



Dear West View family

The Year 2023 was a year of many challenges and opportunities as we continued to wrestle with the impact of Covid 19 Pandemic. Many thought leaders agree that the Post Covid Church is not the same as the Pre Covid-Church and that churches which stand a greater chance of surviving and thriving will be the ones who recognise the shifts that happened because of the Pandemic. Here at West View we have seen those shifts at various levels including in the new patterns of church attendance and a general decline in commitment levels within our community to some spiritual practices such as serving, belonging to a small group, deepening our faith and spirituality through short courses.

In the year 2023 we were intentional about creating opportunities for the West View community to re discover the beauty of some these spiritual practices and we are grateful to how you responded to some of these initiatives. To

mention just a few, we were able to run an Alpha course in 2023 after a break of about 2-3 years, we also ran a Disciple 1 course. Our small group ministry also added some new groups as we invited more people to be part of small groups. We are also noting with encouragement that our Sunday Worship services are becoming fuller and fuller as more people either join our community or return to in person worship. Our online worship services continue to offer our members and non-members an alternative way to worship that is not restricted by time and geography and we are grateful for your support in ensuring that we are a Hybrid congregation.

The economic impact of the pandemic has affected many of our people and members of the West View community in ways that we can't even describe or quantify but God continues to be faithful and provides for us in those difficult times. It is with this awareness that I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you, for your continuing and sacrificial financial support to the work of God here at West View. As you read through the next pages of this booklet, may you be inspired by the various reports highlighting God's work within our community.

The reports contained in this booklet are a true witness of some of our core values here at West View particularly the value of community life, which is an invitation as well as a reminder to all of us that we are a part of West View, and we all have a role to play in the life of this community. This is why here at West View not only do we hold on to the vision that we seek to be 'a place where life change happens' but we also believe that we are a community of changed people changing our world. Let me end by thanking the West View staff and executive, all the leaders of clusters, boards of mission projects and all the West View volunteers and members who are part of making life change happen, for the uniqueness each of you bring into this community.

Your Servant for Christ's Sake

Siphiwe Madi

WORSHIP CLUSTER REPORT 2023

Although more volunteers are always welcome, the worship ministry is in a healthy position due to committed team leaders.

ONLINE WORSHIP MINISTRY (John)

The West View online worship ministry has seen some challenges in 2023 and also some very excited new directions. Our online services have continued uninterrupted since the pandemic locked us all down. Our team is small—we are usually only able to have 3 members in the worship team for most of our videos—but the quality of the worship is high. I am especially grateful to Nicole and Wynand who lead worship from Cape Town and give of their time and talents to help West View’s online congregation to enjoy meaningful worship.

Through 2023, we went on a journey to explore the future of West View’s online worship. We agreed that we needed to continue with online services for the foreseeable future. And we agreed that we needed expand from online worship to online church. After much discussion, prayer, and reflecting, we established West View Online—a private Facebook group that is the home for our online community. We have also recorded and uploaded a welcome video which greets new members as they arrive.

In 2024, we need to create a ‘lead magnet’ to harvest email addresses so that we can remain in constant communication with those who are part of our online community or who might be interested in joining. We will also be creating a communications strategy to ensure that those who join our email list will stay engaged because they receive regular valuable content from us. This list will then become our primary recruitment channel (along with social media channels) for our online community. Our hope is that, in 2024, we will also establish a small group, some training courses, pastoral care channels, and fund-raising systems for our online community.

We look forward to seeing how our online ministry grows in 2024 and I am so grateful for every person who contributes to making West View Online the meaningful and helpful ministry that it is.

SOUND TEAM (Kurt)

The sound ministry has had some challenges, predominantly due to a lightning strike that the church received early in December.

West View has been using a sound desk on loan from Midstream Methodist Church. In the interim, the affected desk has been submitted for repairs and quotes have been sourced should the old desk be unfixable. A number of other equipment is also in need of fixing or replacing to ensure the smooth running of Sunday services.

COMMUNION PREP (Gill), **MULTIMEDIA TEAM** (Piet) and **FLOWER TEAM** (Barbara)

Teams are running smoothly under the long-standing team leaders which has provided to provide stability to the ministries. New volunteers are always welcome as many hands make light work and training will be offered where needed.

WELCOME TEAMS (Jacques)

Some teams are in need of volunteers especially in the kitchen after services.

