

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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July 2021

*A monthly Publication of
St. John Lutheran Church*

Worship Schedule

Wednesday night
worship at 6:00 p.m.
In Gathering Area

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
In Person Worship or Watch
Live on Facebook

Pastor

Pastor Mark Johnson

Office Staff

Audrey Zellman

Treasurer

Rae Fimon

Custodians

Curt & Cheryl Johnson

Organist

Eileen Hanlon

Choir Director

Bri Bergstrom

Accompanist

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The National Youth Gathering will be held in
Minneapolis July 24-28, 2022.
More information inside.



Coffee Hour is Back

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc. is available to those who would like to visit after church. No food will be served at this time, but feel free to grab a cup of coffee and visit with each other after church on Sundays this summer. These items will also be available for the Wednesday evening services.

From Pastor Mark

As you receive this, my family and I will have passed an anniversary from eight years ago in 2013. My brother David was retiring as pastor in Montana and Sunday, June 30, was to be his last day. As it turned, he never made it to church. His wife of forty years, Miriam, passed away on that same day. I was thinking about that as we came to that anniversary this year and about how I thought about it and reflected on it with you in my newsletter article from that Summer. And so I thought I would bring it back and share it with you again as I wrote it those eight years ago now. Here it is...

From Your Pastor

As I sit down to write this, Sue and I are just returning from a trip out to Montana. My brother, David, has been a pastor for the last ten years at "New Hope Fellowship" in Laurel, a community about the size of Belle Plaine that is a bed room community of Billings.

As many of you know, his wife, Miriam Johnson, has been in our church prayers for some time. About four years ago, she began to show signs that something was physically wrong. The doctors in Billings did not know what to make of it at the time.

I remember closing a sermon last year by speaking of Miriam. This is how that sermon, dated to the fourth Sunday of Lent in 2012, ended:

"My brother's wife, Miriam, has been having some physical problems for the past few years. She just got a diagnosis last Fall from the Mayo Clinic of a rare condition called Multiple Systems Atrophy (MSA) - which means that, gradually, the systems in her body are atrophying and shutting down. It's a terminal condition. Currently, there is no way to treat it.

She's 57 years old. She and my brother have 5 children and 9 grandchildren - soon to be 10. This is not what she wants. She wants to live. But she has a remarkable outlook. She sees the beautiful little things in life. She loves others and knows that God is with her. She is thankful for the many good things in life - even as life gets harder.

Her condition is a tough one - but she knows she is in God's hands - whatever happens. She humbles me, frankly, with a heart that is strong and gentle and resilient. There is a peace in her heart that is certainly not due to the absence of trouble but to the presence of God; not such a peace as the world gives but a peace that passes all understanding, a peace that keeps her heart and her mind in Christ Jesus.

She has sadness too. And there are tears. But there is also laughter. She loves. She trusts. She reaches out. She celebrates. She lives. One day at a time. In Christ. Through Christ. Because of Christ. And that makes all the difference."

She maintained that attitude, even as her body continued to deteriorate. Joanna, Miriam's daughter and caregiver, posted some updates on Facebook at the end of June as her condition began to take a turn: June 25 - *"Please pray for an extra measure of strength and grace for my Mom (and Dad) today. Mom wasn't able to sleep at all last night due to constant choking on mucus / phlegm - a new and increasingly worsening symptom we've been experience...Even when sitting up it's hard for her to breathe...Her spirits remain high, despite it all...I brought her a coffee this morning and she took the sticker off the cup and put it on my nose. She's so sweet. Thank you for all your support."* June 29 - *Tomorrow my Dad retires from 41 years in the ministry...So strange to think I won't be seeing him up front anymore when I go to church...So comforting to think that his life will go on speaking more than any message ever could...I've learned so much about love these past few months and years - watching my parents interact. Their devotion, enduring strength, and endless faith...both break and bless my heart..."*

My brother is 68 and Sunday, June 30, was to be David's retirement Sunday. Miriam wanted to get a pair of new shoes for the occasion. So on Saturday, June 29, David, Joanna and their son, Philip, took her out. She got some shoes and also a new purse. Then, she wanted some ice cream. They came home and had pizza and salad for dinner. And Miriam wanted to play Scrabble. She loved to play Scrabble and she was an excellent player. She had won the last game she played a few days before and she was ahead in this game when it came time to go to sleep.

