

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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October 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

### Custodians

Curt & Cheryl Johnson

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**Congratulations** to all of our 9th Grade  
Confirmation Students who will be  
Confirmed on Sunday, October 27, at the  
**10:30** worship service

The 2019 Confirmands are:

*Parker Isaiah Borresen*  
*Wyatt Paul Borresen*  
*Cole James Eggers*  
*Courtney Breanne Eppen*  
*Madelyn Ann Eyrich*  
*Ciara Theresa Fahey*  
*Hanna Lee Fairbanks*

*Emily Elizabeth Fogarty*  
*Cortney Elaine Hennes*  
*Ethan James Hoffman*  
*Patrick James Lawler*  
*Alyana Paige Lindahl*  
*Luke Ryan Meriwether*

*Matthew Leroy Olson*  
*Lariana Louisa Ruud*  
*McKenzie Kaitlyn*  
*Schwichtenberg*  
*Kamryn Rae Stier*  
*Brianna Eileen Swenson*  
*Madelyn Faith Vossen*

**New Member Orientation**  
Sunday, October 6th 1:00-4:00 PM.  
**New Member Sunday**  
October 13th.



## It's not too late to sign up for our upcoming photography event!

Photography session times are still available. Head to our website and follow the Sign Up now link.

Did you know? Every participating family receives a free 8x10 portrait and a printed copy of our directory. Be a part of it. Sign up today.

## *From Pastor Mark*

As I write this, we are swinging into a full and busy Fall here at St. John. A few highlights of this busy time of year include:

Rally Sunday saw an Installation of our teachers and helpers for the year, a “Blessing of the Backpacks” for all of our students as they begin another year of school, and a distribution of a Bible Story Book to our first graders and a Connect Bible to our fifth graders.

In the same week, we also began a new year of Sunday School, Connect and Confirmation, programs that teach and enrich the lives of our children and young people in their faith and that are supported by a host of good teachers, leaders and helpers. Thank you to so many of you who have stepped forward once again to make a real difference in the lives of our young people with your thoughtful care and active participation. You are needed and very much appreciated! Together, we look forward to the coming year to learn and grow in our faith.

Pastor Sarah led a First Communion class for our fifth graders, and for anyone else who has not had First Communion instruction yet, followed by a celebration of First Communion for class participants at our worship services the following week. We look forward to having these young worshippers join us as we participate together as brothers and sisters at the table of God’s grace.

Confirmation weekend begins on Saturday, October 26, with a class picture taking, rehearsal, and brunch for confirmands and their families, featuring gifts for students and teachers, as well as a special speaker. Sunday morning, October 27, we will be confirming our ninth graders at our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Ninth graders are meeting in preparation for their Confirmation Sunday making a Sash, writing a Faith Statement and picking a Bible Verse, and also discussing what being confirmed means for their personal life and as part of our life together as a community of faith.

We have also been inviting folks who are interested in becoming members here at St. John to our Fall New Member Orientation on Sunday, October 6, beginning at 1 p.m. We will discuss some basic Lutheran teachings and learn about how we can engage and be supportive in our life together at St. John. We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, October 13, at both our 8:00 and 10:30 worship times. Please make a point of personally introducing yourself and welcoming them, as well.

We are also taking pictures for our new congregational directory. We do this every five years (the last one was in 2014). We have two weeks reserved for picture taking in our Gathering Area, October 8-12 and November 5-9. Folks are signing up for assigned times after church on Sunday, and also online at our St. John website from M-F. Directories are free to the church and people can also buy portraits if they so choose.

We are also having a three Sunday Fall Stewardship Appeal from September 29 through October 13. Members have received letters in their mailboxes encouraging them to consider increasing their financial support to St. John for the coming year by a designated amount (5, 10, 15 or 20 dollars or more a week). Each amount is designated by a colored sticker and members are invited to return the sticker that matches their intention to the church. We will have a chart at church to put the stickers on and give us a visual sense of our commitments for the coming year. The truth is, we are a bit behind in our needed support and so I hope to see a good response to our Appeal this year.

A lot is happening here at St. John! Thanks for your care and support and I look forward to seeing you and being with you as we grow into the coming year together!

