

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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September 2019

A monthly Publication of
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

Organists

Eileen Hanlon
Diane West

Choir Director
Bri Bergstrom

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Fall Worship hours start September 8th

We will be starting our Fall Worship hours September 8th.

Sunday Worship at 8:00 & 10:30

Saturday Worship will start September 7th at 6:00 pm.



Confirmation



September 11
Connect and Confirmation
Orientation
6:00 pm

September 15
Rally Day
Backpack Blessing
Bible Sunday
Teacher Installation
Sunday School Open House



September 15
First Communion Instruction
5:00pm

September 22
First Communion Sunday
Both Services

September 29
Mission Trip Sunday
Come for stories and breakfast

YOUTH MISSION TRIP
SUNDAY

From Pastor Mark

As I sit down to write this, the State Fair is about to begin. Summer is winding down and it's soon time for all the things that happen in the Fall to start up again - Sunday School, Confirmation, Choirs, First Communion, Fall Stewardship Appeal, New Member Orientation, and all the rest. And as I think about this, it reminds me of a passage from the Old Testament.

In Exodus 18, Moses has just led the Israelites out of slavery in the land of Egypt. The passage through the Red Sea was a kind of birthing experience, through the water to a new life, no longer as slaves but now as free people. And yet, as the Israelites washed up on the far shore of the Red Sea, they were not a fully formed, cohesive people. They had not reached Mount Sinai yet. They had not yet received the gift of God's laws and commandments.

There were many people and they had many needs and Moses, trying to keep up with everything, was on the verge of collapse. At this point, as we read in Exodus 18, Moses' wise father-in-law, Jethro, offers him a bit of advice. "What you are doing is not good," Jethro says. "The task is too great for you and you will wear yourself out." Jethro suggests that Moses select others who are suited to the tasks of caring for the people to help out with the many needs that the Israelites had. Moses follows Jethro's advice and the work is shared and it becomes a blessing for everyone.

As the people of God in the Old Testament began in this way, so the beginning of the people of God in the New Testament happened in a similar way. In Acts 6 we read of that first generation of Christians who were multiplying and growing fast. As part of their ministry, that early community provided a food distribution to the widows who had no other means of support. But the apostles were overburdened by the need to teach and preach the gospel and also to wait upon tables and provide for the food distribution. Consequently, they met together and prayed and chose others to share in the work. And, through this means, everyone was blessed.

The point that we see here, at the beginning of God's people in both the Old and the New Testaments, is that it takes a community of people sharing together to make the ministry happen. And things haven't changed. It still takes a community of people to make things happen and for ministry to multiply and to touch people's lives in real and significant ways.

With this in mind, I am thankful for the fine church staff we have here at St. John. And it is with a heart full of gratitude that I think of all of the many fine people we have in our congregation who volunteer in so many ways to make the ministry that we have happen here. Without so many willing hearts and hands it would not be possible. As my mother used to say, "Many hands make light work." And so it is. If many hands share in the work it becomes easier and more manageable for everyone.

And so, as we prepare again to enter into a busy time of year, I want to pause at the beginning and say how very thankful I am for the privilege of being a pastor here and having the opportunity to share in this ministry with all of you. Thank you to all of you who so willingly step up to help in so many ways. Let us pray for God's leading and guiding in the coming year, that hearts might be touched and lives might be shaped by the gospel of God's goodness and grace. Together, we have good news to share. Together, we are making a difference in people's lives for Jesus' sake. Thanks for your partnership!

Stewardship - the Gift of "Hands On" Giving

Sunday, October 6th will be the day at St. John for you to use your hands to help other members of your church.

We are looking for volunteers and projects to do that day that will help those with a need. One project that we have identified and will be doing, is helping Loren Kruschke with the clean-up and tilling of the church's garden plots across the street.

Do you need help or know of someone that needs a helping hand? Can you be a helper with one of these projects that day? Please let us know by contacting the church office. Also, in the gathering area, there will be a sheet to write down project ideas and a sign-up sheet for volunteers, once the projects to be completed have been identified.

Your Gifts Make A Difference!!

