

Stewards of 4550

Or how did we get here?

What is this all about?

Looking Back and Looking Forward

History of the
church and those
who came before us
so we could be here

What do we want our
future to be in 2083?

Lets take a look back first



Back in 1882....



The church was completed and the first service held on March 2, 1884, the first Sunday in Lent



Early days of the church

Difficulty in paying our bills

Emma Crowder Belt and the Parish Aid society to the rescue!

We couldn't pay the Rectors Salary of \$73.00 so they held an Oyster Supper at the Library Hall

Parish Aid society paid for

- New sewer in 1885
- Cushions
- Carpets
- Robing room
- Organ



Tough Years 1890-1908

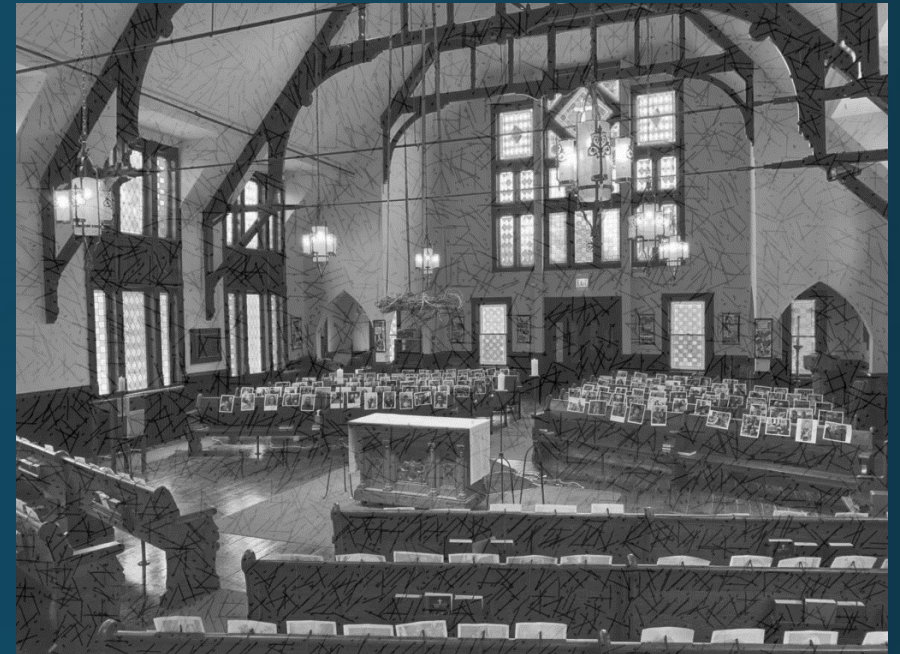
Had 6 Rectors between 1883-1908

Reverend C.R.D. Crittenton 1890-1895

- ↓ Parish Aid society to give money to Vestry, then replaced vestry
- ↓ 1893 Established a 'pew rent'
"Like your pew pay a price"
- ↓ Parish Aid society limited in their activities
- ↓ Resigned in 1895
- ↓ Sued church for \$2000 in unpaid salary and won!

Rev. Charles E. Bowles 1897-1908

- ↑ "Father Bowles was a saint almost, genuinely saintly."
- ↓ Much beloved, but Church struggled financially
- ↑ We did get rid of the pew rent



1908-1991 Ups & Downs

Had 5 Rectors between 1908-1991

Reverend A. H. W. Anderson (1908-1919)

- ↑ Reinstated the Fundraising through Social Parish Meetings
- ↑ Rebuilt the parish roster

Father Bernard (1921-1956)

- ↑ Longest serving Rector of All Saints' (35 years),
- ↑ Led the parish through the depression and the second world war
- ↑ In 1937 built its parish house
- ↑ Highest average Sunday attendance and Sunday school program of 200

Rev. Herman Anker (1956-1970)

- ↑ In 1959 built the Sunday School wing
- ↓ By 1969 church attendance and revenues plummeted

Rev. William R. "Bill" Burden (1970-1975)

Rev. Edward Ramon Riley (1975-1991)

- ↓ Both the parish house and church school wing were rented to other organizations in attempts to pay expenses.



