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God's work. Our hands.



Dear Friends,

I know a person who enjoys Easter Sunday so much, mainly because of the large multitude of people who fill the sanctuary on that special day. And I, too, share that same exhilaration. My excitement, however, sometimes turns into more of a sadness when the number of people in worship falls "back to normal" during the weeks that follow.

Still, whenever I stand in worship on special Sundays such as Easter, I am enough of a Christian fool to believe that the masses of people who fill the sanctuary come for any number of good reasons: To seek God. To fill a "void" in their lives. To find the One who welcomes all into his embrace. And yet... many do not return the following Sunday. Nor the Sunday after that. And I feel a true sadness.

Because I am convinced that our souls need and hunger for nourishment just as our physical bodies need and hunger for the same. Without proper care, our souls shrivel and dry up. Without sustenance, they wither. Given my bias, I am convinced that faithful weekly worship is vital to our overall well-being. Over and over again, I marvel at the spiritual strength of people who make regular weekly worship as much of a priority in their lives as they do, let's say, eating three square meals a day. Both are healthy. Both are needed. And both are good gifts from God.

But now, allow me to speak to an entirely different subject...

Many of you have learned of Ms. Katie's upcoming departure from St. John's. We will surely miss both the care and competence she has brought to her tasks of Business Manager and Director of Family Ministry. We will also continue to rally behind her as she pursues her journey toward ordained ministry.

At the moment, plans are in the works to celebrate her years of service to St. John's and bid her farewell with a reception in the Memorial Hall on Sunday, June 16, following worship. A basket will also be available to collect all the cards, affirmations, and financial gifts you wish to offer to her in order to help send her well into her new adventures.

We surround her not only with our own many prayers, but also with these words from our worship book:

*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Evening Prayer, Page 317)

**Pastor Jim Dew**



*Addison Darchicourt*

*Alton Crusius Jr.*

*Annie Zoll*

*Ashlynd Judy*

*Berkleigh Bowling*

*Betty Boldt*

*Betty Chavana*

*Briana Brietzke*

*Carson Lear*

*Chloe Hawkins*

*Claire Salerno*

*Danny Cavazos*

*Dean Becker*

*Deborah Behrens*

*Dorothy Bowles*

*Ella Wolff*

*Enzo Ramos*

*Erika Trevino*

*Evan Bohmann*

*Evan Moore*

*Gary Ahrens*

*Harold Spivey*

*Jane Crews*

*Janet Mack*

*Jordy Hayman Jr.*

*Kay Jennings*

*Kay Krueger*

*Kelly Beck*

*Laura Adams*

*Lauryn Shaw*

*Logan Williamson*

*Lucas Schenk*

*Manuel Alvarez*

*Nancy Gibson*

*Rebekah Lang*

*Roberto Rosas*

*Ron Olson*

*Rosemarie Alvarado-Hawkins*

*Ross Halvorson*

*Roy Hebert Jr.*

*Ryan Park*

*Shane Reynolds*

*Sharon Collier*

*Sondra McNiel*

*Steve Wilson*

*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*

## **Memorials**

In Memory of Ruth Kurth by Arlene and Jack Oakes

In Memory of Ruth Kurth by Curtis and Frances Franz

In Memory of Margie Porter by Curtis and Frances Franz

In Memory of Elvera & Elaine by the Wehe Family

In Memory of Ruth Kurth by Viola Caraway

In Memory of Margie Porter by Viola Caraway

In Memory of Miciala Robles by Viola Caraway

In Memory of Ron Skile by Viola Caraway

In Memory of Margie Porter by Ralph and Carol Detwiler

In Memory of Louis Blank Jr. by Ralph and Carol Detwiler

In Memory of Margie Porter by Albert and Deleyce Tietze

In Memory of Ruth Kurth by Arlene Oakes

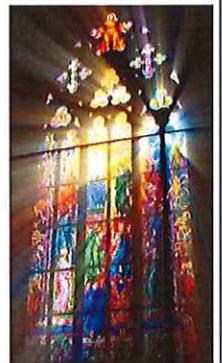
In Memory of Ruth Kurth by Belinda and Ron Schmidt

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In Memory of Stanley Brehm by Belinda and Ron Schmidt

In Memory of Louis Blank by Belinda and Ron Schmidt

In Memory of Ruth Kurth by Owen and Betty Baumgardner



From the *Fiesta Nueva Ministry Team*

The Fiesta Nueva Ministry Team would like to thank all of the Fiesta Nueva volunteers. This event would not be possible without each of your help. Thank you to all for being a part of this Ministry. You each are helping children who may not have an opportunity without our support go to camp and learn more about Jesus. You help women and men to grow closer to our Lord by attending retreats. You help children in Guatemala by helping to send a team from St. John's to fix things at their school and teach them more about Jesus through Bible studies with them. You help build homes through Habitat for Humanity. You help homeless people through our donations to CAM and Strong Foundation. You each are an extension of our Lord. We thank you. Look for more Fiesta Nueva news in the June Tidings.

