

St. John's Congregation Quarterly Meeting

October 22nd, 2023 After 11:00 Traditional Service

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call Meeting to Order
3. Financial Report
4. Senior Pastors Report
5. Associate Pastors Report
6. Accessibility Team Update
7. Adjournment of Meeting

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Quarterly Meeting-July 23, 2023

Following the 8:15 Traditional Worship Service

Opening Pray and Call Meeting to Order-President Aaron Clark called the Quarterly meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. following the 8:15 service and opened with prayer.

Packets were distributed that contained: the meeting agenda, the minutes from the April 22 & 23, 2023 Quarterly meetings, the June Financial Statement, and the Associate Pastor's report.

Approval of the April 22 & 23, 2023 Quarterly Meeting Minutes: Teresa Orahood made a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah Schmitz seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report-Treasurer Kathy Myers reported the financial position of the operating fund remains steady. There were no questions from the members.

A motion to approve the June Financial Report was made by Jo Dimond. Gary Smith seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Financial Report passed unanimously.

Senior Pastor's Report-Pastor Seth Jersild was on vacation.

Associate Pastor's Report-Pastor Patti Morlock included in the meeting packet a written note of encouragement to the members of the congregation. She also announced that our intern Dale Stanley will begin in February 2024. Please pray for housing for their family of six. VBS was a success in spite of the ongoing construction necessitating a few changes.

Accessibility Team Update-Pastor Patti gave an update from Dan Yeater on the status of the project. The project is currently on budget and on time. Within the next week or two the Link should be available again for movement between the two buildings, although it will not be completely finished at that time. Seating for those with mobility issues will be arranged in the overflow area and on the left side of the church by the doors to the handicapped ramp.

Dan will be available next Sunday, July 30 between services to answer any questions about the project.

Adjournment-A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pam Wittenberg. Justin Gottshall seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:11 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bentley, Secretary

St. John's Lutheran Church

Monthly Financial Statement
Prepared 10/16/2023

August 2023

Monthly/Year to Date Major Funds		
Month of:	August	Year to Date
Income		
Current	\$40,346.69	\$452,394.24
Benevolence	\$3,389.90	\$53,156.66
Building & Maint.	\$6,664.38	\$93,204.64
Total Operating Income	\$50,400.97	\$598,755.54
Expenses		
Current	\$45,775.01	\$388,030.63
Benevolence	\$3,590.28	\$52,037.40
Building & Maint.	\$39,724.61	\$135,341.82
Total Operating Expense	\$89,089.90	\$575,409.85
Fund Differences		
Current	(\$5,428.32)	\$ 64,363.61
Benevolence	(\$200.38)	\$ 1,119.26
Building & Maint.	(\$33,060.23)	\$ (42,137.18)
Totals	(\$38,688.93)	\$ 23,345.69

Approved Non-Budgeted Expenditures	
Account	Year to Date
Current	\$0.00
Benevolence (Previous Year/Designated)	\$26,370.73
Building & Maintenance	\$0.00
Total Income	\$26,370.73

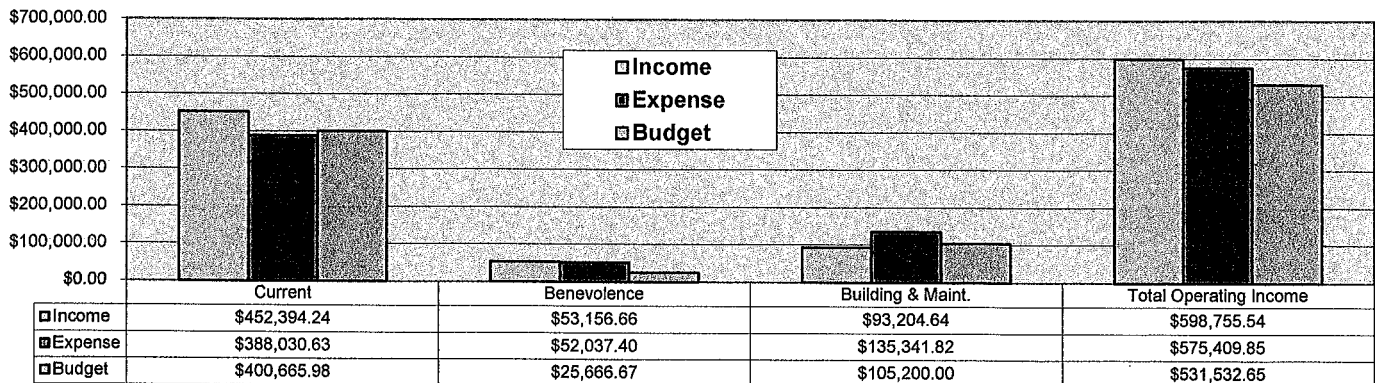
Budget Comparison - Year to Date		
Budget vs. Actual thru	August 2023	
Account	Budget	Actual
Current - Budgeted	\$400,665.98	\$388,030.63
Benevolence - Budgeted	\$25,666.67	\$52,037.40
Bldg & Maint - Budgeted	\$105,200.00	\$135,341.82
Totals	\$531,532.65	\$575,409.85