BANDS (Nicola)

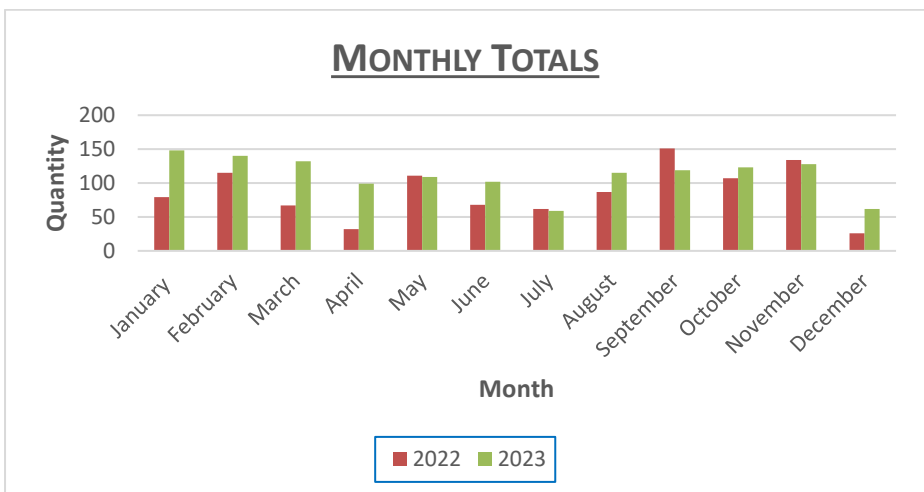
Current team leaders are John, Gerald and newly joining team, Megan. Band members have responded well, and the worship band is growing, most members have come back to leading in person worship and there has been great feedback from the congregation in terms of the worship and song choice. We hope that 2024 will see more musicians joining the current band.

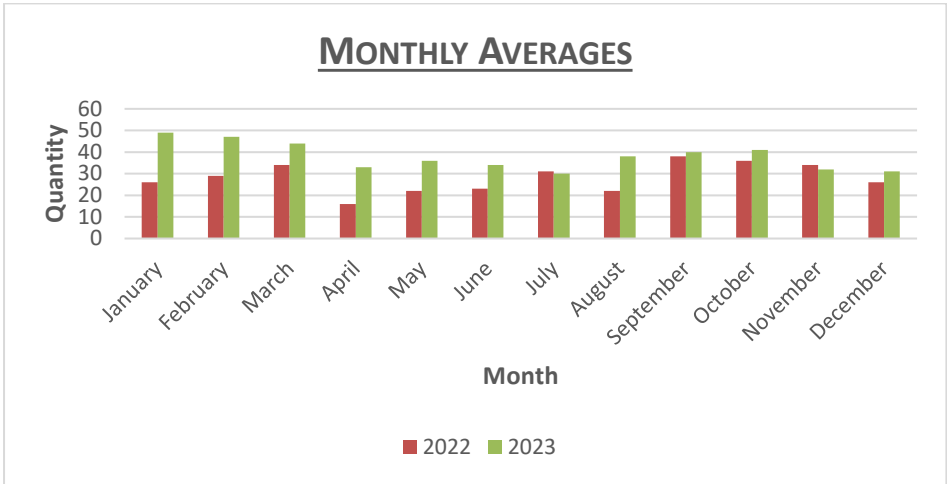
CHILDREN AND FAMILY LIFE

FOCUS AREAS

1. Children's Ministry

Attendance: See the graphical representation below.





Curriculum: We started the **13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Kids About Loving Each Other** series, the last series from the **13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Kids** curriculum. We purchased the Safari Club curriculum for our senior classes and used **the One Year Children’s Bible** for our junior classes.

Database: We started the year with 33 children on our database. At the end of the year, we had 64 children on our database.

Volunteers: At the beginning of the year, we had seven volunteers on the team. We had a few people sign up, but they did not commit. We ended the year with the same number of volunteers.

2. Family Life Ministry

Baptism: Seven families attended the Baptism Prep Course throughout the year, and we had nine children baptised.

Marriage Preparation: We facilitated one course this year, hosted online.

Seedlings: Our group of moms and dads continue to meet regularly.

3. Mission

Ditshego Preschool: Along with daily lessons from the One Year Children’s Bible taught by the teachers, we followed the schedule below.

- Monday: Worship
- Tuesday: Recite **The Lord's Prayer**
- Wednesday: Craft
- Thursday: Read Psalms (**Psalm 23/ Psalm 100/ Psalm 121**)
- Friday: Colouring

Schools: Springvale Primary School and West View College invited us to facilitate a leadership workshop, where we illustrate the **Five Pillars of Leadership** (Teamwork, Humility, Initiative, Discipline, and Perseverance) through a series of fun, interactive, game-based activities. We have Bible classes at West View College every Wednesday during terms.

4. Church Events

Community Events / Community Worship

We hosted two family events (Shrove Tuesday and Crib Service) and participated in four Community Worship services this year. Winter

Holiday Club

We hosted three Holiday Clubs this year. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, West View hosted Summer Holiday Clubs in January. Given the difficulties we experienced in getting leaders in early January, we opted to host the Summer Holiday Club in December and compare which period works best.