Thank you, from your Stewardship Committee

From Pastor Sarah

NEW YEAR'S – PART 3?

New Year's is the time for resolutions— promises to yourself to do something differently within the next twelve months. Eat healthier, exercise more, travel, learn something new, etc. Sometimes we follow through with those goals, and sometimes we're done with them and back to our old ways within a couple of weeks.

I don't know why all the attention to starting over goes to the New Year. The calendar is full of occasions for reflection, change, and renewal. There's spring, Easter, graduation, summer, Pentecost, birthdays, and the list goes on.

I've heard some people talk about Lent as a second resolution season— another chance at those personal goals just a few months after the first try.

If you're reading this, hopefully you know that's not what Lent is all about. Maybe we need a cartoon special for this season, too. I'm sure it happens, though. This is a time of reflection and renewal, and so becomes a chance to change something in our lives that helps us live them more fully.

As I said, the year is full of these occasions for change, and one of those fresh starts is fast approaching. The school year begins in just a few days. This is yet another opportunity to begin again— to have the new year be even better than the last.

Here at church, our program year is beginning. Teachers and Leaders are planning lessons and activities to help students learn more about God and how their faith impacts their lives. Parents and students are getting information about what that will look like and how they can be an active part of it. Staff and pastors are working to organize a clear and helpful transition into this season from the summer pace. Everyone is thinking about Rally Sunday, Confirmation and Connect Orientation, First Communion, Backpack Blessings, Choir Practice, and what it will mean to kick off a brand-new year.

It really is a time of beginning again— and it's not necessarily confined to those who are involved with school. As the leaves change, as cabins and campsites are closed up, as the harvests grow ready, a new season begins. There is a new year of learning and growing ahead for all of us. This is a chance to ask ourselves what we want that to look like.

I invite you to consider that question this fall and take a step toward your goal. Act on it.

What is it you have been wanting to do? Why wait until January to do it?

It's Time to Sign Up

The St. John picture directory is due for an update.
The following dates have been set aside for pictures to be taken:

October 8th— 12th

November 5th— 9th

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

1. Go to 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 will be a sign up table in the gathering area with someone who can help you sign up.
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.

If you have question, please call the church office from 1:00— 5:00 Monday through Friday.



September Children's Ministry Update

We are excited to start another programming year at St. John! Please pray for our pastors, teachers, and leaders as a new program year begins. Also, please consider volunteering with the youth ministry of the church, we welcome and encourage ALL adults to share their time and talents with our youngest members. **We are still looking for SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!** Please contact youthsjlc@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Please complete the registration form by September 14th for planning purposes. Scan the QR code or follow the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBl2tQcDIBiAw1Bok9E-hk6ay8dP3iAm9NkRJC45iIQOq8A/viewform>

SUNDAY SCHOOL
REGISTRATION



Important September Dates

Tuesday, September 10th (7:00pm) Children's Ministry Meeting &

Connect & Sunday School Volunteer Orientation: We will meet downstairs in the youth gathering room. We will meet with all the volunteers to complete background checks, review expectations and answer any questions you may have. Volunteering to help teach our children is such a rewarding job! We look forward to meeting with you. Email youthsjlc@gmail.com if you'd like more information.

Wednesday, September 11th @ 6:00pm. This night is for parents and students of 5th and 6th graders. We will be going over the schedule for the year, sharing about the Connect curriculum, meeting your student's teachers, and answering any questions. **The first Connect class will be Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 6pm.**

Sunday, September 15th will kick off our programming year. There is a lot going on!

- **Backpack Blessing:** All school aged children from Pre-K to High School are encouraged to bring their backpacks to the 8:00 or 10:30 church service to receive a blessing for the school year.
 - **Bible Sunday:** Children (3 year olds, 1st grade, and 5th grade) will receive Bibles during the 8:00 or 10:30 service.
 - **Rally Sunday** will be an orientation for PreK-4th grade students and parents in the church basement. **Please plan to stay with your child on this morning. You will meet their teacher then separate for a short overview of the school year.** Our first Sunday School class will be Sunday, September 22nd from 9:15-10:15am.
- First Communion Instruction:** This evening class (time to be announced) is for 5th grade students and older who have not yet received the sacrament of communion. First Communion Sunday will be September 22nd at both services.

