

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

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December 2021

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St. John Lutheran Church

Worship Schedule

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

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.
In Person Worship or Watch
Live on Facebook

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor

Pastor Mark Johnson

Office Staff

Audrey Zellman

Treasurer

Rae Fimon

Custodians

Curt & Cheryl Johnson

Organist

Eileen Hanlon

Accompanist

Sheila Schmidt



Merry Christmas to All

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From Pastor Mark

We've all been on quite a ride for the past couple of years. Two years ago in December, as I recall, there were some reports of some new type of virus in China that was affecting people. Never having lived through a pandemic before and not knowing how fast these things can travel, many of us saw these reports as minor items in the news. Sue and I took a trip to Florida at the end of January of 2020 and, while there was some greater awareness of this novel coronavirus, it was still in a peripheral kind of way.

And then things accelerated rapidly. I think we were all stunned at the speed with which things changed. We had an Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020 to discuss some changes we would need to implement in our worship service to accommodate the changing landscape. Two days later, we had an emergency meeting of the Church Council and made the decision to close the doors of the church indefinitely. This was during Lent. We had just had our third Soup and Sandwich Supper and Holden Evening Worship. And suddenly, all at once, everything shut down. It was a weird feeling, like being in suspended animation. Nursing homes and senior residences were closed tight. It was impossible to visit someone in the hospital. Baptisms and Weddings and Funerals were put on hold. We went into isolation. It was a truly strange and unfamiliar landscape that opened up in front of us and we wondered how we were going to navigate through it.

We went online with our services and classes and, for awhile, this was our only real means of connection. We started an outdoor drive in service on Wednesday evenings. We opened for a 9:00 a.m. Sunday service, masked, distanced, with no music, observing all the protocols. Some people came. Many did not.

Vaccines came online in the first part of this year and things began to change. Gradually, things began to open up more. And then the Delta variant came along and it seemed like two steps forward and one step back. We are still living through this new reality, each of us with our own different comfort levels and ways of coping. It's been a long haul and we are all weary.

At the same time, it's also good to put things in perspective. People have lived through tough times before. The flu pandemic of 1918 primarily struck people in their prime between the ages of 25 to 40. Then came a Great Depression, the Dust Bowl and World War II. One hard situation piled onto another. In hindsight, we know the outcome of these difficult situation but, at the time they were living through them, they didn't. They had to live with the uncertainty and anxiety of that. Tom Brokaw wrote a book about this period and called the people who lived through it "The Greatest Generation." Tough, resilient, joining hands and working together, they came through those hard times.

It's an old story. We are working our way through the Bible in Confirmation this year. We're in the Old Testament and recalling that God's people, the Israelites, went through some really tough times. They were delivered from slavery in the land of Egypt and brought into the Promised land where they struggled with hostile neighbors who sought to displace them. The Assyrian empire invaded the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC and wiped it out. The Southern Kingdom was destroyed by Babylon in 586 BC and the surviving Israelites were plucked off the land and forced into exile in the far away land of Babylon. How is that for tough times! Finally, they were restored to their land, rebuilt, carried on for awhile, only to be wiped out again in 70 AD by the Romans.

People wondered where God was during these hard times. Had God abandoned them? It seemed like it. But behind the scenes, God was still there, working to restore and bring through, even though it didn't always feel that way. Through all of the ups and downs, through all of the joys and challenges, God remained faithful. And, as the Bible is fond of recalling, if God has been faithful to our ancestors in the faith and delivered them through the Red Sea of their hardship, so God will be faithful to us, as well.

Last year we were scratching our heads and wondering what we should do about Christmas. And then, Dan Schmidt called and offered he and Kristin's farm for an outdoor drive-in service. It was a wonderful idea. We took him up on it. We gathered on a cold, clear Christmas Eve. In the quiet bowl of their farm, surrounded by beautiful hills and trees, the air was still. The sky filled with stars. Bonfires were lit in front of the worship area and a few hardy folks sat on hay bales. The rest of the worshipers were sitting in their warm cars, listening to the service as we broadcast it over their radios. It was a lovely time and I recall it fondly.