We also took a bold step by not charging a daily fee for children to participate in the December Summer Holiday Club. With the help of our committee, our congregation and various organisations within West View, our Summer Holiday Club was a success. We'll publish a more detailed report in the first quarter of 2024.

5. Other

Circuit Events: We facilitated a Holiday Mission with other Youth Pastors in the circuit at Ditshego House of Laughter.

District Events: We attended two district events: the Limpopo Youth Synod and the Limpopo District Synod.

2023 CYF Report

Youth.

1. Rooted youth.

Rooted Youth has had quite a positive year. We saw growth in numbers and in relationships. When we began the year, we had less than 20 teens and as the year went by, we experienced a lot of growth to about 30 teens. Some socials were well attended and the other events were not so well attended.

In looking at the year, all went well and considering that it was my first year here, 2023 worked out well and we're looking forward to 2024 and what it has in store for us.

2. Confirmation

We had our confirmation service on the 15th of October. The mentorship programme this year didn't work out well. In 2024 we will try again. Some of the 2022 and 2023 Confirmands started a bible study group that meets on Sunday afternoons.

3. Young Adults

Young Adults has not been going as planned. The journey has been a 50/50 scenario where some of the events we've done are well attended, and some not the best, but we have looked into it and our main plan for 2024 is to change our strategy. We have 2 Bible study groups that meet on Mondays and Tuesdays respectively.

4. 4G

4 students attended 4G but due to the rules of the university, we could not do the advanced course. We did the Basic and depending on the numbers we get this year, the students from 2023 will be able to do the advanced course. Currently, we are working on a marketing strategy to promote this year's 4G.

Ditshego House Of Laughter

Overview of Ditshego House of Laughter from 1 April – 31 December 2023

Introduction

Ditshego House and project staff are busy and preparing for the new school year. Our programmes are in full swing, and all the children are on a well-deserved break after a year full of excitement. Our Open School children have all been placed at Laezonia Pre-School for the coming year. As we reopen in January the children will be assisted with school clothes and bags. We will also have a stationary drive.

We have seen a good influx of children at the Pre School over the last couple of months and we have 96 children on average. 31 children graduated and we have secured placement at schools for most of the children. A drive to recruit and enroll children will be done from the 8 January 2024. We have had monthly parent's meetings to motivate the parents to be involved in the children's lives and motivate them to pay school fees. The Pre School will be

registered by the Education Department, several meetings were held, and we are waiting for the final health report for the registration of the school.

A business plan has been submitted to the Department of Education to ensure that we get some financial assistance.

The Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project now renders services to 115 families monthly, we provide them with food parcels and other needs as they have been identified by caregivers who conduct home visits. We have 162 children in the Aftercare program, and they are provided with daily meals while being assisted with their schoolwork. There is a workout program to assist the children with sports after school. The holiday program was very successful.

The EPWP Programme for 5 volunteers has been stopped. DSD did not get an allocation for this financial year and therefore is not going ahead with the program. The staff have been incorporated into the OVC project. Talks with the Department of Social Development are ongoing to secure more funding. We had two visits from DSD already and a donation from COR was received to pay the stipend of the staff until the end of the financial year.

We had a very successful Fundraiser at Ditshego House and was attended by more than 50 people. The event was a commemoration of Earth Day which is held every year on the 22nd of April. The Tshwane City Council, together with Gautrain Management Agency, joined hands with Ditshego to teach our children about the importance of planting trees and taking care of gardens. The sponsors were on the ground working with children. It was a great day with lots of talking about herbs and how to grow them. We also have commitments to extend our irrigation at the food garden.

The Church of Resurrection sends teams to visit us in South Africa twice every year. We are so blessed because the teams are truly amazing. They serve with so much interest and love and they are very passionate in helping others which is just remarkable. We have enjoyed their stay, and our staff never want to see them go. Ditshego is indeed blessed to be surrounded with so much love and kindness. In October we had a team of 12 members who visited for a week, and we did a lot of activities together. Among the activities was a clean-up campaign, home visits and playing with children.

It was also a very sad year as we have lost our precious Blessing in the house, rest his soul. We are planning to have a water feature installed in the garden to honor his memory.

Donations in kind are being received on a weekly basis and proposals are sent out every month to apply for funding in various programs. NACOSA has chosen Ditshego, among other organizations, to offer mentorship and capacity building to our organization. Funding has been approved by Talent 10 and DG Murray Trust for our projects and a DSD subsidy has been received for three terms. Our organization is audited annually, and we have received our annual audited statement for the current financial year.