Sunday, September 22nd (8:00 / 10:30) 1st Communion: All those that attended the 1st Communion class shall receive their first communion at either the 8:00 or 10:30 church service.

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 or call her at 952-873-6778.



Starting mid September the shingles on both the sanctuary and new addition will be replaced 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.

Choirs to Start Soon

The Youth Choir will start practice September 18th from 4:30 to 5:20. There will not be any after school program this year.

The Adult Choir will also start practice September 18th from 6:30 to 7:30.

Register Today for Mission Trip 2020!

Next year's Mission Trip is already being planned for June 21-26 (leaving on June 20). A \$100 down payment for registration can be dropped off with Kirk Franck at the Scrip Card Table on Sundays or the Church Office during the week to secure your spot. YouthWorks has a limited number of spaces available per site, so early registration is best. Please talk to Kirk Franck or the church office for additional information about total cost, fundraisers, etc.



Stewardship Spotlight

Volunteer Focus On: Linda Schwichtenberg

Linda grew up on her parent's farm north of Belle Plaine. She and her 3 siblings attended St. John with their mom and dad every Sunday. They were raised to work hard, and encouraged to get involved and help others when needed. Linda's mother and siblings all live in this community. She attended Belle Plaine schools and in high school met Greg and they later married at St. John. They proceeded to settle in Belle Plaine and raised 3 children. Two of their children & families live close by and one lives out in Boston. Linda and Greg are the proud grandparents of 5.

Linda's love of children, along with a strong drive to care for others led her to become a registered nurse. She was fortunate to work in hospital settings for many years, pediatric clinic, and as a public health nurse in Scott County caring for families and children. Now, she continues to work in the Belle Plaine schools as a substitute nurse and assists with pre-school screening. As part her nurse's training at Augsburg college, she volunteered at the Health Commons at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and still does occasionally today. They provide a variety of services largely to the homeless community. She's passionate in her advice to be humble and kind when working with others as we all have our own unique stories and journeys in life.

Growing up attending St. John allowed Linda to get involved in many different capacities in church and the community, depending on the stage she was at in her life. She was involved in most of the student activities that took place such as Sunday school, VBS, Junior Mission Band and Lutheran League. She was a teacher as her children began attending Sunday school and VBS. Throughout the years, she has attended Bible Studies, helped with the ice cream social, served coffee, helped at funerals, on altar guild, and participated in other worship assistant roles. Recently, she served on the church council. Of volunteering in general, she says, "We can't do everything, but we can do something." Stressing that she is just one of many at St. John who get involved, she expresses great gratitude to all that give their time and talents in so many ways behind the scenes to meet the needs of the church. The generosity of St. John and its members, and its open welcome to everyone are things that she strongly values.

Linda enjoys time with family, especially her grandkids, attending car shows with her husband, traveling, and playing cards with a card group for over 30 years. Other hobbies & interests include cooking, baking, reading, listening to music and watching sports. Coming from a service industry, she believes in investing in people, and feels it's important to be there for others, no matter what their needs are. She loves St. John's involvement in Families Moving Forward, and the other community outreach activities. As a church Linda is excited to see St. John look forward, and invest in the future!

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

**Your Gifts Make a Difference
Thank You**



Fall Stewardship Appeal

Please note that our St. John Stewardship team will be sponsoring a three Sunday Stewardship emphasis this Fall highlighting the joy of generosity. As one person put it, "Stewardship is everything that I say and do, once I've said, 'I Believe.'" Stewardship is a whole life response to God's goodness. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. And Stewardship is simply giving back to God, through service to others, what God has already so generously given to us - ourselves, our time and our possessions.

