

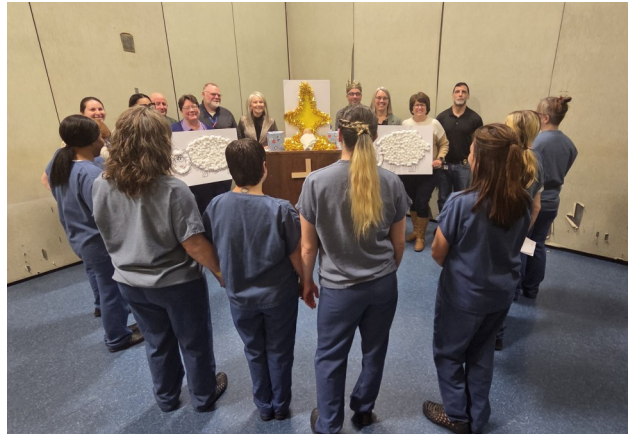
Celebrating Resilience and Joy: A Christmas Pageant Behind Bars

Excited. Nervous. “What do the words ‘in excelsis deo’ mean and how do you pronounce it? Is my halo straight? When do I lay baby Jesus in the manger? Will people really come to watch us perform?”

These were feelings and questions flying around in the chapel as a group of ladies prepared a Christmas Pageant. For several weeks they practiced their lines, sang the carols, and prepped the props all in the excitement of sharing it with an audience. The day arrived for the performance and less than 10 minutes before it was to begin, the prison went on lockdown and everyone had to return to their cells. There was GREAT disappointment among the women. However, two weeks later they were once again bustling around the chapel, getting ready to do the pageant. Afterwards the ladies reflected on the experience: “We became like a family and it brought us so much joy. We could stand strong together as women and put aside our differences. We rose above some conflicts.”

The Warden, Deputy Wardens, a Commissioner, counselors and medical staff attended the 15 minute performance. One attendee commented, “We, the audience, very much enjoyed this. I couldn’t help but sit there and think...God must be smiling and enjoying this as much as we are.”

The ladies asked us to thank you, the supporters of SFPM. Their lives are being changed because of your financial and prayer support. As we head into 2026, we pray that God will continue to give us creative opportunities to connect with each person at LCP! Happy New Year!



Roast Beef Spring Fundraiser



Mark your calendars for Saturday, **March 21, 2026** and pick up a delicious meal for your lunch time enjoyment.

Where: Hinkletown Mennonite Church
(2031 Division Hwy, Ephrata)

Time: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm (or sold out)

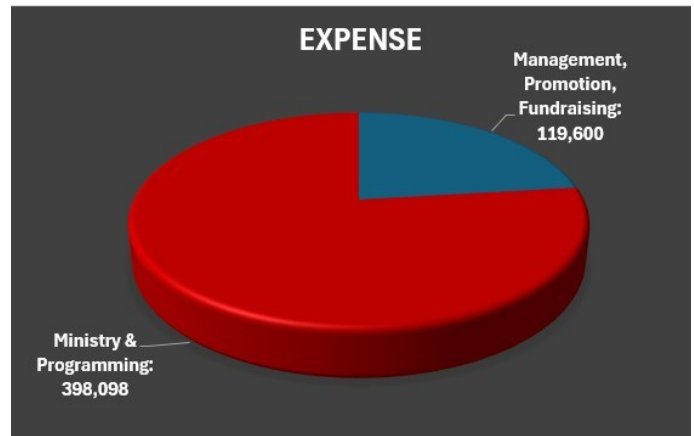
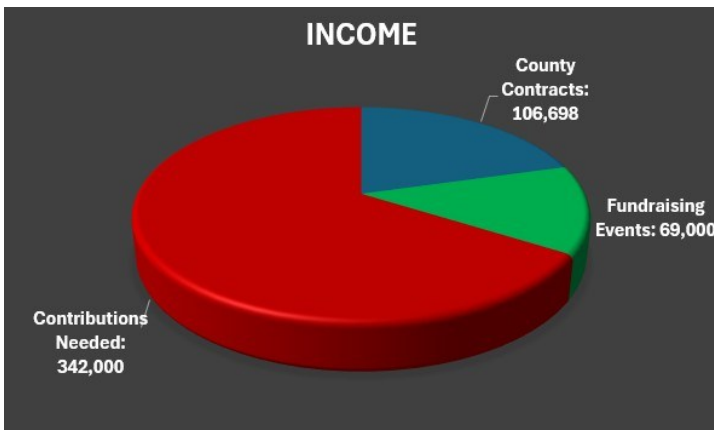
Cost: Suggested Donation \$15/meal

Meal: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, dinner roll, whoopie pie, and drink

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2026 Budget: \$517,698



DONATIONS TO SUPPORT FOR PRISON MINISTRIES HELP TO CHANGE LIVES FOR ETERNITY IN THIS NEW YEAR OF 2026.



Donations come from churches, businesses, families, and individuals.

On-line donations can be made on our website or a self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your gift.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS. LIVES WILL BE CHANGED IN 2026!!

IMPACTING LANCASTER COUNTY, PA and BEYOND by:

Sharing God's love and hope to men and women in prison; **Assisting** the church and concerned persons to get involved in prison ministry; **Inviting** churches, businesses, and individuals to partner financially with us.

"Thank you! I am so grateful for the chaplain leading me to the light! It's a war and I'm glad Jesus won! Now I pick up the cross and walk with him through the fire." From an LCP Inmate

I was in Prison and You Came to Me

By Del Burkholder, SFPM Director

Recently I was talking with a state prison chaplain about the heavy burden a prison chaplain carries when giving death and family emergency notifications to inmates. The state prison he works at has over 2000 inmates. In 2025 he had personally delivered 80 death notices. Anyone who has ever done a death notice in prison knows how difficult it is on the chaplain.

At Lancaster County Prison (LCP), Support for Prison Ministries chaplains are providing Spiritual care and guidance daily. LCP averages 800 inmates and in 2025 our chaplains delivered 66 death notices in addition to other family emergencies. Please keep our chaplains in your prayers as they handle the job God called them to do.



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"I was in prison, and you came to me." Matthew 25:36