

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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December 2019

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St. John Lutheran Church

Worship Schedule

Saturday Worship

6:00 PM

Sunday Worship

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Pastors

Pastor Mark Johnson

Pastor Sarah Timian

Office Staff

Jillmarie Stich

Audrey Zellman

Treasurer

Rae Fimon

Custodians

Curt & Cheryl Johnson

Organists

Eileen Hanlon

Diane West

Choir Director

Bri Bergstrom

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From Pastor Mark

As I write this, I am preparing for Christ the King Sunday on November 24. Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday on the Church Year Calendar. The following week we will begin a new Church Year with the First Sunday in Advent. During Advent and Christmas we anticipate and then we celebrate the birth of Jesus as a baby in the manger in Bethlehem. On Christ the King Sunday, the year culminates by remembering that this baby will grow up to be not only a King - but the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

In the Second Reading for Christ the King Sunday, the Apostle Paul writes about Jesus as the King of Kings: "He is the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created...all things have been created through him and for him...and in him all things hold together...for in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell."

Now that is a powerful image of the King of Kings! But then, this majestic and awesome image from our Second Reading is starkly contrasted with the Gospel Reading for Christ the King Sunday. In the Gospel, we read of the King being crucified and praying for those who crucify him that they might be forgiven. Here we read that Jesus was crucified under a sign nailed to his cross that mocked him as "The King of the Jews." And yet, the cruel irony was, that is who he was - not only the King of the Jews - but the King of all creation. And yet, look where this King wound up.

It's a fascinating story that invites us into itself. Because this is not just some story that happened a long time ago in a place far away. It is a story that invites us to see ourselves wrapped up in it, our lives and our destinies remade by it. Our lives are a strand in this sacred tapestry of God's love and grace for us that holds the key to who we are and to what our lives are really all about.

So here's an idea. Try this. Beginning December first, each evening read one chapter from the Gospel of Luke in the Bible. There are twenty four chapters. On December 24, Christmas Eve, you will have read the whole account of Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection according to Luke's gospel witness and you will come to worship knowing who this child is and why we celebrate his birth.

So take some devotional time this Advent Season and read a chapter each day. Let each chapter sink down into your heart. Reflect upon it and sit with it and let it sink down deeply into your heart and mind. The baby we prepare to celebrate will grow up and become a King. And what a King! What a story! What an invitation to follow him in love and service in offering our lives for others and he has offered his life for us.

I look forward to being with you in worship together this Advent Season. May your heart be warmed and blessed and challenged by what you read and meditate upon. And may the manger of your heart be wide open to receive and celebrate the beautiful gift of the birth of Jesus, with all that he is, and with all that he means for our life and service and salvation.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

"Noisy Offering" - First Sunday of Each Month

Our Sunday School is sponsoring a "Noisy Offering" the first Sunday of each month. During our regular offering time, our kids are invited to bring an offering up to the front of the church and put it in a jar. It's noisy and fun and generous. And it's fun to watch our children run and walk and smile and look serious and be joyful and giving and full of life.

Please mark your calendar and bring some extra money for your child to share on these first Sundays. And, if you don't have a child, give some money to one you see and ask them to run it up for you. That way, we can all contribute together. Thanks!

From Pastor Sarah

CONFIRMATION REFORMATION

On October 30, the Confirmation class focused on Martin Luther and the Reformation. One of the activities for the students was to learn about the *Ninety-Five Theses* and write down their own suggestions for making the church better. Some of you may have seen the students' ideas posted on the church doors for All Saints' Sunday.

These are a few of their suggestions:

Be Kind

Open Doors for People

Being Helpful to Others and Listening

Have a Children's Sermon as Part of the Sunday Service

Pay Attention to the Sermon

Newer Church Songs

Sing to the Lord with my Heart

Fundraiser

Adding More Opportunities for Giving to the Church

Make a Play Area

Build a Fun Place to Run Around and Learn about Church

Have More Community Activities and Events

Add a Big TV

Put Bible Verses on a Big Screen

Serve Coffee Hour More

Have More People Join Confirmation

Build Congregational Bonds

Bible Studies

Fellowship

Love One Another

Share God's Love

The Confirmation students came up with some insightful ideas— some of them are even a little challenging. I would invite all of us to really look at this list and to ask ourselves the same question. What do we think would make church better? How could we make that happen? What could we do to make some of these suggestions a reality?