## From Pastor Sarah

### THE VILLAGE IS HERE

The old saying “It takes a village” is something I’ve heard several times over the past couple of weeks. I think that’s because the village is here.

I’m writing this article a week after Rally Sunday at St. John, and I can say with confidence that it was an impressive day. The numbers alone make quite the impact:

- 33 Sunday School Teachers and Helpers
- 19 Connect and Confirmation Leaders
- 16 Subs and Volunteers
- 19 First Graders Receiving Bibles with their Parents/Guardians
- 21 Fifth Graders Receiving Bibles with their Parents/Guardians
- All Students Starting the School Year

That’s just who we formally recognized for Rally Sunday on September 15. There are so many more that will help out in some other way. Mentors will walk with the students through the season of Lent, talking with them about the speakers’ message as well as their own faith stories. Parents, relatives, and baptismal sponsors are there every day. Many of them stood up with their children as they received Bibles this week and will be there through field trips, Lenten suppers, classes, and whatever else happens. Ushering teams will offer encouragement and guidance when the Confirmation students show up to learn and take their turn in this role. The entire congregation will be listening when a student steps up to read the Scripture for the week. Coffee servers will provide snacks and a friendly greeting on Sunday mornings. Quilters will create blankets for the High School Senior Class to take with them upon graduation.

The Apostles of the early church wrote letters to communities of faith during their lifetimes. Some of them have been preserved through tradition and remain in the New Testament of the Bible. Almost all of these letters are addressed to a community, outlining the gospel message and encouraging people to grow together in their lives of faith.

*“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...<sup>15</sup>speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...”*

*-Ephesians 4:1-3,15*

We are also called to live out our faith in community, encouraging and supporting one another as we go through life together. This week offered a snapshot of how that is being lived out here at St. John. The people at St. John are growing and learning about their faith, but no one is alone on this journey.

The village is here.

### ***Have you signed up for your pictures? There is still time!***

We need ALL of you to sign up to make our directory complete. The directory is a great resource tool to help us connect names with faces! Our directory will showcase your family portrait and have contact information in it.

Plus, it will preserve this moment in time. Take a look at all the details.

Don’t forget. Sign up today.

**October 8th— 12th**

**November 5th— 9th**

#### **There are 3 ways to sign up for your photo session:**

1. Go to [www.stjohnbelleplaine.org](http://www.stjohnbelleplaine.org) and click on the picture at the bottom of the home page. This will take you to the scheduling page. Choose the date and time you like and fill in your information.
2. Sign up after Sunday Services- There is a sign up table in the gathering area.
3. Call the church office at 952-873-6492 from 1:00 – 5:00 Monday through Friday and someone will be able to help you sign up.



## October Children's Ministry Update

We have over 120 children registered for Sunday School!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Wow! There are no words to say, but thank you. Thank you for your support and trust in us for providing your child with the great news of our loving God. We're so excited to see what this year holds for our youth and their faith. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your time and dedication to help children learn the story in a variety of ways--we couldn't do this without you!

#### Sunday School Update:

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."  
Genesis 1:1*

One of the first bible verses children will learn in Sunday School is Genesis 1:1 as it shows children that God is the creator of all things. Our first Bible story theme is "Creation".

Sunday school children will learn all about how God created the ENTIRE world in 7 days. This is a fun lesson for the children and we have many exciting activities to go with it. After Creation, most of October will be spent learning about David and Goliath. The story of **David** and his victory over **Goliath** is one of the most popular in the Old Testament.

#### Important Dates:

**October 20th:** No Sunday School due to MEA weekend

**November 3rd:** Children Sing during the 8:00am service

#### Connect Update:

Connect students were introduced to the Old Testament in September. They learned about how the Bible was assembled and how it was decided which books made the cut!

In October we'll be looking at Genesis, Exodus and the law!

**Parents:** we now have a single point of contact for all 5th & 6th grade Connect related questions!!

Please email us at: [connect@stjohnbelleplaine.org](mailto:connect@stjohnbelleplaine.org)

#### Upcoming dates to remember!

**October 16th:** NO CLASS for 5th and 6th graders due to MEA.

**October 23rd:** 5th graders WILL have class, however 6th graders will be at Wolf Ridge.

#### Parents Update:

We are always looking for volunteers to help with youth ministry. Whether you can help in a classroom, sign up as a Christmas program volunteer, or help us organize other fun family events, we appreciate you sharing your time and talents with us. It is so rewarding to help your children in their faith journey. Please see a youth ministry team member for more info on how you can help.