This year, we are looking at resuming our indoor Christmas services. The choir will be singing and we will be lifting up our voices together as we recall and celebrate the Christmas story in Word and Song. I am looking forward to it!

God doesn't promise us that everything will always be easy. That's not the deal. But God does promise us that he will remain with us through whatever it is we are going through, that he will not abandon us, that he will not forsake us. For we remember that it was on a crisp, cold night in the little town of Bethlehem many years ago that God took on the form of our human flesh and was born as one of us into this dark and broken world. Jesus grew up and reached out into this broken world with healing and hope, restoring sight to the blind, making the lame to walk, healing leprosy and other dread diseases and calling disciples to follow him and carry on his work of healing and hope. He was unfairly and unjustly put to death. But through the offering of his life he provided a way through death for all of us.

This is what we gather around to remember and worship again this year, that God has entered into this dark and broken and sinful world in the person of Jesus to provide light and hope and healing and, ultimately, new life for all of us. In the meantime, we carry on through the ups and downs of life. But we are not traveling alone. We do not travel without hope. For, as the Prophet Isaiah wrote:

“Unto us a Child is Born, Unto us a Son is Given, and the Government will be upon his shoulders - and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”

Unto us a Child is Born. Hope is kindled. A light shines in the darkness. And that makes all the difference....
Merry Christmas!

Service Time Change

At the November council meeting the following upcoming Worship Schedule was approved:

December 5th: 8:00 & 10:30 Services

December 12th: One service at 8:00 with Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:30.

December 19th: 8:00 & 10:30 Services

December 24th: Services will be held at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 p.m. as usual

December 25th: No Services

December 26th: One service at 9:00 a.m. for the Congregation

January 2nd: One service at 9:00 a.m. for the Congregation

Beginning January 9th: Services will be at 8:00 a.m. as usual. In place of the 10:30 service, a new service at 9:15 will be offered during Sunday School which continues to be held at 9:15 a.m.

Coffee will still be served between services.

Important Dates to Remember

December 30– St. John books are closing at 12 noon.

Please note that the financial books will be closing for 2021 at noon on December 30. The office will be closed on December 31. If you would like credit for offerings given during this year, you will need have them into the church by then. Traditionally, December has been a strong month in this regard. Thank you for the support you provide to our mission and ministry. We have the greatest good news of all to share and, with your help, we will continue to grow in the Lord's work.

January 23– St. John Annual Meeting.

There will be one service at 8:00 with the annual meeting starting at 9:15. Sunday School will also be held at 9:15



December Children's Ministry Update

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

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

The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 12th: Pre-K through 4th grade will perform the Christmas program together again this year. We will have one performance at 9:30am, following the 8am service. There will NOT be a 10:30am service on the 12th. We expect that there will be overflow and we will have the entire program recorded and projected in the gathering area. Immediately following the program, there will be birthday cake in the gathering area, which will be served by our Connect and Confirmation students. We hope you can join us for Jesus' birthday celebration!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Christmas Program Practice - Dec 5th PK - 4th grade: Sunday School Hour 9:00am-10:15am

Please have Sunday School Children in their classrooms by 9am on Dec 5th!

Sunday Dec. 5th: 10:15-11:00am - Christmas Program Rehearsal - 2nd thru 4th Sunday School Teachers, Parent Volunteers, and Cast with speaking roles - Please stay after Sunday School to run through lines in the youth room downstairs.

Friday, Dec 10th - 6:00pm Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal for Cast with Speaking Roles

(pizza will be served) Parents please plan to stay with your (child)ren during rehearsal.