The next morning, David got up early and started getting ready for church. He started to get Miriam ready, a process that took awhile, but he couldn't get her to wake up. Needless to say, he stayed home with her and didn't make

it to church. She did wake up later in the morning. Some of the folks who were going to sing at church that day came over and sang around her bed. She passed away that evening at 8:45 p.m.

All the while, Miriam had prayed that God would heal her. She trusted the whole time that she was in God's hands, whatever happened. And, as it turned out, God did heal her, perfectly, completely, in the fullest sense of the word. Still, to her loved ones here, it is bittersweet. A few days later, Joanna posted a Steven Curtis Chapman song on her Facebook page. The opening lines go: "This is not how it should be...this is not what it could be...but this is how it is...and God is in control..." It reminds me of the intercessory prayer, "Help us, O God, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection unto life everlasting...God of mercy...hear our prayer."

Saturday, July 6, we gathered as family and friends out in Laurel for Miriam's funeral. The pastor, David Huskamp, selected the same text that was also used for my Dad's funeral in 1994. Dad's body, like Miriam's, had gradually worn out and shut down over time. And so, how fitting were the words of this beautiful passage from St. Paul (II Cor. 4:16-5:6). I asked the pastor for a copy of his sermon. What follows are passages of the text (underlined) with his comments interspersed:

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day..." "That was evident in Miriam these past few years. Her body wasn't what it used to be. She couldn't do the things she used to be able to do. At 50, I can say the same thing about myself. Paul says the outside may be wearing thin, getting old, dying. On the outside there are more wrinkles and lines, less hair, but with Jesus Christ living in us, we are being renewed, not just once or once in awhile, but day by day...so we do not lose heart..."

"For our light and momentary afflictions are achieving for us an eternal weight of glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal..." Isn't that what Miriam did? Isn't that what sustained her as she was wearing out on the outside? She did not fix her eyes on what she saw, but she fixed her eyes on what she could not see, Jesus. As you gather here today to say goodbye to Miriam, your wife, your mother, daughter, grandmother, sister and friend, you must fix your eyes not on what is seen, for that is temporary...even death and the grave are temporary...if you focus on that you will be overcome with grief. Fix your eyes on what is unseen, on the eternal. Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith; Jesus, the everlasting God, the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega. Fix your eyes on the cross, for it gives us hope that we are loved even in times of pain and suffering. Fix your eyes on Jesus and you will see Miriam next to him..."

"Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not made by human hands..." "Did you notice what Paul called this earthly body that houses our soul? A tent. Tents don't last forever. Tents are for camping for a short time. Tents are temporary. It is nice to camp. But it is nice to get home. For Miriam, the last part of the journey seemed long and hard. But last Sunday evening, Miriam Johnson arrived home..."

"Meanwhile, we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling...For while we are in this tent we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life..." "I love that last statement. The mortal may be swallowed up by what? Death? No. By life. We often think of death as the great thief who robs us. When we believe in Christ Jesus, trusting in his work on the cross, we have eternal life. In the very instant Miriam's heart ceased and her breathing stopped and her eyelids closed, death was swallowed up by eternal life..."

I remember when my mother was coming to the end of her life back in the Spring of 2000. She said she was not worried about death. She knew where she was going. But she said, "What's it like to die? I've never done that before." I was there, with my sisters, to witness it.

It is a sacred moment, that stepping over into what is beyond. And I have been there as a pastor on a number of occasions to witness that sacred moment. It is a holy moment. It is not the end of life but the transition to a higher life, a more complete life, where all the broken pieces of life are taken up into the compassionate hands of God and mended and made whole and complete and perfect.

One thing that I am deeply respectful of as a pastor is the privilege to be with a family in such a sacred time. I know, from my own family's experience, what a sacred and exhausting and emotional and deep time it is. And to be invited to be a part of that experience with other families is a privilege that is accorded to pastors of which I am ever mindful.

I think at such times, perhaps moreso than at any other time in life, with an empty chair in the circle of the family, how clear it is that this life is a gift that is given to us by God, for however long it might be - that God gives us to one another to share this journey, to love and to care and to support one another, to laugh and to cry together, to lift up and inspire, to be there and to listen, to pray for and to pray with, to hold onto and to love, until death parts us. And even so there is the promise, by God's grace, through faith in Christ, that we shall see each other again, that death does not have the last word, that the last word is a word of light and life.

