

St. John's Lutheran Church

Quarterly Meeting

October 24-25, 2020

1. Opening prayer
2. Call Meeting to order
3. Financial report
4. Senior Pastor's Report
5. Associate Pastor's Report
6. Other items
7. Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

St. John's Lutheran Church

Monthly Financial Statement
Prepared 10/13/2020

September 2020

Monthly/Year to Date Major Funds		
Month of:	September	Year to Date
Income		
Current	\$41,200.81	\$449,627.80
Benevolence	\$3,336.34	\$51,305.78
Building & Maint.	\$7,485.05	\$76,069.91
Total Operating Income	\$52,022.20	\$577,003.49
Expenses		
Current	\$55,496.57	\$419,928.09
Benevolence	\$4,766.33	\$46,582.34
Building & Maint.	\$4,947.64	\$91,869.86
Total Operating Expense	\$65,210.54	\$558,380.29
Fund Differences		
Current	(\$14,295.76)	\$ 29,699.71
Benevolence	(\$1,429.99)	\$ 4,723.44
Building & Maint.	\$2,537.41	\$ (15,799.95)
Totals	(\$13,188.34)	\$ 18,623.20

Approved Non-Budgeted Expenditures	
Account	Year to Date
Current	\$0.00
Benevolence (Previous Year/Designated)	\$18,832.34
Building & Maintenance	\$0.00
Total Income	\$18,832.34

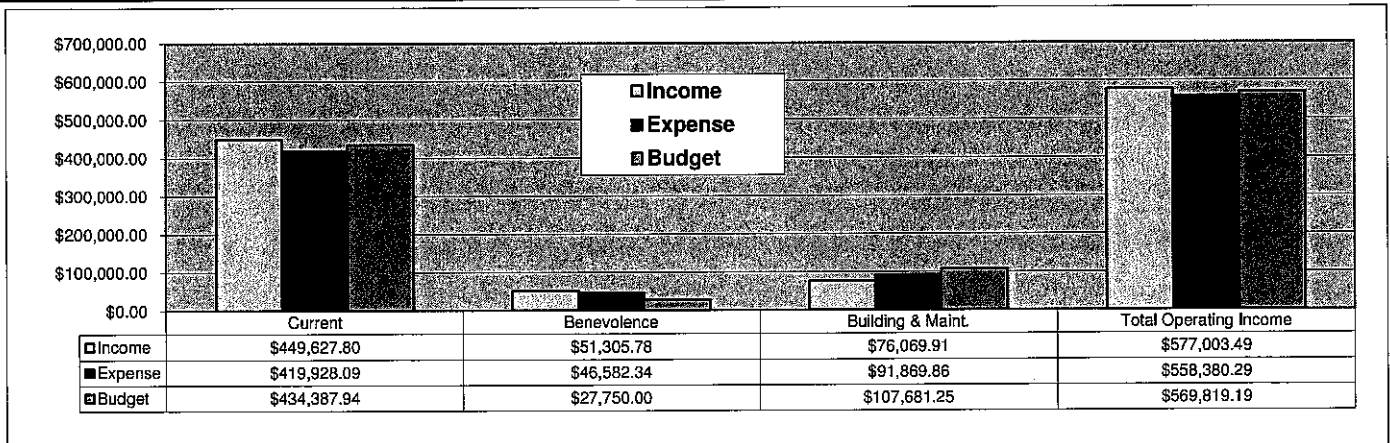
Budget Comparison - Year to Date		
Budget vs. Actual thru	September 2020	
Account	Budget	Actual
Current - Budgeted	\$434,387.94	\$419,928.09
Benevolence - Budgeted	\$27,750.00	\$46,582.34
Bldg & Maint - Budgeted	\$107,681.25	\$91,869.86
Totals	\$569,819.19	\$558,380.29

Budgeted expenditures listed above do not include spending approved from the three (3) operating accounts separate from the budget. These expenditures were approved by either the Council or congregation. They include items such as "pass-through" designated benevolence, benevolence funds received at the end of last year but spent this year, and particular maintenance or capital improvement items.

Debt Reduction (Principle Reduction)		
Month of:	September 2020	Since Inception
Current	\$2,835.77	\$270,917.25

The charts below show total income and expense, rather than budgeted items only.