Sunday Dec. 12th: 9:30am- Christmas Program

Sunday Dec. 19th: Sing 8am service

Sunday Dec. 26th: No class

Sunday Jan. 2nd: No class

Connect Update

In November, Connect & Confirmation students participated in a service project at Feed my Starving Children in Chanhassen. They packed 87 boxes! That's 18,792 meals which will feed 652 children for an entire year! During class, Connect students learned about Moses and what made him a good leader, as well as the 10 Commandments.

The Connect and Confirmation students will be participating with the Sunday School program on December 12th. They will take an active role in either greeting, ushering or assisting teachers. They can also help in serving Jesus' birthday cake immediately following the program. Further information will be sent out early December.

No Connect Class on the following dates: December 22nd, December 29th and January 5th.

Christmas Toy Project— 2021

The Belle Plaine Police Department and The Belle Plaine Rotary Club are coordinating the Christmas Toy Project in Belle Plaine. The plan is to distribute all toys locally. If there are more than needed, they will be donated to other locations.

St. John is a drop off location. There is a box in the entrance for donations. Gifts are accepted for children up to 17 years of age.

Donations will be accepted until December 22 at 12p.m.

If you know of a family in need of help, please notify the Belle Plaine Police at 952-873-4307 and they will get in touch with the family.

Please help those in need in our community.



December 2021

November Happenings at St. John

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30p Pizza 6p Connect/Confirmation 6:30p Adult Choir	2	3	4 6p Worship Service
5 8 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Sunday School	6 6:30p Boy Scout meeting	7 11:00 Lutheran Home Service 1:30p Kingsway Service 6:00p Christmas Dinner	8 5:30p Pizza 6p Connect/Confirmation 6:30p Adult Choir	9	10 6p Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal	11 6p Worship Service
12 8:00 Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School Christmas Program	13 6:30p Boy Scout meeting	14	15 5:30p Pizza 6p Connect 6p Confirmation Small Group 6:30p Adult Choir	16 6:30p Church Council	17	18 6p Worship Service
19 8 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Sunday School	20 6:30p Boy Scout meeting	21 6:30p Cub Scout meeting	22 6:30p Adult Choir	23	24 Office Closed 3p, 5p & 7p Worship Services	25
26 9:00 Worship Service	27 6:30p Boy Scout meeting	28	29	30	31 Office Closed	

Church Council Minutes of Meeting on October 28, 2021

In attendance: Pr. Mark, Matt Stier, Albert Koepp, Wendy Theis, Rae Fimon, Jen Nagorski, Sue Koenig, Chris Zellman, Steve Kelm, Ben Aust, Chris Schultz, Curt Johnson, Robin Fink.

Meeting called to order at 6:30. Pr. Mark read Bible passage from upcoming Confirmation/Reformation Sunday and gave an opening prayer.

The past month's minutes and the current month's agenda were both approved. (Note to add back-up for Cheryl Johnson to next month's agenda.)

Pastor's Report: "First Communion Class and First Communion Sunday for fifth graders and their families were held on consecutive weekends at the end of September and the beginning of October.

Connect and Confirmation Orientation for students and parents we held September 15. Classes have been in session since then. I am teaching the Confirmation class on the Bible this year. We are planning a fifth through eighth grade service event to Feed My Starving Children.

The ninth grade Confirmands have met and made their sashes for Confirmation Sunday. I have also met individually with each of our twenty-six Confirmands to review their faith statements and Bible verses, along with typing these up for publication in the bulletin on Confirmation Sunday on October 31. We are preparing for a special Saturday morning taking individual and class pictures, rehearsing for Sunday, sharing a Continental Breakfast, hearing from a special speaker and handing out gifts to our students and small group leaders. Sunday morning's 10:30 service is reserved for our Confirmands and their families. Thank you to our students, families and leaders for their participation and cooperation during this past unusual year.

I have met with the local clergy and helped to plan to the Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service which will be held this year on Monday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran church. Participating churches include Our Lady of the Prairie, East and West Union Lutheran Churches, Redeemer Lutheran and First Presbyterian.

