

# Gidings

Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



Dear Friends,

Easter morning had passed... and for 50 days, the disciples had continued to gather together to worship, to pray, to tell and re-tell their endless stories of their now risen Lord, and to break bread together in his name. But do you know? Apart from that, nothing much else really happened. The rest of Jerusalem didn't even notice them. No one else even paid them much attention.

It was only after they had gathered together on the Day of Pentecost, when God poured his own Holy Spirit into their midst... only then did things begin to change. In fact, everything began to change. They, themselves, began to change. You see, only after they had been ignited with a holy fire, only after they got caught up in a divine wind... only then, did they become a Spirit-filled and a Spirit-led people.

Until that happened, they had no real direction, no real purpose, no real impact. To be sure, they at least had enough sense to continue to gather together in Jesus' name... but where was the life? Where was the power? But then, with the coming of God's Spirit upon them at Pentecost... God's own ever-creating and life-giving power also came to be upon them.

And even after Pentecost, the Spirit continued to come. Over and over again. As you read through the Book of Acts, you can see the followers of Jesus, everyday, ordinary people, coming together, and praying together, and asking... *"Lord, make us bold enough to speak your words. And make us bold enough to do your work."*

And would you believe? Each and every time they gather and pray in that manner, the Spirit moves in their midst... giving them the life and power to do just that.

Might you and I dare pray for those same things? Might we dare open ourselves to God's own wind and fire? Ordinary, everyday people, you and I are... yet, we, too, are a people who are also surrounded, filled, and led by God's own Holy Spirit.

May God bless you, shape you, and work through you in powerful and difference-making ways all throughout this month.

**Pastor Jim Dew**

*P.S. A reminder that we will bid Ms. Katie farewell from St. John's with a sending rite at the close of worship on Sunday, June 16, along with a reception in the Memorial Hall following worship. Please also remember that we will have a basket available that day to collect all the cards, affirmations, and financial gifts you wish to offer to help send her well upon her new journey. We are also bringing back to St. John's Mr. Eric Ryniker to serve as full-time Business Manager beginning June 01. Be sure to offer him your words of welcome and support. Please also be intentional in naming both of them in your daily praying as they each transition into their new settings.*

# Guatemala Mission Trip Schedule

This month, members of our community travel to Solola Guatemala for the annual mission trip. Please keep them and the community there in your prayers throughout this week of travel, service and accompaniment.

Day One, Sunday- arrive at San Antonio airport. First stop Houston then 3 ½ hour flight to Guatemala City. We clear customs, ready to get on bus for a 3 hour trip to Solola and arrive at our hotel where we will be staying for the week. Our evening is occupied with a meet and greet and our first shared meal with principal and director of Santa Teresita School. By 10pm we are all ready for bed and a good night sleep. An awesome start to an awesome week, looking forward to what God has in store for us.

Day two - Marvelous Monday, we leave (walk) for school at 7am and are treated to a welcoming ceremony where children present poems, dance, recite. Following our welcome, we start to work on our project. At 12 noon school's out, time to get cleaned up and ready for lunch. We leave to go back to hotel 2pm, for some rest and free time. We meet for dinner 5pm, bible study 7pm, followed by debriefing and making plans for next day

Terrific Tuesday-Leave for school (walk) at 7am. Children wait for us and greet us in the school yard. We work with teachers as needed and continue working on our project. We leave school at 3pm, meet for dinner 5pm, bible study led by Pastor Mel. 7pm. Debriefing, make plans for next day. 10pm. Good night

Wonderful Weds, lunch at a traditional Guatemalan home. Time to experience local culture with families from school. Prayer, fellowship, new friends are made. Back to school continue working on project. 4pm, clean up get ready for dinner. Bible study 7pm. Led by Pastor Mel.

Happy Thursday, leave for school 7am. Children waiting for us in school yard. Continue as teachers aid, doing crafts and games and working on project. Project coming to an end. Leave school 3-4 pm. Clean up, ready for dinner 5pm. Bible study 7pm. Led by Pastor Mel.

Finally Friday, it's not goodbye, its until next time. We have learned and practiced a song all week to sing for the children. Finished project. Ceremony planned with Sisters to present our gifts to them and the school. Time to go.

Saturday Funday- Going to Panachella. Time to shop for souvenirs, see local arts and crafts. Local cuisine, bus ride very different from what we are accustomed to. Back to hotel get pack for early departure on Sunday. Bible study 7pm

Beautiful Sunday, It's not goodbye, its until next time. Travel starts at 6am. Arriving in San Antonio 10pm.

