

St. John's Lutheran Church

Quarterly Meeting

October 23-24, 2021

1. Opening prayer
2. Call Meeting to order
3. Approval of July 2021 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
4. Financial report
5. Senior Pastor's Report
6. Associate Pastor's Report
7. Handicapped Accessibility Team
8. Technology Visioning Team
9. Other reports
10. Other items
11. Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

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July 24-25, 2021

Members were given Quarterly Meeting packets containing: the Meeting Agenda, Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held April 24-25, 2021, Monthly Financial Statement through June 2021, Senior Pastor's report, Assistant Pastor's report, Youth Director's report for July, and the Business Manager's report April-June

President Neva Warren called the meeting to order after the 6:00 Saturday night service at 6:43 pm and began with prayer. Vice President Aaron Clark presided at the meeting following the 8:15 Sunday service. President Neva Warren presided at the meeting before the 11:00 Traditional service. Vice President Aaron Clark presided over the meeting following the Contemporary service.

Approval of Minutes-Charlie Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the April Quarterly meeting. Pam Wittenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at each service.

Financial Report-Dan Yeater submitted a written report. President Neva Warren (Saturday night) and Dan Yeater (all Sunday services) reported that the church's financial position remains strong. Contributions were down in June and expenses were up, however this pattern is not unusual in our recent history. Overall for the year, contributions are ahead of expenses. We continue to operate within the approved budget for the year. Paul Wittenberg made a motion to approve the Financial report. Frank Gusa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at each service.

Senior Pastor's Report-Pastor Seth Jersild ask members to read his written report in the Quarterly meeting packet. He commented on how glad he was that things are reopening at St. John's. We were able to have VBS this year and Sunday School has resumed for youth. Plans are underway for Recommitment Sunday in August.

Associate Pastor's Report-President Neva Warren asked members to read Pastor Patti Morlock's written report in the meeting packet.

Handicapped Accessibility Team Report-Dan Yeater reported the team has selected The McKnight Group, a local firm that specializes in building churches, to conduct this study. The team met with McKnight to communicate the goals of this study. They are scheduled to meet the third week of August to review McKnight's preliminary report. After reviewing the report, the team will determine which recommendations to present to the congregation.

Technology Visioning Team Report-Seven members of the congregations, along with Pastor Seth Jersild, have been meeting to create a five year "big picture" plan for updating our technology. They are concentrating on improving our infrastructure by rewiring the church with fiber optics. Plans will be shared with the congregation in the coming months at future meetings.

Matt Shrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting following the Contemporary service at 12:08 pm. Brad Wahl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All present joined in praying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bentley, Secretary

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Monthly Financial Statement
Prepared 10/11/2021

September 2021

Monthly/Year to Date Major Funds		
Month of:	September	Year to Date
Income		
Current	\$45,035.71	\$444,774.94
Benevolence	\$4,115.22	\$42,967.00
Building & Maint.	\$7,365.13	\$92,911.98
Total Operating Income	\$56,516.06	\$580,653.92
Expenses		
Current	\$44,418.07	\$422,877.46
Benevolence	\$3,556.53	\$39,218.84
Building & Maint.	\$8,487.67	\$124,249.77
Total Operating Expense	\$56,462.27	\$586,346.07
Fund Differences		
Current	\$617.64	\$ 21,897.48
Benevolence	\$558.69	\$ 3,748.16
Building & Maint.	(\$1,122.54)	\$ (31,337.79)
Totals	\$53.79	\$ (5,692.15)

Approved Non-Budgeted Expenditures	
Account	Year to Date
Current	\$0.00
Benevolence (Previous Year/Designated)	\$10,343.84
Building & Maintenance	\$0.00
Total Income	\$10,343.84