New Member Orientation and Welcome Sundays were held on consecutive weekends at the beginning of October.

Regular worship services have been held on Saturday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School meeting in between at 9:15 a.m. The choir has been practicing and is sharing in our Sunday services, as well.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to recruit members for our church council and other positions, as indicated on the slate of candidates, for submission to the annual meeting in 2022.

The Personnel Committee is pending the hiring of a new choir director. Until that happens, we are grateful to Sheila for her continued work with our choir.

Regular and ongoing pastoral and administrative duties continue as usual. It has been a very busy Fall season."

Staff Reports – Curt Johnson: 1. Curt suggested putting a second front door on a timed lock. Curt may be able to install this himself, which would be fairly inexpensive. 2. Curt is also working with EnerChange, a non-profit organization that is helping us obtain a rebate from Xcel Energy to replace all the tube lighting in the building with LED's. The rebate is \$6 per tube, and the tubes are costing \$4 or less, for him to purchase. 3. After informing the Council that the AA group is unable to financially assist with the installation of gutters and leaf guards, Curt asked the Council if they would approve moving forward with the project at the AA building. The Council made a motion to approve the project if the remainder of the money in the Keep 'Em Dry account (approx. \$650) can be put towards the cost. Seconded and approved. 4. Last month the Council approved the gutter project at the church building. 5. A member of the congregation suggested another TV monitor be added to the Gathering Area, and said they would cover the cost of it. Curt will price out a 70"-80" TV and mounting brackets.

Treasurer's Report – Rae Fimon: Rae presented the monthly and year-to-date financial information for all of the funds as of September 30. This included General, Building, Technology, Youth, Property Improvement, Foundation, and Memorial Funds.

Transfers In: Jim Lange through affirmation of faith; Joanne McConnell transfer from Redeemer Lutheran; Traci Scheer and son, Derek Scheer, transfer from Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran; Rick and Kelsey Schroeder and baby Corwin transfer from Our Savior's Lutheran in Fairfax MN. Council Moved, Seconded and Approved all transfers in.

Transfers Out: None.

Ongoing Business:

Strategic Planning – tabled until next month

Worship Service Times – to be discussed further in November after consulting with the Children’s Ministry Team

Loan Repayment – motion made, seconded, approved, to pay \$5,000 towards Foundation loan to General Fund.
Revisit again next month.

Council Job Description – reviewed job description and the importance of informing the President of upcoming absences.

New Business:

Cristo Obrero – Pr. Mark passed out information and talked about Cristo Obrero’s ministry in Shakopee and Chaska. He suggested the Council consider for the 2022 Budget, ending our support of Elisabeth Johnson and moving the annual amount of \$2,000 to Cristo Obrero instead.

Rental Properties Walk-Through’s – there has been a recent observation of “lack of care” in the lower level of the parsonage. Kim Meierbachtol suggested that we implement regular “walk-through’s” on both properties in order to take note of how our properties are being cared for by our tenants. Council will consider adding quarterly walk-through’s to each lease upon renewal this coming spring.

Weekly Staff Meetings – Pr. Mark, Audrey and Rae meet every Wednesday to review the calendar. Once a month, Curt and Cheryl join the Wednesday meeting.

Camp Onomia / Projects – Confirmation students attending camp have a chance to assist with summer day camp the following week at St. John to continue the camp experience. 7th graders have already been informed that camp is a Confirmation Program requirement and attendance is expected the summer following 7th grade.

Getting Youth More Involved in Church – discussion regarding ways to have the youth be more involved in activities at the church. With no readings, and very little ushering to be done, some of the ways in which the youth were involved in the past are no longer viable.

Ministry Teams:

Stewardship – did not meet

Buildings and Grounds – did not meet

Personnel – did not meet

Children’s – did not meet

Small Group/Faith Formation – did not meet

Worship and Music – Christmas Eve services will be 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 pm

Technology and Communications – did not meet

Motion made, seconded, approved to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Koenig.