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:	August 2023	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	\$167,867.68
Benevolence	\$17,034.71
DESIGNATED:	
Genesis Fund	\$3,181.88
Youth Designated Fund	\$28,710.51
Sarah Circle & Elizabeth Circle	\$341.97
Beacons	\$658.61
Bereavement Dinner Ministry	\$3,114.10
Designated Funds Interest	\$207.14
MEMORIAL:	
Memorial Fund Unrestricted Savings	\$64,397.16
Memorial Restricted (M/R) Library	\$315.24
M/R Handbell	\$5,516.82
M/R Kitchen	\$5,377.52
M/R Music	\$6,347.47
M/R Youth Camp Memorials	\$849.93
M/R Youth	\$7,559.34
M/R OWLs	\$571.22
M/R Special One-Time Account	\$20,005.33
M/R Accessibility Project	\$990,496.44
M/R Puppet Ministry	\$1,350.81
M/R Mission Trip Gen	\$23,860.13
M/R Mission Trip Alaska	\$14,371.06
M/R Mission Trip Mexico	\$22,016.02
M/R Columbarium Fund	\$16,440.00
M/R Organ and Renovations	\$50.89
M/R Bell Tower Carrillon	\$2,000.00
ENDOWMENT-PRINCIPAL:	
Endowment/Gen/Restricted/Principal	\$446,602.56
Endowment/Prop/Restricted/Principal	\$234,404.64
Endowment/Youth/Restricted/Principal	\$32,395.25
Cemetery Endowment Principal	\$45,000.00
Unrealized Appr/(Depr)	\$81,206.60
ENDOWMENT-AVAILABLE INCOME:	
Endowment/Gen/Available Income	\$56,475.17
Endowment/Prop/Available Income	\$30,748.38
Endowment/Youth/Available Income	\$6,875.35
Cemetery Available-HNB Premium MM	\$3,335.44
COLLEGE GRANTS/SUMWALT LOANS:	
College Fund Savings - HNB	\$5,665.90
Sumwalt Savings Account - HNB	\$0.00
Loans Payable	
Accessibility Project Outstanding Loan	\$0.00



Pastor Seth Jersild
Notes for Quarterly Meeting Report
St. John's Lutheran Church
October 2023

- I am deeply thankful for the members of the Accessibility Construction Team for their time and hard work over the past three years. Praise be to God for the generosity of this congregation, and for the special gifts we've received, so that this important project can be completed with so little debt! We especially thank Dan Yeater for his leadership and constant engagement with the project!
- Construction on the new Accessibility Wing is now entering its final phase. The congregation's patience is much appreciated, as drywalling and other finishing jobs create a lot of dust. We are hoping for a December completion date. A dedication of the new wing is planned for January.
- Thanks to Mark Meuser and Nick Grossman for putting together a fun "St. John's Got Talent" night on October 21st!
- We will formally install Megan Grossman as our New Director of Lay Ministry in November.
- Our confirmation class (fourteen students) is walking through the Bible this year. I enjoy teaching our students on Sunday mornings. Seven of our young people will be participating in the annual Faith Celebration and will be affirming their Baptisms at the Rite of Confirmation in May 2024.
- A 175th Anniversary team will start meeting soon to plan special activities at St. John's in 2024. We need a designated leader for this team.
- A Men's Group is meeting on Sunday nights, sharing a meal and discussing *Christian...It's not What You Think*; a video series by Andy Stanley.
- Promise Keepers, our regular men's Bible discussion group, is meeting every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Currently we're working through the book of Job.
- Pastor Patti and I appreciate being notified when church members have been hospitalized or are dealing with health issues.
- Staff and administrative duties are going 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

PASTORS REPORT
PASTOR PATTI MORLOCK
OCTOBER 2023 – QUARTERLY REPORT

“His steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 136

I love the psalms and use them daily in my prayer, in praying with others, in comforting the sick and suffering.

The resounding theme of Psalm 136 is easy to see, as its refrain makes it clear. His steadfast love endures forever. All 26 verses end with these words. It’s a reminder to us human beings who are hardwired to believe that his life could come to an end at any time. That is not steadfast love, that is faltering.

This psalm serves as a continual reminder of God’s repeated acts of deliverance for his people throughout the ages... and each time we are told WHY the Lord rescued his people “FOR his steadfast love endures forever.” He does not deliver us because we deserve it. He does not save us because we impress him. He delivers because this is who he is.

His love endures forever. As I reflect on this past quarter, I see his love in so many tangible ways. I see his love in the faithfulness of you, his people, as you are so generous with your time and treasures and talents. I see his faithfulness as he continues to provide for our needs even before we know what we need. I see his love in your support for those who mourn or are sick or are in need. As you step up, I see his love which endures forever.

He has been faithful to us as we sought an intern – Dale Stanley and his family will be joining us in a few short weeks for a visit, to see where they will be spending the next year as Dale learns the intricacies of pastoral life. God has been faithful to provide a place for them to live, and the funds to support his time with us. He has been faithful as volunteers have stepped up to assure that Dale has the best support needed during this time. Karen Bentley will lead a team of Julie Von Lohr, Jill Althoff, Pastor Tom Phillips, Phil Pennington, and Rick Butsko as they meet regularly to allow Dale to learn in the best way possible. And we trust His faithfulness as we await word on the grants to which we applied to supplement the financial needs of this process.

His love endures forever. And I, for one, am grateful for the many ways he reveals this to us on a regular basis. And the beauty is that the more we have need of his love, the more his heart gives it.

I pray you have eyes to see and ears to hear, so that this refrain becomes your assurance of his faithful love for you.

Looking forward in faith,

Pastor Patti