I remember when my Mom died, sharing a little story at her service of how, when I was a little boy in Duluth, she would get nervous and say, "Mark, now hurry up and get to school or you'll be late." I would say, "Mom, I need a hug." She'd sit down and I would jump up on her lap and put my arms around her neck and she'd settle right down. She was defenseless against a hug. And then I'd jump off her lap and race out the door and across the lawn of my Dad's church next door and, just before turning the corner of the church and going out of sight, I'd turn and wave. I knew, even though I couldn't see her, that she was standing in the kitchen, behind the curtains in the window, watching me and waving back at me. And I said, "I think she's still there. She's behind a different curtain now. And I can't see her. But she's still there. Watching. Waving. Waiting."

Our Faith. Our Family. Our Friends. Great gifts. The greatest gifts we have in this life. And the greatest gift of all is the love that God has shared for us in the life, death and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord - a love that binds all of these other gifts together - a love that calls us beyond ourselves to a life of love and service for others during these few and brief mortal years of our earthly sojourn.

We laid Miriam's body to rest in the Laurel cemetery, high on a hill overlooking the mountains in the distance. Her brothers and sisters sang a couple of Malagasi worship songs from their days growing up together on the Madagascar mission field. We stood a long time in the sunshine that day, so long the top of my head got pretty sunburned. And then, after prayers and pictures and talking, we took our leave and made our way to our cars and went back to the church for a meal and a time together. And it makes me think of the closing benediction I share with family and loved ones out in the cemetery at the end of each service: *"And now may the God of life send us forth from this place in hope, that as we live within that circle of grace and discipleship, we might one day be joined together again in God's presence - at a communion of peace - and at a communion of joy - that will not have an ending."*

Let us go in peace and serve the Lord -

Thanks be to God!

Pr. Mark

Unapproved St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 17, 2021

President Albert Koepp called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present:

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| X | Pastor Mark | | Matt Stier | X | Albert Koepp | X | Wendy Theis |
| | Angie Kahle | X | Rae Fimon | | Jen Nagorski | X | Sue Koenig |
| X | Chris Zellman | X | Steve Kelm | X | Ben Aust | X | Chris Schultz |
| X | Curt Johnson | X | Anne Herrmann | | | | |

Opening Devotions:

Pastor Mark and the Council shared an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Members of Council reviewed the minutes from the May 20, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting minutes from May. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the agenda for June 17, 2021.

Pastor Mark's Report:

Worship services for the Summer are on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evening services have begun at 6 p.m. Masking is optional. Sunday services continue to be live-streamed and recorded. We have had some issues with our internet service connection and so, hopefully, that will improve with fiber optic cable. I am also conducting monthly holy communion services at Kingsway and have been visiting our members in the Lutheran home and elsewhere with holy communion.

We have been in contact with our seventh grade Confirmation campers and their families regarding their week at camp from June 13-18 with details about transportation, camp Covid policies and procedures, medication procedures, etc. Some families have withdrawn their child because of Covid considerations and will be receiving a refund. Our eighth graders have signed up for a couple of different weeks in July and will be contacted, as well, when that time gets closer. Since the eighth grader class is split into different weeks, parents are arranging transportation for their campers.

We have had a number of baptisms and funerals recently and now that we are getting into Summer, weddings are picking up, as well. I have been meeting with people, planning with them and providing for these important occasions as they take place. Regular staff meetings, coordination and communication with staff, volunteers and the congregation continue as usual.

Our Personnel team has been regularly meeting and is currently going to be working on finding a Treasurer who can work with Rae as our new Morning Accounting and Office Support person. We will keep the council apprised of our progress in this matter. We are also planning for and will be conducting our annual staff reviews, as well.

I have been helping the Children's team with contacting and inviting prospective members for the team and also for the upcoming Sunday school year as teachers and helpers. The team will meet in a few weeks to integrate new members and to continue planning for the Fall.

I plan to be in contact with Connect and Confirmation Teachers and Leaders this Summer with preparation and planning for the upcoming Fall. We will want to have our volunteers, schedules and curriculums in place and ready to go.

I have been in touch with the consultants we interviewed and appraised them that we are not moving ahead with contracting them right now. Jim Weckworth from the Joshua Group shared with me information on a retreat workshop that could be valuable for our leadership called, "Now is the Time - Intentional Time to Reflect and Plan for Post Pandemic Ministry." The retreat can help leaders begin to discern the congregation's future and the kind of leadership needed to get there with good health and vitality.

I will be needing a new computer (laptop with docking station) as my Apple is old, outdated and acting up. Neal Williamson and I have discussed this. We will need to transfer current data to the new computer and, most importantly,

arrange for consistent backup of data for all of our computers at church.