In Memory

Memorials were given to the Building Fund in memory of Myron
Latzke by Family and Friends.

Unapproved St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes November 18, 2021

President Albert Koepp called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present:

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

Opening Devotions:

Pastor Mark and Council members shared a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Members of Council reviewed the minutes from the October 28, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the meeting minutes from October. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the agenda for November 18, 2021.

Pastor Mark's Report:

Planning has been done and we are looking forward to getting our local churches together and hosting this year's annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. John on the evening of Monday, November 22, at 7 p.m. Area clergy are participating, our choir director, Sheila Schmidt, will be leading an ecumenical choir, and our church will be providing refreshments following the service in our Gathering Area. After missing this service last year, due to Covid, it is wonderful to be able to get together again and worship as a community of congregations!

After hosting a cold but wonderful outdoor, drive-in Christmas Eve service last year at Dan and Kristin Schmidt's farm, we are looking to return back indoors this year for our Christmas services. Planning is underway.

Connect and Confirmation classes continue on Wednesday evenings. We are working our way through the Bible this year. We are having a great time as a Confirmation class this year with our students and small group leaders. Recently, our Connect and Confirmation classes combined to do a group service project at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. From 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. we packed over 18,000 meals. I'm always amazed at what can be done when you can focus all of that youthful energy toward a worthy cause!

Regular worship services have continued on Saturday evenings at 6 p.m. and on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30. We have discussed possibilities of changing our Sunday Schedule with the Children's Team and they have some ideas that we will be discussing together. Monthly services are also on track at the Lutheran Home and Kingsway for our members and any others who would like to attend.

I will be taking some time away over the week of Thanksgiving and arrangements have been made for Pastor Diana Hunstad to be on-call for me during this time, as well as to do pulpit supply on the last Saturday evening and Sunday mornings of the month.

Staff meetings continue weekly with an All Staff meeting once a month that includes Curt and Cheryl so we can effectively communicate and coordinate with one another regarding events, building use and needs, etc. We are also informally in contact with one another as things come up.

Annual Meeting preparations are beginning for our meeting coming up on the fourth Sunday in January next year.

Regular and ongoing pastoral and administrative duties continue apace. We have an active and busy congregation!

Staff Reports:

Custodial:

Curt is replacing the tube lighting and working with EnerChange, a non-profit organization that is helping us obtain a rebate from Xcel Energy to replace all the tube lighting in the building with LED's.

The "Keep 'Em Dry" account will be closed out and the gutters and leaf guards will be installed at the AA building.

Treasurer:

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

A discussion was had on refinancing the Hayden house loan. A motion was made, seconded and carried to refinance the loan to the lower interest rate of 4.25% for the remainder of the term of the loan for a \$75.00 service fee. Council authorized President Albert Koepp on behalf of St. John's Lutheran Church Council to sign the "Change in Term Agreement" with First National Bank Minnesota.

Transfers:

No Transfers in or out this month.

Ongoing Business:

1. Strategic Planning was tabled at this time.
2. Worship Service Times - A discussion was had on the upcoming Worship Schedule. A motion was made, seconded and approved to offer the follow schedule:
 - December 24th: Services will be held at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 p.m. as usual
 - December 25th: No Services
 - December 26th: One service at 9:00 a.m. for the Congregation
 - January 2nd: One service at 9:00 a.m. for the Congregation
 - Beginning January 9th: Services will be at 8:00 a.m. as usual
 - In place of the 10:30 service, a new service at 9:15 will be offered during Sunday School which continues to be held at 9:15 a.m.
 - Coffee will still be served between services
3. Loan Repayment – motion made, seconded, approved, to pay \$5,000 towards Foundation loan from the General Fund. Council to revisit again next month.
4. Funeral Lunches Committee - Members would like to help caterers coordinate lunches. Marlys Koepp is available to help families identify area caterers.