As we begin the season of Advent, we are invited to anticipate the coming of Jesus. We wait and watch for the Messiah, and we do our best to make this world a little better each day until then.

"May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

--Romans 15:5-7, excerpt from the Second Reading for Advent 2--

December Children's Ministry Update

As the Thanksgiving holiday wraps up, the Children's Ministry team would like to say **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who help make our youth programs successful! We appreciate the time and energy you put in each and every week! We are blessed to have so many great volunteers that connect with our youth.

The Sunday School kids wrapped up the story of David and Goliath and have been working on many projects and activities on being thankful and counting their blessings. Our lesson theme in December will be Advent and Christmas. They will also be busy practicing for the Christmas program.

The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 22nd: Pre-K through 4th grade will perform the Christmas program together again this year. We will have one performance at 9:30am, between regular church services. We expect that there will be overflow and we will have the entire program recorded and projected in the gathering area. Immediately following the program, there will be birthday cake in the gathering area, which will be served by our Connect and Confirmation students. We hope you can join us for Jesus' birthday celebration!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday Dec. 1st: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Christmas Program Practice - Dec 8th & Dec 15 PK - 4th grade: Sunday School Hour 9:15-10:15

Sunday Dec. 8th: 10:30am Christmas Program Rehearsal - 2nd thru 4th Sunday School Teachers, Parent Volunteers, and Cast with speaking roles - Please stay after Sunday School to run through lines in the youth room downstairs.

Sunday Dec. 15th: 10:30am Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal - 2nd thru 4th Sunday School Teachers, Parent Volunteers, and Cast with speaking roles - Please stay after Sunday School to run through lines in the youth room downstairs.

Sunday Dec. 29th: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - Christmas Break

Connect Update

During the month of December the Connect classes will be studying about the book of Kings, the Babylonian Captivity and the Prophets!

The Connect students will be participating with the Sunday School program on December 22nd. They will take an active role in either greeting, ushering or assisting teachers. They can also help in serving Jesus' birthday cake immediately following the program. Further information will be sent out early December.

No Connect Class on the following dates: December 25th, January 1st and January 8th.

The next Children's Ministry meeting will be Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00pm in the prep room. Please join us!



Christmas/New Years

Note Special Event, Schedules & Times

Saturday, Dec. 14	6:00 Worship Service with Pot-luck to follow
Saturday, Dec. 21	6:00 Blue Christmas Worship Service (See Below)
Monday, Dec. 24	3:00 / 5:00 / 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Services
Tuesday, Dec. 25	9:00 Christmas Day Service
Saturday, Dec. 28	No Saturday Evening Service

What does "Blue Christmas Service" mean?

A Blue Christmas Service is a more somber worship that offers spiritual room for the times and people for whom Christmas isn't as joyful due to grief or other issues. This year, St. John will offer a Blue Christmas Service on Saturday, December 21, at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. Come to this worship as you are--with whatever you are carrying this season.

Stewardship Spotlight

Thank you to all our members who share their time and talents with St. John in 2019! We are taking a break in December, but will return in January to spotlight Stewardship at St. John.

Your Gifts Make a Difference Thank You



Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to St John Lutheran Church when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0802698

Are you interested in helping with videotaping our services?

With the new equipment almost ready to go, we will be having training on how to run the new equipment. We would love to have more people involved in this. If you are interested in helping, please call the office to be placed on the list.

Thanks



Support our youth this Season Need a gift idea?

Give the gift that fits everyone. Purchase Scrip cards. You can purchase them between services and in the church office during the week.



29th Annual Christmas Gift Project— 2019

The Belle Plaine Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Scott County CAP Agency, will coordinate the 29th annual Christmas Gift Project in Belle Plaine. The CAP Agency serves as a clearinghouse that coordinates Christmas giving (toys, food and cash donations). The program utilizes an extensive network of volunteers providing the link to local communities.

The Program's primary goal is to provide residents in Scott and Carver Counties, who are experiencing financial difficulty, with toys and gifts for the children and their families.

Please select an ornament from the tree at the top of the stairs and return it attached to an unwrapped gift for the "age group" indicated on the ornament.

The Belle Plaine Rotary will be picking up the gifts on Tuesday morning, December 10th. Please help those in need in our community.