The next Children's Ministry Team meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00pm in the prep room downstairs. Please email [youthsjlc@gmail.com](mailto:youthsjlc@gmail.com) if you'd like more information.



### Book Club

The book club will begin on the 3rd Tuesday of October.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Peg Longhenry. Email [peglonghenry@gmail.com](mailto:peglonghenry@gmail.com) or call her at 952-873-6778.



Because of weather the starting date has changed to early October for replacing the shingles on both the sanctuary and new addition due to hail and wind damage. The cost will be paid by insurance.

During this time, please be aware of construction equipment around the church.

## Stewardship Spotlight



### Volunteer Focus On: Kirk Franck

Kirk Franck has lived in Belle Plaine, and been a member of St. John for 23 years. Originally from Norwood, Kirk and his siblings grew up attending United Church of Christ. Kirk's father worked for Oak Grove Dairy, and Kirk's mother worked as a church secretary and janitor, and also cleaned houses. After high school, Kirk attended Hennepin Technical College for mechanical drafting, during which time he also secured a part time job at Jonaco Machine in Chaska. While there he was given on the job training as a machinist. A busy man, Kirk is still with Jonaco today full time as a machinist, and he also handles an afternoon school bus route for Positive Connections in Chaska.

Kirk and his wife Amy, Payroll and Benefits Administrator for the Belle Plaine school district, were both raised United Church of Christ. They met through Amy's brother, who Kirk knew growing up. After marrying, and moving to Belle Plaine, they wanted to find a church to attend in town. They liked St. John's welcoming atmosphere, and felt its attitude of tolerance and other values were very close to what their church taught growing up. Kirk and Amy have 2 sons: Joey-25, and John-21. 14 years ago, Steve Schroeder put a note in the bulletin to investigate interest in a youth mission trip. Kirk and Joey signed up for that trip to Thunder Bay, Canada, and Kirk has been involved with the mission trips and the Jr. and Sr. High youth ever since!

The mission trips require a lot of fundraising to help with costs: SCRIP card sales, Heggie's pizza sales, and the Easter breakfast are all part of those efforts. The trips have taken Kirk many places in addition to Thunder Bay: Pennsylvania, Arkansas, and West Virginia to name a few. Coordination for the trips is done through Youthworks in Minneapolis, which helps to identify the trip sites, and allows for St. John to serve with other churches around the country. Kirk feels this is important as it allows our youth to meet new people and learn to work with them doing projects such as: visiting nursing homes, working on houses, putting on kids clubs, and most memorably, cleaning sandals after they had been worn by visitors to Niagara Falls so they could be shipped to Africa for those in need.

"The trips are so much more than just going to church. Being with the kids is so uplifting," says Kirk. He enjoys seeing the kids grow, and says it's touching to watch them get involved and be affected positively by the work they do and the people they meet. He feels that, "Anybody that gets a chance to go on a mission trip should take it, they will get something out of it." Next year's trip will plan to head to Vermont!

In his free time, Kirk enjoys ice fishing and golfing. An avid sports fan, he watches a lot of sports, and is a Gopher football season ticket holder.

Thank you to Kirk, and to all our members who share their time and talents with St. John!

**Your Gifts Make a Difference  
Thank You**

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### **Take the St. John Giving Challenge To support our 2020 Operating Fund**

By now, you will have received a letter inviting you to either begin or to grow your current giving by a designated amount for the coming year. We share our ministry together and we support our ministry together. Frankly, we are a bit behind in our current year's Operating Fund and have had to borrow money from our Building Fund to make ends meet, so it is important that we all participate in this appeal as we are able.

The letter you received has enclosed in it a strip of 4 colored stickers. We are asking that you take the Giving Challenge by choosing a sticker that reflects your level of commitment for the coming year, place it on the enclosed postcard inside of the envelope that has been provided, and return it to the church at your earliest convenience.