All Saints History that you may not know



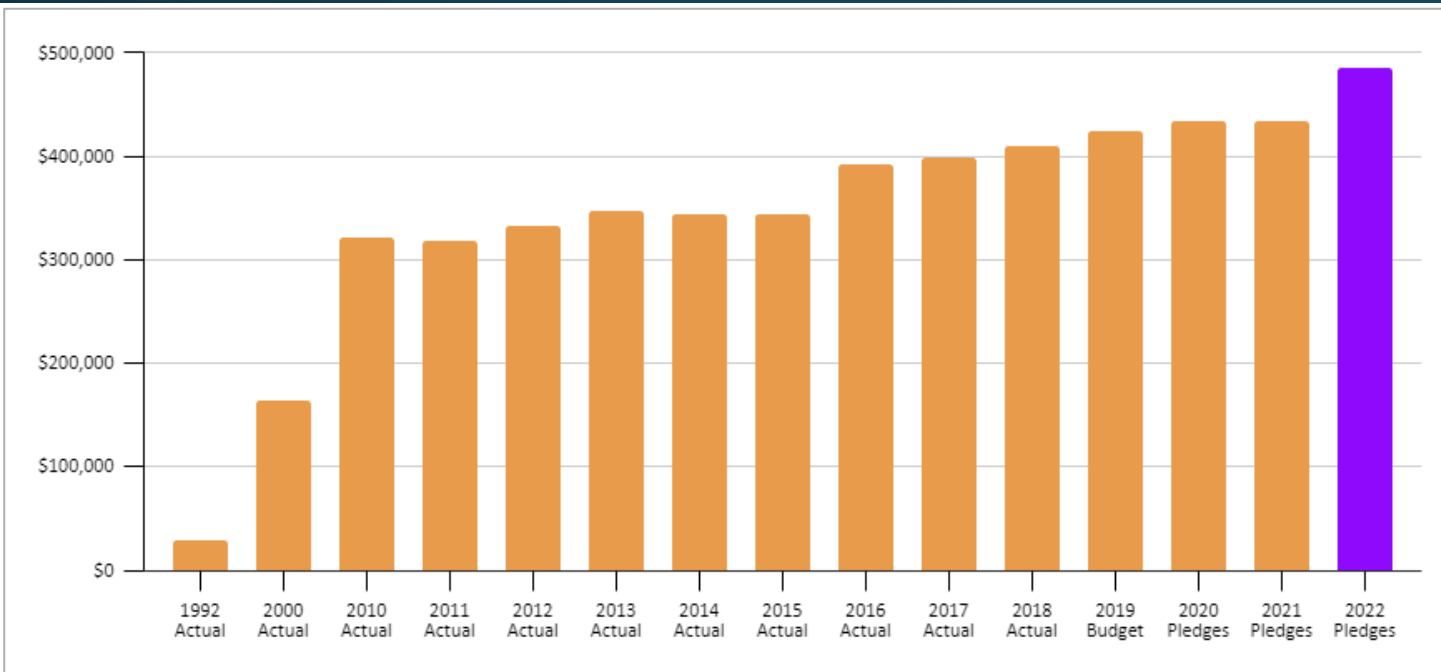
The first congregation rented space on Sunday afternoons in the Ravenswood Methodist church before the church was built



Parish Dinners and Dance Party at All Saints are over 100 years old. In 1911 dinners were held regularly and young people formed a "Minuet club" during this time, and they held public dances for entertainment and fundraising.

Bonus Fact: The wooden pews you sit on today are the same ones the first parishioners used!