"To God alone the glory."

## 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

## Treasurer's 2 Sense

What is a budget? A budget is a best educated guess of what will be spent in a given period of time (Month or Year) for a specific item. A budget is NOT actual money. A budget depends upon actual revenue, money coming in to support the items proposed in the budget.

St. John's strives to have a balanced budget. That means we have projected an amount of revenue we expect to have come in during the year and we plan our budget expenses not to exceed those revenue projections. If something new is requested to be added to the budget, either some other item must be cut or an additional source of revenue would need to be identified to cover the cost of that new budgeted item.

Our budget process for the next year generally begins in July. The first six months of the years actual expenses are tabulated along with the actual expenses of the previous year. This educated guess in the St. John's Budget items comes from these actuals along with an expected slight inflation rate.

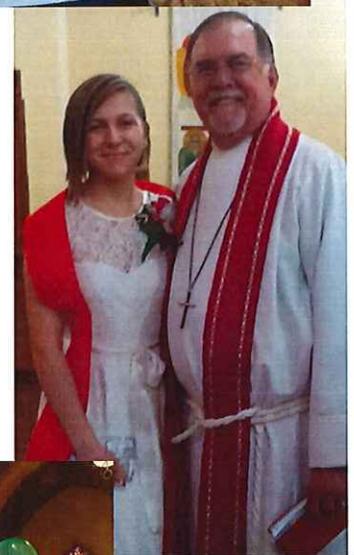
This information is given to the Committee chairs and they are asked to look their budget area items and make any value changes, additions or subtractions to their budget line items. This process must be completed by the end of August and the results given to the Finance committee. Any area that does not turn in their following years budget will have the same budget as the current year.

The final budget is put together and presented to the Finance Committee at their September meeting for approval. It then goes to the Council in October for a look over before going to the Congregation at the annual November meeting.



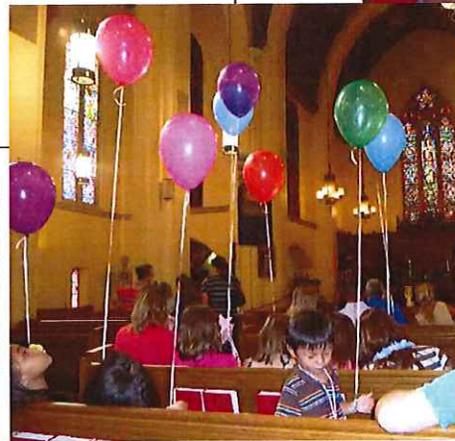
Thank you, St. John's,

I am honored to have been a trusted part of your ministry team for almost nine years. Many of you remember me as a fresh new face with new-born Alejandro in his wrap on my chest, and my nine-year-old daughter in tow. After many years of discernment, I am also honored to begin the journey toward ordained ministry. I will walk this journey with the knowledge that my time with you has prepared me well for parish ministry. As I leave the St. John's family, it is my hope that your memories of me will include much laughter, joy and fun. Thank you again for your years of support and trusted friendship.



With Love,

Ms. Katie



May Calendar

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Friday Concert  
Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> – Executive Council  
Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> – Council meeting  
Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Sunday  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Jim’s Vacation  
May 27<sup>th</sup>–Church Office Closed/Memorial Day  
May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Synod Assembly

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St. John's Lutheran Church  
Statement of Activities -General Operating  
March 31, 2019

