



**2023 ANNUAL
REPORT**



**Pete & Kelly
Jankowski**

Co-Lead Pastors

Hey, LCB Family!

Being part of Life Church Buffalo is like watching God unfold a miracle over time. It has been one of the greatest privileges of our lives, and we are so grateful to be part of what God is doing in and through this church!

Though much has changed over our 17-year history, our reason for being hasn't: **we exist to help people know and follow Jesus step by step.** Our goal is to provide an environment where people can be equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit and then sent to love, serve, and challenge our region with the Gospel.

We created the annual report to capture a snapshot of what God does in our church each year. It includes stories of life change, new leaders, ministry updates, statistics, and a brief financial recap!

We hope you'll remember that behind every story of life change is an army of selfless servants who advocate for the vision of our church. Every advancement of God's kingdom results from people who financially support this ministry. From the bottom of our hearts—thank you! Thank you for trusting us, going on this journey with us, and investing your life and resources into God's work through Life Church Buffalo!

We can't wait to see our vision become even more of a reality in the days ahead! Let's continue to ask Jesus to do what only He can.

The best is yet to come!

Pete & Kelly

REACH & TEACH

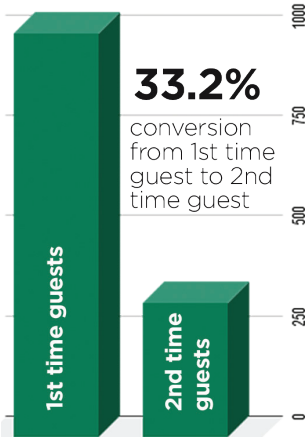
with **EXCELLENCE** with **AUTHENTICITY** with **INTENTIONALITY**

41,611 total adult attendance



SPECIAL ATTENDANCE

1496 EASTER ATTENDANCE **1980** CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE



SOCIALS



6K
FOLLOWERS

58.3K
ENGAGEMENT

37% / 17%
INCREASE

12,567 total NextGen attendance



kids life

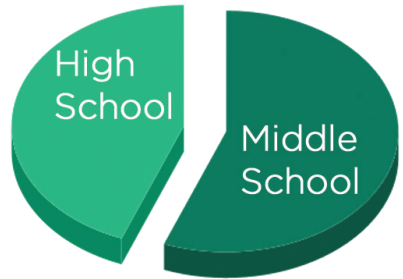
STUDENTLIFE

184 Average Weekly Attendance

68 Average Weekly Attendance

19

Number of extra needs students who were able to learn about Jesus at their level because of our **HELPING HANDS** Ministry!



40

KIDS SAID YES TO JESUS!

our vision

WE
ENVISION
a
LOCAL CHURCH
of
CHRIST
FOLLOWERS
who

joyfully make room for
people at every stage of belief

gather as one each **WEEKEND** to
experience God and proclaim the
Good News in the most excellent way

belong in small group **COMMUNITY** to
grow their faith and authentically live
it out together in real time

love their world with intentional,
creative **OUTREACH** so that those far
from God may be brought closer
to Him



171

people took their next step & got baptized in 2023!

205 DECISIONS TO FOLLOW JESUS!

GrowthPath



BELONG
@LIFE

123 people completed class



CONNECT
@LIFE

103 people completed class



82
NEW
Covenant Partners



LIFE GROUPS

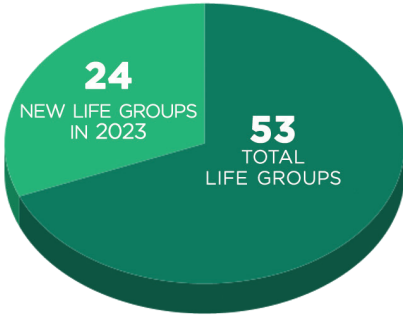
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people attended
Starting Point
or **Alpha**

Alpha



In 2023, we replaced Starting Point with ALPHA, a life group for people who are new to faith, have questions or simply want to learn more!