The Newsletter is on our Website

Did you know you can view St. John's newsletter on the website? When you go to the website click on Connect and look on the pull down for "Our Newsletter". Click on that and choose the newsletter you want to read and click on the link.

To be notified by email that a new newsletter is available, go to "Join our newsletter" and submit a request to be placed on the list. You will then be taken off the mailing list for newsletters.

December 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rick Olsen Robert Stoppelmann	2 Duwayne Dandurand Erik Hoff Joyce Nyblom Andy Steinhagen Nicole Walker Jaydn Williamson	3 Debra Brazil Robert Fairbanks Luke Fogarty Diane Gerres	4 Kyle Arola Dominick Fogarty Lois Gustafson Peggy Malz Alexander Meger Robert Trost	5 Dylan Johnson Randal Kruger John Schmidt Sara Timian	6 Zachary Fahey Michael Gustafson Tristan Lindahl	7 Troy Borresen Allen Latour Tyson Menke Ruby Schultz
8	9 Midge Bessel Eisley Koch Brent Koepp Tamara Koepp	10 Marjorie Grannis	11 Kerry Arola Ainsley Maier Taylor Menke Mark Schultz	12 Megan Koepp Jade Laue	13 Ethan Martin Zachary Olson	14 Laura Buddenhagen Jeffrey Burkman Taylor Fimon Alexander Johnson
15 Mary Karl Tina Soller Jennie Weiland	16 Luke Bristlin Chester Gohlke Suzanne Johnson	17 Madelyn Eyrich Laurie Hiles Myron Malz Debra Schaefer Michael Tracy	18 Annabelle Bauleke Lori Schmit Madelyn Siekmann	19 Donald Oldenburg	20 Katey Borresen Laura Costello Duane Koepp Hoyt Nagorski Kevin Wolff	21 Steven Gerres Adam Meierbachtol Kevin Nyblom
22 Bruce Schmidt	23 Mary Sybraant	24 Megan Holzemer Brian Siekmann	25 Carissa Schultz Trever Theis	26 Mikayla Anderson Garrett Boblitt Daniel Buerkle Thorbjorn Einertson Mekenna Gerres Morgan Hagen Kari Laue Callen Petty	27 Cooper Stier	28
29 Madison Their	30 Robert Fimon Deborah Traxler	31 Parker Borresen Ralph French Mason Gerres Luke Meriwether Christopher Schutlz				

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Noisy Offering 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services	2 6:30p Boy Scout meeting	3 10:00 Cardinal Ridge Service 11:00 Lutheran Home Service 1:00p Quilting 1:00p Kingsway Service 6:00p Congregational Christmas Party	4 4:40p Youth Choir 5:30p Pizza 6:00p Connect/Confirmation 6:30p Adult Choir	5	6 6:30p Private Party in Gathering Area	7 7:00 Weight Watchers 6:00p Worship Service
8 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Sunday School 11:30 Private Party in Gathering Area	9 6:30p Boy Scout meeting	10 9:30 WELCA Bible Study 1:00p Quilting 7:00p Children's Ministry Team meeting	11 4:40p Youth Choir 5:30p Pizza 6:00p Connect/Confirmation 6:30p Adult Choir	12 7:00p Stewardship Team meeting	13	14 7:00 Weight Watchers 10:00 Scrapbooking 6:00p Worship Service- Pot-luck Dinner to follow. All are Welcome
15 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Sunday School 12:00p Private Party in Gathering Area	16 1:30p Private Party in the Gathering Area 6:30p Boy Scout meeting	17 1:00p Quilting 6:00p Cub Scout Pack meeting 7:00p Book Club	18 4:40p Youth Choir 5:30p Pizza 6:00p Connect/Confirmation 6:30p Adult Choir	19 6:30p Church Council	20	21 7:00 Weight Watchers 11:00 Bridal Shower in Gathering Area 6:00p Blue Christmas Service
22 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Sunday School Christmas Program	23 6:30p Boy Scout meeting	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 3:00p, 5:00p & 7:00p Christmas Eve Services	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 9:00 Christmas Day Service	26	27	28 7:00 Weight Watchers
29 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services	30	31				

Unapproved St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes
November 20, 2019

Vice President Annette Moylan called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Pastor Mark Johnson, Pastor Sarah Timian, Council Members; Brian Schmidt, Chris Zellman, Jim Eggers, Annette Moylan, Sandy Schultz, Amy Franck. Staff: Curt Johnson and Treasurer, Rae Fimon

Opening Devotions: Pastor Sarah read from Romans 14 and spoke of the passage, “for none of us live to ourselves...we are the Lord’s”. Devotion followed by a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Members of Council reviewed the minutes from the October 19, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting minutes.