Services

- 96 Children are enrolled at the Pre School
- After care: We are looking after 147 after care children – they are fed on a daily basis at the Preschool, and we provide 50 food parcels per month. Manti, from West View, is doing prayers and workshops on a weekly basis with the Pre School children
- We have two community outreach projects that feed the children from the Open School on a Friday and at the Pre School once a month.
- Open School: 37 children.
- House of Laughter: 5 Children.
- Library - the volunteers are reading for the children once a month.
- The Secondhand Clothes Shop is a real gem, and we are able to provide clothes and shoes to the children as needed.
- Once a week we have art classes for the Open school children. Volunteers come and pray with the children on a weekly basis.
- We have two children that are enrolled at Westview College – this year we will enroll another child.
- Transport of the children will be in house from 2024. We will buy a combi for transportation.

Services rendered to adults.

- Addressing issues of domestic violence.
- Issuing of food parcels to families.
- Teacher/Parent meetings on a regular basis.
- Community outreach – prevention services.

Services rendered to the community at Ditshego Pre School:

- Victim Empowerment services by Khuluma. We are working closely together – several abuse and domestic violence cases have been referred.
- OVC services are rendered in the community – the OVC staff do home visits in the mornings and are involved in the aftercare program of the children.
- Group work is conducted to ensure that children are equipped with life skills.
- The Food gardens project assists the community with food security programs.
- Income generating project – sewing project to train and assist members to earn a living.

Staff training during this period:

- The Preschool staff is going for training with Smiley Pre School on a regular basis. Two of our teachers are attending once a week training to graduate to Level 5.
- 4 Staff members are in training with the Department of Social Development to become Youth Care workers.
- We also offer Computer literacy and skills development training

Staff Meetings

Project and Ditshego staff meetings were held to discuss several issues and plan for the year.

Involvement in community

Community outreach is an ongoing task in order for us to make the women and children aware about gender-based violence, bullying and other problems that we experience in the community. The Orphans and Vulnerable Project team conducts awareness programs and home visits as part of the outreach and we have reached over 500 individuals, including families.

Ditshego House

The food garden project is doing very well. We have planted several crops. We have planted fruit trees and are looking forward to seeing how this will

develop. We have seen the growth of the garden since our big event that was sponsored by Tshwane Municipality and Gautrain. They donated several fruit trees, and they worked in the garden on the day. They also donated pallets that allow us to plant on a smaller scale and be able to move the plants.

A second-hand income generating project will be launched in 2024.

Bathrooms and kitchen renovations will be completed in February 2024.

Future planning:

- Recruiting and enrolling children for the Pre School and Open School.
- Enrolling children for the Aftercare program.
- Computer literacy training for our children.
- Expansion of the sewing project to generate income by selling what we make.
- Expansion of the food garden project to generate income for the organization while educating the community.
- Conducting awareness campaigns in the community.
- Implementing programs that will assist families.
- The registration of the Pre School and Ditshego House – we are working hard to get this finalized by the end of March 2024.

Summary

We have been blessed beyond our expectations. We believe that God will provide each and every need. By receiving we can give, and give abundantly.

Alida M Boshoff:

Director: Ditshego House of Laughter

WVMC ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR 2023

Administration in the church office is currently functioning smoothly. In an attempt to reduce paper and to address storage issues on the campus, we have embarked on a campaign to scan our archives into the cloud. This project will take some time to complete. Alongside this is an exercise to neaten all storage spaces on the campus, in collaboration with the Property cluster.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR 2023

- **West View Church**
 - a. the Worship and Spiritual Formation Co-ordination was outsourced this year, to Nicola Atherton (as an Independent Contractor)
 - b. the HR committee was re-established (post Covid) and is back in operation.
 - c. the staff team have been committed and have worked tirelessly to deliver excellence despite budgetary constraints, and were very grateful for the 50% bonus granted in December 2023
- **Khuluma Family Counseling**
 - a. Khuluma staff turnaround has been fairly minimal.
 - b. The Khuluma staff salaries are mainly funded by outside donors.
 - c. Staff were granted 100% bonus in December 2023
- **West View College**
 - a. College staff team remains stable; the 2 resignations in 2023 were for relocation purposes.
 - b. Staff were granted 4% increases and 100% bonus in December 2023
- **Ditshego**
 - a. Ditshego staff turnaround in 2023 was higher than desired which regrettably included 4 dismissals.
 - b. The Ditshego staff salaries are mainly funded by outside donors.
 - c. The staff were granted a 100% bonus in December 2023

Avril Sharpe

ICT CLUSTER REPORT (Annual) 2023

The ICT team: Dan Motau, Nico Janse van Rensburg, Avril Sharpe, Katlego Makeke, Lael du Toit

COMMUNICATIONS

Website: Is updated weekly

Social media: Our platforms are stable on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube

Newsletter: Emailed once a month to all who want to receive it, as per the relevant database, from the office. Written by the ministers.

WV News: A brief showcase of highlighted items applicable to the entire community

Slides/ Posters: Ongoing collaboration with stakeholders as per our Marketing policy.

Signage: Budgetary constraints have prevented the desired progress to digital signage in 2023, held over to 2024

ICT

Hardware: Due to pressure on cash flow, we are holding off as long as possible on replacing older computers.