731
people currently
in a Life Group

NEW
Young Adult
Life Groups

3

99 young adults
currently in a
Life Group

with EXCELLENCE with AUTHENTICITY with INTENTIONALITY

BELONG & BECOME

our mission

TO HELP
KNOW &
JES
STEP BY

PEOPLE

→ FOLLOW

SUS

Y STEP

LOVE & SERVE

with EXCELLENCE with AUTHENTICITY with INTENTIONALITY

39 MINISTRY PARTNERS



\$305,000

given to Missions

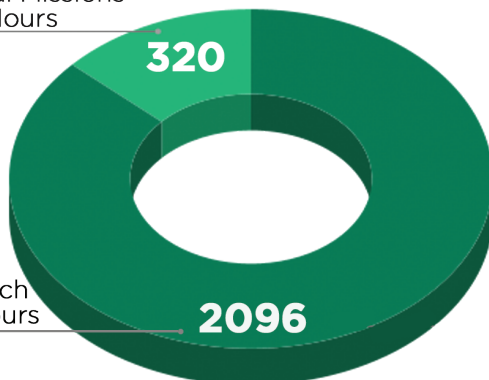
\$22,000

disaster relief

Eight Days of Hope
for Maui Fires &
Buffalo Blizzard

HBI for
Chennai Flooding

International Missions
Volunteer Hours



Local Outreach
Volunteer Hours

**does not include Christmas
Wonderland outreach*



CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

500 PEOPLE HEARD
THE GOSPEL



children
468



gifts
2500



vol shifts
600



volunteers
342



games
799



sponsored
families
20



wrapping
paper
70,000 sq
ft

100%

FUNDED BY THE
LCB 10% TITHE

*additional community support by the Chapel, NorthGate, Dream Center, KidsPeace, Goodness Project, and SportsBall Guy





BELONG

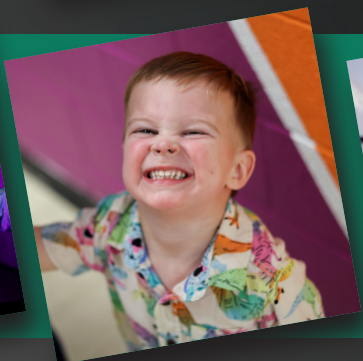




YOU



HERE





"Your videos always make me feel like I'm not alone, thank you for that."



"You all have made myself and my family feel welcome and useful in the past year. Love to all of you."



"Love y'all! Never even been to your church and I feel like family. KINGDOM!"



"This place is a literal miracle!"



"I don't think I have ever felt more welcome into any environment as I have felt here at Life Church! The honest, raw and vulnerable way that each pastor shares is so relatable and refreshing and it reminds us that we are truly all in this "Life" together!"



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

youtube

instagram

facebook



"So grateful I found this church! I am happy that they don't hold back the messages people need to hear and do so with love, always feel better after leaving than when I walked in 🧡🙌"



"What a night, from the words of GOD through Pastor Pete, to the amazing music. Thank you to all of the "Life Church" crew, from the ones we see and those who are behind the scenes. Glory be to GOD and Merry Christmas to all."



I am thankful for everything Pastor Pete speaks into our lives. I know I can come to church and walk away with learning new things that ultimately help me have a better understanding of my faith.

NEW STAFF HIRES



MICHAEL JANKOVIC

Creative Director

Michael Jankovic is our new Creative Director! He, his wife Treva, and their two dogs, Pete and Luna, moved here from Denver, Colorado. Before working for Life Church Buffalo, Michael was a Project Manager for Dare to Share Ministries and Colorado Christian University. He is our jack-of-all-trades and heads up our creative projects. He oversees our Creative Team, manages our branding and identity standards, designs sermon series assets, and has been working on telling captivating stories through video.



TORI STORM

Communications Coordinator

Tori Storm is our new Communications Coordinator! She graduated from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and returned to her hometown of Buffalo, NY, to serve her home church! She has become the bridge for information between our staff and the church body. She runs our social media pages, strategizes which channels information should be communicated through and how it should be presented, and leads our photography team.