Fund Balances: End of Month Balanced	
Account Name	Amount
OPERATING:	
Operating -- Current + B&M	\$107,425.24
Benevolence	\$9,341.86
Organ & Renovations Debt Reduction Fund	\$12,624.90
DESIGNATED:	
Genesis Fund	\$3,181.88
Youth Designated Fund	\$32,295.15
MOPS Designated Fund	\$3,760.26
Sarah Circle & Elizabeth Circle	\$79.60
Beacons	\$128.00
Bed Brigade Ministry	\$20,415.40
Bereavement Dinner Ministry	\$1,675.83
Designated Funds Interest	\$174.86
MEMORIAL:	
Memorial Fund Unrestricted Savings	\$48,601.87
Memorial Restricted (M/R) Library	\$311.74
M/R Handbell	\$4,521.82
M/R Kitchen	\$5,223.83
M/R Music	\$3,477.47
M/R Youth Camp Memorials	\$349.93
M/R Youth	\$3,439.18
M/R OWLs	\$801.40
M/R Special One-Time Account	\$11,827.44
M/R Van Fund	\$0.00
M/R Puppet Ministry	\$1,350.81
M/R Mission Trip Gen	\$25,415.15
M/R Mission Trip Alaska	\$11,629.36
M/R Mission Trip Mexico	\$11,620.80
M/R Columbarium Fund	\$12,180.00
M/R Bell Tower Carrillon	\$2,000.00
ENDOWMENT-PRINCIPAL:	
Endowment/Gen/Restricted/Principal	\$406,039.25
Endowment/Prop/Restricted/Principal	\$234,229.64
Endowment/Youth/Restricted/Principal	\$32,395.25
Cemetery Endowment Principal	\$45,000.00
Unrealized Appr/(Depr)	\$118,656.53
ENDOWMENT-AVAILABLE INCOME:	
Endowment/Gen/Available Income	\$27,241.76
Endowment/Prop/Available Income	\$7,803.05
Endowment/Youth/Available Income	\$3,505.23
Cemetery Available-HNB Premium MM	\$3,716.51
COLLEGE GRANTS/SUMWALT LOANS:	
College Fund Savings - HNB	\$5,458.43
Sumwalt Savings Account - HNB	\$3,937.97
Loans Payable	
Organ & Renovations Loan	\$17,200.40



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
July 25-26, 2020

Opening Prayer: Offered by President Neva Warren.

Meeting Called to Order: President Neva Warren called the meeting to order on Saturday, July 25, 2020 after service and Sunday, July 26 after each Traditional Service and the Contemporary Service. Quarterly meeting agendas and meeting packets were available online as well as distributed to those in attendance, including the June Monthly Financial Statement, Senior Pastor's and Associate Pastor's Report, Treasurer's Report, Business Manager's Report, Youth Staff's Report, and Minister of Music's Report.

Financial Report: Dan Yeater led the overview of St. John's June 2020 Monthly Financial Statement. Dan stated that the church is in a strong financial situation due to the generosity of the congregation. The response to the Good Samaritan fund has been overwhelming. Dan brought attention to the outstanding Organ and Renovations Loan of \$25,682.49 in hopes that this debt could be paid off by the end of the year. Motion to accept the June 2020 Monthly Financial Statement was made by Barb Hill and seconded by Pam Brown. Motion was approved with voice vote as submitted at each after-service meeting.

Council Motion to Adjust Budget for Staff Appreciation Gifts: When developing the budget for this year, finances were not strong. As a result, Council was only able to offer relatively small pay increases or in some cases, no increases, to our staff. With the improvement of the congregation's financial position, the council would like to provide a onetime lump sum recognition award for the staff. Awards will range from \$250 - \$500 depending on the individual. The council of St. John's is asking the congregation to approve an increase of \$5000 to the current budget. The increased budget will be used to provide onetime recognition awards for the staff. This motion has been made in council and seconded. Motion was approved with voice vote as submitted at each after-service meeting.

Neva encouraged the congregation to review the other reports and view the staff videos on the church's website.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by President Neva Warren.

Pastor Seth Jersild
Quarterly Meeting Report
St. John's Lutheran Church
October 24-25, 2020

- I want to thank the congregation for your incredible generosity and support for St. John's ministry through these challenging times. Your prayers and encouragement have meant so much to all of the church staff!
- I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to lead a Sunday night Bible study on *Romans* for the last seven weeks. It was well-attended. Another Sunday night study will get started before the end of this year.
- We are opening the church building to non-member groups such as AA and Scouts, starting November 1st, as winter weather kicks in. All group leaders are meeting with me personally beforehand, to go over our distancing and sanitizing guidelines. We're very happy to be able to provide these groups with a warm place to meet in the winter.
- Church attendance at all services has generally risen over the past months. We expect attendance to fluctuate depending on what people are hearing and reading in the news regarding Covid-19. We'll continue with our current worship schedule and distancing/sanitizing routine for the time being, staying aware of governmental guidelines and community trends.
- Our youth education programs (Sunday school, confirmation, high school) are being conducted almost exclusively online right now, with good participation. We're looking forward eagerly to the day when we can return to in-person classes for our young people.
- The Chapel Sunday morning class is available for adults, in-person, at 9:30 each week. We are thankful to Pastor Don for leading the group right now in a discussion of the book of Revelation. Other in-person Sunday morning classes will get started as their teachers become available.
- Hospitals and nursing homes are changing their visitation policies almost weekly right now, and this affects our ability to make predictable in-person pastoral calls at these institutions. We're doing everything we can to reach out to our members who are having surgeries and who are hospitalized. We always appreciate it when people notify us that members have been hospitalized or are dealing with health issues.
- Pastor Patti and I are more than willing to visit members in their homes, depending on members' varying comfort levels with having people come over.
- We will continue our Sunday online worship services, with drive-through communion. We anticipate that snow and ice may sometimes impact our ability to provide drive-through communion.