The 'recent' past, oh how we have grown

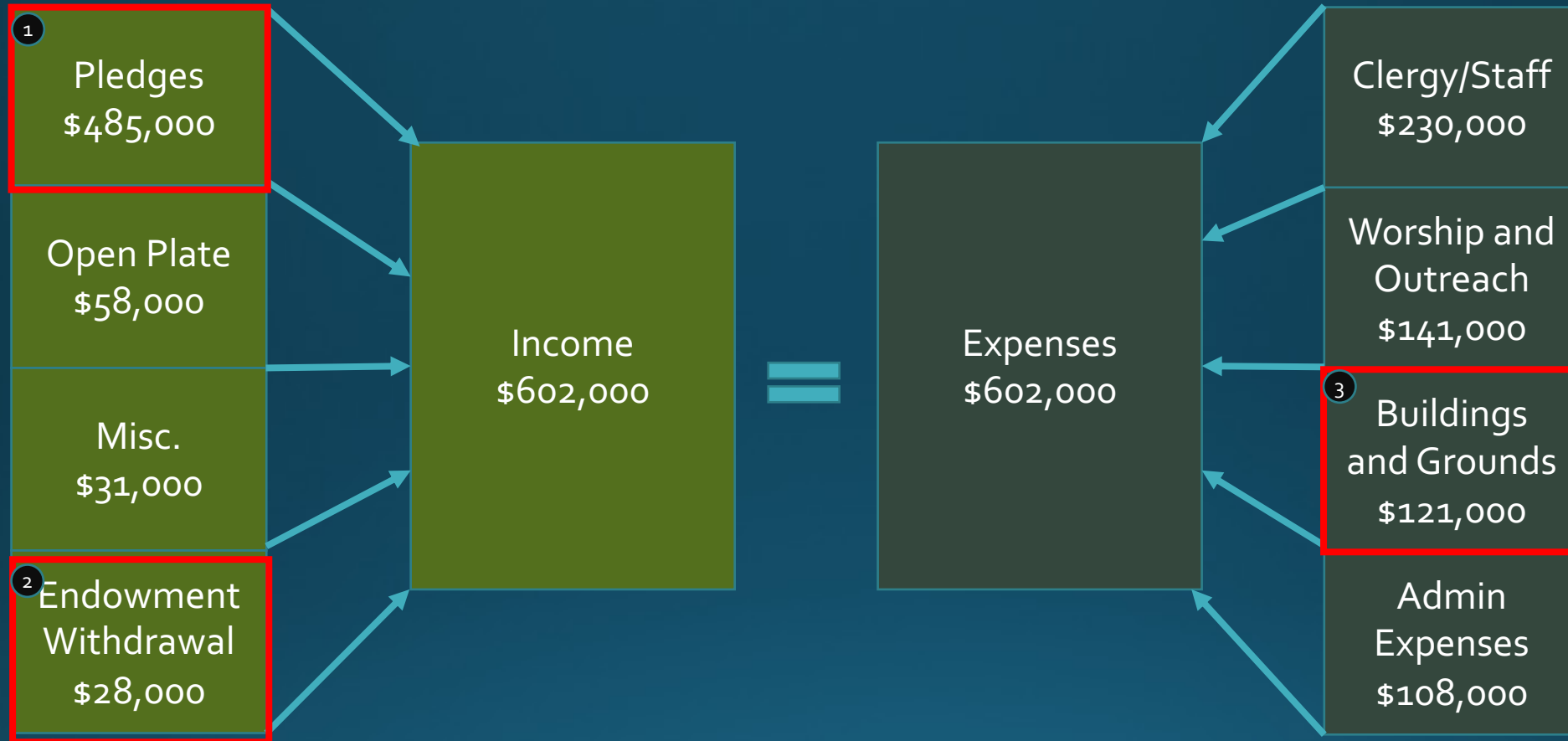


From 1992 we have grown from **\$30,000** in pledges to **\$485,000** in 2022

We also have a small endowment **~\$400,000** which we have used to balance our budget



How we make ends meet



- ① Pledges are the main source of income for All Saints which come from us!
- ② We still depend on our endowment to help balance the budget every year.
- ③ Our buildings and grounds cost is only normal upkeep and maintenance.

What about 4546?

- We purchased 4546 North Hermitage in July 2018
- It is an apartment building with 3 units and is completely rented!
- The rent from our tenants covers our loan payment
- However we still have a balloon payment due to the Diocese due in July 2023
- Looking at financing options

What could we do with 4546?

- Have dedicated space for pastoral care
- Increase room for the growing church school
- Provide the music director and choir space to practice
- Create places for our outreach programs to better our community

How the math works out

+ \$295,000

Pledges from parishioners and friends toward the purchase and \$50,000 for ADA compliance.

+ \$100,000

The vestry has voted to use \$100,000 from our endowment

+ \$250,000

Loan from the Diocese to loan us the remainder of the purchase price, approximately \$250,000*

\$645,000

Purchase Price of the house

*The terms of the diocesan loan being offered are for 5 years, at 6% interest. During those 5 years of the loan All Saints has paid interest only, and then at the end of 5 years (2023) we will make a balloon payment of \$250,000 for the total.

Where do we go from here?

That is our next meeting!

**1883-2083: What's
next for All Saints?**

We kept the old bell ringing with the 1883 Campaign, but what does All Saints look like in 2083? Come and discuss our hopes and dreams and how can reach them



September 25, 10:00am Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall or **September 28, 7:00pm on Zoom**

Questions and Comments

Special thanks to Polly Tangora and the Heritage committee for the content.

Source material is from All Saints Church records, John Peter Newkumet Massad's Dissertation (12/99), City of Chicago records.