I will be away for a wedding in Colorado July 9-13. I have arranged for Pr. Diane Goulson to fill in for me on Sunday, July 11, and for Pr. Diana Hunstad to be on-call for me during these days. This is a good sized congregation and in order to be effective, self care is important. I'd like to continue the "Solo Sunday" policy that the council provided when Pr. Sarah was here.

Staff Reports:

Custodial:

Curt reported the following activities:

- Parking lot sealing and striping has been completed.
- Fiber Optics to be installed the week of June 21st.
- Curt is working on obtaining quotes for the replacement of the water softener.
- Continuing to research why the worship recordings/Internet is not working.
- As part of the maintenance contracts, the sprinkler system will be inspected.
- Families Moving Forward is disbanding; items stored at the church will be donated.

Treasurer:

Rae presented the monthly financial reports and answered questions from Council members.

Transfers:

Transfers In - none

Transfers out - none

Ongoing Business:

Strategic Planning

Task Force Volunteers - 7 - 8 volunteers are needed to form the task force. If you are interested in being part of the task force, please contact Pastor Mark or any Council member. Pastor Mark will be reaching out to interested parties.

A discussion was had on offering a Workshop Retreat entitled "Now is the Time". The retreat is to reflect and plan for a post-pandemic ministry.

Invitation would be open to leaders of the church and anyone who is interested in attending.

Pastor Mark will obtain additional information..

Reopening

Coffee Hour/Fall Prep - looking to restart in September.

Wendy Theis will connect with the Coordinator.

Revisit Policy on Building Use by Outside Groups - no changes at this time.

Chris Schultz will gather additional information on state mandates.

New Business:

Treasurer updated Job Description - motion was made, seconded and approved with noted amendments below:

Add Detail Oriented and having a Financial Background to the Qualifications.

Ministry Team Updates:

Stewardship Committee - nothing new.

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Hayden house air conditioner needed to be replaced.

Personnel Committee - Staff reviews started, Treasurer's job description updated, and received the Choir Director's resignation.

Children's Ministry Team - working on replacing outgoing members and starting to plan for the return to in-person Sunday School in the Fall with new Sunday School Teachers.

Small Group/Faith Formation Committee - nothing new.

Worship and Music Committee - nothing new.

Technology and Communications Committee - working on replacing Pastor Mark's computer.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Meeting was adjourned followed by the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Herrmann, Secretary

News from Our Missionary in Cameroon

Elisabeth Johnson

June 26, 2021

Dear friends and sponsors,

Greetings from Cameroon!

It has been way too long since my last newsletter, and for that, I sincerely apologize. Already another academic year has come to a close at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga.



Smiles after a successful "soutenance."

Each year seems to go by faster than the last!

The year closed with the usual flurry of activities in June – final exams, "soutenances" (oral defense) of final papers for graduating students, and graduation.

This year we had seven graduates from the "licence" program (equivalent of a B.A.) and one graduate from the master's degree program.



Graduation day -- June 19, 2021

One of the great joys for me this past year has been having a larger number of female students (seven) at the Institute. I have been meeting regularly with them for conversation, prayer, and mutual support. They are incredibly strong women, and they give me hope for the future of the church.





Family news

Our family is doing well. The company that Eric works for just transferred him to Ngaoundéré, so he will be much closer to Meiganga now (about 100 miles instead of 400!). Our daughter Schekina just finished her first year at the Catholic University of Central Africa in Yaoundé, where she is studying finance and management.

David and Etienne just finished kindergarten. They are both doing well in school and are growing up very quickly. David's 6th birthday was in April, and this year he wanted to celebrate with his friends at school, so we did (photo at left). Etienne will be six in August.

Remembering Jim Noss

We were deeply saddened in May to learn of the death of Jim Noss, former ELCA missionary to Cameroon and member of one of our sponsoring congregations (Mt. Calvary in Eagan, MN). Although he "retired" from missionary work over a decade ago, he was a regular visitor and tireless volunteer for the ELCA's work with our partners here in Cameroon and in the Central African Republic. In recent years, he had also done work for the ELCA in South Sudan and in Haiti. He and his wife Karen were two of the people who encouraged me to pursue this calling to missionary work, and for that, I am eternally grateful. May he rest in peace.