Pastor Mark’s Report:

Ninth Grade Confirmands and their families shared in a special Saturday morning on October 26 to get individual and class pictures taken, rehearse for the service on Sunday morning, and partake in a special family brunch recognizing and honoring our confirmands and small group’s leaders and special speakers Beth Beuch and Rae Fimon who taught this class from K-4 grade. The class affirmed their baptisms in a special confirmation service on Sunday, October 27, at the 10:30 service.

Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service - Meetings have been held and plans made to get our worshipping communities together this year at East Union Lutheran on Tuesday evening, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. This is the first time East Union will host. We will feature an ecumenical choir and offering support for our shared Good Samaritan Ministry and also the Belle Plaine Food Shelf.

Special Free-Will Offerings are being taken during this Thanksgiving season for the **ELCA World Hunger** program and also for our ELCA Missionary, Elisabeth Johnson, to support her in her work at teaching in the Lutheran Seminary in Cameroon, Africa.

Pictorial Directory picture taking has wrapped up with good response from the congregation and the follow up work is taking place. Participants receive a free 8x10 portrait and all congregation members will receive a free church directory.

The **Nominating Committee** has met and is looking to fill the slate of candidates for the 2020 Annual Meeting in January. More details on that as they develop.

The St. John Giving Challenge is tracking responses through the month for support for our next year’s General Operating Fund.

Synod Eco-Faith Event held at St. John featuring displays and speakers focusing on the good stewardship and care of God’s creation.

Continuing / Ongoing - regular preparations for preaching, teaching, worship, ministry team meetings, counseling, wedding preparation, baptisms, Families Moving Forward, correspondences, visitation, staff and volunteer coordination, etc.

Pastor Sarah’s Report

Youth Ministry— Students are continuing to plan for next summer’s Mission Trip to Vermont. Current fundraisers are Poinsettia and Scrip Card sales.

Connect and Confirmation— 19 Confirmation Students affirmed their baptism on October 27. Connect and Confirmation students traveled to Feed My Starving Children on November 6 and packed over 17,000 meals for children in Guatemala.

Eco-Faith Event— The Minneapolis Area Synod’s Eco-Faith Network held a learning event at St. John Lutheran Church on October 24. Presenters spoke on topics including zero-waste living, recycling best practices, and environmental care efforts. Dem-Com also brought their mobile display for the event.

Beacon— Representatives from the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative met with the Scott County Commissioners on November 19 to present information regarding a supportive housing effort in Shakopee. Members of faith communities associated with the collaborative were also present to listen and show support.

Ongoing Items— Attended the fall Ministerium meeting for St. Paul and Minneapolis Synods. Worship Leadership for Saturday and Sunday Services; Meetings with Connect and Confirmation Leaders and Students; Pastoral Conversations and Visits; Ministry Team Meetings as needed and available; Planning and Preparation for events, meetings, newsletter articles, classes, communication pieces, mailings, worship services, etc.

Staff Report:

Custodial: Curt reports that there is a broken drinking fountain that will be repaired, the dishwasher is broke and does not drain, and will be repaired. Update on roofing project; the fan for the back window still needs to be installed after a bit more framing is done around the window. Curt stated that Tim Moonen has found someone to trim trees, and remove the dead ones. Continued update on the video equipment; the equipment needed a few tweaks to record an entire service without creating multiple files. Training on the system will be scheduled soon for all who wish to learn how to use the equipment.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Marie, accounting office manager also attended as we reviewed the proposed budget for 2020. Further discussion of the budget will occur at the December meeting. October General Fund was under the financial commitment for the month by about \$8,000.00. Expenses in the General Fund for October were under projected by about \$1600.00. Year to Date General Fund is behind on the financial commitment by about \$27,000.00, and expenses are below projected by about \$8,100.00, leaving us with a net \$18,700.00 short on our projected budget. The Building Fund has a mortgage balance of about \$335,000.00 with a potential March 2022 payoff.

Transfers In - none

Transfers Out - none

New Business.