We are having three Sundays where we will be featuring our Appeal: September 29 and October 6 and 13. During these Sundays, we will display a chart at the church of all the returned stickers at the various giving levels (no names) so we can see, week by week, a nice visual of our growing commitments. Please add your sticker to the group as a way of saying:

**Yes! I will take the St. John Giving Challenge and begin or increase my giving  
to support the mission and ministry of St. John next year by:**

**\$5.00 a Week (Orange Sticker) (a cup of coffee)**

**\$10.00 a Week (Green Sticker) (a car wash)**

**\$15.00 a Week (Yellow Sticker) (a lunch out)**

**\$20.00 or More (Pink Sticker)**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

**THANK YOU!**

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Sunday School 1:00pm New Member Orientation 4:30pm Girl Scouts meeting	8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts	10:00 Cardinal Ridge Service 11:00 Lutheran Home Service 1:00pm Quilting 1:00pm Kingsway Service	4:30pm Youth Choir 5:30pm Pizza 6:00pm Connect/Confirmation 6:30pm Adult Choir	7:00pm Stewardship Team meeting		7:00 Weight Watchers 10:00 Scrapbooking 6:00pm Worship Service
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New Member Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Sunday School	8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts	1:00pm Quilting 7:00pm Book Club		6:30pm Church Council	4:00pm Private party in Gathering Area	7:00 Weight Watchers 6:00pm Worship Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
Confirmation Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Sunday School 11:30 Private Event in Gathering Area	8:00 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts	1:00pm Quilting 6:00pm Cub Scout Pack meeting	4:30pm Youth Choir 5:30pm Pizza 6:00pm Connect/Confirmation 6:30pm Adult Choir			



# October 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Jim Eggers Brenda Schultz	2 Ethel Beuch David Latzke Wyatt Schort	3 Jeffrey Hanson Wanda Overline Caden Vvcital	4 Genise Avetz Ronald Games Jay Schmitt Marie Stier Susan Stier Hanna Tharalison	5 Kennedy Koch Jeremy Nagorski Anthony Schmit Dale Stier
6 Austin Eyrich Carson Herrmann Brenda Nyblom	7 Justin Doebling Lillianne Kahle Adnanna Sammons Eldora Schmidt Karen Straining	8 Jaelyn Borresen Charles Davidson Tessa Menka	9 Aria Johnson Lamoyne Mattick Mark Swenson	10 Adrian Koepp Kolin Stier	11 Michael Herrmann Gregory Schwichtenberg	12 Ezden Haming
13 Brandon Legg Lois Schmidt	14 Brenden Eyrich Tyler Grieves	15 Alecia Meulenets Jonathan Schmidt	16 Marc Chevalier Zackary Costello Derrick Graff Jessama Kluer Jo Kruger Hailee Sammons Mikkel Schmidt Lori Wolff	17 Melissa Davidson McKenzie Koepp Richard Rieckaby Scott Ruud	18 Holden Kelin Andrew Winterfeldt	19 Lester Otto Laura Schaefer
20 Sara Fahey Everly Maier Michael Nagel Carol Rodriguez Emma Stringer	21 Joel Hansen Josselyn Lopez Dale Meisterbachtol	22 Hunter Olson	23 Aria Johnson Lamoyne Mattick Mark Swenson	24 Jeffrey Eppen Elizabeth Nagel	25 Hanna Fairbanks Scott Koepp Tianna Sammons Audrey Zellman	26 Torbjor Schroeder
27 Ellie Oldenburg	28 Bruce Arola Ashley Olson	29 Ethan Bessel Nancy Dobberman	30 Wayne Koepp Jeremy Schwartz	31 Kaitlyn Hanson Tristan Holbrook Michelle Melheim		

Unapproved St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
September 19, 2019

President Chris Stier called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Present:** Pastor Mark Johnson, Pastor Sarah Timian, Council Members; Chris Stier, Brian Schmidt, Chris Zellman, Bob Fairbanks, Sandy Schultz, Amy Franck. Staff: Curt Johnson by phone and Treasurer, Rae Fimon

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Sarah read and reflected on Matthew Chapter 5 vs. 14-16 "let your light shine before others" followed by a prayer for all of our Sunday School Connect and Confirmation volunteers.

