2023 Grant Report

Cathedral Ridge

Dear Teri, Michelle, and the Southwest Region,

Thank you so much for your support of children, youth and families at Cathedral Ridge. Your prayers and financial support of the ministries of youth and family camps are helping children, youth and families experience the unconditional love of God. We had 229 children, youth, and families come to 3 youth camps and 4 family camps this summer. They came from every region of the Diocese of Colorado. I have shared a link below to our thank you report video. I look forward to sharing more with you and every parish in the days and months ahead. Thank you all for the generous support of the ministries of Cathedral Ridge.

<https://youtu.be/gXzAFTtZD4c>

Faithfully,

The Rev. John Hill

Executive Director

Cathedral Ridge Camp and Retreat Center

**VISITING DEACON PROGRAM**

Your local “Tsunami of Deacons” is happy to report that the following churches in the Southwest Region have received at least one visit from us so far:

* All Saints in the Mountains, Crested Butte
* Good Samaritan, Gunnison
* St. Barnabas, Cortez
* St. Johns, Ouray
* St. Lukes, Delta

We have plans to visit these churches before the end of the year:

* St. Patrick’s, Pagosa Springs
* St. Stephens, Monte Vista
* St. James, Lake City
* St. Augustine’s, Creede

In addition to our regional churches, we have also visited St. James in Meeker, All Saints in Battlement Mesa and St. Christopher’s Mission in Bluff Utah.

When visiting we serve at the altar, preach, and provide information on the diaconate in an effort to increase interest in and awareness of diaconal ministry.

Your humble servants,

Rev. Rich Paul, Rev. Pam Stewart, Rev. Charlotte Shepic, Rev. Jamie Galbasini and Rev. Teri Shecter

August 25, 2023

**Dear Southwest Regional Executive Committee & Convocation Attendees,**

 **Saint Luke’s Delta was granted $30,000 last winter for the purpose of restructuring the flat roof over Muller Hall, due to interior water damage caused by leaks in one or more unknown locations. Our property manager, Ron Austin, was appointed by the vestry upon the receipt of the SW Regional grant, to oversee the project.**

**In late April, a bid was accepted, and the suggested work begun by two subcontracting businesses. The lead contractor’s belief was that our roof was leaking because of water pooling at the north then of the roof around a large, weighty, rooftop HVAC system. The suggested repair was to remove the HVAC unit, peel back the existing covering, and then increased the fall and replace the external roofing material. By early May, a new wall mount heating and air conditioning unit had been installed, so that the heavy unit was no longer needed. It is the intention of Saint Luke’s to either sell the still functional HVAC unit to help cover some of the costs incurred in reconstruction or to donate the unit to our local CMU technical college for educational purposes if a buyer cannot be found.**

**Unfortunately, since May, we have been waiting for the commercial roofing contractor to remove the old HVAC unit and proceed with the final repairs. Ron has maintained regular contact with the contractor, who continues to assure Ron that Saint Luke’s is still on his list of jobs to complete, but his crew has been shorthanded, and he’s had other projects ahead of ours.**

**To date, we have spent $10,493.79 of our grant funds on the new heating and cooling unit, necessary electrical connections, and secure fencing to protect the exterior components. It is our expectation that Saint Luke’s roofing needs will still be addressed this fall using the remainder of our grant funds. The St. Luke’s vestry would like to know if an extension of these funds could be granted, if necessary, in the case that the project is not fully complete by the December 2023 deadline?**

**We are greatly appreciative of the Southwest Region’s support and will continue to keep the Executive Committee updated on our progress.**

 **Sincerely,**

 **Yvonne Rowland, Senior Warden**

**Gayle Sofka, Junior Warden**

Church of the Nativity, Grand Junction:

Swamp Cooler Grant Request Report

Grant Application Recap

The Church of the Nativity is a renovated old school house that is primarily a concrete and stucco building. The  upper main level includes the Sanctuary two larger meeting rooms, a smaller vesting room, administrative offices  and the primary restrooms. The sanctuary has three large, industrial swamp coolers, probably installed in  1988/1989 when the current sanctuary was created. The Baker and Steinway Rooms each have a smaller much  older side-draft style cooler. One other issue with the Baker room is the heat gain from the south facing exposure.  During the recent remodel it was discovered the exterior wood surrounding the windows has sun rotted and will  need to be replaced. Installing insulated shades or an exterior awning would improve the heat gain issue.