Copier: The new HP printer is working very well and there is a significant cost saving from the previous Ricoh.

DATABASE

Maintenance: DB updating is ongoing.

GENERAL

We have re-examined our IT expenditure due to the current financial situation that the church is in, to ensure sound and responsible financial stewardship, whilst still meeting the required level of ICT infrastructure to be able to perform ministry satisfactorily.

Khuluma Family Counselling

Fulfilling the vision towards a “Khuluma - were individuals and families are transformed and filled with God’s love.

Khuluma Victim Friendly rooms and services: Khuluma had an exceptionally good year, and the victim empowerment programme is growing from strength to strength. We continued to provide counselling services at Wierdapark and its community-based units, which are SAPS Erasmia including Mooiplaas, SAPS Lyttleton, SAPS Olievenhoutbosch and SAPS Wierda Bridge. We have reached

1300 beneficiaries through individual counseling and awareness raising in the communities and schools.

AGM: The AGM was held on the 17 August 2023 and was attended well. The Board members were confirmed. We have met with the Board and the confirmation of the new Board will be announced in January 2024

Human Resources: We have no vacancies.

Income Development and fundraising: We have received a donation of R145 430.06 from COR. The COR volunteers also visited us in June. We have submitted three funding proposals and are awaiting the outcome. Lotto has visited us and we are busy finalising a proposal.

Compliance DSD: Fully compliant. Financial and written report are submitted.

Park home at Olievenhoutbosch: The staff will move over to the new premises. We will invite Board members, DSD, SAPS, and other role-players to an official opening in February 2024

New Police office at Erasmia – our social auxiliary worker and volunteers are in the process of moving to the new offices in Erasmia. This is a significant improvement from the previous office.

Challenges: Struggled to get a quorum to hold Board Meetings.

- The constitution was finalised, and we are fully compliant with DSD.
- Marketing of services and events.

Khuluma will continue striving to be the heartbeat in the hearts and homes of West View, its community, and the greater Tshwane.

Managing Director: Alida M Boshoff

Pastoral Care Annual Cluster Report for 2023

Due to the pandemic and the POPI Act, **hospital visitation** has undergone changes. We no longer receive "pull" lists with Methodist patients from the hospitals. To arrange a visit, please inform Lael of your admission, ward number, and desire for a visit. Our visitation team will visit and provide support.

We also have a dedicated team who reach out to isolated and **homebound members**, offering friendship, prayer, and communion. Each person receives a visit quarterly. Currently, seven volunteers visit fourteen homes, bringing comfort and spiritual connection.

The **Caring Caller's** vital role involves calling for updates to our database, contacting congregants for well-being checks and pastoral needs, which are then relayed to Lael for follow up.

Intercessory Prayer: Our WhatsApp Prayer Group allows members to submit prayer requests, which are then lifted by the group's fourteen prayer warriors. This powerful network provides prayer and support to those in need.

On Good Friday, we held a **Service of Remembrance**, honouring loved ones. Messages and names were inscribed on pottery stars, now displayed in the **Garden of Remembrance**, offering a permanent tribute.

The 13-week video-based **Grief Share** program provides support and guidance to individuals navigating the journey of grief. Manuals are available for R250, and registration can be done through Lael at the church office.

After nearly two decades of guiding the **Funeral Tea Ministry** with unwavering dedication, Linda Taylor has stepped down. Her tireless efforts and leadership have left an indelible mark on West View. We are deeply grateful for her contribution and wish her a much-deserved rest and enjoyment in this new chapter. Taking the helm in 2024 is Lesley Pretorius, who is well-equipped to carry the torch forward. Her proven abilities inspire confidence in a seamless transition. While the shoes Linda leaves behind are undoubtedly large, we have no doubt that Lesley will step into them with grace and lead us to even greater heights.

We also express our heartfelt gratitude to all the ladies of the **Funeral Tea Ministry** who dedicate their time and talent. Their warm smiles and delicious refreshments offer comfort and support to grieving families. Even though you work behind the scenes, you are greatly valued. We encourage those who are able, to consider volunteering for this important work in God's kingdom, whether through baking, providing food, or assisting with serving and cleaning.

Journeying through Grief booklets are offered to grieving families.

Family Cross - This special cross is presented to individuals or families seeking prayer. Whether for illness, strength, a special occasion, such as a birthday or anniversary, or the birth of a child. We pray for those entrusted with the cross, hoping it serves as a reminder of God's grace and the congregation's unwavering support. The cross is distributed at both services, and a virtual version is sent to those attending online services.

Counselling referrals are also provided to individuals needing additional support through our partners at West View and Khuluma.

We are also proud to participate in the community by co-hosting weekly services at **Eldoraigne Retirement Village** on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. These services provide spiritual nourishment and fellowship for residents.