The three Sundays this Fall are:

- Sept. 29: This will be our "Mission Trip" Sunday, and feature the opportunity to hear from our Mission Trip group how they joyfully and generously put their faith into action on our two Summer Mission Trips. Come Hungry! They will be serving breakfast that day, too!
- Oct. 6 This will be our chance to roll up our sleeves with our own local "Mission Trip." Please see the newsletter article: "Stewardship, the Gift of "Hands On" Giving" for more details on how we can help each other out right here in our own Mission Field!
- Oct. 13 Our final Sunday will be a time to gather and celebrate our "Statements of Intent" to financially support our ministry in the coming year. Watch your mailbox and check out our website for more information about how to make your commitment.

God is good and God has blessed us richly and generously so that we can richly and generously be a blessing for others. Thanks be to God!

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship Service	2 Office Closed Labor Day	3 10am Cardinal Ridge Service 11am Lutheran Home Service 1pm Kingsway Service 7pm Esther Circle	4 7pm Personnel Team meeting	5 7pm Stewardship Team meeting	6 	7 7am Weight Watchers 6pm Worship Service
8 8 & 10:30 Worship Services	9 8am Men's Bible Study 6:30p Boy Scouts	10 9:30am WELCA Bible Study 7pm Children's Ministry team meeting	11 6pm Connect/Confirmation Orientation	12 	13 	14 7am Weight Watchers 6pm Worship Service
15 Rally Sunday 8 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Small Group/Faith Formation meeting 5pm First Communion Class	16 8am Men's Bible Study 1pm Private party in Gathering Area 1pm Quilting 6:30p Boy Scouts	17 	18 4:30pm Youth Choir 5:30pm Pizza 6pm Connect/Confirmation 6:30pm Adult Choir	19 6:30p Church Council	20 	21 7am Weight Watchers 6pm Worship Service
22 8 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Sunday School	23 8am Men's Bible Study 1pm Quilting 6:30p Boy Scouts	24 	25 4:30pm Youth Choir 5:30pm Pizza 6pm Connect/Confirmation 6:30pm Adult Choir	26 Wedding Rehearsal	27 4pm Wedding	28 7am Weight Watchers 6pm Worship Service
29 8 & 10:30 Worship Services 9:15 Sunday School 5pm Confirmation Sash Night	30 8am Men's Bible Study 1pm Quilting					

Unapproved St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 22, 2019

President Chris Stier called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Present: Pastor Sarah Timian, Council members: Chris Stier, Annette Moylan, Brian Schmidt, Chris Zellman, Angie Kahle, Sandy Schultz. Staff: Curt Johnson and Treasurer, Rae Fimon.

Opening devotions: Pastor Sarah shared a devotion about being in a cloud of witnesses and we all should cheer people on with their race of faith, just like we cheer runners on in a road race.

Approval of minutes: Members of council reviewed the minutes from the July 18, 2019 council meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting minutes.

Pastor Sarah's Report

Youth Ministry— Over 30 youth participated in one of the Mission Trips this summer. One group of students traveled to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, for June 23-28, with TeamEffort. Another group traveled to Wind River, Wyoming, for July 13-19, with YouthWorks. Preparations for the 2020 year are being discussed. Hopefully, registration can be confirmed earlier in the year and changes made to the process to ensure St. John has its choice of week and location.

Housing and Homelessness Team— Members of the St. John team attended the Congregational Forum on June 26 at Cross of Peace Lutheran Church in Shakopee. Panel members shared about the homelessness issue and possibilities of supportive housing.

Connect and Confirmation— Connect and Confirmation Leaders have been confirmed for the 2019-2020 year. Connect Leaders have been meeting to organize the year and review curriculum. Confirmation Leaders will be meeting in September. Thank you to all of our volunteers who make these programs happen.

Personnel Committee— Appraisals have been conducted for staff members. A summary will be compiled after the next Personnel Committee meeting.

Ongoing Items - Worship Leadership for Wednesday and Sunday Services, Preparation for Youth and other programs; Pastoral Conversations and Visits; Ministry Team Meetings as available and needed; Planning and Preparation for events, meetings, newsletter articles, communication pieces, mailings, worship services, etc.