Swap Cooler funding request

$1000 for sealing & general maintenance of the existing swamp coolers

$1500 replacing sun damage wood on South facing Windows in the Baker Room

$1500 Cost to make and install sun/heat blocking shades in the Baker room.

Grant Activities

Swamp Cooler Repair

Our swamp cooler expert Larry Frank, who has serviced our coolers since 2010, did a detailed assessment  of the swamp coolers including photos and that assessment is provided as an attachment. In summary 2 of the 3  industrial coolers that service the sanctuary were repaired and are functional. The 3rd has a wiring issue that  requires an electrician, but this 3rd unit is not necessary to cool the sanctuary so we did not pursue the electrical  work. The two smaller coolers for the remaining upstairs rooms needed more extensive repair but both are  currently functional, although one of them will need to be replaced in the next year. The bill for the Swamp cooler  repairs totaled $1683.51. A copy of the invoice is also attached.

Susan Baker Room Window Repair

Repairing Sun Damaged wood on south facing windows- we have been unsuccessful finding a company to repair  this damage. We contacted a couple of handyman companies, and they referred us to Painters, but the painters  we contacted were not able to help. We do have someone else scheduled to look at them on August 29th and are  hopeful they can give us a bid.

Susan Baker Room Window Treatments

We contacted a window film company for estimates on 3M Nightvision coatings on the exterior of the windows to  cut the UV light and heat. The estimate for the 5 windows was $1900. We also contacted a local Solar Shade company to install interior roller shades, estimated at $1800. We believe we can purchase similar solar roller shades and installing them ourselves for about $1200.

Funding Status

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| Grant  | $4,000.00 |
| Swamp Cooler Repair  | $1,683.51 |
| Current Balance Remaining  | $2,316.49 |

The swamp cooler repairs were more expensive than estimated. This increase in costs was based on the work and materials needed to get them operational. Given these higher costs we have held off on purchasing the window treatments to have as much funding available for the window repair. The cost of the window repair will determine the status of the window treatment purchase, and how many shades are purchased. If we are still unable to get someone to repair the windows in the next month, we intend to proceed with purchasing and installing the shades. If there is any funding left at the end of 2023, we will refund it to the Southwest Region.

Media Grant Request Report

Grant Application Recap

Nativity has developed and maintained both a virtual and in-person congregation using our existing sanctuary  sound system, Zoom, and a mounted camera in the Sanctuary. However, our existing sanctuary sound system, the  control board, laptop are outdated and need replacement. We have managed to keep the system functional, but  it is a weekly challenge for our volunteer operators. As detailed in the original grant request the 2023 focus is  updates to the Sanctuary system. We identified the following items as necessary.

Sanctuary

• New soundboard

• New computer (desktop PC) that connects with soundboard.

 • Better software for casting to YouTube, Zoom, Facebook simultaneously.

• New Wireless Microphones, including congregational option.

• New A/V station at the back of the church somewhere with soundboard and PC together • Review improved camera options (PC control, programmable presets for different focal locations, more  responsive remote)

• Updated microphones for the piano and other musical performances

Funding request

$6000 For equipment, software, installation, and training.

Grant Activities

Shortly after we were informed of the grant approval, we had our annual Fire Inspection and were notified that the power strips and cables inside the existing sound system cabinet were out of code and we had 30 days to address the issue. The primary issues were multiple power strips daisy chained together because of too many devices being plugged it and power strips plugged into extension cords.

The situation was immediately addressed by purchasing a new power strip that could accommodate the required devices with a long power cable to eliminate the need for a extension cord, and removal of some devices. We passed the follow up inspection. However, this did reinforce the need to spend some time evaluating the best approach moving forward and confirmed the need to move the media control system to the rear of the sanctuary.

We purchased a Jabra Speaker to allow us to continue to hold vestry meeting using Zoom as several of our members travel for work.

The sound board, and appropriate microphones and cables have been purchased and we are in the process of getting the equipment installed in the rear of the Sanctuary. The computer option provided by the sound company was very expensive and our media team is looking at an off-the-shelf desktop computer and accessories (monitor, keyboard etc) that can be purchased locally. This will also determine if additional software purchase will be needed. We hope to have the full sound system up and running in the next month.

Moving to the future, we are looking at a camera that could be paired with the Jabra speaker to host smaller meeting/ workshops in the Susan Baker room, that would allow for both in-person and Zoom participation.