**Approval of Minutes:** Members of Council reviewed the minutes from the August 22, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting minutes.

**Pastor Mark's Report**

Fall planning is underway for a variety of events involving working together with staff and volunteers to communicate and coordinate.

**Connect & Confirmation** Parent and Student Orientation Evening and the beginning of a new program year with teachers, helpers, volunteers, small group leaders

**Rally Sunday** featuring installation of Sunday School, Connect and Confirmation teachers, leaders and helpers / Distribution of Bibles to first and fifth graders / Backpack Blessing for all grades

**Ninth Grade Confirmation** preparations including making a Sash, writing Faith Statements and preparing for the Confirmation weekend, rehearsal, brunch, service etc. Sash Making is Sunday, Sept 22, 2019.

**New Member Orientation** involving inviting prospective members and organizing and planning for our Orientation and Welcome Sundays.

**Stewardship Appeal** featuring a challenge for all members to increase their current giving by a designated amount

**Personnel:** Background checks processing for new programming year; updated policy proposals for council reviews and child safety policy. More information in Personnel Ministry report below.

Ongoing Items: Sunday and Saturday worship services prep, wedding rehearsals and wedding, funeral and funeral prep, staff meetings, visitations, stewardship and personnel committee meetings, and clergy lunches.

**Pastor Sarah's Report**

**Youth Ministry** Mission Trip 2020 will be in Rutland/Green Mountain, Vermont, June 21-26 (leaving June 20). Registration is open, and early registration is encouraged as YouthWorks has limited spaces available.

Mission Trip Sunday will be September 29, where students will share stories from their Mission Trip this past summer.

**Connect and Confirmation**— Connect and Confirmation programs have begun! Students and Parents attended Orientation Night on September 11, and classes began on September 18. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students received their Bibles on Rally Sunday, September 15. Students 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older who attended First Communion Class on September 15 will be receiving their First Communion Sunday, September 22. Thank you to all of our volunteers who make these programs happen!

Ongoing Items - Worship Leadership for Saturday and Sunday Services, Preparation for Confirmation and other programs; Meetings with Connect and Confirmation Leaders; Pastoral Conversations and Visits; Ministry Team Meetings as available and needed; Planning and Preparation for events, meetings, newsletter articles, communication pieces, mailings, worship services, Cardinal Ridge, Lutheran Home and Kingsway Services., etc.

**Staff Report**

**Custodial:** Curt reported by phone that he continues to work on the new video equipment area. Electronic Design will be at church on September 20 to review where to place the two cameras. An additional camera, if we wanted a 3<sup>rd</sup> camera would cost approximately \$1000.00. Council discussed and decided that a 3<sup>rd</sup> camera is not necessary. Curt reports that pew portions that were removed to create the handicap area were moved to the balcony to provide additional seating for about 20 more people. Quote to replace two windows that leak is \$3100.00. Council approved replacing the two windows. Discussion continued on when the roof would be re-



placed and that is now the first week in October. Stasney Electric will be contacted at that time as well to use

Matt Kes's lift to install a fan. Curt also reports that trees should be trimmed while we have the lift as well. The garden area and some spots around church are low, and Curt would like to contact Ken Theis to have dirt hauled in to those areas. There are also 3 overgrown shrubs in the front landscaping that should be removed/replaced. They are pine and not suitable for trimming so should be removed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rae reviewed the August financial reports. General Fund: August revenue is \$3500.00 behind and year to date we are \$18,500.00 behind on our financial commitment. General Fund August Expenses were slightly under budget. With lower than expected income, and slightly lower than expected expenses, we are year to date approximately -\$12,700.00. The General Fund has borrowed to date \$51,500 from the Building Fund and \$53,531.00 from the Foundation. The Building Fund was also reviewed. The loan balance on the mortgage sits at about \$352,000.00. Rae reported she will have bids on the health insurance for the Pastor's at the October Council Meeting.

### Ongoing/New Business

As reported in Custodial, the roof replacement will occur in October. Two windows will be replaced, and 2 cameras, as per the bid will be installed for our video equipment.