Fall Planning is underway involving our upcoming youth education programs of Sunday School, Connect and Confirmation. Schedules are being outlined, lesson plans formed and volunteers recruited. Preliminary letters have gone out regarding these programs, along with online registration and information about Orientation. Additionally, fifth grade First Communion and ninth grade Confirmation information has been sent out. Also, choir schedules for both the youth and adult choirs are being formulated.

Pastor Mark's Report

Annual staff reviews have been conducted for the paid staff and brief acknowledgements are being submitted to the council for our August meeting. Fuller summaries are signed and filed confidentially in the Personnel file. Pastors reviews are in process, as well, for our August council time.

Sue and I attended a Portico sponsored pre-retirement seminar in July to get gather information regarding retirement planning. The meeting was very informative and helpful in providing us with some things for consideration for the future.

The Stewardship team has been continuing work on providing stories of generous and joyful stewardship to share with the congregation on a year round basis. In addition, the team is working on encouraging people to consider legacy gifts. They are also putting together a Fall appeal that will include participation from the Sunday School, along with an opportunity to put our faith into practice through serving others.

Strategic planning. Would be good to engage the council and executive team in putting together a task force to provide a vision and mission for the congregation as we move into the future, including ministry transitions, staff and program needs, property considerations, etc.

Regular pastoral activities continue on an ongoing basis, including baptism, wedding and funeral planning meetings (together with officiating at these occasions), home and hospital visitation, Lutheran Home, Cardinal Ridge and Kingsway Communion Services, WELCA Bible Study, regular staff and team meetings, providing

weekly, monthly and special correspondences, as well as planning and preparation for worship time and sermons. *Looking forward* to a few days away at the end of the month to recharge and refresh before the Fall program year begins in earnest in September. Will include an opportunity to get up to the north shore!

Staff Report:

Custodial: Curt reports that the window on top of the stairs needs to be replaced because it has moisture in between the panes. Curt will do some research on whether we should replace it or repair it. Curt also said that we need to trim some trees in the fall. He said Matt Kes has agreed to help and he would just need a few more helpers for this task. Curt got a quote from Electronic Design Co. for a new sound system which was \$20,026.77 for the base price. He said that includes 2 cameras and we may want to add an extra microphone and a sound board. We also might need to get a tablet which is used to control the system. Our current sound system is approximately 25 years old and we can no longer find parts to repair it. Motion made, seconded to approve up to \$28,000 to install the new sound system. The funding for the sound system will come out of the technology fund. The fan is being replaced in the attic to help recirculate the air and minimize heat. This work is being done by Stansey Electric.

Treasurer: Rae Fimon reviewed the monthly building and general funds. July was a slow month so we had to transfer \$5,000 from the building fund to cover the costs for July. The building mortgage balance is approximately \$371,000.

Ongoing Business:

a./b. No transfers in or out

c. Matt Kes has a signed contract for \$97,000 for the roof repairs and will be starting soon. He will also address the leak in the southwest corner of the roof. This repair is being covered by insurance due to hail damage.

New Business:

Next month Rae will present the costs for health care benefits.

It was suggested that next year we should include opinions and comments from the congregation for any of our employees to include in their staff reviews. This information would be relayed through the church council.

We should include information in the bulletin each week about signing up for the online monthly newsletter.

Ministry Team Updates:

Communications/Technology Committee did not meet

Worship & Music-on summer schedule, with Wednesday services.

Small group/faith formation- will meet in September

Buildings/grounds-met and discussed the roof repair with Matt Kes.

Personnel Committee-met and conducted staff reviews for Curt, Sheila, Rae and Audrey.

Stewardship Committee-met and set a date of October 6th for the project day. People are encouraged to stay after church and help with any projects that need attention. Please let them know if you need help at your house with yard work or any other small projects.

Children's ministry- final prep for Rally Sunday and Sunday School.