The Friendship Club consists of a group of 25 to 30 'young at heart' ladies. Although our average age is mid-eighties, we are very far from being classed as 'has beens'.

We meet once a month. During 2023 we had 4 projects which we supported as a group i.e. Ditshego, with sannipads and jerseys; Kiepersol, with Long Life milk; SPCA, with dogfood, and Mnandi, with Eco bricks. We also have members who support Grannies who Care by knitting baby layettes and teddies.

2024 activities and projects will be decided at our first meeting on 18 January. Our aim is to make a difference, no matter how small.

Irene Ennenga

The Morning WA has made the decision to no longer be part of the Women's Auxilliary. They will continue as a Friendship Group from January 2024.

Merle Munday (Morning Women's Auxiliary President and Secretary)

Evening WA - The past year of 2023 has been a good year for the EWA at West View, and we give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.

The theme we followed this year was, - **"The Scent of a Christian Women"** which was inspired by the book by Elize Grey and monthly devotions have been an inspiration as we followed different chapters of her book. We also have an active Prayer Chain.

The Annual Limpopo District Meetings were held in Rustenburg, and 5 of our members were available to attend. It is always good to gather with our WA sisters from all over the district and to be there for the Induction of our new District President, Nkagisang Ndlovu and her team. I'm happy to report that one of our own, Jeanette Burger, is part of the new District Executive. The other District event was the Annual Justice and Service Rally, which was hosted at West View in July. Once again it was 'service with a smile' from our ladies in the kitchen.

We are very happy to welcome Rev Damien O'Grady, our new Minister who has joined the staff at West View. He attended our March Meeting as a guest speaker for the first time, and it has been good to get to know him as a friend.

Other Speakers at monthly Meetings have been Rev Jen Botha who spoke about her great experience of doing the Camino Pilgrim Walk in Spain. It was also good to welcome Nicky Herbst who came to tell us about her personal journey over many years with the Ditshego Ministry and working with the children in the Mooiplaas Informal Settlement

At our May Meeting we were happy to be joined by the President of the recently formed West View Manyano, Lwethu Madi. This was a good opportunity to develop good relationships and to hear more about this Sister Organization and to better understand what they stand for and about the work they do. Some of our members also attended the High Tea arranged by the Manyano during Women's Month.

In September, for Heritage Month, three of our African WA members, came to meeting, dressed in traditional attire. It was so interesting to hear about their cultures and traditions. For us Western Women there is much to learn about the Heritage of other race groups in our country.

The Women's World Day of Prayer this year was held at St Johns Church in Thaba Tshwane and many of our members were able to attend. Another Special Service for us was the Annual W.A Service held in August during Women's Month. It was blessing for us to have as our Guest Preacher, Mrs Lwethu Madi, the wife of our Senior Minister. Then, the most Special Service for us this year was a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving held on the 6th of August to celebrate 50 years since the establishment, in 1973, of our Society called West View!

The "After Church Sunday sales have done well, thanks to the support of congregation members. From this regular income we have been able to support our Projects. The Queenswood Home receives regular donations to sponsor Meal tickets and the Ditshego Ministry also receive regular cash donations towards supplies for their pantry.

Supporting the Ditshego Ministry is an on-going project. The children in the House of Laughter are remembered on their birthdays with a small gift and card and sweet treats. During the winter the EWA collected nourishing dried soup ingredients, and 100 Packets of Hope were made up and donated to Ditshego to feed the needy in Mooiplaas. Again, in August during Women's Month, we collected toiletries, which were packed in nicely decorated paper bags. 75 of these Pamper Packets were donated to the staff at Ditshego and Khuluma in appreciation for their commitment.

Before Easter, a successful Easter Egg Workshop was held, which was open to the congregation. It was good to see Moms, Grannies and children joining in to decorate their own characterised Easter Eggs. Extra Easter Eggs were also made to sell to boost our funds.

Once again, the annual 'Knit/Crochet-Along' event was held in May. This is always a fun and social event, and well supported, as ladies come together and chat while our fingers keep busy. All the knitting and crochet work done on the day, plus many items of clothing, blankets and lots of wool were donated to the 'Friends who Care' in Lyttelton.

This helps to boost their efforts as they support the Future Families Ministry, who reach out to the needy.

Supporting the elderly is a priority for the EWA. When the Annual Queenswood Homes Fete was held in June, the EWA were happy to support them with our table selling biscuits and rusks. We were able to do the same for the Fete at Kiepersol in October. We also continue to support the Social Pensioners who live in Lions Haven at Kiepersol with regular donations of milk, and with Pamper Packets.

Support to the local church has been given when needed...a meal of hot-dogs for the children during Holiday Clubs; - a Curry and Rice meal for supper during the Alpha course and donations for eats at the Celebration Tea for the Church's Birthday. And in time for Advent the special Christmas Tree was set up,

decorated with gold and white, hand-made Christian symbols called Chrismons!