Council discussed at length the proposed budget for 2020. Further discussion before full council approval will continue at the December council meeting.

Ministry Team Updates

Worship & Music met on December 6. There will be a potluck after the service on Saturday, December 14. Blue Christmas service will be held on December 21. There will not be a Saturday service on December 28.

Personnel met on November 20 and will revise the Personnel Policy to state that reviews of all paid staff will be conducted on an annual basis.

Stewardship newsletter "spotlights on members" will resume in January. A video has been put together to play during offering. The team is looking at having members speak in the future.

Children's Ministry Christmas Program practice is underway. The program will be on December 22.

Constitution Update continues and we thank the team for undertaking this huge project!

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Franck, Church Council Secretary

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 1 Worship Assistants	
Coffee Hour: Kathy & Jerold Stauffacher Altar Guild: Bonnie Tronnes & Renee Meuleners Pizza Helpers: Shara Hiles & Jaqueline Johnson	
8:00	10:30
Acolytes: Zach Fahey & Pierce Nagorski Greeters: Brian & Jonathan Schmidt Lay Readers: Pat Laabs Communion Assistants: Katie Graff & Sharon Adelman Ushers: Brian Schmidt, Jonathan Schmidt, Jason Schmidt, Katelyn Bauer, Doug Hillstrom, Jerold Stauffacher, Dave Latzke, Matt Mellgren, Ellie Martin, Voilet Holtberg	Acolytes: Greeters: Anita Lambrecht Lay Readers: Steve Schroeder Communion Assistants: Marv & Rhonda Doeden Ushers: Tim Moonen, Dale Schmidt, John Winterfeldt, Samuel Schmidt, Andrew Bauleke, Dick Bristow
December 8 Worship Assistants	
Coffee Hour: Mark & Tammy Koepf Altar Guild: Bonnie Tronnes & Renee Meuleners Pizza Helpers: Debbie Wolter & Linda Jeurissen Pizza Patrol: Angie Kahle & Trevor Carstens Craft Room Helper: Jamie Lindahl & Jennifer Meyer	
8:00	10:30
Acolytes: Landry Kelm & Vayda Borresen Greeters: Kevin & Marcy Boblitt Lay Readers: Marcy Kiewel Communion Assistants: Dorothy & Albert Koepf Ushers: Andy Steinhagen, Kade Skelley, Bruce Koepf, Tammy Koepf	Acolytes: Isabelle Stier & Katie Theis Greeters: Donna Cooper Lay Readers: Katie Graff Communion Assistants: Todd & Dynelle Kruggel Ushers: Scott Ruud, Alex Ruud, Griffin Ruud, Dale Mercado, Jake Mercado, Jerry Meger, Alex Meger, Brody Curtiss
December 15 Worship Assistants	
Coffee Hour: Theis & Henning Families Altar Guild: Bonnie Tronnes & Renee Meuleners Pizza Helpers: Kerri Williamson & Daron/Trisha Anderson Pizza Patrol: Nicole Koepf & Amanda Olson-Stier	
8:00	10:30
Acolytes: Ellie Martin & Norissa Feldhake Greeters: Angela Faucette Lay Readers: Sherrie Simcox Communion Assistants: Sherrie Simcox & Angela Faucette Ushers: Andy Steinhagen, Kade Skelley, Bruce Koepf, Tammy Koepf, Ethan Bessel, Savanna Berg	Acolytes: Greeters: Jerry & Sue Meger Lay Readers: Savannah Berg Communion Assistants: Bob Fairbanks & Tim Moonen Ushers: Scott Ruud, Alex Ruud, Griffin Ruud, Dale Mercado, Jake Mercado, Jerry Meger, Alex Meger, Brody Curtiss, Katie Theis, Mikayla Anderson
December 22 Worship Assistants	
Coffee Hour: Sunday School Christmas Program Altar Guild: Bonnie Tronnes & Renee Meuleners Pizza Helpers: No Pizza—Christmas Break	
8:00	10:30
Acolytes: Nolan Swenson & Caleb Eppen Greeters: Connie Haas Lay Readers: Kamryn Stier Communion Assistants: Greg & Linda Schwichtenberg Ushers: Albert Koepf, Dorothy Koepf, Kevin Koepf, Matt Stier, Bruce Volek, Tim Carlson, Josh Koepf	Acolytes: Carson Unze & Isabelle Stier Greeters: Zoe Otting Lay Readers: Zoe Otting Communion Assistants: Lee Sauter & Midge Bessel Ushers: Brent Koepf, Mitchell Koepf, Kevin, Marcy & Garrett Boblitt, Jackson Stauffacher, Justin Stauffacher, Todd Kruggel
December 29 Worship Assistants	
Coffee Hour: Altar Guild: Bonnie Tronnes & Renee Meuleners Pizza Helpers: No Pizza—New Year Break	
8:00	10:30
Acolytes: Greeters: Nick & Bryn Davis Lay Readers: Renee Meuleners Communion Assistants: Curt & Cheryl Johnson Ushers: Albert Koepf, Dorothy Koepf, Kevin Koepf, Matt Stier, Bruce Volek, Tim Carlson, Josh Koepf	Acolytes: Greeters: Ken & Wendy Theis Lay Readers: Lee Sauter Communion Assistants: Dave Bungarden & Bob Fairbanks Ushers: Brent Koepf, Mitchell Koepf, Kevin, Marcy & Garrett Boblitt, Jackson Stauffacher, Justin Stauffacher, Todd Kruggel