*Please join us in celebrating*

*The 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries of*

*Belinda and Ron Schmidt ~ June 7, 1969*

*And*

*Mary and Ken Boehme ~ June 20, 1969*

*At a Reception on Sunday, June 2, 2019 in St. John's  
Memorial Hall*

*11:00 AM, following 9:30 Worship*

**Very Blessed Sunday**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019

Join us following worship for our annual VBS programming. We will serve lunch and host our VBS until about 2PM. Our theme this year is **Who is my Neighbor?** There is no cost, and this is an intergenerational event, so everyone is welcome. Together we are the body of Christ, each of us shares our gifts and we all benefit. Contact Rona Stinson via the church office to **RSVP**

## From the Stewardship Team

As the stewardship team was preparing to plan our mission for St. John's this year, we each read a book by Charles Lane titled *Ask, Thank, Tell*. In the book, Lane told of an experience he had when he attended a retreat. As a pastor, he delivered the sermon and referred several times to the gifts we have received from our loving God. He was very careful to use the word *gifts* to make sure there was no confusion about the fact that we live by the gracious hand of God, not from our own accomplishments.

But later in the retreat he had a conversation with another attendee who also happened to be a speaker at the retreat. This person suggested that Lane should be careful using the word *gift*. He said that God doesn't give gifts, at least not in the way we use the word *gift*. The other speaker went on to point out that when we use the word *gift* we imply that one person has given something to someone else, who then owns that item and is free to do with it as they please. He concluded that this is not the way it is with God and us. God continues to own everything.

The biblical truth, that it all belongs to God, is the cornerstone of everything we have to say about stewardship. The very word *steward* describes someone who watches over that which belongs to someone else. Psalm 24:1-3 says, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers." Each one of us is a steward of all that belongs to God.

We will share more insights into what it means to be a Godly steward in future articles.

The Stewardship Team

### Stewardship Request – Envelopes?

Our giving envelopes can be an important part of our discipleship in giving. They serve as a reminder to give back a part of all that we've been entrusted with to support and grow God's ministries in our community and the world at large.

They are varying ways to give our tithes and offerings, and they are all good. It's a matter of preference. Some of us give electronically, others mail in our checks or drop them in the offering plate.

The Stewardship Committee is looking at our current supplier of envelopes and is considering publishing them in a different way to reduce costs. Before we make any changes, we'd like to hear from you and know your preference:

- I would like to give electronically / automatically, please tell me how
- I would like to receive envelopes for giving all at one time-annually
- I'd like to receive envelopes for giving quarterly
- I'm going to continue to give, but do not need envelopes

Please let us know in one of the following ways. If we don't hear from you we, will not make any changes to our list:

- Email [info@stjohnssa.org](mailto:info@stjohnssa.org)
- Call the church office at 210-223-2611 and leave a message with Becky Klauer
- Speak with me or another member of the Stewardship Ministry Team

Thank you,

Dan Robison, Chair Stewardship

Team members: Michele Deaver, Fred Feliciano, Susan Park, Belinda Schmidt

E-Mail contact information for the Sunday Bulletin and *Tidings* to [info@StJohnsSA.org](mailto:info@StJohnsSA.org)

General E-mail: [info@StJohnsSA.org](mailto:info@StJohnsSA.org) Church Office Hours M-Th 8am - 4pm F 8am-1pm

***St. John's has a Theological Scholarship available for anyone interested in pursuing a seminary education. Please ask the church office for an application if you are interested.***