New Business:

1. Rental Properties - Kim Meierbachtol has recommended a walk through of the rental property twice a year. A walk through will be conducted with a Council member and a member from the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Kim will work with the tenants to schedule a time.
2. Budget Preliminary Discussion - Rae presented the budget outlook for 2022. The council had discussion but did not vote to approve the budget. A vote will take place during the December meeting.
3. Annual Meeting - A motion was made, seconded, and carried to conduct an in-house annual meeting on January 23rd. There will be one service at 8:00 and the annual meeting will begin at 9:15.

Ministry Team Updates:

Stewardship Committee - nothing new to report.

Buildings and Grounds Committee - nothing new to report.

Personnel Committee - nothing new to report.

Children's Ministry Team - nothing new to report.

Small Group/Faith Formation Committee - nothing new to report.

Worship and Music Committee - nothing new to report.

Technology and Communications Committee - nothing new to report.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Meeting was adjourned followed by the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Herrmann, Secretary

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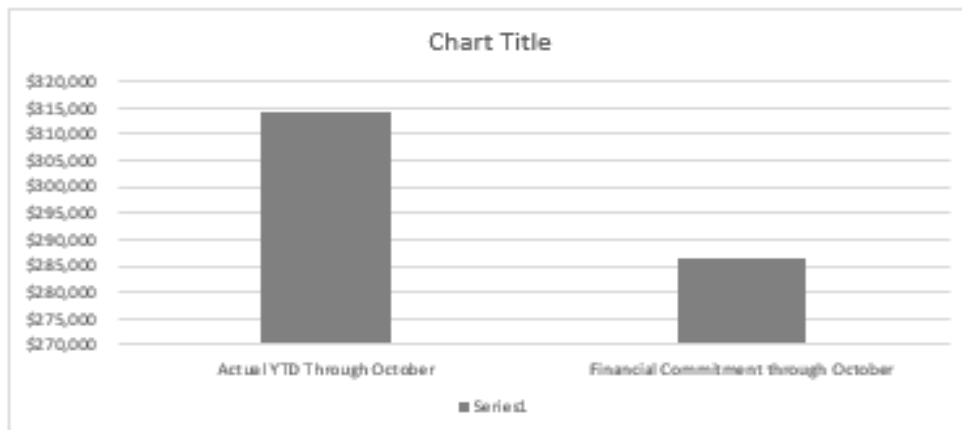


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Robert Stoppelmann	2 Duwayne Dandurand Erik Hoff Joyce Nyblom Andy Steinhagen Nicole Walker Javón Williamson	3 Debra Brazil Bob Fairbanks Luke Fogarty Diane Gerres	4 Kyle Arola Dominick Fogarty Lois Gustafson Peggy Malz Alexander Meger
5 Dylan Johnson Randal Kruger John Schmidt	6 Zachary Fahy Michael Gustafson Tristan Lindahl	7 Troy Borresen Allen Latour Tyson Menke Ruby Schultz	8 Midge Bessel Deanna Fogarty Easley Koch Brent Koepp Tamara Koepp Justin Reimsma	9 Marjorie Gramnis	10 Kerry Arola Wyatt Fogarty Ainsley Maier Taylor Menke Mark Schultz	11
12 Megan Koepp Jade Lane	13 Ethan Martin Zachary Olson	14 Laura Euddenhagen Jeffery Burkman Taylor Fimion Alexander Johnson	15 Mary Karl Tina Soller Jennie Weiland	16 Luke Bristlin Emilie Duffy Chester Gohlke Sue Johanson Connor Kopecky	17 Madelyn Eyrnich Laurie Hules Myron Malz Debra Schaefer Michael Tracy	18 Lori Schmit Madelyn Siekmann
19 Donald Oldenburg	20 Katey Borresen Laura Costello Duane Koepp Hoyt Nagorski Kevin Wolff	21 Steven Gerres Adam Meierbechtol Kevin Nyblom	22 Bruch Schmidt	23 Traci Scheer Mary Sybrant	24 Megan Holzemer Ira Meierbechtol Brian Siekmann	25
26 Carissa Schultz Trevor Theis	27 Garrett Boblitt Daniel Buerkle Thor Einertson Makenna Gerres Morgan Hagen Kari Laue Callen Petty	28 Cooper Stier	29 Jan Campbell Madison Theis	30 Bob Fimion Deborah Traylor	31 Parker Borresen Mason Gerres Luke Meriwether Chris Schultz	

