28	70,362.67	0.19	70,122.97	0.19	81,126.00	80,520.05	0.21
Office Expense	20,400.81	0.05	0.05	19,690.81	0.05	21,000.00	0.06	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.05
Total Fixed Expenses	314,608.10	0.84	0.96	334,403.26	0.90	340,653.97	0.91	351,657.00	348,288.70	0.91
Ministry Expenses										
Senior Pastor Discretionary	4,848.96	0.01	0.01	3,885.49	0.01	6,300.00	0.02	6,300.00	6,850.00	0.02
Board Discretionary (Cash reserves)				2,000.00		0.00				
Youth Ministry	6,615.52	0.02	0.02	6,522.57	0.02	7,200.00	0.02	7,200.00	7,900.00	0.02
KidsPoint	2,036.05	0.01	0.01	2,050.46	0.01	2,025.00	0.01	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.01
Family Ministry	1,818.92	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
GO - Evangelism/Outreach	3,974.66	0.02	0.02	8,210.68	0.02	6,550.00	0.02	7,150.00	6,250.00	0.01
Worship	2,283.34	0.01	0.01	5,356.45	0.01	5,700.00	0.02	5,700.00	4,900.00	0.01
GROW - Discipleship	2,283.34	0.01	0.01	2,212.07	0.01	2,831.54	0.01	2,500.00	2,650.00	0.01
GATHER - Fellowship	3,568.03	0.01	0.01	1,992.27	0.01	2,950.00	0.01	2,950.00	3,200.00	0.01
GIVE - Ministry/Caring	485.81	0.00	0.00	357.21	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total Ministry Expenses	33,857.65	0.09	0.08	32,587.20	0.09	34,056.54	0.09	34,550.00	34,500.00	0.09
Total Expenses	348,465.75	0.93	1.05	366,990.46	0.99	374,710.51	1.00	386,207.00	382,788.70	1.00
NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	24,695.52			3,880.88		0.00		0.00	0.00	



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