With the close of another year, our grateful thanks and appreciation go to our Ministers for their guidance and support. To the West View congregation, thank you for your loyal support at our Sales Table and especially for the generous response every time an appeal is made for items needed to support our Out-reach Projects. Thanks be to God for our health and strength to keep faithful to the Motto of the Women's Auxiliary; **'To Know Christ and to Make Him Known.'**

Penny Wellington (Evening Women's Auxiliary President)

West View Women's Manyano

The West View Manyano Branch started off with 11 full members who were transferred from Elim and Lyttelton Methodist Churches when it was launched on August 20th, 2022. It is worth reporting that in the 4th Quarter of 2023, the organization has 24 members, 21 of whom are full members, inclusive of those that have transferred from Pretoria Central Circuit; Diamond City Circuit 501 in Kimberley; and St Johns Methodist Church. Three (3) of the members are On-Trials who will undergo training in January 2024. Manyano is mindful that such growth can only be attributed to God's grace.

Manyano also wishes to report that Dr Alvean Jacobs, a West View congregant, consistently attends its meetings, and actively participates in all its Mission work. Members are always grateful for her prayers and humbled by her support and unconditional love for the organization.

The West View Manyano Branch Executive was recently inducted on November 26th, 2023, in the following portfolios: Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Christian Citizenship Secretary (CCS).

Mission Pillars

Education and Christian Formation

We have trained new members, referred to as On-Trails, in the organization's ethos, structure, policies and regulations as mandated by the Manyano Constitution. The training is grounded in the organization's Christian values of (i) holiness of life; (ii) purity of speech; (iii) temperance, and (iv) service to the glory of God and for the extension of God's Kingdom. It is also related to one

of Manyano's aims of making the mission of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa (MCSA) a reality among its members first, and all people of God in their daily lives through the Mission Pillars.

Manyano is pleased to inform the Church that all six On-Trials completed their training and were assessed at Society level. The On-Trials were then presented to the Circuit Extended Executive for their final assessment, which was successfully completed. The six members were robed into full membership on November 19th, 2023, at Elim Methodist church and subsequently presented to the West View congregation, and to Reverends Madi and O'Grady on December 3rd, 2023.

The Manyano Circuit Executive was inducted into office during the robing service. Mama Mandu Mamatela from West View was also inducted as the Circuit Treasurer for an initial period of three years in accordance with the Manyano Constitution.

One of the fundamental aims of the Methodist Women's Prayer and Service Union (MWP&SU) is to 'intercede in private and public prayer for a deepened spirituality and be of service to the glory of God and the extension of God's Kingdom in the home, Church and Community'. In making this aim a reality, the West View Women's Manyano continues to focus on PRAYER and SERVICE. Members continue to gather on alternate Saturdays to collectively pray, support each other within the organization, and pray for the broader community, including the Church. They also offer condolences, comfort, and uplift bereaved member's families in prayer, and present gifts of love.

Manyano conducted its last 2023 service at the home of one of its elderly full members in good standing, Mama Joy Umlaw, who is no longer able to fully attend prayer meetings. Manyano Members presented agape gifts of love as a token of their appreciation for her dedicated service to the church.

Women's Manyano successfully hosted its first fund-raising drive in the form of a High Tea to raise funds for Mission work, and for the church. The organization committed to supporting the church from some of the proceeds of the fund-raising initiative. A donation was made to the Children's Ministry for both the summer (December 18-22, 2023), and winter (June 2024) Holiday programmes. The Women's Manyano continues to lift the leaders of the Children's Ministry and team in prayers as they inspire life change in children.

West View Women's Manyano will be requesting the Church to reflect its existence on the official Church website. This visibility will allow for the pursuit of one of its key founding Christian values of being of Service to the glory of God and for the extension of God's Kingdom in accordance with the Methodist Women's Prayer and Service Union (MWP&SU) Constitution, Section 1:2:4.

The Women's Manyano will be strengthening its outreach in 2024 in line with the Church Mission work.

West View Manyano will continue to carry out its mandate of being Women of PRAYER and SERVICE to God Almighty, and to the broader church and community in 2024. The organization always gives praise and glory to God in everything; and to the church for its unwavering support throughout 2023.

Futhi Umlaw (Secretary - West View Women's Manyano)

Kairos Prison Ministry Gauteng North

Covid changed the trajectory of many things and Kairos was no exception.

In 2023, we picked up the pieces. The staff at the prisons were moved around so we had to start afresh with building relationships between the Head of Prisons, Prison Chaplain, Spiritual Co-coordinators and Wardens alike.