Financial Corner

St. John Financial Results Ten Months Ended October 31, 2021 and October 31, 2020

General Operating Fund			Year Over Year
	October 31, 2021	October 31, 2020	Increase (Decrease)
Income	\$ 314,102	\$ 276,305	14%
Paycheck Protection Loan Forgiveness	-	54,839	
Expenses:			
Personnel	(170,911)	(247,442)	
Office	(14,610)	(15,427)	
Property & Maintenance	(33,744)	(33,945)	
Ministry	(9,653)	(14,917)	
Other	(4,040)	(3,031)	
Benevolence:			
Minneapolis Area Synod	(10,000)	(10,000)	
Camp Onomia	(2,500)	(2,500)	
Belle Plaine Fire Dept	(300)	-	
World Hunger (2019)	-	(250)	
Lutheran Social Services	(1,500)	(2,000)	
Net Receipts / (Expenditures)	\$ 66,844	\$ 1,632	
Cash Balance at January 1 (excl. all loans)	\$ (82,735)	\$ (84,836)	
Net Income / (Expenditures)	66,844	1,632	
Misc. cash not affecting income	376	(1,237)	
Loan from Building Fund (from 2018 & 2019)	-	45,500	
Loan from St. John Foundation (from 2014-2016)	54,701	54,159	
Cash Balance at October 31	\$ 39,186	\$ 15,218	
Building Fund			
Receipts	85,644	\$ 84,514	1%
Received from General Fund	44,500	10,000	
Principal	(100,477)	(96,646)	
Interest	(5,123)	(8,954)	
Net Receipts / (Disbursements)	\$ 24,544	\$ (11,086)	
Loan Balance at January 1	\$ 208,857	\$ 325,224	
Principal Payments	(100,477)	(96,646)	
Loan Balance at October 31	\$ 108,380	\$ 228,578	
Actual Income Compared to 2021 Financial Commitment:			
Actual YTD Through October	\$ 314,102		
Financial Commitment through October	\$ 286,657		





December 5 and 12, 2021 Ushers	
8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Curt & Cheryl Johnson Bryn Davis Corey Johnson Craig Johnson	David & Sarah Bungarden Louis Longhenry Ron & Dianne Rasmussen

December 19 and 26 2021 Ushers	
8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Myron Bratsch Kirk Franck Matt Kes Jeff Eppen Brian Siekmann	Tim Moonen Dale Schmidt Samuel Schmidt Dick Bristow

Acolytes for December 8:00 Service		
December 5	Kallie Thaemert	Olivia Jeurissen
December 12	Téa Smith	Kenzie Koepf
December 19	Mason Bungarden	Austin Overline
December 26		

Wednesday Night Kitchen Helpers		
December 1	Nicole Koepf	Becky Johnson
December 8	Greg Meyer	Jennifer Meyer
December 15 Connect Only	Angela Koepf	Josh Koepf
December 22	No Class— Christmas Break	

Wednesday Night Gathering Area Helpers		
December 1	Elizabeth Koonst	Jenn Nagorski
December 8		
December 15		
December 22	No Class— Christmas Break	

CALLED TO SERVE THROUGH OUR GIVING	
Offering Received the week of	
October 28– November 3	November 4-10
General Fund—\$7,246	General Fund—\$8,602
Building Fund—\$1,599	Building Fund—\$5,550
November 11-17	November 18-24
General Fund—\$6,236	General Fund— \$9,385
Building Fund—\$1,822	Building Fund- \$1,890