St. John Financial Results
Ten Months Ended October 31, 2019 and October 31, 2018

Financial Corner

General Operating Fund			Year Over Year
	October 31, 2019	October 31, 2018	Increase (Decrease)
Income	\$ 301,376	\$ 292,934	3%
Expenses:			
Personnel	(254,058)	(245,036)	
Office	(14,236)	(17,082)	
Property & Maintenance	(31,283)	(34,393)	
Ministry Teams	(18,687)	(24,649)	
Other	(4,138)	(3,334)	
Benevolence:			
Minneapolis Area Synod	(10,000)	(10,000)	
Camp Onomia	(2,500)	(2,500)	
Belle Plaine Fire Dept	-	(225)	
Lutheran Social Services	(1,500)	(1,500)	
Missionary	-	(300)	
Net Receipts / (Expenditures)	\$ (35,026)	\$ (46,085)	
Cash Balance at January 1 (excl. all loans)	\$ (64,346)	\$ (35,163)	
Net Income / (Expenditures)	(35,026)	(46,085)	
Misc. cash not affecting income	184	63	
Transfer from Coffee Fund	-	-	
Loan from Technology Fund	-	-	
Loan from Building Fund	54,500	35,000	
Loan from St. John Foundation	53,620	53,087	
Cash Balance at October 31	\$ 8,932	\$ 6,902	

Building Fund			
Receipts	\$ 113,955	\$ 128,222	-11%
Capital Appeal Expenses	-	(2,205)	
Miscellaneous Expenses	(124)	(18)	
Loan to General Fund	(19,500)	-	
Principal	(91,603)	(87,455)	
Interest	(13,997)	(18,145)	
Net Receipts / (Disbursements)	\$ (11,269)	\$ 20,399	
Loan Balance at January 1	\$ 435,544	\$ 551,424	
Principal Payments	(91,603)	(87,455)	
Loan Balance at October 31	\$ 343,941	\$ 463,969	

Actual Income Compared to 2019 Financial Commitment:

Actual YTD Through September	\$ 301,376
Financial Commitment through September	\$ 328,255



Financial Books Closing for 2019

Please note that the financial books will be closing for 2019 at the end of December. If you would like credit for offerings given during this year, you will need have them into the church by then. Traditionally, December has been a strong month in this regard. Thank you for the support you provide to our mission and ministry. We have the greatest good news of all to share and, with your help, we will continue to grow in the Lord's work.

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Change Service Requested

Monthly Events

First Tuesday-
10:00am Cardinal Ridge Service
11:00am Lutheran Home Service
1:00pm Kingsway Service

Second Tuesday- Women's Bible Study 9:30 am
Kitchen Area



Mark it on Your Calendar!
January 26th will be St. John's Annual
Congregational Meeting
Note the times
8:00 Worship Service
9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Annual Meeting

Weekly Events

Monday's

8:00 am Men's Bible Study at Kingsway
1:00pm Quilting

Wednesday's

4:30pm Youth Choir
6:30pm Connect/Confirmation Classes
7:30pm Adult Choir

Saturday's

6:00 pm Worship Service in Gathering Area

Sunday's

8:00 & 10:30am Worship Services
9:15am Sunday School