## Memorials

In Memory of Kevin Haiduk  
by Carol & Ralph Detwiler

In Memory of Ted Bowles  
by Carol & Ralph Detwiler

In Memory of Ted Bowles  
by June Rouse

In Memory of Kevin Haiduk  
by Sylvia Schulmeier

In Memory of Ted Bowles  
by Louis & Mary Ann Spreen

In Memory of Kevin Haiduk by Deleyce Tietze

In Memory of Ted Bowles by Deleyce Tietze

In Memory of Ted Bowles by Kathy Cobb

In Memory of Kevin Haiduk by Kathy Cobb

In Memory of Ted Bowles by Viola Caraway

In Memory of Kevin Haiduk by Viola Caraway



## Special Birthday wishes to all our June Birthdays!

Stephen Schenk, Lee Moore,  
Melissa Williamson, Kandy

Davis, Rosemary Petry, Nina Nixon-Mendez,  
Matt McCartney, Arlene Schirmer, Emily  
Schenk, June Airheart, Shawn Peavler, Ronald  
Williams, Ron Krueger, Carol Detwiler, Brig  
Lopez, Alton Schulze, Kristins Wellman, Gavin  
Stout, Dan Robison, David Lang, Karen  
Woodruff, Joshua Kopecky, Courtney Kramme,  
Benjamin Splitter, Lillian Levis, Riley Wudel,  
Kitty Page, Ryan Burk, Betty Boenisch, Chase  
Boyd, Kyrie Hollinger, Donald Reynolds,  
Melvina Turner, Glenn Michalek, Brianda  
Garza, Kathy Mellenbruch, Pam Garteiser,  
Ebbie Kelly, Ryan Hudel, Destiny Canales,  
Samantha Villanueva, Sharon Nunn, Jeromy  
Kniker, Joseph Autobee, Christina Zelenak,  
Salomon Rivera, Mia Autobee, Luke Loyd,  
Curtis Franz, Desirea Gonzalez, Jonathan  
Riemenschneider, Romy Becker, Page Becker,  
Aalayah Thompson, Sarah Cooper, Ben  
Cable, Julie Shadrock, Paul Bowling

## Treasurer's 2 Sense 3A

This time I am going to start a 3-part series on what we call our "Special Purpose Funds". It is not just one lump sum of money in one place but rather 59 separate designated funds that all must be tracked separately and together. These 59 funds are divided into two groups." Endowment Funds" and what we call "Special Purpose Funds".

Endowment Funds are generally large sums of money that are given to the church as a memorial or for a designated use. In most but not all cases the intent is for the monies to be invested and the original amount (also known as the corpus) is not spent but the interest of the corpus may be used for the designated purpose of the donor, ie gift of \$100,000.00 is invested and it earns 4.2% in a year. That 4.2% or \$4,200.00 can be pulled from the investment and spent on the designated request of the donor.) You must deposit a minimum of \$50,000.00 at a time. Thus, smaller amounts must be held until the \$50,000.00 amount is reached to make a deposit on the investment account. Withdrawing from this account does not have that restriction.

Special Purpose funds are generally smaller amounts of money that are kept in a separate bank account from our General Operating account. The balances are tracked internally. These can be funds for special projects around the church or outreach such as mission trips, Building/Restoration fund, etc. All or part of the monies in any of these funds can be spent for the project or event that they are designated for. Once the fund is depleted it is deleted from the tracking list.

Both the Endowment Funds and Special Funds are separated into different categories. Each category is based on what can and cannot be done with the fund. These categories will be the topic of next month's Treasurer's 2 Sense article. If there is anything regarding finance that you would like to know more about, let me know and I will try to make it the subject of a future article.