	Mar. 31, 2019 Actual	Mar. 31, 2019 Budget	Jan 1 - Mar. 31, 2019 Actual	2019 Annual Budget	Actual vs. Annual Budget Over(Under)
<b>GENERAL OPERATING</b>					
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>INCOME</b>					
GENERAL INCOME	\$ 21,735	22,075	\$ 59,591	\$ 264,900	\$ (205,309)
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	-	-
EXTRA OFFERINGS	1,228	-	2,307	-	2,307
BEQUEST & ESTATES	-	-	-	-	-
PARKING LOT INCOME	-	45,833	99,846	550,000	(450,154)
CEMETERY OPERATING INCOME	175	100	350	1,200	(850)
CHURCH GROUP/PROGRAM INCOME	877	208	2,195	2,500	(305)
FUNDRAISING, NET	20	-	20	-	20
MISC - INCOME	-	-	120	-	120
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>68,217</b>	<b>164,429</b>	<b>818,600</b>	<b>(654,171)</b>
<b>TRANSFER OF FUNDS</b>					
Investment income - Transferred		7,500		90,000	(90,000)
Transfer from Endowment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>(90,000)</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 24,035</b>	<b>75,717</b>	<b>\$ 164,429</b>	<b>\$ 908,600</b>	<b>\$ (744,171)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>SALARIES &amp; EXPENSES</b>					
PASTORAL SALARIES & EXPEN	10,483	11,124	35,273	133,490	(98,217)
LAY STAFF SALARIES & EXPE	17,416	20,632	63,178	247,580	(184,402)
CEMETERY SALARIES & EXPEN	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total SALARIES &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 27,899</b>	<b>\$ 31,756</b>	<b>\$ 98,451</b>	<b>\$ 381,070</b>	<b>\$ (282,619)</b>
<b>EXPENSES - GENERAL</b>					
GENERAL EXPENSES	6,963	8,613	21,000	103,355	(82,355)
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	12	2,554	46	30,650	(30,604)
CEMETERY OPERATING EXPENS	2,240	2,958	10,505	35,500	(24,995)
<b>Total EXPENSES - GENERAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,215</b>	<b>14,125</b>	<b>\$ 31,551</b>	<b>169,505</b>	<b>(137,954)</b>
<b>COMMITTEES EXPENSES</b>					
FAMILY MINISTRIES	242	583	422	7,000	(6,578)
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL & COMMITTEES	-	900	3,163	10,800	(7,637)
EVANGELISM	-	667	-	8,000	(8,000)
HOSPITALITY	948	833	1,668	10,000	(8,332)
PROPERTY & GROUNDS	11,671	17,792	53,121	213,500	(160,379)
STEWARDSHIP	79	250	336	3,000	(2,664)
WORSHIP/MUSIC/ARTS	1,742	2,602	8,933	31,225	(22,292)
MISSION MINISTRIES	49	250	49	3,000	(2,951)
VISITATION	-	500	-	6,000	(6,000)
MEMBERS SUPPORT	-	417	-	5,000	(5,000)
SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM	904	1,667	3,679	20,000	(16,321)
<b>Total COMMITTEES EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 15,634</b>	<b>\$ 26,460</b>	<b>\$ 71,371</b>	<b>\$ 317,525</b>	<b>\$ (246,154)</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>					
GENERAL FUND BENEVOLENCE	9,125	2,958	10,125	40,500	(30,375)
<b>Total BENEVOLENCE</b>	<b>\$ 9,125</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>\$ 10,125</b>	<b>40,500</b>	<b>\$ (30,375)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 61,873</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>\$ 211,497</b>	<b>\$ 908,600</b>	<b>\$ (697,103)</b>
<b>Change in unrestricted net assets</b>	<b>\$ (37,838)</b>	<b>\$ 417</b>	<b>\$ (47,069)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (47,069)</b>

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Special Purpose Funds  
3/31/2019

	12/31/2018	2019 Total Deposits	2019 Disburse- ments	Bal
<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	8,000.00	(26,356.00)	42,601.53
Loan Repayment	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
Cemetery Trust Earnings Distributions	13,000.00	-	(13,000.00)	-
Insurance Reimbursement	19,584.98	-	(12,232.00)	7,352.98
	<b>101,674.15</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>(51,928.77)</b>	<b>61,745.38</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	2,300.00	-	17,613.02
CAM & Easter Sunrise Service	500.00	-	(255.02)	244.98
Campus Ministries	-	1,290.27	-	1,290.27
Candlebras	3,099.34	-	-	3,099.34
Choir & Choir Music	2,660.47	-	-	2,660.47
Columbarium	12,499.78	-	-	12,499.78
ELCA World Hunger	10.00	140.00	-	150.00
E.Minasian Scholarship	2,126.06	-	-	2,126.06
Family Retreat	360.00	-	-	360.00
Fiesta Nueva	821.83	827.00	(1,831.00)	(182.17)
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	2,619.06	-	4,898.99
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	27.37	-	34.02
Youth Activity	1,472.51	131.00	-	1,603.51
Women's Retreat	5,223.80	530.00	(2,711.66)	3,042.14
<b>Total ChurchTemporarily Restricted</b>	<b>93,818.12</b>	<b>7,984.70</b>	<b>(12,707.68)</b>	<b>89,095.14</b>

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A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation

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