### Ministry Team Updates

Personnel Committee met on September 4, 2019 and requested the following Council Approval: Recommendations were discussed and approved.

1. "Regular Volunteers"- are adults and youth who participate in ministry with children or youth serving in an ongoing scheduled basis, *more than twice in a given year.*" Proposal to remove "more than twice in a given year". **Add:** Other volunteers must be in the presence of a leader who has had a background check.
2. "Two Adult Rule" – states there must be a minimum of two regular volunteers participating in the same space in activities involving children or youth" **Change:** "Two Adult Rule" – states there must be a minimum of two regular *non-spouse* volunteers participating in the same space in activities involving children or youth. Other discussion from Personnel Committee included frequency of paid staff reviews, and driver's records checks for individuals who may be driving youth to events.

Constitution Update Committee. Sandy Schultz reports that our Constitution was last ratified in 2009.

Amendments from the Synod are provided every three years, so we have been behind on the 2010, 2013, and 2016 amendments and there are 12 pages of amendments for August 2019 as well. The goal of the team is to have the Constitution completely updated by the end of September so that it can be ratified in early 2020.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Franck, Church Council Secretary

## Worship Assistants Schedule

<b>October 6 Worship Assistants</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> <b>Altar Guild:</b> Lana Hanson & Sue Stier	<b>Pizza Helpers:</b> Sara Bungarden & Becky Johnson <b>Pizza Patrol:</b> Cody Schultz & Amy Muehlenhardt <b>Craft Room Helper:</b> Shauna Anderson
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b> Jacob Fogarty & Addi Kahle <b>Greeters:</b> Bonnie Vinkemeier <b>Lay Readers:</b> Deanna Siekmann <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Andy & Sue Steinhagen <b>Ushers:</b> Chris Schultz, Rob Schultz, Mark Schultz, Wayne Koepf, Aaron Leonard, Matt & Dominick Fogarty	<b>Acolytes:</b> Havyn Moonen & Isabelle Stier <b>Greeters:</b> Charles & Melissa Davidson <b>Lay Readers:</b> Chris Moylan <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Lou & Peg Longhenry <b>Ushers:</b> Brent Koepf, Mitchell Koepf, Kevin, Marcy & Garrett Boblitt, Jackson Stauffacher, Justin Schaufacher, Todd Kruggel

<b>October 13 Worship Assistants</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> <b>Altar Guild:</b> Lana Hanson & Sue Stier	<b>Pizza Helpers:</b> No Class
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b> Jacob Fogarty & Addi Kahle <b>Greeters:</b> Gerald & Diane Bratsch <b>Lay Readers:</b> Elliana Fahey <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Cory & Lynn Johnson <b>Ushers:</b> Curt & Cheryl Johnson, Bryn Davis, Corey Johnson, Craig Johnson, Dale & Susan Stier	<b>Acolytes:</b> Katy Borresen & Jack Buerkle <b>Greeters:</b> Cindy Schoenbauer & Jenny Petty <b>Lay Readers:</b> Dave Bungarden <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Steve Schroeder & Bob Fairbanks <b>Ushers:</b> Chris & Annette Moylan, Mike & Zach Olson, Jason & Trevor Gruhn, Steve Schroeder