STEVE VALERIO

Outreach Director

Steve Valerio is our new Outreach Director! He and his wife Judith moved here from Los Angeles, California. During his time here, Steve dove into his position. He coordinated Life Church Buffalo's involvement in outreach projects, including Eight Days of Hope Buffalo and BreakOut Buffalo, revamped our international missions opportunities, and provided many opportunities for our church family to love and serve our community.

Growth Metrics Year Over Year

- attendance
- salvations
- baptisms

2017

2018

2019

2021

2022

2023

In 2023, we launched the **Making Room campaign** to raise money to complete much-needed updates around our facility and create more meeting space for our growing church family.

The heart of this campaign is in its name: **we want to make room for God to do whatever He wants to do!** The Lord has been so faithful to our church, and we are so grateful to see God continue to restore hearts and lives.

Because of this campaign, we constructed and opened the **Legacy Room**, which is home to several events and ministries, including our StudentLife middle school ministry, First Thursday Prayer, and Growth Path! In addition to this, the campaign supported:

- the construction of our front parking lots
- AC and lighting in the foyer
- sprinkler systems and fire alarms
- the foyer remodel
- light poles in our parking lot
- landscaping
- front driveway repair

We want to thank everyone who joined us on this journey **and celebrate all that God did** through their faithful generosity!

\$263,887
given to campaign



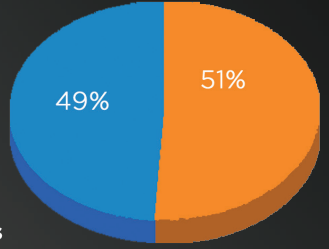
MAKING ROOM FOR MORE

FINANCES

2022 RESERVES

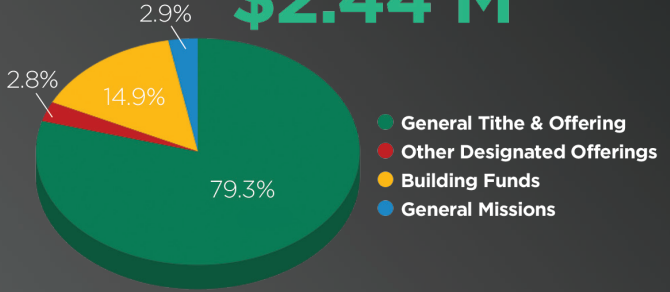
**\$233
THOUSAND**

- Savings Reserves
- Designated Outreach Reserves



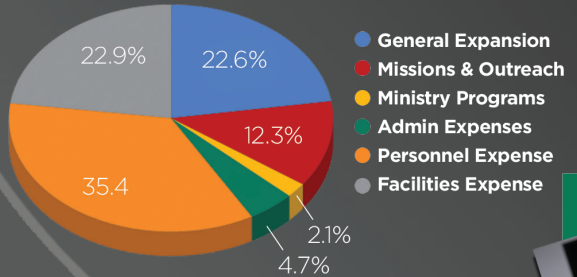
TOTAL INCOME

\$2.44 M



TOTAL EXPENSES

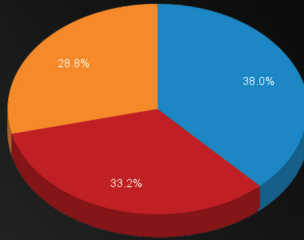
\$2.48 M



TOTAL GIVEN TO MISSIONS

\$305
THOUSAND

SAVINGS
\$331
THOUSAND

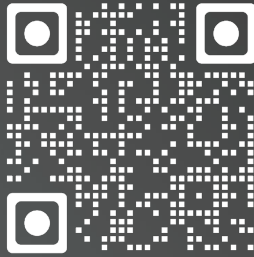


- General Savings
- Building Fund
- Outreach Reserves

1106
TOTAL NUMBER
OF PEOPLE
WHO GAVE
IN 2023

554
NUMBER OF
FIRST TIME
GIVERS





 **life church**
BUFFALO