- The Promise Keepers group will resume their Thursday meetings at 7:00 a.m. on November 5th.
- We are considering possible renovation plans to make our church building more accessible to people with disabilities. I hope we can present some ideas to the congregation in 2021.
- A new *Going Deeper* small group packet is near completion and will become available to groups within the next few weeks. Our next discussion topic will be the *Ten Commandments*.
- My quest to visit all the member households of St. John's has been temporarily stymied by the quarantine. I'll be able to resume these visits full-steam when a greater number of people are feeling less tentative about having visitors in their homes. This is a long-term goal and I'm confident about completing it.
- Staff and administrative duties are proceeding well.
- As always, I am available for conversation and/or pastoral care, any time (217.255.2118)

Thank you so much, everyone, for your faithfulness to Christ and your support of His Church!

Peace,
Pastor Seth Jersild

Pastor Patti Morlock
Quarterly Report
St. John's Lutheran Church
October 2020

"For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

I am continually impressed with the thought that while good works would never save us or justify us, they are a confirmation of our true faith in Jesus Christ. They are the response of love that flow from a proper relationship with Him. I am amazed at how the Holy Spirit is moving in this place, that, in the midst of these crazy times we are experiencing, the ministry of this church has not wavered in any way. In fact, I would dare say we are finding ways to reach out for the sake of the kingdom in even more creative and wonderful ways.

I have the joy of overseeing our Telecare Ministry, and the stories I hear, both from those who make the calls, and those on the receiving end, are wonderful witnesses of faith in the midst of isolation and loneliness. As I make my own calls, I am deeply touched by the responses of such a simple gesture. While visitation is still extremely limited, I have been able to see a few families in emergency situations, but not many, as hospitals and nursing homes are extremely limited in what they are allowing.

Worship, while it has been a challenge at times, has been a wonderful blessing. I delight in seeing so many of your smiling eyes each week, as we lean in to this new normal. We have been so careful to provide meaningful in-person ways for you to worship, that are both safe and uplifting. Not an easy feat while wearing a mask! And yet we are making it work. Thank you for your continued patience in abiding by the structures we have in place to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your extreme generosity as we prepare for the NALC Disaster Response Team to be replenished in their supplies. As we collect needed items each month in preparation to stuff their truck in February, the piles of supplies continue to grow – what a testament to your faithfulness in serving those outside Grove City and beyond. The team could not do their ministry without our generosity, so thank you!

As Jeff and I continue to offer a teaching each Wednesday evening, we are discovering how far-reaching this has been. Small Groups in both congregations are using this as part of their study, and we are finding a renewed love for our own study of the Scriptures as we prepare for each weekly offering. Thank you for your words of encouragement, as we enter the 29th week of this offering, not counting the Lenten offerings of Holden Evening prayer.

As you can imagine, the need for pastoral counseling has increased greatly over these months, and Pastor Seth and I are doing our best to meet those needs. We are here to serve you!

A final note; thank you so much for your wonderful outpouring of love and support for Pastor Appreciation Day. What a wonderful surprise to be showered with all the lovely cards and words of encouragement. How blessed I am to be able to serve the people of St. John's.

Looking forward in Faith,

Pastor Patti

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

- **YOUTH NEWS:** Fall youth ministry materials were given to those who requested them. If you did NOT receive youth ministry materials for **Sunday School ages 3 – grade 6, Adventure Club, Faith Trek, Explorers, Energizers, Catechism Sunday School, High School Sunday School, High School bible study, and/or Family Faith Boxes** but would like to be on our list for December/January, talk to Laurie Pecuch at 614-875-2314 or lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org by Tuesday, November 3rd. This gives us time to order the supplies that we need. If you received materials for October/November, you do not need to request materials again. You're automatically on our list! **December/January materials will be available again for pick-up or delivery starting Sunday, Nov. 22nd.**
- **SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES are available for students and families.** Talk to Diana Imbrock at 614-875-2314 or dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org and she'll connect you with the leader of each project. **Service Projects for November and December include** Operation Christmas Child, the Bike Project, Drive-Through Communion, Reading a Lesson, Compassion Child, Thank A Veteran, Blankets of Love, the Mitten Tree and Christmas Cards to Homebound Members.
- **SCRIP gift cards make great Christmas gifts.** Place your order by the first Tuesday of the every month, Nov. 3rd and Dec.1st. Contact Gary Pecuch at gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org for details.
- **CATECHISM is in full swing.** Learning Events took place at the church in October. Virtual Sunday School meets weekly. Talk to Pastor Seth, Pastor Patti, or Gary Pecuch to enroll your middle school students for catechism.
- **Coming Soon, Something New!** The youth department is researching a parent resource that will give "parents and mentors hope by being a guide through culture into conversation around Jesus." We think we've found a great resource! We have a current list of parents and grandparents who've told us they'd be interested in such a resource. Not sure if you're on our list or would like to be? Connect with Diana, Laurie, or Gary!