Funding Status

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| **Item** | **Quantity** | **Each** | **Total Price** |
| 12 ft extra long cord powerstrip surge protector  | 1  | $26.99  | $26.99  |
| X32Compact 32-ch 25-bus Compact Digital Mixer  Stage Box  | 1  | $2,299.00  | $2,299.00  |
| SD8IO 8-ch Digital Stage Box Microphone  | 2  | $459.00  | $918.00  |
| sE8Pack sE8 Pair, Std & Cbl Bun  | 1  | $0.00  | $0.00  |
| sE8P Small Diaphragm Condenser Mic  | 1  | $519.00  | $519.00  |
| XLR20 20' XLRF-XLRM Excellines Cable  | 2  | $20.00  | $40.00  |
| MicStdBoomLt Tripod Mic Std w/Tele Boom, Blk  | 2  | $50.00  | $100.00  |
| Pro35 Mini Cardioid Condenser Mic  | 1  | $149.00  | $149.00  |
| SM57 Dynamic Inst Mic cables and connections  | 1  | $99.00  | $99.00  |
| XLR30 30' XLRF-XLRM Excellines Cable  | 2  | $28.00  | $56.00  |
| Jabra Speak2 55 UC, Dark Grey 2755-209  | 1  | $189.00  | $189.00  |
| Total to date  |  |  | $4,395.99  |
| Grant  |  |  | $6,000.00  |
| Balance Remaining  |  |  | $1,604.01  |

As mentioned above we are still finalizing the computer needed and anticipate we will exhaust the grant funding for the computer, and software.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jones, Sr. Warden

St. Barnabas Cortez Montezuma Youth Pride Grant

Regional Grant Report August 24, 2023

St. Barnabas of the Valley

Montezuma Youth Pride

St. Barnabas’ ministry for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, Montezuma Youth Pride, facilitates peer support groups

and provides field trip and event opportunities free of charge for local 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and their

allies. It is the only program specifically intended to serve 2SLGBTQIA+ youth in rural and conservative

Montezuma County.

With the support of a Southwest Regional Grant Montezuma Youth Pride has continued to exist and

grow its reach despite pushback from our local school district that has limited two of our clubs. Grant

funds from the Southwest Region were used to purchase food and supplies for the clubs as well as to

support the Queer Ball event and teacher outreach.

During the 2022-23 school year, Montezuma Youth Pride:

\* Ran successful peer groups at Southwest Open School and Mancos Middle and High schools.

\* Sent one MYP facilitator to Portland, Oregon to attend the Native Wellness Institute’s Training

for Trainers on Adults Working with Native Youth

\* Incorporated three new 2SLGBTQIA+ adult facilitators into our programs

\* Received over $1,500 in donations from the local community

\* Served over 100 local youth

\* Offered four field trips which served 23 students from four schools, including trips to Denver

Pride, the Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center’s annual Pride event, and the Mancos Common

Press.

\* Offered a local Queer Ball, the first of its kind in Montezuma County, that was attended by 36

youth from five schools across the county and reported on by our local radio station, KSJD.

\* Engaged in a teacher outreach program that provided affirming stickers and decorations for

classrooms, resources about 2SLGBTQIA+ issues, identities, and rights, and age-appropriate

books on 2SLGBTQIA+ history and issues.

\* Undertook the re-creation of the Cortez Middle School club (cancelled due to targeted policy

changes by the school district). The CMS club is set to re-start in the Fall of 2023.

\* Strengthened collaborations with the School Community Youth Collaborative (Cortez) and

Mancos United (Mancos)

\* Supported SWOS students who designed and painted a welcoming mural on campus to combat

increased bullying based on real and perceived gender identity and sexual orientation.

\* Received a mini-grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to

support our work and our Denver Pride trip.

This year, 79% of students who attended our clubs report they have an adult to talk to or go to for help

with a serious problem, as compared to 58-69.5% of LGBTQ+ students and 78.6% of heterosexual

students in our region (measured in the Health Kids Colorado survey). 95% reported they have someone

to talk to when feeling sad, empty, hopeless, angry, or anxious. 84% reported that they met a friend in

the club who they trust, and 84% met an adult they trust. 58% reported that because of their MYP club

they are more likely to come to school.

In the upcoming school year, we look forward to re-starting our Montezuma-Cortez Middle School club

in accordance with new district policies. We are excited to host our Second Annual Queer Ball and again

offer numerous field trips and cultural experiences for our students!