Constitution Committee- did not meet

Motion made, seconded, all in favor to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Moylan, Council Vice president

September 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Caren Grotberg	2 Madden Carlson Jamey Jeurissen Kim Meierbachtol Joseph Stoutland	3 Lisa Dols Joshua Hanson Brenda Holtberg Avery Mohlin Terry Siemon	4 Chloe Oldenburg Cole Schwartz Rachel Soller	5 Tricia Bauer Wayne Nagel Karim Tolbert	6 Wyatt Borresen Ethan Perkins	7 Nolan Hardel Sandra Wolpert
8 Austin Overline Kristine Schmidt Ruth Schmidt	9 Landry Kelm Cayla Menke Carli Jo Stier	10 Joe Hawkins Bruce Koepp Joshua Sparby Lydia Sparby	11 John Koenig Jaydon Thaemert	12 Jason Schmidt Esther Stoppelmann	13 Amy Franck	14
15 Cadence Bauer Cheryl Johnson Jackson Stauffacher Linda Stier	16 Mel Dressel Josh Henning	17 Hadlee Salisbury Miranda Widmer	18 Bryn Salisbury Holly Stier James Stracutter	19 Eliana Fahey Levi Schmidt Kristin Stier Carson Tester Jeffrey Wolff	20 Nora Andert Richard Bristow Susanne Koepp	21 Amanda Berg Jason Stier
22 Chase Hager Ashley Seaver Tiffany Stier	23 Maynard Schmidt Justin Staffacher	24 Jessica Eckblad Mallory Kelm Sheila Weldon	25 John Franck Steven Kelm Michael Schmidt	26 Jordan Johnson Jean Peterson	27 Esther Schultz Matthew Traxler	28 Caelin Brueske Janet Effinger Laura Koepp Wendy Theis Colin Weldon
29 Kristi Connelly Danny Herrmann Elizabeth Herrmann Katie Klaverkamp Corey Koepp Autumn Laue	30 Claire Otto					

Worship Assistants Schedule

September 1 Worship Assistants

Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour
Altar Guild: Phoebe Einertson & Bonnie Vinkemeier

9:00

Greeters: Mike & Joan Olson Family
Lay Readers: Jan Effinger
Communion Assistants: Lee Sauter & Sandi Wolpern
Ushers: Albert Koepp, Dorothy Koepp, Kevin Koepp, Matt Stier, Bruce Volek, Tim Carlson, Josh Koepp, **Tim Moonen**, Dale Schmidt, John Winterfeldt, Samuel Schmidt, Andrew Bauleke, Dick Bristow

September 8 Worship Assistants

Coffee Hour:
Altar Guild: Phoebe Einertson & Bonnie Vinkemeier

8:00

Greeters: Terry & Angie Kahle
Lay Readers: Linda Schwichtenberg
Communion Assistants: Larry & Marci Kiewel
Ushers: Albert Koepp, Dorothy Koepp, Kevin Koepp, Matt Stier, Bruce Volek, Tim Carlson, Josh Koepp

10:30

Greeters: Virgil & Shirley Youngblom
Lay Readers: Caren Grotberg
Communion Assistants: Chris & Annette Moylan
Ushers: Tim Moonen, Dale Schmidt, John Winterfeldt, Samuel Schmidt, Andrew Bauleke, Dick Bristow

September 15 Worship Assistants

Coffee Hour:
Altar Guild: Phoebe Einertson & Bonnie Vinkemeier

8:00

Greeters: James & Mary Karl
Lay Readers: Dale Stier
Communion Assistants: Kirk Franck & Renee Meuleners
Ushers: Brent Schwichtenberg, Greg Schwichtenberg, Steve Schmidt, Mikkel Schmidt

10:30

Greeters: Lou & Peg Longhenry
Lay Readers: Beth Beuch
Communion Assistants: Brent Koepp & Tim Moonen
Ushers: Scott Ruud, Alex Ruud, Griffin Ruud, Dale Mercado, Jake Mercado, Jerry Meger, Alex Meger, Brody Curtiss

September 22 Worship Assistants

Coffee Hour:
Altar Guild: Phoebe Einertson & Bonnie Vinkemeier

8:00

Greeters: Warren & Judy Wolf
Lay Readers: Courtney Eppen
Communion Assistants: Curt & Cheryl Johnson
Ushers: Brent Schwichtenberg, Greg Schwichtenberg, Steve Schmidt, Mikkel Schmidt