We had three successful weekends in 2023, Kgosi Mampuru II Ladies Inside in May 2023, Gauteng North Ladies Outside was held at the end of May (our biggest ever) and then ODI Men's Inside in June 2023. Bavianaanspoort Men's Inside is really struggling with volunteers and we ask for prayer for them to be able to continue with their ministry.

On a positive note, we have managed to get our first Torch (Juveniles) programme up and running in Bavianaanspoort for February 2024. We are extremely excited as we have been trying to get this off the ground for many years.

Kgosi Mampuru II Ladies Inside has relocated to Atteridgeville Prison as of 2024. They will be having their weekend from 2 – 5 May 2024, the ODI Men's Inside from 6 – 9 June 2024 and the Gauteng North Ladies Outside 24-26 May.

We ask that you please continue to keep the Kairos Prison Ministry in your prayers, for Residents and Wardens, the physical support, the team members,

and the growth of the ministry. The ministry is truly appreciative of your generous support that you have given in the past.

Nellie Hunter

Siphiwe Madi (Minister), Lorna du Plessis (Society Steward 2023) and Lael du Toit (Coordinator)

Property Cluster Quarterly Report December 2023

Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap...

Highlights of 2023

- Palisade and motor exit gate repair on Bosduif street was completed.
- The entrance gate access keypad pole was repaired and will be painted.
- The Solar installation is running well and has made a great difference to the day to day running of the church and services on a Sunday.
- The gardens are looking beautiful with extensive summer rains.
- Waterproofing of roof of the Mark/Luke Hall complex has been repaired. Waterproofing has been extended into the gutters and beam filling has been re-done to prevent rainwater overflow seeping into the building and damaging the timber roof structure.
- Parking pays and flow arrows have been re-painted on the existing parking areas. Thank you to the ground staff for that.

Challenges of 2023

- Boundary wall repair was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The ceiling in the Garden of Remembrance sagged due to a water leak on the roof. Both the ceiling and water leak were repaired.

- The brick lintel above the double door main entrance of the sanctuary was showing signs of collapse. A contractor was brought in to advise and a steel frame was built around the opening to support the lintel.
- Sewer and water line leaks/issues were repaired. Portion of paving blocks at the corner of the Hall complex has been lifted and re-laid due to loos and missing paving blocks.
- The ongoing financial constraints are very real and most of the materials used for the planned projects are being financed by donations.

Planned Projects for 2024

- Ladies Bathroom upgrade – The toilet doors to be repainted and vanity grout repaired. This will commence at the same time as the fence painting.
- Roof alteration and repair of covered walkway from sanctuary to Mark /Luke complex – LTPC are in discussion on this project and will take action as soon as possible.
- Palisade maintenance & Painting will commence in the new year as well as the painting of the entrance gate keypad structure repair. Painting will start on the worst panels progressing to those that are less urgent in need of paint.
- Vestry kitchen upgrade – a costing has been done and LTPC is sourcing finance for this project.
- Painting of parking bays and arrows on the ‘new’ parking area will take place once we have the approval from Geo-Science and Tshwane after submission of the SDP (Site Development Plan) which is still in process.
- Update SDP (Site Development Plan) for Geo Sciences. This process will hopefully gain momentum in the new year.
- Counter upgrade to Church Foyer – New counters are in progress of manufacture and have been financed by a donation from a deceased estate of a member of West View Methodist Church. A plaque will be placed on the new counters in memory of the member.
- Boundary wall repair will be re-visited in the new year.

Thank you to everyone in the property cluster for your sacrifice, dedication, and hard work to make the West View Campus one to be proud of.

Sue de Jager (Society Stewart Property Cluster)

WEST VIEW COLLEGE

A SUMMARY OF 2023

West View College had a good academic year. We were pleased that there were no failures on our GDE Schedules, and so our pass rate was 100%.

We have a contented parent body, and the general atmosphere at the school is productive and happy. The Teaching Staff of the school are conscientious and deliver a high quality educational 'product' that the parents appreciate. Likewise, our Support Staff are a highly motivated group and the facilities are always spotless and hygienic.

2023 has been a tough financial year, with many of our parents under considerable financial pressure. This has led to a bad debt situation that needed constant monitoring and attention. We are very grateful to the Accounting Staff of West View Methodist Church with whom we work closely. They have been of invaluable assistance in the collection of money owing by parents. Despite this, we finished the year strongly, and were able to meet all our obligations, including salaries and a December bonus payment to all our staff. The financial situation with some of our parents meant that our numbers declined during the year; something that negatively affected our budget.

The relationship between West View College and West View Methodist Church remains solid and amicable. The Youth Pastors give us invaluable assistance in the upholding of our strong Christian ethos, and the entire institution operates under the acute awareness of the Grace of God and His divine providence.

All of us are aware that 2024 will be another hard year for families, businesses and other institutions. With careful attention to detail and control of our finances, we believe that our school will once again weather the storm and continue to be a place of excellence and faith in the area.