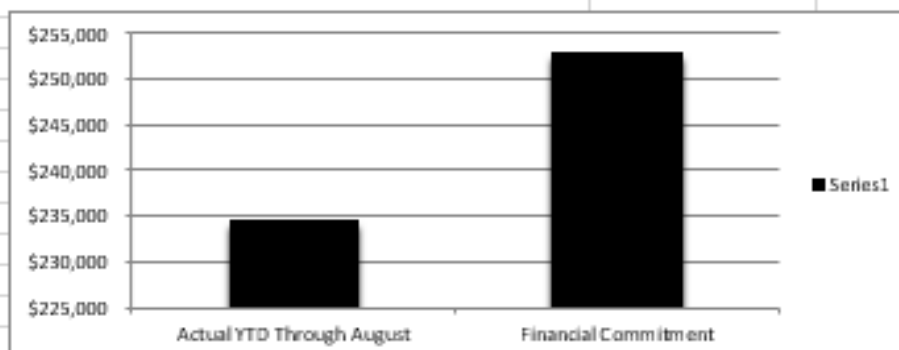
<b>October 20 Worship Assistants</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> <b>Altar Guild:</b> Lana Hanson & Sue Stier	<b>Pizza Helpers:</b> Matt Kes & Angie Hoff <b>Pizza Patrol:</b> Amanda Berg
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b> Jacob Fogarty & Nik Tharaldson <b>Greeters:</b> Carol Stoppelmann <b>Lay Readers:</b> Larry Kiewel <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Pat Laabs & Kristen Stier <b>Ushers:</b> Curt & Cheryl Johnson, Bryn Davis, Corey Johnson, Craig Johnson, Dale & Susan Stier	<b>Acolytes:</b> Wyatt Vossen & Norissa Feldhake <b>Greeters:</b> Tim & Molly Moonen Family <b>Lay Readers:</b> Alyana Lindahl <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Todd & Dynelle Kruggel <b>Ushers:</b> Chris & Annette Moylan, Mike & Zach Olson, Jason & Trevor Gruhn, Steve Schroeder

<b>October 27 Worship Assistants</b>	
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> 9th grade Confirmation Class <b>Altar Guild:</b> Lana Hanson & Sue Stier	<b>Pizza Helpers:</b> Hope Lawler & Lisa Holbrook <b>Pizza Patrol:</b> Jamie Peterson & Jill Martin
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b> Zach Fahey & Pierce Nagorski <b>Greeters:</b> Brian & Deana Siekmann <b>Lay Readers:</b> Lilli Kahle <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Connie Bergs & Bonnie Vinkemeier <b>Ushers:</b> Myron Bratsch, Kirk Franck, Matt Kes, Jeff Eppen, Brian Siekmann	<b>Acolytes:</b> Katy Borresen & Jack Buerkle <b>Greeters:</b> Jason & Karmen Gruhn & Family <b>Lay Readers:</b> Elizabeth Koonst <b>Communion Assistants:</b> Marcy Boblitt & Dave Bungarden <b>Ushers:</b> Arvin & Midge Bessel, Lee Sauter, Bob Fairbanks, Greg Rosario, Daron Anderson

# Financial Corner

## St. John Financial Results Eight Months Ending August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018

General Operating Fund			Year Over Year
	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2018	Increase (Decrease)
Income	\$ 234,537	\$ 224,611	4%
Expenses:			
Personnel	(204,110)	(196,482)	
Office	(12,037)	(13,423)	
Property & Maintenance	(26,923)	(27,155)	
Ministry Teams	(16,462)	(21,815)	
Other	(3,117)	(2,647)	
Benevolence:			
Minneapolis Area Synod	(8,000)	(8,000)	
Camp Dnomia	(2,000)	(2,000)	
Belle Plaine Fire Dept	-	(225)	
Lutheran Social Services	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Missionary	-	(300)	
Net Receipts / (Expenditures)	\$ (39,112)	\$ (48,436)	
Cash Balance at January 1 (excl. all loans)	\$ (64,346)	\$ (35,163)	
Net Income / (Expenditures)	(39,112)	(48,436)	
Misc. cash not affecting income	78	(61)	
Loan from Building Fund (from 2018 & 2019)	51,500	31,000	
Loan from St. John Foundation (from 2014-2016)	53,531	52,998	
Cash Balance at August 31	\$ 1,651	\$ 338	
<b>Building Fund</b>			
Receipts	\$ 89,660	\$ 99,049	-9%
Capital Appeal Expenses	-	(2,205)	
Miscellaneous Expenses	(124)	(10)	
Principal	(73,018)	(69,716)	
Interest	(11,462)	(14,764)	
Loaned to General Fund	(16,500)	(31,000)	
Net Receipts / (Disbursements)	\$ (11,444)	\$ (18,646)	
Loan Balance at January 1	\$ 435,544	\$ 551,424	
Principal Payments	(73,018)	(69,716)	
Loan Balance at August 31	\$ 362,526	\$ 481,708	
Actual Income Compared to 2019 Financial Commitment:			
Actual YTD Through August	\$ 234,537		
Financial Commitment	\$ 253,040		



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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

**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