Kent Rooen - Treasurer

<b>St. John's Lutheran Church</b>				
<b>Special Purpose Funds</b>				
<b>4/30/2019</b>				
		<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Disburse-</b>	
	<b>12/31/2018</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>ments</b>	<b>Bal</b>
<b><u>Church - Unrestricted and Board Designated</u></b>				
Rilling Estate	34,775.00	-	-	34,775.00
	<b>34,775.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,775.00</b>
<b><u>Church - Board Designated</u></b>				
Bus Sales/Transportation	8,131.64	-	(340.77)	7,790.87
Capital Reserve	60,957.53	12,000.00	(26,356.00)	46,601.53
Loan Repayment	-	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Cemetery Trust Earnings Distributions	13,000.00	-	(13,000.00)	-
Insurance Reimbursement	19,584.98	-	(13,982.00)	5,602.98
	<b>101,674.15</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>(53,678.77)</b>	<b>65,995.38</b>
<b><u>Church -Temporarily Restricted</u></b>				
Archives	110.13	-	-	110.13
Bricks for courtyard	3,809.77	-	-	3,809.77
Building/Restoration Fund.	15,313.02	3,010.00	(150.00)	18,173.02
CAM & Easter Sunrise Service	500.00	1,145.07	(255.02)	1,390.05
Campus Ministries	-	1,290.27	-	1,290.27
Candlebras	3,099.34	-	-	3,099.34
Choir & Choir Music	2,660.47	40.00	-	2,700.47
Columbarium	12,499.78	-	(5.30)	12,494.48
ELCA World Hunger	10.00	200.00	-	210.00
E.Minasian Scholarship	2,126.06	-	-	2,126.06
Family Retreat	360.00	-	-	360.00
Fiesta Nueva	821.83	9,533.00	(5,959.16)	4,395.67
Finance Peace	4,014.23	-	-	4,014.23
Habitat for Humanity	-	10.00	-	10.00
History Wall Fund	9,254.86	-	-	9,254.86
Meals on Wheels	120.00	20.00	-	140.00
Mem-Marian Brewer	2,432.37	-	-	2,432.37
Mission Trip-Guatemala 2018	2,279.93	13,228.18	(6,273.30)	9,234.81
Organ Fund	4,532.53	90.00	-	4,622.53
Railing and Door Restoratin	1,910.00	-	(1,910.00)	-
Rynning Memorial	2,839.23	-	-	2,839.23
Sanctuary-Art Carving	10,482.52	-	(6,000.00)	4,482.52
School Ministry	4,007.00	-	-	4,007.00
Sound Level Study	3,932.09	-	-	3,932.09
Sunday School	6.65	41.22	-	47.87
Youth Activity	1,472.51	131.00	-	1,603.51
Women's Retreat	5,223.80	530.00	(2,763.89)	2,989.91
<b>Total ChurchTemporarily Restricted</b>	<b>93,818.12</b>	<b>29,268.74</b>	<b>(23,316.67)</b>	<b>99,770.19</b>
<b><u>Endowment Contributions</u></b> <a href="#"><u>(monies deposited or expensed in SPF MMK account)</u></a>				
Hortense Koeing	1,720.00	-	-	1,720.00
Cemetery Trust	1,325.00	-	-	1,325.00
Doris Brown Estate-Scholarships	-	-	(3,000.00)	(3,000.00)
Good Samartain	1,050.00	-	(250.00)	800.00
<b>Total Endowment Contributions</b>	<b>4,095.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,250.00)</b>	<b>845.00</b>
<b>-</b>	<b>230,267.27</b>	<b>47,268.74</b>	<b>(80,245.44)</b>	<b>201,385.57</b>
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b>230,267.27</b>	<b>47,268.74</b>	<b>(76,995.44)</b>	<b>200,540.57</b>

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Statement of Activities -General Operating  
April 30, 2019

	Apr. 30, 2019	Apr. 30, 2019	Jan 1 - Apr 30, 2019	2019 Annual Budget	Actual vs. Annual Budget Over(Under)
	Actual	Budget	Actual		
<b>GENERAL OPERATING</b>					
Revenues					
INCOME					
GENERAL INCOME	\$ 16,138	22,075	75,728	\$ 264,900	\$ (189,172)
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	-	-
EXTRA OFFERINGS	334	-	2,641	-	2,641
BEQUEST & ESTATES	-	-	-	-	-
PARKING LOT INCOME	1,000	45,833	100,846	550,000	(449,154)
CEMETERY OPERATING INCOME	-	100	350	1,200	(850)
CHURCH GROUP/PROGRAM INCOME	1,150	208	3,345	2,500	845
FUNDRAISING, NET	3	-	23	-	23
MISC - INCOME	358	-	478	-	478
Total Revenues	18,982	68,217	183,411	818,600	(635,189)
TRANSFER OF FUNDS					
Investment income - Transferred	90,000	7,500	90,000	90,000	-
Transfer from Endowment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS	90,000	7,500	90,000	90,000	-
Total Revenues	\$ 108,982	75,717	273,411	\$ 908,600	\$ (635,189)
Expenses					
SALARIES & EXPENSES					
PASTORAL SALARIES & EXPEN	11,124	11,124	46,397	133,490	(87,094)
LAY STAFF SALARIES & EXPE	17,358	20,632	80,536	247,580	(167,044)
CEMETERY SALARIES & EXPEN	-	-	-	-	-
Total SALARIES & EXPENSES	\$ 28,482	\$ 31,756	126,933	\$ 381,070	\$ (254,137)
EXPENSES - GENERAL					
GENERAL EXPENSES	5,307	8,613	26,321	103,355	(77,034)
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	2,333	2,554	9,380	30,650	(21,270)
CEMETERY OPERATING EXPENS	2,171	2,958	12,676	35,500	(22,824)
Total EXPENSES - GENERAL	\$ 9,812	14,125	48,376	169,505	(121,129)
COMMITTEES EXPENSES					
FAMILY MINISTRIES	4,693	583	5,114	7,000	(1,886)
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL & COMMITTEE	-	900	3,163	10,800	(7,637)
EVANGELISM	546	667	546	8,000	(7,454)
HOSPITALITY	286	833	1,954	10,000	(8,046)
PROPERTY & GROUNDS	18,083	17,792	71,173	213,500	(142,327)
STEWARDSHIP	66	250	402	3,000	(2,598)
WORSHIP/MUSIC/ARTS	5,017	2,602	13,993	31,225	(17,232)
MISSION MINISTRIES	-	250	49	3,000	(2,951)
VISITATION	-	500	-	6,000	(6,000)
MEMBERS SUPPORT	-	417	-	5,000	(5,000)
SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM	710	1,667	4,389	20,000	(15,611)
Total COMMITTEES EXPENSES	\$ 29,401	\$ 26,460	100,784	\$ 317,525	\$ (216,741)
BENEVOLENCE					
GENERAL FUND BENEVOLENCE	-	2,958	10,125	40,500	(30,375)
Total BENEVOLENCE	\$ -	2,958	10,125	40,500	\$ (30,375)
Total Expenses	\$ 67,694	75,300	286,218	\$ 908,600	\$ (622,382)
<b>Change in unrestricted net assets</b>	\$ 41,288	\$ 417	(12,807)	\$ -	\$ (12,807)