10:30

Greeters: Brent & Wendy Koepp Family
Lay Readers: Elissa Moonen
Communion Assistants: Midge Bessel & Cindy Schoenbauer
Ushers: Scott Ruud, Alex Ruud, Griffin Ruud, Dale Mercado, Jake Mercado, Jerry Meger, Alex Meger, Brody Curtiss

September 29 Worship Assistants

Coffee Hour: Mission Trip Breakfast
Altar Guild: Phoebe Einertson & Bonnie Vinkemeier

8:00

Greeters: Angela Faucette
Lay Readers: Susan Stier
Communion Assistants: Brian & Deana Siekmann
Ushers: Chris Schultz, Rob Schultz, Mark Schultz, Wayne Koepp, Aaron Leonard, Matt & Dominick Fogarty

10:30

Greeters: Brian & Wanda Overline
Lay Readers: Havyn Moonen
Communion Assistants: Sara Bungarden & Sam Schmidt
Ushers: Brent & Mitchell Koepp, Kevin, Marcy & Garrett Boblitt, Jackson & Justin Stauffacher, Todd Kruggel

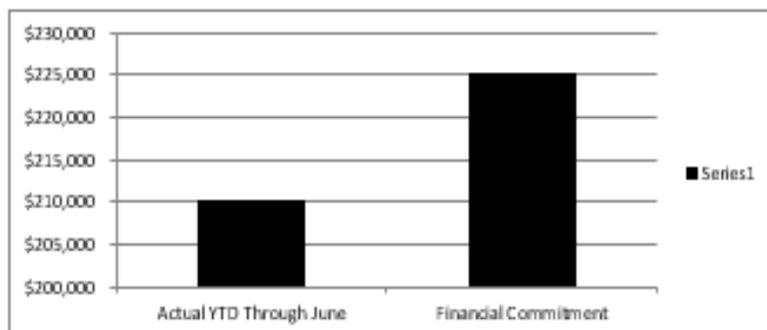
**St. John Financial Results
Seven Months Ending July 31, 2019 and July 31, 2018**

General Operating Fund		Year Over Year Increase (Decrease)	
	July 31, 2019	July 31, 2018	
Income	\$ 210,274	\$ 199,395	5%
Expenses:			
Personnel	(178,028)	(172,949)	
Office	(10,820)	(12,333)	
Property & Maintenance	(24,076)	(23,973)	
Ministry Teams	(15,974)	(20,590)	
Other	(2,723)	(2,416)	
Benevolence:			
Minneapolis Area Synod	(7,000)	(7,000)	
Camp Onomia	(1,750)	(1,750)	
Belle Plaine Fire Dept	-	(225)	
Lutheran Social Services	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Net Receipts / (Expenditures)	\$ (31,097)	\$ (42,841)	
Cash Balance at January 1 (excl. all loans)	\$ (64,346)	\$ (35,163)	
Net Income / (Expenditures)	(31,097)	(42,841)	
Misc. cash not affecting income	97	(88)	
Loan from Building Fund (from 2018 & 2019)	44,500	26,000	
Loan from St. John Foundation (from 2014-2016)	53,442	52,954	
Cash Balance at July 31	\$ 2,596	\$ 862	

Building Fund				
	July 31, 2019	July 31, 2018		
Receipts	\$ 81,814	\$ 89,611		-9%
Capital Appeal Expenses	-	(2,205)		
Miscellaneous Expenses	(124)	(10)		
Principal	(63,775)	(60,893)		
Interest	(10,145)	(13,027)		
Loaned to General Fund	(9,500)	(26,000)		
Net Receipts / (Disbursements)	\$ (1,730)	\$ (12,524)		
Loan Balance at January 1	\$ 435,544	\$ 551,424		
Principal Payments	(63,775)	(60,893)		
Loan Balance at July 31	\$ 371,769	\$ 490,531		

Actual Income Compared to 2019 Financial Commitment:

Actual YTD Through June	\$ 210,274
Financial Commitment	\$ 225,245



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Belle Plaine, MN 56011

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