News about home assignment:

The ELCA decided to cancel in-person home assignment again this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. I am very sorry that I will not have the opportunity to visit you in person this year. The ELCA is encouraging us to find ways of doing "virtual" visits, however. I am working on putting together a video about my work here, which I will make available to all my sponsoring congregations. I plan to be in the U.S. during the month of August. During that month, I will be available for virtual visits in whatever format works for your congregation. I could do a virtual adult forum by Zoom, for example. Or perhaps you have other ideas. Please send me an email at elisajo@msn.com to set something up.

We remain extremely grateful for your ongoing, faithful support, especially in the midst of the pandemic and all of the challenges that have come with it. We truly hope that we will be able to thank you in person next year!

+ Grace and peace +

Elisabeth (with Eric, Schekina, David, and Etienne)



National Youth Gathering meeting

Will you be in grades 8-12 this fall?

Are you interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in 2022?

There will be an information meeting for all interested on July 6 at 7:00 pm
in the church Gathering area.

Come and learn more about this opportunity!

Summer Camp

Our last year's Confirmation Students could not attend camp last because of Covid-19. They will be attending one of two weeks at Camp Onomia during July. Their parents will be carpooling rides to and from the camp.

The following youth will be attend Summer Camp:

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Vayda Borresen | Caleb Eppen | Hunter Hornaman | Nolan Swenson |
| Katey Borresen | Zachary Fahey | Kellen Hornaman | Niklas Tharaldson |
| Jack Buerkle | Jacob Fogarty | Landry Kelm | Katelyn Theis |
| Carson Unze | Tristan Holbrook | Ellie Martin | Wyatt Vossen |
| Lydia Sparby | Austyn Holm | Havyn Moonen | |
| Joshua Sparby | Violet Holtberg | Pierce Nagorski | |

Please pray for our students and their counselors during their week at camp.

July 2021



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | 1 Vayda Borresen Josiah Brueske Rhonda Doeden Nova Howk | 2 Dominic Davis Samual VanZummeren | 3 Ardith Bristlin Wesley Pankonin Tricia Ruud |
| 4 Curtis Latzke | 5 Abby Wolpern Marlys Koepp Luke Siemon | 6 Jim Bergs Martha Dressel Corey Johnson Paul Nasby Lori Thaves | 7 Erin Carlson Renee Eyrich Hannah Heckers Emma Luskey | 8 Bev Delgehausen Suzanne Hillstrom Jaydon Koonst Geraldine Tesch | 9 Allison Bristlin Sloane Schaffler Niklas Tharaldson | 10 Sara Bungarden Jodi Fahey Megan Fahey Sue Wilson Jennifer Nagorski |
| 11 Emily Wermerskirschen Susana Rosario | 12 Jason Einertson Patrick Lawler Linea Olson Senjah Peterson | 13 Emily Fogarty Braylon Graff Jackson Graff Brynlee Koch Brianna Swenson | 14 Emma Davis Summer Stier-Davis | 15 Meredith Carstens Carter Doebebeling Jacob Meger Julie Oldenburg | 16 Cullen Davidson Anne Herrmann Sydney Weiland Barbara Koepp | 17 Sara Bungarden Jodi Fahey Megan Fahey Sue Wilson Jennifer Nagorski |
| 18 Greyson Hardel Judy Wolf Mary Koepp Caleb Smith Tonya Smith | 19 Stephanie Paulson Jackson Schroeder Olivia Smith | 20 Olivia Paulson | 21 Melissa Armstrong Jacob Fogarty Grayson Gynild Madeline Gynild Remi Meyer Sydney Meyer Tim Stier | 22 Douglas Eckblad Melanie Eggers | 23 Kevin Boblitt Roger Delgehausen Janessa Meuleners Ashley Pankonin | 24 Kayla Buszmann Ryan Cecka |
| 25 Matt Fogarty Nicolas Johnson Ashton Pankonin Terry Stier | 26 Thomas Carstens Addison Chard Nicole Koepp Daniel Rosario Merlin Stier | 27 Holly Potter | 28 Bennet Aust Scott Hornaman Jacob Koenig Benjamin Koepp Betty Kosse | 29 Gerald Bratsch Jessy Dols Noah Hanson Lisa Holbrook | 30 Greg Meyer Hunter Meyer | 31 Merlene Anderley Cade Eggers Isaac Hanson Gene Stier |