St. John's Lutheran Church					
Statement of Activities - Special Purpose, Restricted & Endowment Funds					
April 30, 2019					
	Apr. 30, 2019 Actual	April 30, 2019 Budget	Apr 30, 2019 Actual	Annual Budget	Actual vs. Annual Budget Over(Under )
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>					
DONOR RESTRICTED INCOME	27,284	-	47,269	-	47,269
Total INCOME	27,284	-	47,269	-	47,269
<b>ENDOWMENT - INCOME</b>					
Interest-Dividends	2,174	-	13,868	-	13,868
REALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	8,006	-	4,083	-	4,083
UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	50,895	-	283,671	-	283,671
MEMORIALS & OTHER INCOME	-	-	-	-	-
Total ENDOWMENT - INCOME	61,075	-	301,622	-	301,622
Total Revenues	88,359	-	348,890	-	348,890
<b>TRANSFER OF FUNDS</b>					
Transfer to/from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to/from Endowment Fund	(90,000)	-	(90,000)	(90,000)	-
Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS	(90,000)	-	(90,000)	(90,000)	-
Total Revenues	\$ (1,641)	\$ -	\$ 258,890	\$ (90,000)	\$ 348,890
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>RESTRICTED EXPENSES</b>					
MANAGEMENT FEES-ENDOWMENT	1,710	-	6,699	-	6,699
RESTRICTED EXPENSES-OTHER	12,307	-	80,245	-	80,245
Total RESTRICTED EXPENSES	14,017	-	86,945	-	86,945
<b>Change in restricted net assets</b>	\$ (15,658)	\$ -	\$ 171,945	\$ (90,000)	\$ 261,945

## June Calendar

May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Synod Assembly  
 Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party  
 Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Executive Council  
 Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting  
 Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> – Sending for Ms. Katie  
 Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Reception New Members  
*Please see our church online calendar for regularly occurring events for the church.*

## Scholarship Awards

Pursuing Bachelor  
 Julie Mason - \$3000 Doris Brown Scholarship  
 Felipa Mendez - \$3000 Charles Brown Scholarship  
 Pursuing Masters  
 Victor Mendez - \$2500 Franke McCombs

## Parish Staff

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**Christine Hazelton Sunday Church Sexton**  
**Roger Steckly Cemetery Sexton**

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In the heart of the City  
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A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation

**Church Council**

President ~ **Ron Stinson**  
Vice President ~ **Rosemary Petry**  
Secretary ~ **Caroline Nentwich**  
Treasurer ~ **Kent Roen**

**Members at Large:**

Mary Boehme Ed Case Susan Dickson  
Bonnie Eckhardt Bea Imken Brad Richie  
Dan Robison Belinda Schmidt Julie Shadrock  
Pat Conroy

***Our Mission Statement:*** Remembering our heritage and reaching for the future by  
living in faith and growing through worship, study and service