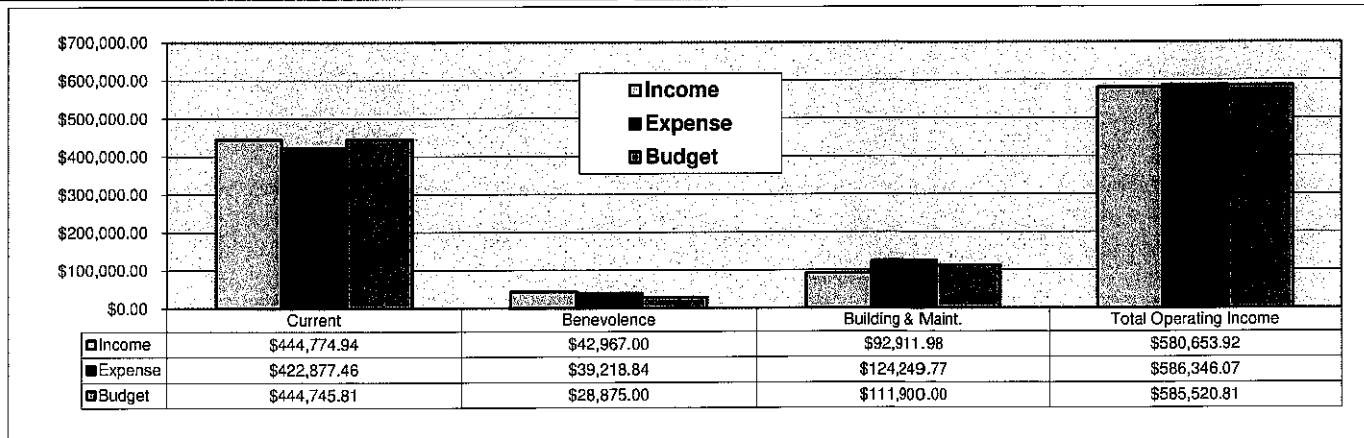
Budget Comparison - Year to Date		
Budget vs. Actual thru	September 2021	
Account	Budget	Actual
Current - Budgeted	\$444,745.81	\$422,877.46
Benevolence - Budgeted	\$28,875.00	\$39,218.84
Bldg & Maint - Budgeted	\$111,900.00	\$124,249.77
Totals	\$585,520.81	\$586,346.07

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.

Open Loan (Principle Reduction)		
Month of:	September 2021	Since Inception
Current	\$0.00	

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	\$124,461.40
Benevolence	\$16,526.43
Organ & Renovations Debt Reduction Fund	\$1,415.89
DESIGNATED:	
Genesis Fund	\$3,181.88
Youth Designated Fund	\$19,480.00
MOPS Designated Fund	\$3,760.26
Sarah Circle & Elizabeth Circle	\$391.60
Beacons	\$376.00
Bed Brigade Ministry	\$20,871.28
Bereavement Dinner Ministry	\$2,003.42
Designated Funds Interest	\$191.78
MEMORIAL:	
Memorial Fund Unrestricted Savings	\$53,459.91
Memorial Restricted (M/R) Library	\$311.74
M/R Handbell	\$4,591.82
M/R Kitchen	\$4,343.83
M/R Music	\$4,892.47
M/R Youth Camp Memorials	\$849.93
M/R Youth	\$4,414.18
M/R OWLs	\$607.80
M/R Special One-Time Account	\$29,763.25
M/R Van Fund	\$0.00
M/R Puppet Ministry	\$1,350.81
M/R Mission Trip Gen	\$27,774.08
M/R Mission Trip Alaska	\$12,434.36
M/R Mission Trip Mexico	\$16,414.80
M/R Columbarium Fund	\$15,180.00
M/R Bell Tower Carrillon	\$2,000.00
ENDOWMENT-PRINCIPAL:	
Endowment/Gen/Restricted/Principal	\$406,039.25
Endowment/Prop/Restricted/Principal	\$234,404.64
Endowment/Youth/Restricted/Principal	\$32,395.25
Cemetery Endowment Principal	\$45,000.00
Unrealized Appr/(Depr)	\$152,885.64
ENDOWMENT-AVAILABLE INCOME:	
Endowment/Gen/Available Income	\$16,921.94
Endowment/Prop/Available Income	\$3,866.57
Endowment/Youth/Available Income	\$3,505.75
Cemetery Available-HNB Premium MM	\$4,742.20
COLLEGE GRANTS/SUMWALT LOANS:	
College Fund Savings - HNB	\$5,514.62
Sumwalt Savings Account - HNB	\$2,587.97
Loans Payable	
Organ & Renovations Loan	\$0.00