Financial Corner

St. John Financial Results
Five Months Ending May 31, 2021 and May 31, 2020

| <u>General Operating Fund</u> | | | Year Over Year |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>May 31, 2021</u> | <u>May 31, 2020</u> | <u>Increase (Decrease)</u> |
| Income* | \$ 128,082 | \$ 148,982 | -14% |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Personnel | (86,320) | (128,622) | |
| Office | (7,209) | (9,092) | |
| Property & Maintenance | (16,645) | (17,898) | |
| Ministry | (6,943) | (14,236) | |
| Other | (1,890) | (1,591) | |
| Benevolence: | | | |
| Minneapolis Area Synod | (5,000) | (5,000) | |
| Belle Plaine Fire Dept | (300) | - | |
| Camp Onomia | (1,250) | (1,000) | |
| World Hunger (2019) | - | (250) | |
| Lutheran Social Services | (500) | (500) | |
| Net Receipts / (Expenditures) | <u>\$ 2,025</u> | <u>\$ (29,207)</u> | |
| Cash Balance at January 1 (excl. all loans) | \$ (82,735) | \$ (84,836) | |
| Net Income / (Expenditures) | 2,025 | (29,207) | |
| Misc. cash not affecting income | 377 | (236) | |
| Paycheck Protection Loan (2020) | - | 57,600 | |
| Loan from Building Fund (from 2018 - 2020) | 44,500 | 61,500 | |
| Loan from St. John Foundation (from 2014-2016) | 54,474 | 53,933 | |
| Cash Balance at May 31 | <u>\$ 18,641</u> | <u>\$ 58,754</u> | |

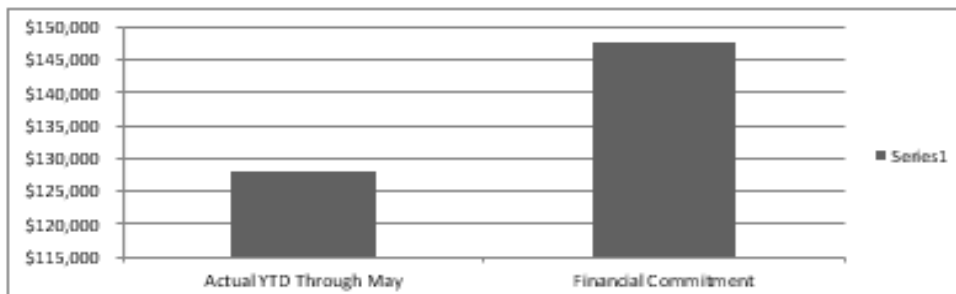
* 41% of Contributions were received electronically in 2021 - thank you!

| <u>Building Fund</u> | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----|
| Receipts** | \$ 44,476 | \$ 42,202 | 5% |
| Principal | (49,847) | (47,874) | |
| Interest | (2,953) | (4,926) | |
| Loaned to General Fund | - | (7,000) | |
| Net Receipts / (Disbursements) | <u>\$ (8,324)</u> | <u>\$ (17,598)</u> | |
| Loan Balance at January 1 | \$ 208,857 | \$ 325,224 | |
| Principal Payments | (49,847) | (47,874) | |
| Loan Balance at May 31 | <u>\$ 159,010</u> | <u>\$ 277,350</u> | |

** 35% of Contributions were received electronically in 2021 - thank you!

Actual Income Compared to 2021 Financial Commitment:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Actual YTD Through May | \$ 128,082 |
| Financial Commitment | \$ 147,754 |



| July 4 and July 11 2021 Ushers | | July 18 and July 25, 2021 Ushers | |
|--|--|---|--|
| Albert Koepp Dorothy Koepp Kevin Koepp Matt Stier Bruce Volek Tim Carlson Josh Koepp | Tim Moonen Dale Schmidt Samuel Schmidt Dick Bristow | Brent Schwichtenberg Greg Schwichtenberg Katie Wermerskirchen Juls Robbins | Scott Ruud Alex Ruud Griffin Rudd Dale Mercado Jake Mercado Jerry Meger Alex Meger |

In Memory

A Memorial was given to the Building Fund in memory of Wallace Carlson by Christopher and LaVonne Moore.

Memorials were given to the General and Building Fund in memory of Earl and Lorraine Koepp by Family and Friends.

CALLED TO SERVE THROUGH OUR GIVING

Offering Received the week of

May 27—June 2

General Fund—\$3,594
Building Fund—\$2,289

June 3-9

General Fund—\$7,793
Building Fund—\$2,705

June 10-16

General Fund—\$4,515
Building Fund—\$4,174

June 17-23

General Fund— \$5,209
Building Fund- \$1,180

June 24-30

General Fund— \$3,407
Building Fund- \$ 400