Pastor Seth Jersild
Notes for Quarterly Meeting Report
St. John's Lutheran Church
October 2021

- In September, we encouraged everyone to recommit to Christian mission and ministry at St. John's. Thank you to all who filled out the ministry cards and to all who stepped out in faith and increased their giving commitments! Also, special thanks to Elaine Bennett for organizing the Ministry Fair and so many aspects of our recommitment month. I'm looking forward to the recommitment celebration on October 31st.
- We had a well-attended membership class on October 10th, and formally received twenty new members into St. John's on the 17th. Please keep our new members in your prayers as they continue their faith journey as members of our congregation!
- Currently our regular 9:30 a.m. Sunday school class (between services) is studying the book of Philippians.
- This month, I will begin quarterly parenting classes during the Sunday School hour utilizing materials provided by our Youth Ministry Staff. The parenting topics will dovetail with what our youth are discussing through the *Axis* curriculum.
- An evening Bible Study will begin in November (probably Sunday nights), topic TBA.
- A new *Going Deeper* packet was distributed on September 11th, this one focusing on the Apostles Creed. The next packet will come out on January 1st.
- We have put together an attractive doorknob-hanger invitation to John's that we can distribute (by mail and neighborhood walk-through) to new families in Grove City. Helpers in this effort will be much appreciated.
- Our youth education programs (Sunday school, confirmation, high school) continue in full gear, both in person and online.
- A tech team has identified several big-picture audio-visual needs and possibilities for St. John's. First, we will create a better electronic infrastructure on which we can build (internet service, wireless connectivity, and physical wiring throughout the building). Then we will be purchasing and installing some audio/visual equipment that will make it much easier for volunteers and staff to record our worship services and educational events. If you would like to contribute towards these important improvements, please let me know!
- Promise Keepers, our men's Bible discussion group, is meeting every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in 103-4. Currently we're working through 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings.

- Pastor Patti and I appreciate being notified when church members have been hospitalized or are dealing with health issues.
- My quest to visit all the member households of St. John's has now resumed as 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

Associate Pastor's Quarterly Report
October 24, 2021

"Upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hell will not overpower it." Matthew 16:18

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

There is an interesting conversation in Matthew 16. You find Jesus asking His disciples who people say that He is. It's a simple enough question, straight and to the point. And it's a question that isn't asked frequently. He doesn't ask what people are saying about Him, if He's a nice guy or a great speaker. No, His question is different. **"WHO** do people say that the Son of Man is?" (v13) And then the disciples proceed to answer. And then Jesus asks them the same question. Who do **YOU** say that I am? And Peter, of course speaks for the entire group and Jesus loves his response and calls Peter blessed and builds such a church upon Peter that even the gates of hell itself will not be able to hold back that church. Imagine!

Jesus is going to unleash a movement that will be so powerful and so intense that it will be unstoppable. This, my brothers and sisters is the church. It's not an institution, or a beautiful building, or wonderful, carefully crafted programs. This movement is people. Alive and growing, started by Jesus, and as scriptures says, the gates of hell will not be able to contain it.

So, this is the good news. Even hell itself cannot contain the gospel and all its power. Are you with me? Yes, we have had one hell of a year and a half with the pandemic and all the ramifications that brought about. And the questions begin and the worry sets in, and perhaps the good news didn't seem so good for a bit. But hell doesn't get to have the final word here. Jesus does.

We have learned new ways of being church, going way beyond what we would ever have dreamed even a few short years ago. Outreach has become something done both digitally and, on the phone as we check in on one another and help those in need however we can.

For the sake of Luna Mae Solomon, and Mackenzie Lee Norman who were baptized this past quarter, Jesus has the final word. For the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us these past few months, Paul Eyeramn, Rose Mary Krebs, Robert Monaghan, Ann Reynolds, Ernie Schreiber and Janet Daily, their hope lies in the good news of life eternal life in Jesus.

So when people ask about St. John's, and yes, even you, will they see that the Word is alive and active and growing, and that nothing can contain it? It's what I am seeing more and more each day with you. It's what I get excited about as I continue to look to the future with you. This, my friends is church, pure and simple. Let Jesus take you there.

Looking forward In faith, Pastor Patti

